

Around The Block

ADD TO YOUR LIST . . .
of sure signs of spring storm windows coming down to make way for screens, rugs hanging on the clothes line, the smell of fresh paint, Mrs. C. H. LaVoy reporting her crocuses blooming, tulips coming up, and that temptation to dream yourself a long vacation every time you look out of the window.

AT LAST . . .
we know where we are. The new Highway Department maps arrived at the office today, so now we have a good chart of the area in the territory so confusing to strangers. The maps will be available at the office as long as they last.

SPEAKING . . .
of roads, have you had the bad luck to get stuck often recently? It isn't difficult. In two days we counted five cars stuck in this area alone. Not that anything can be done about it; as long as we have both spring and winter roads, we're going to have mudholes and soft spots. As long as we have spring, we'll have to take what goes with it.

WONDER . . .
just how many of the folks who won't vote April 4, (Monday) would scream and moan if told they couldn't vote any more. Seems strange that in a land priding itself on self-government, so many people take self-government so much for granted they can't be bothered to participate. It just isn't democracy unless everyone participates. And we'd better use that democracy as long as we can. It has a way of rotting and disappearing if it isn't used. Then it's difficult, if not impossible, to rebuild. That can happen here, as it happened in Jersey City, and Kansas City, Paris and Prague. Don't let it happen — give democracy a work-out to keep it in trim by voting Monday.

SOME OF THE DIRT . . .
during the winter by Farmington streets was removed last Friday morning by the city's sweepers. All that dirt they picked up is just that much less to be tracked into houses. The clean-up makes the streets (and the automobiles) look a lot better. Best of all, the project was not earmarked by dense clouds of dust.

A LOT OF . . .
folks will never know that they missed last Wednesday night at the High School Gym. The "Fine and Dandy" show was just about the best home-grown exhibition we have ever witnessed. Some mighty potent warblers were on hand, to say nothing of the blackface boys. No one will ever visit Sandra's Sandwich Shop again without thinking of Bill Dell as the dual personality in that "Barnacle Bill" act. The only regret we have is that we'll have to wait another year to see the show again.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .
to Mrs. E. C. Grace, who celebrates her 88th birthday on Monday. She is sound testimony to the beneficial effects of living in Farmington. She'll mark her birthday at her home, 3308 Grand River.

EIGHT MORE . . .
folks were injured last Sunday in another auto collision. This accident business is beginning to give us the creeps. The hard part of driving safely is not being able to get a tangible evidence of preventing an accident. The color of the road, say doesn't change, no lights flash on the dashboard, nor do any bells ring when we escape crashing into another car, bicycle, or person. Too bad the brains can't come up with a similar trick to tell us when our safe driving actually stopped an accident. Then maybe, when folks saw how many times they held their lives in their hands, we would have safer drivers.

JUST HOW LONG . . .
it be before a home or business goes up in smoke because the fire equipment was already occupied with some other great fire? Again, equipment was already occupied with extinguishing grass fires that had gone out of control, many of which originated when somebody innocently began burning trash and entirely overlooked the recent high winds. Every time that strenuous, Farmington is endangered by two fires, one the firemen are fighting, the other one that threatens the equipment is out of town. Every time the firemen, Farmington taxpayers put out money to pay the firemen. The bill this month will be terrific. Just how long will it be before the well meaning but dangerous citizens see the error of their ways and the firemen can get back to the valiant volunteers who leave their jobs to fight fire and come a'runnin' every time the siren blows.

Baseball Starts At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville High School baseball team will sport new uniforms when it opens the season with its first game against Farmington April 19.

Baseball practice started Tuesday. Until the diamond dries thoroughly, the area across the street from the school will be used for practice.

At present, Coach Casimir Ryniak has thirty men out to make the team. Undoubtedly some of these men will be dropped, as coaches in the past have done with a staff of 20.

Seven of last year's lettermen are returning to play again this season. They are Hank Albers, catcher; Don Ruttle, first base; Bob Gordon, pitcher; Ed Estep, center field; Eugene Derrick, pitcher; Fred Grosse, outfield; and Dave Resume, outfield.

The Clarenceville baseball schedule appears below. Asterisks (*) denote games played at the home field.

April 19, Farmington
April 26, Inkster
April 29, D. U. S.
May 4, Auburn Heights
May 13, Inkster
May 17, Inkster
May 17, Redford Union
May 20, D. U. S.
May 24, Redford Union
May 27, Farmington
May 31, Edison Institute
June 1, Auburn Heights

Clarenceville Band Rates "Excellent"

Saturday, March 25, the Clarenceville High School band participated in the 16th Annual Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra Festival, held at Ypsilanti.

The band, entered in the class "C" division, played at Pease Auditorium, Michigan State Normal College. They played "The New Colonial," "Carnival of Roses" and "Two Nocturns." In addition to these pieces, the band played in a slight reading test.

The band received a rating of "B" from three judges, and "A" from one judge. The rating is considered as excellent.

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SERVICE-OUR GOAL

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FIVE CENTS A COPY

Eight Injured In Township Auto Accident

Two Cars Collide At 13 Mile And Middlebelt

Eight persons were painfully injured in a two car traffic accident Sunday afternoon, March 27, at Middlebelt Road and 13 Mile Road in Farmington Township.

The accident occurred at approximately 5:55 p.m. Sunday. Three ambulances were rushed to the scene of the accident to take the injured to the hospital. Thirteen Mile Road crosses Middlebelt Road just south of Northwestern Highway. The injured were treated at Pontiac General Hospital and Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Dr. Lucius A. Farnham, 72 years of age, of 220 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, and driver of one of the cars involved in the accident, was taken to Pontiac General Hospital where he was reported to be suffering from a lacerated head and back injuries. His wife, Edwina D. Farnham, was also taken to Pontiac General where she was treated for possible fractured leg and back and head injuries. Jonathan C. Harbaugh, age 5, a grandson of the Farnhams, 156 S. Genesee Avenue, Pontiac, suffered slight lacerations.

YOUTHS INJURED

Five youths riding in the second car were all injured and treated at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. Vincent Assemany, 16 years old, of 12305 Kentucky Avenue, Detroit, driver of the second car, was treated for minor bruises and abrasions. Mary Udell, 15, of 3233 Prairie Avenue, Detroit, suffered minor lacerations of the hands. Carol Reis, 17, of 333 E. Saratoga, Ferndale, was treated for lacerations of the face and minor abrasions. Albert Heloff, 16, 1620 Pinecrest, Detroit, suffered a fractured left leg and bruise and Ronald Keller, 17, of 600 E. 17th, Ferndale, was treated for abrasions of the face.

According to police, the car driven by Assemany overturned following the collision of the two cars.

Noble P.T.A. Meeting Slated For Monday

The Noble P.T.A. will hold its meeting Monday, April 4, at 8 p.m. in the Noble School. Bill Norton will be on hand to give a few songs.

The Noble P.T.A. board is making plans for the end of the month. It is planning an outing of some kind. Mrs. Wilson, as refreshment chairman, and Mrs. Sam Turner, as program chairman, are looking for help on this program.

Easter Seals Will Let Her Play Again

Susan Edwards will soon be able to handle her "dolls" with both hands. Thanks to the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, Susan will soon begin a program of treatments ordered by her doctor and given by the Society. This Oakland County crippled child, along with hundreds of others, is getting necessary treatment, thanks to your purchase of Easter Seals through the mail from the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children. \$30.00 is needed to carry on the work in the County — will you help?

Valedictorian, Salutatorian Named



DOROTHY HOWARD



VELMA GOERS

At a special assembly held at the Farmington High School Gymnasium on Thursday, March 24, valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of '49 were announced.

Velma Goers, valedictorian, in addition to her outstanding scholastic record, has led in a very active life in her four years as a Farmington High School student. In her sophomore year, she represented her class on the Student Council. As a band member, she was its treasurer and director. In her junior year she was secretary of the Girls' Athletic Association and this year she is its president.

Last year Velma was president of the Junior class and represented Farmington at Girls' State at Ann Arbor in June. The Falcon has received her services as a reporter for two years. In the present year,

she has worked on the "Rollcall," played a part in the Senior play, is vice-president of the Student Council, and placed second in the local forensic contest.

Dorothy Howard, who is salutatorian, has been most active in her four years as a member of the band, this year serving as its secretary as well as being a member of the League Band. She has sung in the Glee Club, worked in the Library, and regularly taken part in forensic contests. She has played the piano often for special convocations.

In 1948 she won a prize in the annual American Legion essay contest. This year, in addition to working on various class committees, she took part in the Senior play.

Bryant Elected Baseball Captain As Falcons Start Full Practice

Forty-five candidates for the 1949 Farmington High School baseball team went through their first field workout Tuesday afternoon, William Xuse, Falcon baseball coach, announced.

Nuse also announced this week that Bud Bryant, senior and Falcon pitcher, has been named by the team as the 1949 captain. Bryant was first string catcher on the Falcon team last year and was an outstanding player on the Farmington basketball team which just completed its season a few weeks ago. Bryant will see plenty of action behind the plate this season.

Turning out for the first practice Monday were seven lettermen from last year's Farmington baseball team. They are: McLean, pitcher; Nichols, infielder; Hanson, outfielder; Bates, outfielder; Wilson,

pitcher, and Cheek, third baseman. Nuse stated that both a varsity and a junior varsity team would be organized this year and both will play a full schedule of games. The Varsity will play 12 games during the 1949 season. The Falcons will play and play the season against Clarenceville.

The first game is scheduled for April 19 with Clarenceville meeting Farmington on the Falcon diamond.

The Farmington High School baseball schedule is as follows: (Asterisks denote home games.)

April 19, Clarenceville
April 22, Keego Harbor
April 26, Northville
April 29, Holly
May 3, Walled Lake
May 6, Milford
May 10, Keego Harbor
May 13, Northville
May 16, Holly
May 20, Walled Lake
May 24, Milford
May 27, Clarenceville

"Spring Riot" Set For This Friday

The Boys Republic "Spring Riot" under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club will be held this Friday evening, April 1, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

Members of the Boys Republic will put on the evening's entertainment. Proceeds from the show will be used for the boys at the Republic. Arrangements for the show and selling of the tickets are under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club.

According to the committee, a varied and entertaining program has been planned. The Boys Republic chorus will furnish some outstanding musical numbers.

Everyone is invited to the show for everyone's enjoyment. There will be stunts and monkey business. The program has been organized so that some activity will be going on all the time during the show. There will also be boxing, fencing and archery events put on by the boys.

Features of the evening will be a couple of class wrestling matches pairing "Exquisite George Fergie" against "Alley Baboon." The committee says that Gertrude and Marie will be there, too. For anyone real tickling of the ivories Humphrey will be on hand to entertain you.

Tickets may be secured from any member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club or at the door Friday evening.

The Farmington Women's Club will entertain the members of the Farmington Paletts and Brush Club at the First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6.

Voters To Visit Polls Monday In Biennial Spring Election

New Gymnasium May Get Shop Facilities Too

The Clarenceville school board has authorized two windows to be added to the room beneath the new gymnasium's stage. Purpose of the windows is to provide light for a proposed shop.

The shop facilities are being discussed by the school board at the present time. It is hoped that funds will be available to provide them.

Work on the new gymnasium is pressing well. Last week the supports for the gym floor were erected.

HARD TIME DANCE SET FOR APRIL 23 BY TOWN CLUB

The Farmington Town Club has completed plans for a "Hard Time" dance to be given at the Farmington High School Auditorium on the evening of Saturday, April 23.

The dance, to take place from 9 to 12, will feature both square and modern dancing to the orchestra of John Green. Art Lamb will call.

Mrs. H. J. Gibbs, general chairman for the affair, has announced the committee chairman, as follows:

Chaperons, Mrs. George A. Ulrich; tickets, Mrs. Charles Eirchle; door, Mrs. James Warner; orchestra, Mrs. George Otis; publicity, Mrs. Wesley McLean; table, Mrs. Doris Porter; floor, Mrs. Alice Ramsey.

Proceeds realized from the dance will be used for aiding the Town Club's expanding local welfare program.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased from Mrs. Eirchle or any club member.

Cancer Society Starts Drive

The Farmington Cancer Fund Drive starts moving this Friday morning. Mrs. Stanley Miller, local Cancer Society chairman, stated she plans to have canvassers for collecting pledges in most of the city and township stores and business places.

Farmington's goal for the drive is \$1000. It will be raised both by canvassers and by house-to-house solicitation.

The Cancer Society is interested in obtaining more than money. The drive is a three-fold effort. In addition to the desire for funds (most of which stays in the community), the society is interested in obtaining volunteer help in the preparation of dressings and interested in acquainting Farmington folks with the dangers of cancer.

Last year cancer was responsible for one-seventh of all the deaths in the state of Michigan. Half of these deaths could have been prevented by prompt and proper care.

April, Cancer Control Month, is a good time to have a check-up to make sure you haven't cancer. Growing of the disease is insidious. And your contributions are the only means of insuring the continuance of the meritorious work of the Cancer Control Society — work that may some day save your life, or the life of someone close to you.

TUPPER NAMED CAPTAIN

Dick Tupper, star forward of the Farmington Falcons, has been elected captain of next year's team. He received 12 of the 13 votes cast. Dick played in all of the 21 games this season. He stands up a total of 99 points.

Tupper, who played 6'1" tall, weighs in at 155 pounds.

City Hall
City of Farmington

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Michigan have proclaimed the month of April, CANCER CONTROL MONTH

WHEREAS, the problem of cancer is becoming increasingly acute with an aging population steadily mounting until more and more people are reaching the "cancer age"

WHEREAS, modern medical skill can save at least one-third of those who now die in this city annually if the disease is detected early and treated promptly; and

WHEREAS, to do this it becomes incumbent upon all of us to redouble our efforts in support of the cancer control effort.

I, Deles Hamlin, Mayor of the City of Farmington, hereby proclaim APRIL as

CANCER CONTROL MONTH

and request that citizens of this city observe it as such. I further request that all individuals, institutions, businesses and organizations within this city cooperate with and assist the American Cancer Society in its campaign during April.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the City of Farmington, State of Michigan, this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and forty-nine.

(Signed) DELES HAMLIN

City Candidates File, Township And State Officials To Be Elected

A total of 16 candidates have filed nominating petitions for various City offices. It was announced early this week following the canvass of petitions by the City Commission.

Contests are assured for three of the eight city offices to be filled at the Biennial Spring Election to be held Monday, April 4. The eight offices to be filled include Mayor, Commissioners, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Board of Review, Justice of the Peace and Constable.

The largest number of candidates to file for any one office are six for the City Commission, three of whom are to be elected for four years, and three for the Township Board of Review, two of whom are to be elected for four years.

The candidates are John R. Halse, Emory O. Hutton, Kenneth Loomis, Ray Oldham, V. O. Bates and James W. Cavanaugh. Deles Hamlin is being opposed for Mayor by Cecil C. Beebe. In the third contest John J. Schulte, Jr. is being opposed by Howard L. Richards for the office of Justice of the Peace. Candidates who are unopposed for office are: Harry W. Moore for City Clerk, Avis Jamison for City Treasurer; Arthur Lamb for City Assessor; Clinton W. Wilber and Floyd H. Nichols for the Board of Review with two to be elected, and John W. Trombley, for Constable, two to be elected.

Red Cross Drive Nets Half Of Quota

Howard Taylor, chairman of the Farmington City and Township 1949 Red Cross drive, has announced that only half of the total of \$23,000 quota for this area has been reached.

End of the 1949 drive is today, March 31.

Thayer stated that to date approximately \$1100 had been received. The Farmington drive is getting an insufficient number of volunteer workers to contribute time to work on the drive. As explained in last week's Enterprise, success of the drive depends upon the ability of many people living areas dependent upon a sufficient number of volunteer workers to make a house-to-house check for contributions. The appeal failed to reach these volunteer workers.

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