

# Around The Block

of something or other were definitely reached last week during one of those imitation rainstorms. And behold, we saw what was probably the most contradictory costume ever visible on the streets of Farmington. Because it was quite warm, the young woman had on a pair of shorts. Logical. Because we all expected about having rain, she had on a raincoat, too. Logical. But the two together were carrying off a baffling. Like carrying an umbrella while wearing a bathing suit.

WE HAD AN... idea last week. Happened to think of a new and unique method to inflict punishment for those apprehending and violating our traffic laws. Of course, it would be ruled cruel and unusual punishment by the supreme court, but it still would be a good idea. Just suppose, instead of paying a fine, the violator had to wear the apparatus of the accident that could have happened. For instance, a man runs a stop sign on one of our busy streets, so he is ordered to wear his arm in a sling for two weeks. Should think it would have a sobering effect on all concerned.

COMPLEX SOCIETY... was complicated every more last week when the Farmington Jaycees, busy little beavers that they are, placed trash receptacles on the streets of Farmington. It makes society more complex on account now we'll have to train folks to use 'em. Can't deny they were needed; our sidewalks and street corners have been littered with refuse quite heavily. Like take it when you go into the receptacles provided, our streets would be a lot cleaner. (hmm. Wonder how many premiums could be obtained by salvaging the Popsicle bags and box tops from those cans?)

WONDER WHY... we can't get the rabies shots administered nearer home. We've heard much talk about this subject, but no authoritative information. Under the new term is given gratis by the County, but the folks who have to take it must drive clear to Royal Oak every day. We'd like to know why our local Health Officer couldn't administer the shot, and be paid by the township for doing so. Anybody who has ideas on this subject should ought to let us know.

CAN'T RECALL... how we stood it, but the other day we saw something that made us wonder just what super-protection small barefoot boys are granted. Undoubtedly they played the same way when we were youngsters, but surely don't see how we did it. The one event that makes us wonder is that when we were the other day that a bucket of water landed in our view of some of the aerial fireworks being shot-off over Detroit way, but had to guess at the flashes and noise that was going on close to the ground.

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RAY OLDHAM ELECTED... Ray Oldham has been elected commander of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, it has been announced following the annual election of officers held last week. Other new officers elected are: Vice: Charles Larson, junior vice-commander; Arnold Joseph, historian; Orbie Mynatt, sergeant-at-arms; Charles Willard, chaplain; Leo Robinson was appointed adjutant.

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## Indian Priest To Be Lions Club Speaker

Rev. Abraham Voderberg, Catholic priest and native of India, will be the guest speaker at the Farmington Lions Club next Tuesday evening at the Buffet.

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## Work Speeded Up On New City Parking Lot

Expected To Be Open To Public Soon

Work is expected to be completed shortly on the new City Public Parking Lot. This Grand River just east of the Fire Hall, Mayor Delos Hamlin announced this week. The new lot has been bulldozed and leveled preparatory to putting down a gravel surface. Drain tiles to be installed along the side adjacent to the Precise Tool Company. The gravel is expected to be hauled and spread this week by city employees.

The utility lines in the alley alongside The Enterprise office have been moved and the alley has been widened. This alley will be used as the outlet for the parking lot when completed. Automobiles will enter the park on Grand River and leave by way of the alley to Farmington Road.

Mayor Hamlin stated that other work, requiring the services of city workmen, and the moving of the utility poles has delayed the opening of the public parking lot. He added, however, that work is now being pushed in an effort to get the lot open as soon as possible.

TO HOLD 40 CARS... When completed, the parking lot will hold approximately 38 to 40 automobiles. It is expected that the new lot will take care of much of the all-day parking on the main streets and afford more space for persons shopping in the city. It will also take care of the overflow parking on Friday nights when most of the stores and business places in the city are open.

No definite date has been set for the opening of the parking lot, but according to Hamlin, every effort will be made to complete it as soon as possible.

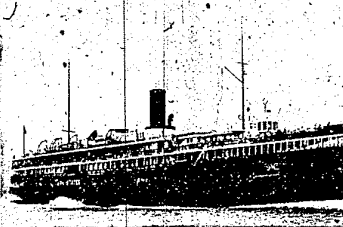
## FARM BUREAU GROUPS PLAN JOINT PICNIC

The West Farmington Farm Bureau group and the Walled Lake Farm Bureau group will be joining at the annual picnic on July 16, Saturday, at 12 noon in Cassa Bend Park. The picnic will be held at the Recreation Drive. The two groups will entertain the newly-formed South Novi and Pontiac Trail Farm Bureau groups. Dinner will be potluck style. Howard McCracken and Lyman Burt are the committee in charge of entertainment for the event.

The picnic was planned at the last meeting of the West Farmington Farm Bureau. The meeting was held June 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luketehr, Haggerty Road. 30 members were present to discuss neighborhood problems relative to fire control, preparation for emergencies, and making posters for the prevention of fire hazards.

The men's glee club of Farmington, directed by Lloyd Smith, entertained the group.

## Hired For Summer Boat Trip



The D&C line "Eastern States" has been designated as the cruise boat for the Fifth Annual trip to Putney, Ohio. Farmington and Clarenceville summer recreation groups, the Western Oakland County Band League, and other youth organizations will make the trip July 27.

## Over 200 Farmington Youngsters Take Red Cross Swimming Lessons

The swimming portion of the Farmington recreation program was nearly drowned Wednesday when an overflow crowd of swim-seeking youngsters poured out of the bus to Kenos Lake. The more than 200 youngsters who turned out for the swim put a severe strain on existing transportation and instruction facilities. As it turned out, however, the children were all carried to the lake, and all enjoyed swimming lessons from the Pontiac Red Cross, who carried out their end of the program in thorough fashion.

A horsemanship tournament and a trip to the zoo highlight this week's recreation program plans. The horsemanship tournament, took place this Wednesday at all playground areas. The zoo trip, planned for Friday, will be given to only 20 youngsters from each playground.

## Clarenceville Adds Adult Recreation

Over 120 boys and girls in the Clarenceville area have registered for the summer recreation program, to date, Charles Greig, director of the program, announced Tuesday. In addition to those participating in the athletic program, another 51 boys and girls are registered for band lessons under the direction of Arthur Mann. About 30 students and adults are registered for the summer band, Mann said.

Greig stated that approximately 70 boys and girls were taking part in the playground program every day. Playgrounds are being operated at the Edgewood and Clarenceville High schools. New registrations are being taken daily. This Friday a grant treasure hunt is being planned as an added feature of the program. The activities are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville High school. Last Friday approximately 100 youngsters took a trip to the Detroit Zoo. Next Friday, July 15, a trip is being planned to Greenfield Village.

Swimming and life saving under the direction of the Oakland County Red Cross is being expanded to include youngsters in the Clarenceville Recreation program. This Thursday youngsters will go to Cass Lake for the swimming program. They will leave the Clarenceville High school at 8:15 a.m. and be back at 11:30 a.m. Swimming is from 9 to 10:30.

Greig stated that an adult recreation program is being planned for Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Volley ball, horse races, croquet and softball will be featured. Adults who wish to play will leave the Clarenceville summer band are urged to contact Arthur Mann.

## Action Started On Drafting Township Health Ordinance

### AREA ESCAPES TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OVER HOLIDAYS

In spite of the long Fourth of July weekend and extremely heavy traffic, no serious accidents were reported in the Farmington area during the past week. According to police, traffic was not as congested as the previous week end. U. S. 16 carried an extremely heavy volume of traffic but it seemed to be more spread out than the week end of June 24-25 and 26. During those three days traffic reached record proportions. Only minor accidents were reported with no injuries and only slight property damage.

### Legion Nine Plays To 10-10 Tie

Farmington's Junior Legion nine and the Ferndale 448 Legion team played to a 10 to 10 tie Sunday afternoon on the Farmington diamond. The game was called at the end of the ninth inning because of darkness. Farmington held the lead in the latter part of the game but Ferris closed the gap in the final innings to tie the score. Bill Hanson started on the mound for Farmington and was relieved in the 6th inning by Jay Wild.

Ferndale took an early lead in the game, scoring two runs in the first inning and following up with two each in the second and third innings. Farmington got their first scoring in the third when Thompson got on an error. Hanson, next up, singled and Verbeek walked to load the bases. Thompson scored on Rousseau's infield grounder.

Farmington added another run in the fourth inning. Derrick got to first on an error and went all the way to third when Ditchfield hit a double steal with Derrick scoring but Ditchfield was out at third.

Farmington took the lead in the sixth inning, scoring six runs to go ahead 8 to 6. Nicholson singled and stole second. Bunge, next up, singled. Derrick scored, scoring Nicholson and Ditchfield. Alexander got on an error. Thompson stole second and came all the way home on Hanson's single. Verbeek came through with a single, scoring Hanson and Alexander.

Wild started the scoring in the eighth inning when he got to first after being hit by a pitched ball. Alexander singled, scoring Wild. Alexander then stole second and third and came home when Verbeek grounded out. Thompson scored on a throw. Perndale got two runs in the eighth and two runs in the ninth to tie the score.

Monday, July 4, Farmington defeated Ferndale in a five inning exhibition game 8 to 7. Berkeley defeated Rosedale in the other game 6 to 4. Following the game, all the players were treated to a picnic dinner at the American Legion Home.

## Start Crackdown On Speeding

Speeders are Losing their Licenses. With this warning Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt, announced that a safety program against the dangers of excessive speed is well under way. This concentration on speed is part of a continuing year-long traffic safety program conducted throughout the state by the State Safety Commission and locally by the officials in the City of Farmington.

Too much speed is a contributing factor in one out of three fatal traffic accidents, said DeVriendt. This means that too-high speeds play a part in the deaths of more than 500 persons yearly on our highways in Michigan. According to Chief DeVriendt, drivers apprehended exceeding the speed limit by 20 miles per hour will be brought directly to court, instead of the traffic violation desk. They will be fined a regular traffic violation amount, but in addition, they will pay court costs and be sentenced to 30 or 90 days. The sentence will be suspended, and the license revoked for the period in excess.

### Draft Expected To Be Ready By Next Regular Board Meeting

Ernest Blanchard, Farmington Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday that a tentative Township Health Ordinance is now being drafted in accordance with the motion approved at the last regular meeting of the Board.

The three man committee, which was appointed at the meeting of the Board held June 21, has already met with Judge Arthur E. Moore, attorney for the Township. Judge Moore is now making a tentative draft of a health ordinance for the Township. Members of the Township Health Committee are Ernest Blanchard, Harry McCracken and Thomas Tardy.

Blanchard stated that the committee requested that the draft be completed by the next regular meeting of the Township Board, scheduled for Tuesday, July 19. The draft is only tentative and will be subject to discussion and possible change as the Board sees fit. It is expected, however, that the draft will be approved with only minor changes.

BOARD MUST APPROVE... Exact provisions of the ordinance will not be known until the draft has been completed and presented to the Township Board for consideration. It was requested, however, that some provisions be put in the health ordinance, if possible, concerning the size of dwellings per person housed. This was requested on the basis of health and sanitation requirements.

The action of the Township Health Board was also verbally endorsed by the North Farmington District Civic Association.

The Township Board accepted the petition and immediately appointed a three-man committee, composed of the Township Supervisor, Township Clerk and one Justice, to contact the Township attorney and begin action on the drafting of a health ordinance.

## LOCAL POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES NEW MONEY ORDER PLAN

Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week that arrangements have been made to resume the issue of United States money orders for payment in Great Britain, France, and French possessions of Germany.

Lee stated that this also includes the western sector of Berlin. The new program was put into effect July 1. Instead of using the old money order, payment will be effected on the original order. The money order will be sent to Germany for conversion to German currency.

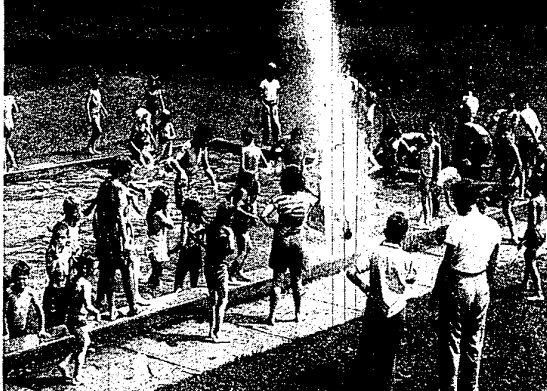
To insure prompt payment, the remitter should indicate on the application whether the payee's residence is in the American, French or British zone.

## Farmington Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary

Just 60 years ago last Thursday, Miss Cordelia A. Tenner became Mrs. William H. Linnemeyer. The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary last Thursday at the home of their son, Clyde Linnemeyer, of 21644 Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. Linnemeyer, now getting into their 60's, are still leading active lives. Mr. Linnemeyer maintains a job and driving his own car, and Mrs. Linnemeyer keeps house. Both bear and see clearly and are in good health. They are now looking forward to their 75th anniversary.

## One Sure Way To Beat The Heat...



Heat holds no terror for the youngsters able to splash in the Farmington wading pool at the American Legion City Park. The pool has claimed full attendance since the opening of the summer recreation program. Beating the heat has been the reason for an even larger-than-normal turnout for summer program activities. The swimming program has met with more applicants than could be handled, almost. The wading pool is not alone in its claims on the time of the younger set. Tuesday afternoons, the Midget softball league turns out for serious softball.

Mr. Linnemeyer was employed at the Edgewood school for 22 years. Four years ago he was injured, and since that time has been living in semi-retirement. He now serves as janitor for the Farmington Masons (he himself is a Mason of 18 years standing), a job that assists his small pension.

The Oddfellows have also claimed Mr. Linnemeyer for membership for 29 years. Mrs. Linnemeyer was a charter member of the local Rebekah Lodge, and was the first "Sole Grand" She assisted at the building of the old Rebekah hall (now the Maccabee hall).

The Linnemyers now live in a home they built themselves in 1924 at 31425 Ontario. Their son, Clyde, is their only surviving offspring, from a family of four. They also have five grandsons, four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

At present, the Linnemyers consider themselves fortunate. For their relatives, except for their own son, are long since departed. But the couple still fill of life and have retained their senses of humor. When asked if they'd do it over again, they gave varied and conflicting replies. But Mrs. Linnemeyer's answer was a definite "yes." Her only surviving correspondent saw their pride and joy; five pieces of wedding cake still preserved in a mason jar, from the day it was cut, 60 years ago.