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Around The Block

THE LITTLE YELLOW BUG . . . the City uses for digging ditches, shoveling snow, breaking up concrete and almost anything else you can think of, has been hard at work this week leveling off the field where the new public parking lot is to be located. The utility companies have been uprooting poles along the alley next to The Enterprise office so it shouldn't be too long now before the City of Farmington has a new parking lot.

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HERE IS A REMINDER . . . especially for our farm friends. This week, starting Monday, July 24, is National Farm Safety Week. It is a week with a real purpose, that of saving lives and preventing injuries. The farm is still a pretty dangerous place, as statistics will show, but through the efforts of safety committees, county agents and the farmers themselves, it is getting safer every day. It is just such efforts as Farm Safety Week that help to cut down the toll of death and injuries. So just as a reminder, this week how about making a special effort to locate and fix those danger spots on your farm? Check your home, barns and farm equipment. You're busy, sure, but if you have an accident — what then?

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IT'S PAINT-UP TIME . . . on our highways. At least a number of roads in and about Farmington Township and City are getting a splash of paint this week. It may add a dash of color to the landscape, but that isn't the real purpose. Those white and yellow lines on the pavement are intended to help you be a safer driver—to help you stay out of a hospital or a morgue. Unfortunately, too many people seem to think that all the yellow lines are for is to beautify the countryside and unfortunately too many find out too late that they are there to protect them against injury and possible death.

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CAN'T SEE WHY . . . all this fuss and bother should be made over England's dollar troubles. Seems she has a shortage of American dollars for buying stuff in this country. Can't see any news value in that: we've been having the same sort of trouble for a long time. Never can seem to get enough American dollars to buy stuff in this country.

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THINGS CHANGED . . . rapidly along Grand River Friday p.m. All during the day, the town was so quiet a pin dropping would have shaken the plaster loose. But come 4:30 and it snaps back into the old busy thoroughfare, with cars coming lickety-split in all lanes. The peacefulness was quite a change, despite the fact that main street merchants are probably still sobbing about it. Just wasn't a soul to be seen.

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ACCORDING TO . . a little publicity sheet put out by the New Jersey Zinc Company, (an outfit which makes luminescent materials in copius quantities), false teeth are now being made with a slight quantity of flourescent pigment, so they'll match the glow of natural teeth. Very interesting, but the china chopper gents could take it one step further. What we had in mind was swapping our bridgework for a set of high-powered luminescent ones for eating in the candlelight. This way, we could turn on our private flashlight whenever we opened our face, thereby permitting us to see what we eat.

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SOMETHING . . . we heard last week baffled us for a bit until we got the rest of it. Seems that there's a body here in town which is running circles around Farmington. Not desiring to have our fair town so badgered, we were quite relieved to find that the chap was telling the truth. He is running circles around Farmington; he has to — he's a milkman for the local dairy.

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SURE WASN'T VERY NEAT . . . that main street of ours the other morning. We happened to pass that way the other morning as certainly others must have, and we didn't know just what their reaction was but it couldn't have been very good. The Jaycees only a week or so ago purchased and placed two very attractive waste paper receptacles on the main street. Now in the cans, waste paper looks good, anywhere else, you know the right word for it. Either folks haven't gotten used to the white containers yet or they just don't care too much how the sidewalks look. At any rate it doesn't exactly represent civic pride to have our business district look like a big wind just hit it most of the time.

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IT WAS ENCOURAGING . . . to see the large delegation of interested people that turned out for the Township Board meeting Tuesday night. It represents a real interest in the affairs of our Township and goes a long way toward strengthening of our basic Democratic principles. Real Democracy starts at home, that is where it should be the strongest. Interest in local government in a constructive manner is one of our best defenses against those who would like to destroy our way of life. Let's keep this interest going, not just in the Township, but in the City and in our School District, and let's keep it constructive and cooperative.

Legion Nine Takes Southfield 11 - 1

Farmington's Junior Legion baseball team got back in the swing of things last week by swamping Southfield 11 to 1 Wednesday afternoon on the Farmington diamond.

The Farmington team had been idle a week during the mid-summer play-offs. Jay Wild started on the mound for Farmington in the game against the Southfield nine and was credited with the victory. Farmington was ahead all the way to take their fourth win of the summer season.

Northville made the going a little rougher in a game Sunday, holding Farmington to a 10 - 10 tie. The game was played on the Northville diamond. The game was replayed Wednesday evening at Northville.

Up to Wednesday the Farmington team had a record of four wins against three losses and one tie.

This Sunday, four Farmington Junior Legion players will go to Detroit to participate in the annual American Legion All-Star game. Each team in the District sends three players plus one pitcher to the All-Star game. This year Douglas Thompson, Donald Bunge, Ross Nicholson and Eugene Derrick have been selected from the Farmington team. Thompson is a first baseman, Bunge is a left fielder, Nicholson is a catcher and Derrick is a pitcher.

County O.E.S. To Hold Annual Picnic

The 21 chapters of the Oakland County Order of the Eastern Star will hold their annual picnic at Kerr Park Sunday, July 24.

Kerr Park is located on Hamlin Road, off Crooks Road, near Rochester.

Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Games, contests and pony rides will be features of the afternoon. Tickets are available from the Worthy Matrons and Patrons of the O.E.S.

FARMINGTON NAMES NEW HIGH SCHOOL TRACK COACH

Donald Hossler, Michigan State Normal College track star, has joined the staff of the Farmington Township School District as track coach, O. E. Dunckle, superintendent, announced this week.

Hossler was an outstanding track and cross country star at Michigan State Normal and was captain of the cross country team his senior year. He was also a star trackman at Denby High School in Detroit prior to his entering college.

He served in the Navy for three years during the war and was discharged a Lieutenant, Junior Grade. Hossler was track coach and instructor at the Owendale Community School prior to coming to Farmington. He also was an assistant coach in football and basketball at Owendale.

Hossler, in addition to his track and cross country duties, will teach social studies in the Farmington schools.

Overturns Car, Escapes Injury

Dave Kinter, 22, of 2090 Cambridge, Berkley, damaged the tires, sides and doors of his 1948 Chevrolet at 4:15 a.m. Saturday when he overturned his car on Farmington Road, between Shiawassee and Ten Mile, on the Bridge over the Rouge River branch.

According to Farmington City Police reports, Kinter struck the south end of the cement guard rail on the east side of the road, skidded, struck the guard rail again on the other side of the road, and turned the car over, resting it on its top in the center of the bridge.

Police reports gave excessive speed as the cause of the accident. Kinter was not injured.

Mr. Hazen of Ontago is the first one of our citizens who reports getting his quota of huckleberries, lucky him.

Commission OK's Establishment Of New Stop Streets

Stops Added In Effort To Reduce Hazards

The Farmington City Commission, at its regular meeting last Wednesday, aproved a motion establishing several new stop streets in the City in an effort to eliminate dangerous intersections.

Farmington Road and Shiawassee was labeled one of the most dangerous. According to the motion a stop sign is to be erected on the south side of Farmington Road and stop signs will be placed on both the east and west corners of Shiawassee. Under this plan, all traffic except that traveling south on Farmington Road will have to stop. The southbound traffic will be allowed to go through because of the hill.

The other intersection where stop signs are to be erected is Shiawassee Street and Power Avenue. According to the motion passed by the Commission, Shiawassee will be a through street with north and south bound traffic on Power stopping at the intersection.

ELECTRICAL CODE SET

Upon the suggestion of, Arnold Jorgensen, electrical inspector for the City of Farmington, the Commission approved the temporary adoption of the Book of Administrative Rules and Local Rulings for the City of Detroit and supplements to this book of rules for electrical work in the City of Farmington. Jorgensen requested that some type of uniform rules be adopted for electrical work in the city. The Commission also approved a motion for the establishment and procurement of uniform electrical permit forms.

Joseph Himmelspach and Trace Conroy appeared before the Commission asking what the procedures were to be followed in clearing up and improving the property behind the stores on the south side of Grand River. Several of the merchants have purchased the strip of property and are using it as an alley. They requested that the alley be improved and that parking in the alley proper be prohibited so that trucks could use it to get to the stores and business places. The alley comes out to Farmington Road, south of Conroy's Market. The Commission stated that this 20 foot strip could be dedicated to the City as an alley. The City would then take over the upkeep of the alley. Himmelspach also requested that steps be taken to provide or have provided receptacles for the burning of rubbish in the downtown area.

MEN NEEDED

A motion was approved authorizing the hiring of two men to work for the Public Works Department. The motion stated that the men were to be hired for a period not to exceed eight weeks at wages of $1.00 per hour. The request for the additional men is necessary in order to catch up with the heavy amount of summer work, the Commission stated.

Permission was granted the Blue Star Mothers for the erection of a flag pole in the Town Hall park to honor the servicemen of World War II.

Talent Show To Highlight Boat Trip

Lois Goers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers of Brookdale Avenue, will conduct the amateur show on board the D & C liner, S. S. Eastern States on the Fifth Annual band boat trip. The trip to Put-in-Bay, Ohio, will take place on Wednesday, July 27.

Lois, popular counsellor at the Farmington Playground of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, was recently graduated from Michigan State College, with a major in sociology. Her popularity with groups was shown two years ago when she was voted the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at State. She received national recognition.

The amateur show, sponsored by the Recreation Commission, is expected to draw many participants. Prizes of $3, $2 and $1 will be given winners.

The show will take place on the third deck, rear, of the steamer on the return trip. Besides entrants from schools in the Western Oakland County Band League, the following people have indicated a desire to perform; Richard Matthias, Dean Antoya, Beverly Kaufman, Deloris Wykoff, Patricia Wilson, Jack O'Nan, Bud, Doug and Ralph Gault, Caroline Ainsworth, Janet Williams, Joyce and Ruth Brill, and Clark Bates.

LOIS GOERS

The day's outing is to be a community affair with families, friends, boys and girls of the recreation commissions and bands throughout the entire Band League taking part.

Two school buses will leave the Farmington Band House at 7:45 a.m. for the First Street docks in Detroit. The ship sails at 9:30 a.m. and arrives at Put-in-Bay at 1 p.m. There the travelers will visit the monument erected in memory of Admiral Perry, visit the famous caves, and enjoy swimming and amusements. The party will leave the island at 4:30 p.m. and arrive in Detroit at 8:15 p.m. The school busses should be back not later than 9:30 a.m. Tickets for the trip are available at any playground, or from the Farmington Band House.

A large audience witnessed the combined summer community bands of Clarenceville and Farmington in their first concert last Tuesday evening at Clarenceville High School. A trip is planned for a visit to the Tuberculosis Sanatarium in Pontiac in the near future. On August 7, a Bandalee is planned as part of the Gala Day festivities, with participants from all schools in the Western Oakland County Band League.

Highway Toll Still Growing; Eighteen Injured This Week

Highway accidents continue to take their toll in and about Farmington as the weekly hoard of vacationers and resort-seekers grows larger. Last week more than 18 people were injured on roads in the Farmington area.

According to the State Police at the Redford Post, traffic accidents are showing a steady increase since the Fourth of July week end. The police explain the record low in fatalities of that week end by the record number of automobiles on the road. "When the cars are all blocked together, the heavy-footed fools can't step on it — they have no place to go," one officer remarked.

Nevertheless, Farmington still receives more than a normal share of accidents for a town of only a few thousand.

Accidents started early Sunday morning at 5:36 a.m. when two cars collided at 12 Mile Road and Halsted. Cars driven by Marion Hayes of Detroit and Vincent J. Gruszynski of Roseville crashed. The Hayes car was reported traveling south on Halsted, stopped for the crossing, and proceeded across. The Gruszynski car, police say, was traveling east on 12 Mile and struck the Hayes auto. In this accident, six people were sent to the hospital with injuries ranging from lacerations to possible fractures.

Failure to stop at another stop sign put five more people in the hospital Friday evening at 10 p.m. According to state police reports, a car driven by Clarence K. White of Berkley failed to stop at the Lahser and 42 Mile Roads crossing, and collided with a car driven by Irvin Kulish, of Detroit. Four people riding with Kulish were injured, one of them receiving a possible skull fracture. The Arnold Green ambulance took the injured to Redford Receiving hospital.

In an accident at Grand River and Halsted Roads, seven more people were injured. State Police reports stated George A. Simmons, a GM test driver from Wixom, disregarded the stop sign at Grand River avenue and collided with an auto driven by John Sarnowski, of Detroit. Harold McIntosh, of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook, Farmington, riding with Simmons, suffered a possible chest injury. The injured were removed to Redford Receiving Hospital by the Green, Thayer, and Van Valkenburg ambulances.

George A. Simmons was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the State Police report said.

Contract Bid Let At Clarenceville

The bid was awarded for the reconstruction and division of the Clarenceville high school study hall at a special meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday evening.

According to plans drafted by the board, the present study hall is to be divided into two classrooms. The plan is to move the study hall to the commercial rooms and to establish a school library. The need for more classroom space and a library that can be locked up when not in use have been given as the reasons for the change. Commercial studies will be held in other designated classrooms.

Plans for the drilling of the new well in the rear of the new Clarenceville School addition was also discussed. With the new building, an increase in water is necessary. It is hoped that the new well can be tied into the entire water system to increase the pressure for the whole high school unit.

The construction work on the study hall was awarded to the James Construction Company of Detroit, Michigan.

The drilling of the new well was held up pending further study.

Work is progressing on the new addition and it is expected to be ready for use in September, Louis Schmidt, Clarenceville superintendent, stated this week. The concrete stage floor has been poured and forms for the concrete bleachers are almost complete. The stairway leading to the new classrooms at the front of the new addition is being erected and the interior work is being started.

Play School Starts Fifth Week

Clarenceville and Farmington recreation programs continue to attract a large share of the youngsters in their areas.

At Clarenceville, a hundred youngsters are going swimming at Kent Lake each Thursday at 8:15. In Farmington, attendance for the instructional swimming program ran so high it has been necessary to cut down to fifth-graders and up only.

Trips to Willow Run Airport and the Kaiser-Frazer plant are scheduled at both playgrounds this Friday. Clarenceville youngsters will leave the playground at 9 a.m. Farmington children will leave at approximately the same hour.

Thursday the picnic by Bond and Farmington playgrounds will go on. Last week it was rained out. Buses will leave Farmington at 10:30 and Bond at 11, to return at 4 p.m.

Also this week, the checker champion of the playgrounds will be decided.

Around 150 people attended the dance at Clarenceville high school Saturday evening. The dance was held under the stars, on the tennis courts. This was the third summer dance held at Clarenceville. Each has been well-attended, and there is still one more planned for August.

As the summer program approaches its termination, the season's highlights come closer. Wednesday, July 27, is the day of the big boat trip for Farmington and Clarenceville youngsters and parents. It is hoped that the trip will turn out to be a real community affair, with parents being well represented. Tickets for the trip are available at any playground, or from the band houses at either school.

Following the boat trip, Play Day will be held Friday. This is an event worthy of parental attention. Such contests as pie-eating, bubble-blowing, etc., will be carried out then.

To date, attendance at the summer program has been much greater than last year. As previously stated, a good share of all the youngsters in the area come out to the playgrounds. And as coach Bill Nuse says, "They get their money's worth". (There are no charges connected with the summer program.) The kids are kept busy and entertained all day long. In addition to having a good time for themselves, they're becoming better members of the community.

Just exactly what they think of the whole thing is better explained by the children themselves in the reports of activities they write, printed elsewhere in this issue of The Enterprise.

Proposed Health Ordinance Disclosed By Township Board

LOCAL POST OFFICE TO SELL POSTAL SAVINGS BONDS

The Farmington Post Office has just been designated as a Postal Savings depository, Norman Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week.

According to a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, the sale of postal savings bonds in the Farmington Post Office will begin August 1, 1949. This is the first time that postal savings bonds have ever been handled by the Farmington Post Office, Lee stated.

Under the provisions of the Postal Savings Regulations, Farmington citizens may purchase Postal Savings Certificates at the Post Office after July 31. Postal Savings Certificates earn interest at the rate of 2 per cent a year. Interest will accrue on a postal savings certificate as long as it remains outstanding. A depositor may exchange his certificate at any time for the collection of interest, but, if he desires to prevent any interest loss, he must wait until at least one year's interest is payable and then make the exchange in the first month of an interest quarter.

Receiver Named For Water System

Matthew Carey, municipal finance consultant, has been appointed Receiver of the Farmington Township Water System by Judge Arthur A. Koscinski at the District Court in Pontiac.

The appointment was made in amendments to the court order of September 30, 1948, directing the Township to collect sufficient water rates to pay defaulted bonds and interest coupons. The court order states the water system operated at a loss for a period of ten months prior to January 1, 1949, and that operating and maintenance fund of the water system had a considerable deficit at that time.

The suit was originally filed by bondholders whose bonds had been defaulted. Two Chicago banks, the Illinois High School association, and five individuals are named as plaintiffs, with E. V. Blanchard, H. McCracken and Clayton Goers named as defendants.

The bonds, issued for improvement of the water system, were in denomination of $1,000 each, bearing 4½ per cent interest. The bonds and interest were in default of retirement on November 26, 1947.

The board made an unsuccessful attempt to refund the bond issue at a lower interest rate prior to the legal proceedings. When this measure failed, suit was brought by the bondholders.

Under findings of fact by the District Court, the water system could change rates to pay off the bonds and interest, or the court order could be amended to appoint a receiver to operate the system, as has been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey flew to New York and returned the same way this week, to celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary.

Committee To Meet With Board This Week To Study Provisions

The draft of the proposed health ordinance for the Township of Farmington was read at the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday, but action was held pending further joint discussion by a local civic committee and the Township Board later this week.

Special committees were named from the Southwest Farmington Township Civic Association and the North Farmington District Civic Association to meet with the Township Board to further study and discuss the new proposed health ordinance. Fred Westlake, president of the Southeast group, and G. V. McLaughlin, head of the North Farmington group, agreed to select three man committees from each organization to meet with the Board later this week. The proposed ordinance was drafted by Judge Arthur E. Moore, Township attorney.

Representatives of both the civic groups and the Board agreed that action should be taken as soon as possible on the proposed ordinance. There was no discussion on the proposal at the meeting. The committeemen will, after discussion of the ordinance, take the information back to their respective groups. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stressed the importance of getting some community reaction before the ordinance is adopted.

PROVISIONS READ

Although no definite action was taken on the proposed health ordinance, Blanchard read the ordinance in full at the request of the people present at the meeting. In general, the ordinance proposes the establishment of provisions to safeguard the health of the residents of the Township. Under the proposal a health officer or officers would be named with the Township Board serving as a Board of Health.

It provides for the elimination of outdoor toilets except in farm areas and then with certain requirements. The ordinance calls for the cleaning and inspection of the outside toilets that are allowed by the owner of the property at certain intervals. Regular modern plumbing equipment is required under the proposal in required areas.

The ordinance also requires that plumbing be hooked into existant sewers or septic tanks. It establishes the provisions for construction of septic tanks and their hook-up. The proposal forbids the run off of sewer water through open ditches or fields. It also forbids the dumping of rubbish and garbage on the ground or along the streets and roads.

If adopted, the ordinance would take effect immediately. This would restrain any further violations under the proposal but would give six months for present residents to comply with the provisions.

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Girl's State Delegate Reports On Experience

BARBARA HENKE

Barbara Henke, 26275 Farmington Road, chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls' State at Ann Arbor June 14 to 21, was a guest of the Auxiliary at its meeting Monday night. Miss Henke reported on her experiences at the encampment.

Miss Henke was elected President of Dunn, one of the 14 model cities established at the state. According to Miss Henke, three and four lectures were given the girls each morning by people representing different fields of occupation.

From these lectures, Miss Henke decided on future occupation — she intends to become a dental technician. After completion of her senior high school year in 1950, she will attend Wayne University.

Plans Nearly Complete For Legion Gala Days

Plans are nearly complete for the Annual American Legion Gala Days to be held August 1 through 7 under the sponsorship of the Groves-Walker Post,

This year's program will feature a number of special and community events of interest to the people of the Farmington area. The annual carnival will be in town with rides and entertainment for young and old.

The proceeds from this year's Gala Days and Homecoming program will be used to finish the American Legion Memorial Home, now open and in use on Grand River at Lakeway.

Community Interest? It's Softball

The man made most happy by the event of baseball season this year is probably Jack Schweler, proprietor of the Farmington City Cab Company and sponsor of the Bluecaps, one of three teams in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's Junior High Softball League.

Schweler, with Conroy's Market and Blakeslee's Chevrolet agency, has purchased caps, jerseys, bats, and balls for the budding Babe Ruths, but whether the sponsors, the players, or the spectators at the games derive the most enjoyment from seeing the boys play ball is still in question.

In Tuesday's double header between the City Cab Bluecaps and the Conroy Lookouts, Schweler made sure the team received support. He sent a coach and a photographer to the game.

Perhaps that's what made the difference, because when the scores were tabled up at the end of the two games, the Cabbers had managed to lift their averages appreciably. The Cab team now stands at .600, with three won to two lost.

To date, the teen-age team still leading the league is Conroy's Lookouts. They have chalked up four wins to only one loss. The one loss may well prove their undoing.

Considered practically invincible by spectators, the Conroy team took its first beating of the season Monday, when the Chevrolet team, still in the basement with five losses and their single win, managed to stop Conroys four to three.

From the third until the 7th inning, the Lookouts had the game deadlocked, 2 - 2. A Lookout run in the 7th put the Conroy team in the solid black, only to be vanquished minutes later when the Chevrolet team's two hits brought in as many runs.

The upset now has the rest of the league wondering if perhaps the to-date leading team can't be toppled. A double-header between the Conroy Lookouts and the City Cab Bluecaps was slated to be played after The Enterprise deadline Wednesday. The City Cabbers, elated by their victories over the Chevrolet team, were feeling confident of their ability to get into the number one spot by taking both ends of the double header.

At least, so thinks the Bluecaps sponsor, Jack Schweler.

Great things are expected of the Chevrolet team after its victory.

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Fire Destroys Barn And Tools

The Farmington Township Fire Department assisted the Livonia Township Fire Department in extinguishing a blaze at the Fred Meisner home, 30305 Eight Mile Road Monday afternoon at 1:30.

The blaze, of undetermined origin, was centered in a garage at the rear of the Meisner home. The one story building, approximately 15 by 30 feet, was used as storage space for garden implements and a workshop.

Difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the blaze at once. According to the fire chief of the Livonia department, the blaze acted as if it contained gasoline or oil.

Mrs. Meisner said although there was a small garden tractor in the burning building, there were no appreciable quantities of either gasoline or oil.

The blaze, which entirely destroyed the building and contents, was visible for blocks around. A garden tractor, implements, tools, work bench, and oil heater, in addition to the items stored in the loft, were damaged by the fire.

Although the wiring was known to be faulty, cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

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