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Around The Block

TALK AROUND THE OLD HOT STOVE . . .
is turning to hunting, getting out the equipment and shining up the old trusty. It won't be long now before the hunters take to the fields and woods. But it seems that the talk and preparation is almost as much fun as the actual thing. At least there are plenty of fellows enjoying the conversation.

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THE BIG SIGN . . .
in the Town Hall Park is a reminder to all Farmington residents to get out and support the Farmington Falcon football team. All of the games are listed, so look 'em over and make a note to follow the home team this year. They got off to a flying start last week on their own field with a record crowd enjoying the new bleachers. This Friday the Falcons journey to Rochester for a game under the lights. So let's all journey up there, too, and give the boys a cheer. The game starts at 8:00 p.m.

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HELP FIGHT POLIO . . .
by contributing now to the Emergency Polio Fund Drive. The Jaycees are conducting a house to house canvass for funds to meet the present polio emergency. A special Jaycee booth will also be set up in front of the Farmington State Bank Friday evening to accept your contributions. Funds are urgently needed and now. If you can't get down to the booth Friday send your contributions in through the mail by using the coupon printed in this week's Enterprise. Just address your envelope to POLIO in care of the Farmington Postmaster. Give a hand — will you?

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VOTE NEXT MONDAY . . .
if you are a resident of the Clarenceville School District. A light vote is a weak vote, so show your strength. Your schools are only as good as you make them. Lack of interest at the polls represents a lack of interest in the schools. Show your interest in the future of your community, your schools and your boys and girls by voting Monday!

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HAVE YOU NOTICED . . .
the colors beginning to form in the woods and fields in and around Farmington. It's another sure sign that fall is well on its way. But if there is anyone sorry at the thoughts of winter coming they should get some satisfaction and pleasure out of the beautiful countryside. It's there for all of us to enjoy and besides that there are still plenty of nice warm days ahead before the snow begins to fly.

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OUR LITTLE CITY . . .
is getting back into the swing of things what with all the social groups in the city returning to their normal autumn functions. There will be bake sales and a benefit card party and bazaars and other activities for all loyal Farmington folks to attend this week and next. We can show the groups how much we appreciate their community services by coming out to the affairs.

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SOME RED FACES . . .
would seem to be in evidence after the football game last Friday. From what we hear, the Plymouth band made the sad mistake of turning down Farmington Road instead of going down Shiawassee hill after they left Grand River. Should judge there would be a lot of huffing and puffing to keep the horns going and come back up the hill, too.

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IF YOU THINK . . .
that all of the horticultural freaks have been duly recorded and can be forgotten, wait until you see next week's paper. Too late to photograph came reports of giant zinnias, sweet potatoes the size of squash, and such strange mutations. We'll try to record and publish them next week. Farmington surely is full of freaks this year.

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AGAIN THIS WEEK . . .
we have an installment of Mrs. Bush's freezing rules. Inasmuch as Mrs. Bush is a fairly well recognized authority on low temperature preservation, we're thinking maybe this series is worth clipping and saving. There'll be more in the next two or three weeks, and in time for the meat freezing season. We'd like to hear from our readers on this article. We might be able to find out that way whether more of the same would be desired.

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MAYBE YOU'VE NOTICED . . .
the yellow posters in some of the business places around town? If you haven't, read one the next time you see it. The slogan on the poster is "Physical Handicap? Yes — Job Handicap? No!" It is something for all employers to think about. There is nothing wrong with the capability, interest and willingness of many of our physically handicapped. They deserve a job and are ready to do a job. Help him become a useful, happy citizen and help yourself to a dependable employee.

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PERHAPS YOU'VE NOTICED . . .
old Bill Schaupeter is no longer delivering the Detroit Times. Bill retired a while back, after serving for 21 years on the same route. Sort of miss him around, too — he has become a piece of what is Farmington. Now there's a youngster on the job.

NEW FARMINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAKES INITIAL RUN

A new 48 passenger school bus was put in operation Tuesday morning in the Farmington School District, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated this week.

The new bus is being used on the morning and afternoon trips in the Noble-William Grace area and is also making one afternoon trip from the new 10 Mile elementary school.

A second bus is to be purchased to be used for emergency trips and school activities requiring transportation. The bus will be used to carry athletic teams and other students on trips.

The addition of the new bus Tuesday brings the total of school buses in the Farmington District to 10, nine of which are used on regular pick up and return routes.

CUB SCOUTS

Clarenceville Pack CL-1 is having a Cub recruit parents night at Clarenceville High School Thursday night, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.

The parents of boys 8 to 11 years old who desire to join the cub scouts are invited to learn about the Cubbing Program.

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Trojans Set For Opener Friday

Clarenceville High School will open their 1949 football season this Friday afternoon against Detroit Lutheran High School on the Clarenceville gridiron.

The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Coach Charles Greig put his varsity team through it's last scrimmage Tuesday afternoon to polish up for the opener. The Tuesday scrimmage was the first to be held this year with the entire varsity team together. Previous inter-squad games have been held but with members of the varsity team on both sides.

Clarenceville will open Friday with seven seniors in their starting line-up. Three juniors and one sophomore will complete the line-up. Greig added that of the eleven starters, eight are veteran lettermen.

The Trojans have been working out for two weeks in preparation for the opening game against Detroit Lutheran. Regular practice sessions tapered off the latter part of the week following the Tuesday scrimmage. Detroit Lutheran dropped their opening game of the season last week 6 to 0 to Warren High School.

Greig announced that the following players will make up the Trojan starting line-up:

LE — Roy Nelson.
RE — Bill Smelts.
LG — Al. Simcheck
C — Ed Grimm.
RG — Ronnie Simcheck.
RT — Warren Wilcox.
RE — Pat Heaphy.
Q — Hank Albers
RH — Dale Pound.
LH — Don Johnson.
FB — Fred Sinclair.

Jack Cowart will see action as a line backer on defense, Greig stated. Charles Westberg will alternate with Albers in the quarter-back slot.

City To Have Ordinance For Fire Prevention

Code Bans Open Fires: To Be Adopted Oct. 11

Farmington is to have a fire-prevention ordinance.

So decided the city commission Monday night when by unanimous vote it approved and placed on third reading an ordinance drafted by city attorney Paul Paré, who worked with other cities, the Municipal League of Ann Arbor and fire commissioner Kenn Loomis to provide the ordinance.

The ordinance provides for inspection of buildings, outlaws open fires in streets and alleys, and prohibits smoke or noxious odors. It also provides penalties for infractions.

The ordinance will receive its final reading at the next meeting of the city commission and become effective immediately.

According to the ordinance, the use of open fires on private lots is permissable, provided the fires are 20 feet from any structure or other combustible material.

MUST HAVE INCINERATOR

Closer fires are allowed if ignited in a burner having the approval of the city's fire commissioner. However, the ordinance states also that such fires can be built only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

At its meeting Monday night, the commission also approved a motion made by Kenn Loomis to swap certain public property for private property to provide a public alley behind the stores on the south side of Grand River Avenue. The present public property is a 16 foot alley running east and west from Farmington road along lot 23.

The commission, with commissioners Cavanaugh and Hatton dissenting, voted to vacate the alley upon presentation of the deed for a 20 foot alley from Farmington Road east to Earl Vivier's property. Mayor Delos Hamlin, not a voting member of the commission, had to cast a ballot to break the 2 - 2 tie between Hatton and Cavanaugh, and Loomis and Miller.

Also at the meeting, which lasted past midnight, the commission awarded a contract for the construction of new sewers along Cass and State Streets to Ivan Oliver, low bidder, for $5,828.

HEARS COMPLAINTS

Representatives of The Town Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce were heard at the session. Town Club representatives Mrs. Fred A. Cooley, Mrs. Charles Eirschele and Mrs. Herbert A. Gibbs, Jr., asked the commission to improve the sanitary facilities at the city park by the addition of flush toilets. After a lengthy discussion with members of the commission and the mayor, it was decided to further investigate the possibility of installing such plumbing. The sewer line comes closest at Powers Road, which is several feet above the level of the park.

Wallace Felton, governmental affairs chairman of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented a Jaycee resolution to the city fathers.

The resolution called for the installation of parking facilities for bicycles in the business area, and

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Farmington Horsemen Take Honors

The Farmington Junior Horsemen made a good showing at the fourth annual Farmington Horse Show, presented last Saturday by the Farmington post of the V.F.W.

Despite the small number of children's events scheduled, the Farmington youngsters made off with honors in the face of rough competition.

In the Equitation class for children under 14, Stanley Wikom took the trophy and blue ribbon. Dick Smith, the red for second place, and Paul Hoefnagle took the white for fourth place in the Western seat division.

In the Park seat division, of the same class, Kathy Farmer took the yellow ribbon for third place. Sally Lutz took a red ribbon for second place in the Junior equitation class for children 14 to 17, western seat.

In the Western Pleasure Horse class, Dick Smith took the white ribbon for fourth place. In the Park Hack class, Kathy Farmer took the yellow ribbon for third place, and Nancy Grant the white for fourth.

The children spent their Saturday mornings during the summer in classes sponsored by the Farmington Valley Saddle Club, under the direction of Harry Farmer. Austin Grant assisted Mr. Farmer by conducting the drills. Chester Menendez taught equitation.

Now that vacation is over, full classes for the lessons are expected. Children or adults who can get their horses to Power Road and Alameda by 9 a.m. Saturday mornings have been asked to become members of the Farmington Junior Horsemen.

Farmington Gridders Take Opener From Plymouth High, 14 - 0

Farmington High School's 1949 football team got off to a winning start last Friday afternoon when they defeated Plymouth High School 14 to 0 on the Farmington field in the season's opener.

The Falcon's first score came early in the opening period after a Plymouth fumble was recovered by Dave Dirmeyer on the Plymouth 17 yard line. Bruce Yanke, Falcon fullback, then broke over his own right tackle and romped the 17 yards for the touchdown. His kick for the extra point was blocked and the Falcons took the lead 6 to 0.

Plymouth threatened in the second quarter, following a Farmington fumble. The visitors picked up two first downs, one on the ground and another on a pass. They continued their drive on an end around play that put the ball on the Farmington 31 yard line. The Falcon defense tightened, halting the Plymouth attempt to gain on the ground. Their threat ended when Jim Bates intercepted a pass for a Plymouth receiver in the end zone.

The second half opened with Plymouth kicking off. The ball was taken by Jerry Plum, Farmington fullback, who carried the ball to the 33 yard line. Bates picked up a first down on the next play but was injured and replaced by Tom Tata. Farmington was forced to kick on the fourth down and the loose ball was downed by Smoky AschenBrenner on the Plymouth 26 yard line. The visitors were unable to break through the Farmington defense. Yanke picked up another first down as the quarter ended.

Farmington punted to open the final period and Plymouth brought it back ten yards. A Plymouth first down put the ball on the 44 yard line. A 15 yard penalty put the ball deep in the visitors territory. Plymouth moved back into punt formation. A bad pass from center was recovered in the end zone by the Plymouth kicker but he was dropped immediately by AschenBrenner, Dirmeyer and Ditchfield, scoring a safety and making the score 8 to 0 in favor of Farmington.

AschenBrenner took the kick-off on the Plymouth 40 yard line and ran it back to the 21 yard line before he was brought down. A pass was then intercepted by Plymouth and the ball carried to the 34 yard line. Plum intercepted a pass on the Plymouth 38. On a series of power drives Yanke made a first down, carrying the ball to the 3 yard line. He plowed over on the next play for a touchdown. The try for the extra point was not good. Farmington kicked off but time ran out before Plymouth had time to run another play, the game ending with Farmington winning 14 to 0.

Station Holdup Nets Bandit $90

Something different in the way of a Grand Opening was offered the Rowe Standard gas station at Cass and Grand River Monday night when an armed bandit made off with $90 after holding up the attendant.

Roy Rowe has been in business at that location for only four weeks. He arrived from Cornwall, England, in February of this year. Roy's nephew, Gordon Lee Rowe, was at the station when the bandit arrived.

The thief forced Rowe into the gas station and made him empty his pockets on the desk. He took a billfold and several checks, then left. A total of about $90 was taken, according to Rowe.

The robbery took place at 9:30 p.m. The bandit, a dark haired man of 20 or 25 years, had brown eyes and dark hair, with a dark complexion. He was wearing bifocal glasses with a gold rim across the top. The left lens of the glasses was broken and patched with a piece of adhesive tape.

According to Roy Rowe, the loss was covered by insurance. It is not known whether the bandit drove off in a car or walked away, as the attendant, Gordon Lee Rowe, was forced into the lavatory while the bandit made his getaway.

Blue Star Mothers Set Tag Day Plans

Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America have announced the date of their annual Tag Day. The sale will be held Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 1949.

Mrs. Nelson Vanderburg, president of the Farmington chapter, and state hospital chairman, Mrs. Hugh McIntyre, have announced the committees for the event.

Tag Day chairman will be Mrs. Jerry Fifoot, with Mrs. Jay Williams as co-chairman. Community Service chairman is Mrs. Margaret Mahoney.

Clarenceville Drum Majorettes Take Honors At Fair

Arlene Richmond, Salley Albers and Evelyn Wereb, Clarenceville High School's drum majorettes, made Clarenceville proud at the Michigan State Fair, held in Detroit September 2 - 11.

The girls, youngest of 500 majorettes, appeared Saturday, September 19, in the team competition. They walked off with the third place medals and ribbons. Later that evening, they participated in the parade.

When the state finals were held Sunday, the girls placed again, this time they took fourth prize.

This is the first time the Clarenceville girls have entered State Fair competition, and were awarded a trophy for their efforts.

The girls, 14, 14, and 12 years old respectively, are the daughters of the William Richmonds, of Weyher, the Grant Albers, of Gilman Street, and the Elmer C. Werebs, of Angling Road.

Arlene is in the 10th grade, Sally the ninth, and Evelyn the seventh at the Clarenceville school.

The majorettes also appeared Tuesday evening at the Clarenceville Parent Teachers Association meeting. They gave an exhibition of the baton-twirling that won honors at the fair.

The Clarenceville band and the drum majorettes are under the direction of Arthur Mann, music director at the Clarenceville school. The band uniforms are red jackets and gray trousers.

Township To Take Action On Emergency Road Repairs

Comes To Clarenceville

LT. WILBURN LEGREE

Lt. Wilburn Legree, the "Singing Cop" of the Flint Police Department, will appear at the Clarenceville Methodist Church this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Lt. Legree is in charge of 600 safety patrol boys in Flint, and is director and producer of the "Singing Cop" radio program.

During 1948, he sang in 68 churches and gave 80 programs, which included sacred concerts, hymn sings, children's rallies and youth rallies.

Jaycees To Aid In Polio Drive

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has launched a city-wide drive this week to aid in the collection of funds for the Polio Emergency Drive, Roy Erdmann, public health chairman, announced Tuesday.

A house to house canvass is now being conducted by members of the Farmington Jaycees throughout the city. Erdmann stated that because of the emergency and the short time available, efforts are being concentrated in the city. He stated, however, that a special booth will be set up in front of the Farmington State Bank Friday evening to collect contributions from residents of the entire area not contacted in the house-to-house canvass.

Erdmann emphasized that anyone in the area may make their contribution by mail. Simply place your contribution in an envelope addressed to POLIO, in care of the Farmington Postmaster. The Enterprise is again printing a coupon in this week's issue for your convenience. Fill out the coupon and enclose it with your contribution when you send it in.

Norman Lee, Farmington Postmaster, stated Tuesday that approximately 40 letters addressed to Polio had been received this far. T. W. Jackson, chairman of the Oakland County Emergency Drive, stated last week that six cases of polio have been reported in Farmington City and Township with one death. Novi Township has reported three cases and Southfield Township five cases. Jackson re-emphasized his plea for cooperation in this emergency. He stated that funds are urgently needed if the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is to care for the increased number of patients without slowing up scientific research and professional education. This is the first emergency polio drive in the history of the country and is described as a "last resort" drive in an effort to meet the emergency.

POLIO PATIENTS NEED YOUR HELP!

Your contribution to the March of Dimes last January has carried the epidemic cost up to now. Help finish the job! Send your contribution to POLIO, care of your local Postmaster.

Name .....

Address .....

City .....

State .....

Amount $ .....

The Farmington W.C.T.U. will meet Tuesday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Annie Heichman, 19020 Woodring.

The name "Old Glory" was given to the American flag by Captain William Driver, Salem, Massachussets.

Work To Be Confined To Roads Not Accepted By The County

Immediate action will be taken by the Farmington Township Board towards emergency repair of roads in the Township not already accepted by the Oakland County Road Commission, it was announced Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Board.

The motion approved by the Board followed the presentation of a letter calling for some emergency relief regarding the road situation in the Township. In accepting and placing the letter on file, the Board moved to take immediate action on roads not accepted by the County Road Commission.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, declined to make any definite promises as to exactly what would be done or how extensive the work would be until road engineers now investigating the situation have completed their cost estimates. He did state, however, that every effort would be made to take care of emergency repair wherever possible.

Blanchard also stated that meetings have been held with some subdividers in an effort to work out a percentage agreement between the township and subdividers regarding the roads. He indicated that some progress was made towards a share cost agreement for the repair of some of the roads. A brief discussion was held on whether the Township Board should or should not consider the repair of roads now accepted and under the jurisdiction of the County. The majority of opinions expressed seemed to favor the repair of roads not now accepted by the County.

PETITIONS FILED

Petitions and a letter requesting the Board to proceed with the drafting of a temporary and permanent zoning ordinance for Farmington Township was presented to the Board. A motion was made by the Board to place the petitions on file preparatory to proper legal action. Mr. George McLaughlin, president of the North Farmington District Civic Association, in presenting the petitions, stated that 80 per cent more names were secured on the petitions than was required.

The Board is expected to proceed with the intention to draft a temporary zoning ordinance. The second step is to appoint a Township Zoning Board to prepare the necessary map and draft preliminary plans for the enactment of the permanent ordinance. The temporary ordinance, when drafted, is good for one year and can be renewed if necessary. A series of public hearings, advertising and posting of notices must be carried out before the final ordinance is adopted.

COMPLAINTS HEARD

A number of complaints were registered with the Board by residents attending the meeting. Further complaints were made regarding the changing of names in the Township by the County Road Com-

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Find Caretaker Gone, Also Car, Clothes

The W. J. LeClairs, of 27405 Ten Mile Road, received a surprise early Saturday morning when they returned home from their vacation.

The caretaker left in charge of the house was gone.

So was a camera.

So was clothing belonging to the LeClairs.

So was their jeep.

State Police withheld further information on the case pending investigation. They declined to state whether or not the disappearance of the caretaker had anything to do with the disappearance of the household articles.

Expect Light Vote At Clarenceville

A light vote is anticipated in the special Clarenceville School election to be held next Monday, September 26, at the Clarenceville High School.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, stated Tuesday that only three new registrations were received during the registration period that ended Saturday, September 17. Schmidt added however, that most residents of the District had registered prior to the last special election, held last spring.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the election day next Monday. Voting will take place at the Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road.

In an open letter to the residents of the District, the Clarenceville School Board outlined the issue to be voted on and the reasons for the special election.

"Last May 16 the electors voted to transfer such surplus funds as then existed in the 1941 and 1944 debt funds together with 1941 and 1944 debt fund money collected as delinquent taxes, into a Building and Site Fund. At that time authorization was given by the electors to use the money for the construction of the sewage and drainage system at the high school in accordance with county health requirements.

"We realized that soon we would have to replace the boiler at Central school. As you know, the Cen-

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Large Crowd Attends Road Protest Meeting Monday At Town Hall

The road protest meeting, held in the Town Hall Monday night and sponsored by the Southeast Farmington Civic Association, drew a crowd of approximately 200 rather irate citizens, a long talk from the Oakland County Road Commission representative, and a resolution for the Township Board.

Fred Westlake, president of the civic association, opened the meeting and introduced Lee Brooks, chairman of the county road commission.

Brooks gave the past history of township and county road financing, including the story of defeated legislation to raise road taxes. A point brought up many times in the evening was that the county road commission receives only $58 in gas tax revenue per year per mile of road in the county.

Inasmuch as Oakland has more roads than any other county in the state, and only 228 men on the road commission, Brooks claimed, the county has less men per mile than any other county in the state.

Brooks also said the counties in the state now receive 28 million dollars less per year for road maintenance and construction than in 1932. With the current value of the dollar, Brooks claims, the fund shortage for county road maintenance is obvious.

In view of the fund shortage, the Southeast Farmington Township Civic Association drew up the following letter, had it approved by the group present at Monday night's meeting, and presented it to the Farmington Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night.

Sept. 19, 1949

Supervisor and Board of
Farmington Township,
Gentlemen:

Due to the deplorable condition of certain unimproved streets and roads lying within the Township of Farmington, the assembled interested residents herewith petition the Township Supervisor and Board for relief through action based on the following facts:

(a) Streets and roads cut with ruts and holes, undrained, impassable much of the year, over which large numbers of families must depend for transportation, emergency health care, fire and police protection.

(b) The County Road Commission, because of lack of finances, cannot undertake the building of new roads.

(c) Our Township treasury has a surplus of money arising through the diversion of state sales tax funds with which to initiate a comprehensive road building program.

(d) The road building program may be carried out either through the employment of private contractors or through cooperation with the County Road Commission.

(e) The procedure outlined above has been carried through successfully by other townships faced with similar circumstances.

We, therefore, through our committee, respectfully request the Su-

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