

Around The Block

BY ALL THAT'S RIGHT . . . we shouldn't be here this week. For a time there Tuesday we were seriously considering letting everything go for a week because there were so few folks left in town. It seems the entire area has been empty to fill the north woods. Which is all right, if the same number return under their own power. Being one of the stay-at-homes, we can defend ourselves by saying that the deer haven't done anything to us, why should we go gunning for them? But on the other hand, this mass migration to the north country each year will come some day. That's when we'll drive up.

NEXT WEEK . . . We're traveling on Thursday, so The Enterprise will come out on Wednesday. By Wednesday everyone will be getting ready for that big dinner. And by Friday they'll be feeling sorry for themselves and groping for the old bear. Collectively, there are pretty good reasons for Thanksgiving this year. Although things looked rough last year, we stayed out of war. The Berlin blockade has been lifted, and we know Russia has the atomic bomb instead of just fearing it. The steel strike is over, and although jobs are harder to find than they were, the welfare rolls haven't blossomed out yet. All in all it hasn't been a thoroughly bad year — and if you celebrate Thursday, you can remember that you're still alive. After all the auto, air, and train thuburbs we've had, that would seem to be worth Thanksgiving by itself.

SEEMS AS IF . . . We're entirely about the first holiday this week. Thurs- day morning we got a call from one of the Voices With A Smile across the street. Seems that the Michigan Bell employees had themselves a holiday November 4. They went out to Frosty's Stables, and afterward went to the dance over at the school. What rather surprised us was that more than half of the 10 couples attending were married. Maybe in holidays are as much fun as they were in high school — we'll have to break away one day and find out.

THE NIGHTS NOW . . . We're not a little bit surprised at all the boys on too-few bicycles we have almost missed seeing on the dark roads around Farmington. Trouble is, there aren't enough bikes to go around. We see far too many bicycles staggering across the road under the weight of two boys. One night when a dark night which makes the road almost invisible until too late, this erratic travel is bound to do some damage. More lights and fewer boys per bike is what's needed.

RIGHT NOW . . . November 13 to 19 is National Book Week. The bank has loaned its window to the Farmington City and Township library for a display of its wares. This seems an especially appropriate time to put in a plug for the library, whose services could be enjoyed by a lot more folks. The library can be a mighty good luck for a lot of people; good books are the source of information and reading is a pleasant pastime. Next time you have questions about how to do something, or just want to kill a little time downtown, why not drop in at our library and, like us, be surprised at all it has to offer?

THIS TIME . . . We're serious. Do you know there are only 26 shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Thanksgiving is next week?

IT'S THE WEATHER . . . That makes us wonder at the coming generation. We refer particularly to the weather. It's so cold and the wind is so strong and the snow is so much, that the weather is a real problem. The snow may fall, the wind blow, and the bottom drop out of the thermometer, but the Little People can serenely enjoy the chilling delights of an ice-cream cone or frozen sucker. They may be wearing earmuffs and high-top boots, but ice cream they can stand. They were becoming prematurely senile, but it seems at least they should have the good judgment to change to hot fudge sundae in cold weather.

WE SEE THE . . . The main office of Farmington City are sporting a new auto complete with radio. This definitely has an inherent disadvantage in your line of work happens to be on the other side of the law. For instance, a radio car can be dispatched to answer a complaint almost before the complainant can hang up the telephone. With a little of this sort of thing in perspective, wonder if Farmington and environs won't become a little more difficult for the gentlemen in the sneak and snatch business. Then, too, perhaps it will make the underworld go underground.

25-Year-Old Cabin Needs Repairs

Troop 45 Boy Scouts will be hard at work again this week in their attempts to remodel the aging log cabin at the corner of Grand River and Oakland.

The boys are currently collecting scrap paper in an effort to raise funds to literally raise the roof of the cabin. The cabin was sagged, and it needs reshelving.

The cabin has earned its repairs. Now 25 years old, it was built in 1924 as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Farmington's founding. The design was the same as the first log house built in Farmington in 1824. The logs were brought here by Mr. Bert Simpson, from north of Bay City.

The chinking, foundation and fireplace was put in by John Mahan. Woodwork on the cabin was built by James Porter. Arthur Lamb, and a man by the name of Ellis, who (Continued on Page Ten)

PLAN MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF PHYLLIS PINK

An effort has been started in the Clarencville area to establish a memorial in honor of Phyllis Koepf-Pink, Clarencville music teacher who died two weeks ago of Polio.

A large number of Clarencville residents have indicated an interest in establishing a memorial in honor of Phyllis. A preliminary meeting was held November 9 at which time the matter was discussed at some length. It was the feeling of the group at the meeting that the plan would be appropriate in that Mrs. Pink loved music and did excellent work in developing vocal music in the Clarencville school.

The plan would be to purchase the piano from contributions received from residents of the Clarencville area. The piano would then be given to the school for use. If you wish to help either as a solicitor or contributor, please contact any of the following persons. Mrs. Mary Rutin, 1124-W; Mrs. Betty Wilson, 1124-W; Mrs. B. B. Gault, KE. 2-6525; Mrs. Margaret Latimer, KE. 2-8277; Mrs. Goldie Earle, 1017; Mrs. L. M. Davey, 6914-N; Mrs. Wanda Prentiss, 1029; Mrs. Winifred Mummary, Northville 248-R; Mrs. Marion White, 771-R; Mrs. Norma Gault, KE. 2-6525; Miss Laura J. Stevenson, KE. 2-5054.

Homemaking Teacher Joins Farmington Staff

Mrs. Louise Westfall has just joined the staff of the Farmington Township School District as Home Economics teacher. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, announced this week.

Mrs. Westfall began her teaching duties Monday. She is a resident of Detroit and received her B. S. Degree from Michigan State College in Home Economics. Mrs. Westfall is a member of the National Homemaking Association and has taught in the Detroit Schools. She is replacing Miss Margaret Taylor who resigned from the School District because of ill health.

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City Lets Contract For Construction Of Storage Garage

Building To Be Located Next To Fire Hall

The contract for the construction of a storage garage on the south corner of the Fire Hall was awarded to Kenneth Kemp, Farmington contractor, by the City Commission at its regular meeting held Wednesday evening.

James Cavanaugh, commissioner in charge of public buildings, stated at the meeting that work is expected to begin at once on the garage. The cement block building will be 30 feet by 50 feet and will face onto Liberty Street. It is being built to house city trucks and other equipment. Cavanaugh stated that the work is expected to be completed before winter sets in.

The commission also made a few minor changes in the plans for the remodeling of the City Hall offices, which is now under way. All of the customer counters are to be extended to a width of 24 inches instead of the former 16 inches. It was requested that the new police radio room be soundproofed, however, it was decided to leave the plans as they are and see how they work out.

STUDY TRAFFIC PLAN

Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt appeared before the commission to explain the new Unified Traffic Code introduced by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. The proposal was referred to Kenneth Loomis, police commissioner for further study. Under the code cities would adopt a uniform violation ticket and establish a uniform fine for specific violations. DeVriendt stated that a large number of cities have already adopted the new code. An added feature of the program is the forwarding of all out-of-city violations to the violator's home police force.

Mr. David Edwards and Mr. W. E. Shoultz, from Boy Scout Troop 45, attended the meeting to ask the Commission for some aid in replacing the Boy Scout log cabin in the Town Hall Park. They stated that plans are now being made for the formation of an Explorer Troop of older boys in Troop 45 and they would like to use the cabin for meetings.

Edwards stated that the roof and floor of the cabin are in very bad condition and would have to be repaired before it could be used. The commission referred the matter to Cavanaugh for investigation. The cabin is a replica of a home of one of the first pioneer families to settle in the Farmington area. It has long been a familiar landmark to persons traveling through Farmington.

Roy Miller, water commissioner for the city, announced at the meeting that the rust removers for the city water supply have arrived and will be installed in several weeks. He stated that it will take several weeks after it has been completely installed before residents will notice any reduction of rust in the water. Miller added that this is not a water softener, it is only a rust remover.

Tickets for the production will be on sale at the door.

Workmen Remodel City Hall



Workmen prepare the new walls of the Municipal Building for plaster as the remodeling program takes shape. When completed, two offices and sections for the City Clerk and Police Department will be incorporated into what was the lobby of the building. Completion of the project will be realized by December 5. Occupancy of the new offices will probably be made next week, however.

Township Board Delays Action On Building Code And Zoning Board

Action was delayed by the Farmington Township Board on the adoption of a Building Code and on the final approval of a Zoning Board pending further investigation.

The Board held its regular meeting Tuesday evening and discussed at length both the Building Code and the appointment of a Zoning Board but withheld action. The main discussion on the Building Code centered around the question of inspection fees and whether or not the building and electrical inspections could be combined. It was decided to delay action until the fees of other communities could be investigated more thoroughly as well as the system of inspection. Under the present proposed Building Code three inspections are planned, one building inspection, one electrical inspection and one plumbing inspection.

A number of prospective members for the Zoning Board were mentioned but no definite action was taken on any appointments. The names were submitted to the Board by representatives of the various civic organizations in the Township interested in zoning. An attempt will be made to secure persons from all sections of the Township. The Board, when appointed, will consist of four members, two to serve for a two year term and two for a four year term. The members will serve without salary.

It was mentioned at the meeting that petitions are now being circulated in the Township calling for a vote by the people when the zoning ordinance is finally completed. The Board estimates that it will take from six months to one year to complete the ordinance.

A special meeting of the Board was held Monday evening, November 14, for the purpose of opening and reading sealed bids on the water system for Woodbine subdivision. However, no sealed bids were received for the bonds. Two meetings were held previous to Monday evening for the same purpose but no bids were received. The Monday meeting was actually a recess of the November 7 special meeting. Another meeting will be held December 1 for the receipt of any bids on the sale of the bonds.

Tickets for the production will be on sale at the door.

Farmington's United Fund Drive Reaches 85% Of Goal

Board of Education Postpones Meeting

The regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education was postponed for one week Monday when the board called off its regular meeting.

O. E. Dunkel, Farmington school superintendent, said the postponement was made because of matters to come before the board not being complete for the Monday session. By postponing the meeting, clarification of several issues will be discussed by the full board could be better made.

STRAY DOGS KILL TWO SHEEP AND GOAT ON FARM

Two St. Bernard dogs attacked and killed two sheep and a goat at the farm of Gertrude Yerkes, 3920 West Nine Mile Road, it was reported by James Ethier, dog warden, this week.

According to Ethier, the dogs owned by Nat Shapiro, 4100 West Eight Mile Road, strayed from their home and wandered over to the Yerkes farm where they killed the stock. The owner of the dogs has agreed to settle the damages. The dogs are now confined by the owner.

Ethier also announced that a total of 14 stray dogs have been picked up in Farmington Township in the past two days and impounded at Pontiac. Nine stray dogs have been returned to their owners. The dog warden stated that he has received two reports of careless use of firearms in the shooting of dogs on private property. He added that the violators will be dealt with severely.

Falcons Prepare For Cage Opener

Candidates for the Farmington Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams are working out every afternoon in preparation for the opening game of the season against Plymouth December 2.

Coch Robert Hutton has four lettermen back for this year's varsity team. They include Captain Dick Tupper, Smokey Aschenbrenner, Herb Deibel and George Harty. Hutton stated the rest of the varsity team members have had previous basketball experience. The varsity team will carry twelve men this year. In addition to the four lettermen, the varsity team consists of the following players: Tyler, Bates, Dirmyer, Loughs, Bunge, Majors, Markham and Olson.

Practice sessions this week are being centered around conditioning and coordination. Several scrimmage sessions have been held with all of the candidates participating. Hutton stated that this year's team will have considerable height and (Continued on Page Ten)

Additional Contributions Expected From Organizations And Solicitors

Secretary-treasurer John W. Hunt announced Tuesday night that Farmington's United Fund and Community Chest drive had hit 85% of its goal for 1949. He also stated more money was on its way to the Chest, but the exact amount was not determined.

"For organizing a campaign in three days, and then three weeks behind Detroit's, this is pretty encouraging," he stated. The Farmington campaign got its start October 24 at a meeting of the civic organizations in the Legion Hall. By the end of the week, areas were assigned and canvassers began making their rounds.

Total amount of cash in the fund Tuesday night was \$3416.73. Another \$124.25 in future collectible pledges and \$10 in cash not turned in, made up the total.

Certain areas of the township, mostly business places along Grand River Avenue between Orchard and Eight Mile Road, had not been contacted previous to Tuesday night. Organizations in the city also had not been heard from, although Mr. Hunt stated several were meeting late this week and early next week with contributions to the Fund on the business agenda.

Mr. Hunt and George V. McLaughlin, chairman of the drive, admitted that the last 15% of the quota of \$5,000 would be the hardest to raise. They were confident that last minute pledges and business contributions would be enough to top Farmington's goal.

100% of the quota would clearly indicate that Farmington had joined in a charity campaign in Farmington. Fund spokesmen have repeated, as well as proving its practicality.

Oddly, the United campaign has disclosed only a few quarterly pledges. In Detroit and Pontiac, pledges made up 50% of the total collected, and cash the other 50%. Farmington pledges amounted to only \$124.25.

"Pledges are part of the advantage of the Fund," secretary Hunt told The Enterprise Tuesday night. "The year behind the unified drive is to lump all the charities together so your contributions can be budgeted over a series of pay-periods, instead of having to dig down to meet a budget every few weeks."

START PLANNING AGAIN. Already plans for next year's campaign have begun to crystallize. The success of the unified drive is to lump all the charities together so your contributions can be budgeted over a series of pay-periods, instead of having to dig down to meet a budget every few weeks.

Board To Act On Water Main Bids

Final bids are expected to be received by the Clarencville School Board on Tuesday for the construction of the water line to the Clarencville High School building on Middleboro Road.

The Board is still receiving bids but the contract is expected to be awarded in several days. The contract will include the purchase of water pipe and the laying of the line from the school property to the building. The Clarencville Board is extending the water line to the north corner of the school property along Middleboro Road. The School District is responsible for running the line to the building.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education held Monday evening, the contract for the weatherproofing of the classroom gymnasium addition and the boiler room was awarded to the Chris Paschen Company, Inc., Detroit. The exterior clinker block walls will be weatherproofed at one time to protect them against moisture.

Palette And Brush Club Meets November 22

The Palette and Brush Club will meet in the Westlawn Methodist Church at Grand River and Ohio Avenues on Tuesday, November 22. The business meeting will start at 11 a.m. and luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Max Hot Vandervelde of Royal Oak, speaker and critic, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Vandervelde was educated in The Netherlands. She was graduated from the Royal Oak Academy of Fine Arts after taking an eight year course in both Fine and Decorative Arts. In the following years she studied mostly alone in cultivation of her technical and technique which has brought her individuality in her work, which is strong, vigorous and spontaneous.



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