

Around The Block

GENERALLY . . . we can kill off a paragraph here about the weather, but this week's atmosphere has been so completely nondescript we'll have to forego even that material. Ever see anything quite so miserable as a half-hearted attempt at snow? A little of that dry ice they've been experimenting with at rain-making, it tossed into Farmington Saturday, would have formed the nucleus of a snowing sleet storm. As it was, the weather didn't have the strength to snow — just coldly drizzled.

IT DIDN'T TAKE . . . long for the bucks to start coming in after the season opened last Tuesday morning. At 11 a.m. we saw the first one go through town. Five specimens it was, too. How some of those animals can be brought back so quickly and effortlessly and take the whole season is a little beyond us. But offhand, it would seem just a little foolish to break up camp and come home after only one day in the woods. There's more sport in the trip than in bringing home the deer, it seems.

PROBABLY SEVERAL . . . other folks heard the story of the fellow in our sizeable suburb (that town is full of 'em) who drove several jake-job owners whacky by his repeated playing of "Mule Train". Seems he runs up a bill for playing it about 500 times, and was finally thrown out of one spot into the arms of another. Caught by a sleeping sleet storm. As it was, the weather didn't have the strength to snow — just coldly drizzled.

WITH THE SIZING UP . . . the naming of all-league teams, the final seal is placed on the football season for another year. Of course, some of those plays will be dragged out and dusted during discussions in the winter months, but right now the eye is being put on something else, namely and to-wit basketball. Inasmuch as Farmington is a strict basketball town, it's a foregone conclusion that the team photos and stories of the local team's progress for the invalids and shut-ins unable to get out and for the home team.

THIS MAY . . . set you back a little, but according to our promotions calendar, next week, believe it or not, is (and we quote) "National Prosperity Week". That's all it is, say. Whether or not this is part of a great scheme to make plutocrats out of every individual, a reminder or a promise of better days, we don't know. Just do prosperous next week and don't leave the rather dim bulbs who conceived the idea thinking you aren't having a fine time with National Prosperity Week. Wonder: you suppose it could be the name of some famous success story?

AFTER TOMORROW . . . you have precisely 26 shopping days left before Christmas. Subtract Wednesday afternoons and you have fewer. This year, do it the easy way — early, and in your home town. The chances are all in your favor that you'll be able to find a suitable gift for everyone on your shopping list right here, and at the same time you'll avoid the mad mass of all those people. Besides, the local merchants can help you make selections — they know for whom you're buying. (And it's easier to take back a present when you know the fellow who sold it to the giver.)

WE'LL ADMIT . . . that when it comes to Christmas shopping, and preparations for the annual Turkey day, some folks we know get a terrific headache out of all the excitement. They swear that next year's shopping will be done by the Fourth of July and that Thanksgiving's turkey will be in the freezer by Easter. But we'll buy dollars and doughnuts to go anything in a different way would put a damper on their spirits like rain on a Sunday school picnic. They love it.

TIME OUT FOR TURKEY . . . and dressing and cranberry sauce. Yes sir, the younger generation get a break this week and a running start on Mr. Turkey. Students at both the Farmington and Clarencville schools will start the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of school on Wednesday and then will have until next Monday to rest up after the big 'H. Oh yes, that goes for the teachers, too. Many of them, who do not have too far to go, will thus be able to get home for the Thanksgiving feast, and the kids will be able to go out to Grandma's house for the old fashioned treat.

YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT . . . to City Clerk Harry Moore, come plaster, paint, step ladders, pounding or sawing, he is on the job. Except for a couple of days when the remodeling operations at the city hall began, Harry has been right on the job. Whether crouching under a step ladder or dodging a clump of plaster, he is hard at it. We don't know just what his working hours are, but the paint starts to fly, but according to reports, Harry and the other officials that spend their working hours at the city hall can relax in their new offices.

Clarenceville Adds Falcons Open Cage New Bus Run on Friday Season On Friday

Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, announced this week that a new school bus run has been added to the present schedule in an effort to eliminate overcrowding. The new bus run was begun this week on the Seven Mile and Angling Roads and covers the area north to the Central School. The bus will pick up youngsters in that section at 7:30 a.m. and will deliver them to the Central School on Eight Mile Road. Schmidt stated that the additional run was anticipated in the new bus schedule established early in the school year. He stated that with the beginning of cold and inclement weather more students are riding the buses to school. This has created a problem of overcrowding in the bus covering that area, and therefore the additional run was added.

A special meeting of bus drivers was held Monday morning at the Clarenceville High School. Safe driving and the importance of keeping buses on schedule, Schmidt stated that the schedule put into effect several months ago is working out very satisfactorily.

Work was begun this week on the laying of the new water line into the Clarenceville High School building on Middlebelt Road. The Lincoln water main has been extended down Middlebelt Road to the school property. Schmidt stated that workmen expect to have the water line to the school hooked up and completed by the end of the week. The line will furnish water to the high school and new classroom building addition. The Board of Education requested and received permission from the Livonia Township Board for the extension of the line when it proved impractical to drill any more wells on the school property.

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Churches Plan Union Service For Thanksgiving

Rev. Theo Goebel Guest Speaker

The Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be the scene Wednesday 8 p.m. of Farmington's community Thanksgiving service. Rev. Theo Goebel, of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Royal Oak will be guest at the service.

Rev. Fred Fisher, Rev. Stanley Stone and Rev. Carl H. Schultz will represent the Baptist, Methodist and Evangelical and Reformed churches at Farmington at the union services.

Organist Albert Boltho will open the ceremony at 8 p.m. with the playing of the prelude. Rev. Schultz will give the call to worship, invocation, and lead the responsive reading, after which the opening hymn will be sung.

Rev. Stone will then give the scripture reading, followed by the anthem, to be sung by the choir of the Salem Church. Following the anthem, Rev. Fisher will lead a prayer period.

After announcements by Rev. Schultz, the offering will be taken. Offerings at Farmington union services are used to help provide the Farmington school system with the service of a character training teacher, Miss Mary McDonald, who visits each Farmington school.

Following the offering and sermon hymn, Rev. Goebel will give the sermon, a closing hymn, benediction by Rev. Schultz, and conclude by Mr. Boltho will postlude the service.

The Thanksgiving union service is presented as one of the community services presented at every holiday in Farmington. Last union service was at Easter time, when the Methodist Church in Farmington was the scene of a special Good Friday service.

A special Thanksgiving service will be held on Thanksgiving Day in the Christian Science Society at 2:00 P.M.

Following the usual order of service there will be a brief period in which members of the congregation may express their gratitude for healing and other help which they received during the past year.

The Golden Text from 1 Thessalonians (5:18) is appropriate for the occasion and reads: "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Farmington Wins First Of New Debate Series

A new high school debate league, formed last week, got its first try-out Monday night at Farmington High School. The league met at Farmington to run the first series of inter-school debates.

Play will begin at 7:15 p.m. With the exception of two games the jump-off time will be 7:15 for home games. The exceptions are the Rocker and Penton games, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Farmington has scheduled a total of eight home games and seven away games.

In addition to the regular basketball schedule a Christmas tournament will be held. The tournament will be held at Berkley on December 29 and 30. Walled Lake, Clawson, Berkley and Farmington are the teams in the tournament. This is the first time that Farmington has participated in a holiday tournament. Two games will be held on December 29 and 30. Candidates for the Farmington basketball team have been working out nightly since November 7 in preparation for the opening game against Plymouth and the full 15 game schedule which will end February 24.

The 1949-50 Farmington basketball schedule is as follows: December 15, Plymouth here. December 6, Wayne there. December 13, Rochester here. December 16, Keego Harbor here. December 23, Trenton there. December 29 and 30, Christmas Tournament at Berkley. January 6, Holly there. January 13, Berkley there. January 20, Walled Lake here. January 27, Midland there. February 3, Penton here. February 10, Keego Harbor there. February 17, Holly here. February 24, Walled Lake there.

Three Escape When Truck Overtakes



Three people narrowly escaped serious injury when this 12-ton semi-truck overturned Friday afternoon at the intersection of Farmington Road and U. S. 18 Cut-Off. According to Farmington City Police, the accident occurred when the truck collided with another as it passed a car at the intersection. Truck driver Roosevelt E. Montreal was uninjured. Two others in the same truck received only minor lacerations.

Turkey Suppliers Face Grim Thanksgiving; Home Burns Sunday

The Leonard Gorman, of 29930 12 Mile Road, have provided turkey for plenty of happy Thanksgiving meals. But there isn't much chance that the Gormans will particularly relish their own holiday meal. Fire Sunday destroyed their home and all their belongings, only partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Gorman was in the north woods hunting when the fire broke out at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. (He didn't bring back his buck, either). Mrs. Gorman, assisted by two neighbors, John Stock and a Mr. Hall, was dressing poultry in the front of the building when she noticed the fire. The Franklin fire department was summoned first, then called again to provide more water. The Farmington department was also called into action with both of its trucks. The fire was too well started to spare the building, however.

The interior of the Gormans' 2x4 24 foot home was completely gutted. A small annex at the rear of the house, containing butter and eggs, was similarly destroyed. \$100 worth of butter and \$250 worth of eggs went up in smoke.

The Gormans, who have three sons, spent the night with friends in Detroit. Just where they were going to spend Thanksgiving Sunday is unknown Monday.

However, business as usual was the keynote at Gorman's Poultry Products. Mrs. Gorman was busy getting more turkeys ready for the big meal Thursday. Mr. Gorman, who formerly worked in Detroit shops, distributes eggs over a Detroit route as his part of the business. Ill health keeps him from doing hard work.

The exact amount of the damage couldn't be determined Monday. However, the Hoover Commission report on building stated a "rough guess" at the cost of repairs would amount to \$2500. That doesn't include the interior furnishings, the Gorman's club or the butter and eggs lost. The only clothing they saved is what they were wearing.

Not was the precise amount of insurance covering the building known. Police said the house contents weren't large enough to cover the entire loss, however. That much is known.

One more thing is definite, however. That is that the Gormans won't have a "happy Turkey" Thanksgiving Day.

CLARENCEVILLE TO JOIN NEW HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Efforts are now underway for the formation of a new school athletic and activities league of which Clarenceville will be a member.

Three schools, Clarenceville, Northville and Inkster, have already indicated their interest in the formation of the new league. The initial meeting of the three schools will be held at Northville on Wednesday, December 7. The first meeting was held at Northville and the second will be held at Clarenceville.

Representatives of the three schools have been making personal contacts with other schools of their area. They will meet several times to organize the league. They will give their reports at the December 7 meeting. The exact number of schools in the league will not be known until the reports are issued.

The purpose of the league is to organize athletics and activity competition among schools in this area about the same enrollment. The league will include speech, music, student council, and joint assembly programs in addition to athletic competition. H. B. Smith, athletic director at Northville, has been appointed acting secretary by the representatives of the present three schools.

School Board To Purchase Two More New Buses

New License Plates Go On Sale Dec. 1

The new Michigan auto tags for 1950 will go on sale December 1, Curt Hall, local Department of State representative, announced Monday. The plates will go on sale then at Hall's Pontiac agency in downtown Farmington.

The new plates are aluminum color with black numerals. They will replace the 1949 plates which expire on the last day of February, 1950. Prepared application forms for the new plates were mailed by the Registration Division of the Secretary of State's office starting November 10. These prepared forms can be taken to any of the 208 branch offices in the state to get the new tags.

Under the new Vehicle Code, motor scooters and motorized bicycles must be both titled and licensed. Plates will not be issued by mail, and personal checks will not be accepted unless certified.

In order to avoid the last-minute rush, Mr. Hall is urging motorists to come in early to get their plates, and motorists who have lost their title and desire a duplicate.

Cut-Off Accident Spares Three

Roosevelt Montreal Everett, 28, escaped injury Friday afternoon at 3:20 when his 12 ton truck fell off a steep grade and overturned on the U. S. 18 Cut-Off near Farmington Road. Two others were slightly injured in the accident. John Bayton, 21, suffered minor lacerations in the accident. They were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by State Police officers.

The accident occurred, according to Farmington City Police, when the steel truck struck the back of another truck pulling out to pass a car. The steel truck jolted and overturned, landing bottom side up on the side of the road.

The driver of the steel truck was hit out of his inverted position by W. T. Hildebrand, operator of a gas station, at Farmington Road and the Cut-Off. Neither driver was held by police.

Everett, speaking by gasoline casing from a ruptured tank, was taken to the police station by Farmington City Police, where he changed his clothes. Bayton and Poole left the truck when it overturned and hitch-hiked to the State Police post, where they were taken to the hospital.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Becky Sue Smith, Farmington's first polio victim of this past summer, will leave the Sister Kenny Polio Center at Pontiac for Thanksgiving. She will join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Farmington band director, and brother, Buddy, for a Thanksgiving vacation with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Telfer, at Owasco.

Leon Forbes was one of the lucky ones to bag an eight point buck in a few hours of hunting. He returned home Sunday afternoon.

Farmington Landmark Needs Repair



The old log cabin, Farmington landmark for 25 years, is the subject of a current drive by Boy Scouts of Farmington Troop 45. The Scouts are trying to raise up enough waste paper to pay for repairs to the structure, built in 1924 as part of the Gala Day celebration to commemorate Farmington's 100th anniversary of its founding. The building has been used by the Scouts for storage, and now is to be converted to a meeting place for an Explorer's Troop of older Boy Scouts.

Discuss Agricultural School, Hear Complaint On Bible Class

The Farmington School Board Monday night looked the problem of overcrowded school buses squarely in the eye and then acted — it decided to ask for bids for two more school buses. The board has already purchased two others this year.

Also at the meeting Monday, the board discussed the establishment of a rural agricultural school, and appropriated money for the school district's elementary grade Christmas party and the High School's New Year's Eve dance.

The meeting, at which trustee Sam Turner, secretary Rolf Smith, treasurer Nicholas and president Gerald Dones were present, lasted past midnight Tuesday morning.

The action taken on the school buses was designed to cure the transportation problem this year. Members of the board consider it necessary that even more buses will be needed next year. Nearly 80% of the board's budget, according to Turner, has been spent purchasing the bus problem with anxious parents. Generally, little satisfaction could be given because the school buses are not available. Again Monday night a set of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiltz, appeared before the board and requested continuation of the bus problem. The board agreed to the Forest Hills subdivision.

The tentative goal of the Farmington campaign was set at \$5,014.00. This includes tentative amounts of \$400 to the Clarenceville Recreation Commission, and \$200 to the Our Lady of Sorrows School system. However, both of these allotments needed final approval of the Budget and Admissions Committee at its meeting Tuesday night to be considered, definite commitments.

Reports from Tuesday night's meetings could not be obtained because of the early deadline of the holiday edition of The Enterprise.

By Monday night, a few canvassers in the Clarenceville business district were busy collecting contributions. (Continued on Page Twelve)

TOWN CLUB ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ANNUAL PARTY

The Farmington Town Club's distinctive card party will have a discernive feature this year. The members of the organization are proud to be able to present a Fashion Show during the party.

Latest pre-holiday gowns will be shown by Louis' Smart Apparel Shoppe of Farmington, and Anatole Hat Shop will present the millinery.

Models wearing the costumes will stroll out on the floor among the tables and each will have available all the information regarding the clothing being displayed. In this manner the card players will not be disturbed or distracted, according to club spokesmen, yet will have full opportunity to view the details of the costumes.

The combined dress, card party and fashion show will be held at the Farmington High School gymnasium at one p.m. on Saturday, December 3. Tickets for the event are being sold in advance by the Town Club members. Tickets can be purchased by calling Mrs. Charles Layton at 0699, Mrs. James M. Page at 1369 or from the Louis' Smart Apparel Shoppe. This should be a special event, so why not place your call for tickets now?

Falcons Place 3 On League Team

Coach William Nusse, mentor of the Farmington gridiron Falcons, announced last week that three of his players had secured positions on the Interlake conference all-league team. Name reported Junior end F. "Smoky" Aschenbrenner, senior center Lee Tyler, and senior back Bruce Yanke, had been accepted by the all-league team.

Jack Boyce, another Farmington high school senior, was named to the second team for his work this year as guard in the Interlake conference all-league spots were given end Dave Dirmeyer, a senior, guard George Hayes, a junior, and tackle Fred Hayes, a senior. Devin Godfrey and Jerry Dibeloff, Majors and Godfrey are seniors, Ditchfield a junior. Back George Barrows, another senior, was also given honorable mention.

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