

TO ANYONE ELSE... The word would be "batching," but we have been "batching" it the last...

ABOUT THE HYDROGEN... bomb causing so many sleepless nights in Washington. Sometimes...

HEADACHES... of our rural mail carriers here. It's those boxes! Headaches caused by mailboxes that don't help the carrier take more...

HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW... that we state we live in, we know Michigan, entered the Union on January 26, 1837?

A GOOD POINT... was brought to our attention by one of our readers last week. He asked...

TOOTING OUR OWN HORN... maybe so, but we were rather proud of the fact that The Farmington Enterprise was nominated along with several other newspapers...

QUITE AN ACCUMULATION... of bowlers saw Andy Varipans, past master of the art, roll a bowling ball...

Boys Republic Staff Reminiscence... The Board of Directors of Boys Republic here has this year...

JAYCEES PLAN SPORTS ROUND-UP FEBRUARY 4... An outstanding line-up of college coaches and star players has been secured for the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored Sports Round-Up...

Clarenceville Boy Scouts To Hear Area Executive... The Inn, with its atmosphere of reminiscence. Many interesting stories of early years of the Republic were told by various speakers...

Clarenceville Boy Scouts To Hear Area Executive... Mr. Arthur E. Henry, District Executive, Boy Scouts of America, Detroit Area Council, will be at the Clarenceville High School on Thursday, February 2, to discuss scouting.

Clarenceville Boy Scouts To Hear Area Executive... Mr. Carl Hitz on LaMar is confined to her home with a severe cold.

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Restrictions Lifted On Gas Heating In Farmington

New Users Accepted As Facilities Permit

Consumers Power Company announced this week that approximately 6,000 home owners in the Pontiac Division, of which Farmington is a part, will be able to install gas furnaces in 1950.

The announcement is the result of action taken by the Michigan Public Service Commission last Friday. The Commission made it possible to increase gas heating possible in Michigan by removing restrictions on new installations.

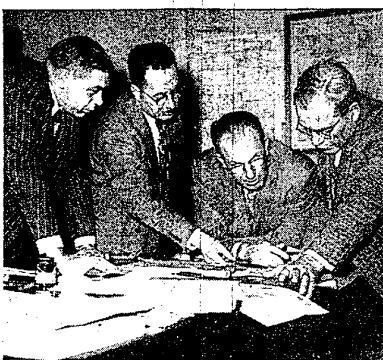
David L. Brown, Division Manager, stated that the Pontiac Division handles approximately one-third of the Company's \$28,000,000 Michigan customers. If the proposition is maintained, he points out, Consumers will be able to serve about 6,000 new customers in 1950.

Old applications valid. The newly-appointed Zoning Board for Farmington Township started work Thursday night on laying the foundation for their zoning ordinance. They laid plans for taking a physical inventory of the current land use in the township.

The four men, Edward Moseman, Edward Schmidt, Leo Kelly and George V. McLaughlin, will start examining portions of the township as they begin the job of compiling data from which the code will be drawn.

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New Zoning Board Starts Work



Zoners Leo Kelly, George V. McLaughlin, Edward Schmidt, and Edward Moseman, members of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, study a map preparatory to dividing the township into work areas for a land use survey.

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Farmington Cagers Drop First Game In 10 Starts To Walled Lake

The Farmington cagers' 10-game winning streak came to an end last Friday night at the Farmington High School gym as the Walled Lake Vikings outplayed the Falcons in the closing minutes of play to win 44 to 42.

This is the first defeat for the Farmington team thus far this year in eleven contests. Farmington played the first half without the services of Dave Dirmerger, Falcon center, and the last quarter without Smokey AschenBremner, who went out on foot.

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Referendum Petitions On New Building Code Are Circulated

1950 License Tags Going To The Dogs

Fashion note: Well-dressed Farmington dogs will wear a 1950 tag this year. Furthermore, they'll either wear the tag or suffer the wrath of the Farmington Police Department.

New dog tags are on sale now at the city hall. Although not exactly the tags first considered for Farmington, they are better than the original model, a small metal replica of a fire hydrant, could be delivered.

The law calls for the wearing of the tags, which is a punishable offense. Dog biscuit more than anything else, on January 1. But dogs and Police had to turn their backs on the new tags didn't arrive. No more!

Starting March 1, license fees will be doubled, and rigid enforcement of licensing laws will begin. Fees are now \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females.

Calls For Vote On Ordinance Passed By Township Board

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Fire Destroys Chicken Ranch. Fire caused an estimated \$30,000 damage early Thursday morning when it completely gutted the scientific poultry ranch of the George E. Rice Co., 5205 Northwestern Highway.

Farmington Township firemen were the first called to the scene of the fire when owner George Rice was awakened by a short circuit in a buzzer system. Firemen could only small outbuildings—the main poultry barn, a 26 by 130 foot 2 1/2 story frame building.

The fire department was called out again to the Northwestern Highway address early the next morning, when the still-smoldering fire attracted the attention of a passing motorist unable to give the exact address of the fire.

Total damage done by the fire is expected to run above the \$30,000 mark. In addition to the completely heated buildings, several destroyed tools and appliances kept in the barn. An automobile and some farm machinery were saved from serious damage.

In a letter to The Farmington Enterprise, Mrs. Rice expressed her appreciation of the work done by the Farmington Fire Department, which helped save the buildings despite their inability to catch up to the head start of the larger fire.

In her letter, Mrs. Rice stated that she appreciated the sincere appreciation for the fine work of the Farmington, Franklin, and West Bloomfield Fire Departments last Thursday. Our deepest thanks go to the men who responded to our early morning call and to our many neighbors, friends, customers, and relatives for their help, good wishes, and other expressions of kindness.

1950 License Plate Sales Lag

The wait-until-the-last-minute license plate buyers may be stalled without transportation on March 1, if license plate sales don't pick up soon, the Department of State says.

Reason for the post-transportation lull is the traditional last-minute rush. This year, according to Secretary of State Fred M. A. Jones, the Department of State has 170,000 more cars to be licensed, and license sales have been slower than for the same period last year.

At the local office in Curt Hall's Pontiac agency on Grand River Avenue in Farmington City, license sales have reached only the 5000 mark. Generally, Hall sells 10,000 plates each year.

With 9100 tags to be sold before February 28, the Department of State's total sales, daily sales will have to increase tenfold to equip 9100 cars with license tags in the next 29 days. The agency has been asked to sell 27,000 more cars during the month.

Scout Troops Get New Numbers

New numbers for local Girl Scout troops, plus affiliation with a large parent unit came about last month when the Farmington Girl Scouts merged with the Southern Oakland Area Girl Scout Council.

The new group, consisting of six districts, includes Royal Oak North, Royal Oak Central, Ferndale-Huntington Woods, Ferndale-Pleasant Ridge, Southfield, and Farmington. There are 154 troops in this area, embracing 2,734 girls.

Farmington was represented by 25 of her Girl Scout workers and four Senior Scouts when 155 Girl Scout workers attended the Annual Meeting and dinner held by the Council at the Grand Hotel.

New numbers for local Girl Scout troops run from 172 to 181. Farmington troop 1 is now 172; 2 is now 173; 3 is now 174; 4 is now 175; 5 is now 176; 6 is now 177; 7 is now 178; 8 is now 179; 9 is now 180; 10 is now 181.

Other functions of the new group include a meeting for Girl Scout leaders to be held January 31 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Berkeley, and a Leaders' Club meeting February 1 at 8 p.m. in the Congregational Church at Central.

Streets in Royal Oak, Mrs. Russell Wright at Farmington 2486-J is in charge of Farmington arrangements for these meetings.

The girls joined in a community singing of La Paloma led by Fowlerville Smith, music director of the Detroit Public Schools.

Exchange Club Honors Falcon Football Team

Farmington High School's 1949 football squad were guests last Wednesday at the Farmington Exchange Club's annual football banquet in honor of the team.

Jack Blott, assistant coach of the University of Michigan, was the principal speaker. He also introduced the members of the team. Approximately 84 members of the Exchange Club and guests attended the meeting in addition to members of the team.

"Founders' Day" Banquet Set For February 21

The Founders' Day Banquet of the Farmington P. T. A. will be held at 7 p.m. on February 21 at the High School Gym.

Miss Alma Gotsch, professor of Art at Michigan State College, will be the after-dinner speaker. She will discuss the place of art in the curriculum and its use in students' everyday life.

Tickets for the banquet are available from Mrs. P. T. A. officer or room mother or by calling Mrs. G. E. Downing at MA. 6349.

The February meeting will be held during Brotherhood Week, February 19 - 26.

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