

THE WEATHER CORNER... is in utter confusion this week. One day the red stuff in the thermometer takes a nose dive and the next day it bounces right back up again.

THE RAFTERS RANG... Saturday night on Walled Lake way and they groaned a little, too. The Falcons and Vikings put on one of the most exciting basketball games in many a moon around these parts.

KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR... Sir, it's income tax day - and this week will be a volunteer Red Cross collector. Help her out and help yourself and your neighbors by giving as much as you can.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS... go this week to the Girl Scouts of America. They are celebrating the close of their 25th year. Here again is an outstanding youth organization dedicated to the building of leadership and responsibility in citizens.

MARCH 15... does it sound familiar. It had better, because March 15 is reckoning day with the Federal Government. New income tax returns are being filed.

ALTHOUGH IT PROBABLY... indicates a misprint you'll see that we can't help thinking of a pin indicator as a misprint when we make a telephone call into our neighboring sizeable suburb.

SOMETHING NEW... has been added, at least temporarily, to the old Enterprise. This week we have a new feature for our readers; we sell it the "Allthebargain-antique section."

IN THE SPRING... Take engagement announcements. The seasonal rush on the altar has begun again - we're slightly deluged with the beginning of the engagement announcements this week.

NOW THAT IT'S... mostly over, you can stop drooling at the sight of a coal truck and put the furniture back together. Even the milk can push its corn cobs aside for a while because it looks like we're going to have coal again.

Rust Remover To Resume Operation

Farmington's rusty water will be clean again in about two weeks, city water commissioner Roy Miller said Tuesday. Miller said the equipment for descaling the material causing rust stains in the city water supply had been out of order for five weeks, but will be repaired in two weeks, probably.

Commissioner Miller told The Enterprise Tuesday that he would bring the de-rusting question before the City Commission for their action at the next meeting. He said correct installation of the project would amount to \$500, and that the commission would probably authorize its purchase. The breakdown has been estimated for the city.

The city's rust-remover was installed experimentally several months ago. Never could it clean both city wells. Installation on one well alone decreased the rust content noticeably. Although termed a rust-remover, actually the equipment does not alter the amount of iron that removes nothing. The iron particles causing the rust stains are chemically changed to prevent their turning red, but water is not softened or otherwise changed.

DOG SHOW... Mrs. Roy Rudberg's white collie "Matst Gawale Laird Bousond" took first place in the white show of the National Collie Dog Show held last week end in Detroit.

Red Cross Drive Gets Underway In Farmington Area

Kick-Off Meeting Held Tuesday

Farmington's 1950 Red Cross Drive got underway Wednesday morning with volunteers opening their homes to house canvases of Farmington Township and City. The drive officially opened Tuesday evening at a special meeting of volunteers called by Pierre Delmonter, local chairman of the Red Cross, and the volunteers were instructed how to proceed with the drive.

\$2,997 QUOTA

Delmonter said that this year's quota for the combined City and Township Drive has been set at \$2,997. This is a slight increase over last year's quota, which was \$2,200.

Every effort will be made to reach the goal set for the Farmington area by the end of March even though the Drive has been delayed in opening. The Red Cross campaign opened throughout most of Oakland County on March 1 and runs to March 31.

Make Cancer Dressings At 13 Mile Road Church

The Orchard Methodist Church, 13 Mile Road at Greening, will open at 10 a.m. March 14 for another session of cancer dressing preparation by interested volunteers. Women will bring salvaged white materials to the church and convert the cloth into cancer dressings.

WOMAN GETS 90 DAY SENTENCE FOR SHOPLIFTING

Mrs. Dorothy Easter, of 28345 Grand River, Farmington, received a sentence of 90 days in the Oakland County Jail Friday when Municipal Judge John J. Schulte found her guilty of larceny from a store.

The woman had been under surveillance for three weeks by State Police and shop owners in the Farmington area. According to the shoplifting reports, she had been shoplifting items from local stores and then returning the items for a cash refund.

Edward Wurtzbacher, owner of a drug goods store on Eight Mile Road near Grand River, apprehended the 42-year-old woman in the act last week, after notifying police of his suspicions.

John Denman To Be Legion Birthday Speaker

John Denman, Radio Station WRN news commentator, will be the guest speaker at the Groves-Walker Post American Legion birthday dinner, Thursday, March 23, at the Legion Memorial Home. Denman's topic will be "The Red Ties" and he will talk on Communism. He has received outstanding acclaim for his talk, which has been presented to groups throughout the metropolitan area. The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Explosion And Fire Destroy House



This house at 20822 Randall Road was destroyed by fire following an explosion last Saturday morning. A gas pipe set in a cement garage floor ruptured after the floor had been heated by frost, allowing the gas to accumulate under the house.

Mrs. Carson Cox, of 20822 Randall Road, escaped injury and possible death Saturday morning when her six-room concrete block house exploded and burned. Mrs. Cox, alone in the house, still doesn't know how she got out. The explosion was caused, according to State Police reports, by a gas leak on the street side of the house. Police broke the concrete floor of the garage, and reported the slab had been poured around the pipe carrying the gas to the meter.

Falcon, Trojan Basketball Teams Defeated In District Tournaments

Both Farmington and Clarenceville suffered defeat in the State High School District Basketball Tournaments held last week end, eliminating them from future play-off competition. Farmington scored an impressive 75 to 31 victory over Bentley High School in their first game of the tournament held Thursday evening at Walled Lake.

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Dirmeyer Closes In For Jump Shot

Bob Dirmeyer, of Farmington, closed in for a jump shot during the third period of the game against the Falcons. The Falcons picked up the lead in the second period, closing the gap to three points at the end of the half. Walled Lake held a 20 to 17 advantage.

JAYCEES PLAN MINTSTREL SHOW FOR MARCH 30

Robert Cassell, promotion chairman for the annual Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce minstrel show, announced last week that plans were finished and rehearsals under way for the 1950 version of "Fine N' Dandy." Cassell said that the show would be held March 30 this year at the Farmington High School Gym. The chorus for the 1950 blackface show will be made up of Jaycees, their wives, and friends. Cassell said, "We decided a lot of folks would enjoy that, because they like to see people they know up on a stage." He added that the 1950 show is composed completely of home talent, with no professional entertainers.

Special Building Code Vote Set For Monday, April 17

Police Hold Suspect In Local Burglaries

Farmington Police have taken into custody William Whitehead, 22, of Detroit, who they claim has admitted part of the series of break-ins at Farmington stores last August. Whitehead was found by Detroit police when he took a television set into a repair shop for service. The technician examining the set found the serial number had been tampered with and called Detroit police.

Coal Rationing Still In Effect

Residents of the Farmington area may still apply for coal necessities certificates at the Farmington City Hall according to Joseph DeVriendt, Farmington coal administrator. DeVriendt was named coal administrator last week end by Mayor Delos Hamlin after an emergency meeting was called at the direction of Governor Williams. In the meantime the coal strike has been settled, but there is still an emergency. DeVriendt stated that applications will be granted as long as the situation warrants it.

Volunteers Needed For Motor Unit

Only five persons have volunteered for the Farmington Area Red Cross Motor Unit to date, Mrs. Faret Weber, local chairman, announced in his letter that he would consider it a privilege to be with the citizens of Farmington for such a worthwhile occasion. The program is open to the names of 45 Farmington area men who gave their lives in World War I and II. Four men who were killed in the First World War and 41 men who died in World War II. O'Neilham stated that the plaque will be erected in the lobby of the Memorial Home. It will be displayed in the lobby of the Memorial Home at the dedication service.

Farmington Gets New Rental Service

Farmington will get a new equipment rental service in about a month, Robert Patterson, of Detroit, said Tuesday. Patterson is the owner of the property at the corner of Lakeway and Grand River, where a new building is going up across the street from the American Legion Memorial Home. Patterson, who formerly lived in northern Michigan, says he will operate a trailer and cement mixer rental service when the building is completed in about a month. The new construction is a standard store building facing Grand River Avenue, constructed of cinder block. The edifice will measure 20 by 60 feet and will have a front of glass and Roman brick.

Girl Scouts Mark 38th Birthday

Farmington Girl Scouts will mark the 38th year of the Girl Scout organization Saturday night with a big celebration at the high school gym. The Farmington District Girl Scouts will also mark their own 10th birthday. Guests of the evening at the special assembly will be Mrs. A. H. Williams, president of the Southern Oakland Girl Scouts, Inc., Farmington's mayor, Delos Hamlin, and a company of Girl Guides from Windsor, Ontario, who will attend with their captain, Miss Harriett Dawson. The show, the major fund-raising project of the Jaycees, will provide revenue to carry out Jaycee community projects. In addition to contributing to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission next year, the Jaycees will provide decorations for the business section, a party for the kiddies, and completed several other community projects.

Township Board Sets Registration Dates At Special Meeting Monday

Monday, April 17, has been set as the date for the special election on the Farmington Township Building Ordinance, it was announced at a special meeting of the Township Board held Monday evening at the Town Hall.

A number of possible dates were suggested at the meeting before the final day was selected. It was first recommended that the special election be held Monday, April 3. Mr. Lowell Krieg, director of the North Farmington District Civic Association, suggested that the election be held later so that additional registrations might be secured. He stated that an open meeting on the Building Code is being planned for March 23 at the Town Hall and some new registrations might be picked up at that time.

The later date was also recommended so that everyone will be given ample opportunity to register. The April 3 date was suggested so that the date would coincide with the Annual Township Meeting, to be held on that day. Krieg stated that any date satisfactory to the Board would be all right. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, added that he was anxious to cooperate with anyone regardless of which date was selected in order to insure the highest number of registrations and voters.

REGISTRATION DATES

According to law, 20 days must intervene between the last day of registration and the election. Therefore the last day of registration for the special election will be Monday, March 27. McCracken stated that the registration books are now open to residents of the Township and will remain open until March 27.

Persons may register at the Township Offices in the Town Hall in Farmington from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Persons may also register anytime at the home of Harry McCracken, 35720 1/2 Mile Road or at the home of Clayton Goers, 21416 Roosevelt. The clerk stated that he would take registrations for any group in the township requesting it. He stated that at present there are approximately 3,200 registered voters in the Township.

Clarenceville H. S. Closed Monday

The Board approved a motion to purchase maps of the streets in Clarenceville. The board also approved names added for resale to the public. Clarenceville High School students received an unexpected vacation Monday when the school was forced to close down due to the coal shortage.

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