

WE WERE SO EXCITED... last week or so surprised or something at the sudden view of a huge boat rolling down Middlebelt Road that we forgot to mention it last week in the column. Actually we saw the phenomenon last Tuesday but even a newspaper man can sometimes get off stride, especially when he cruises over a hill and runs smack into the view of a big boat sitting in the middle of the road. It seemed that the boat was on its way home to water, but had to be carried overland — quite a job of carrying, too. Incidentally, there is nothing like a big boat on dry land to attract a crowd, especially when it is 65 feet, 72 ton cruiser.

PICNICS IN THE PARK... were very much the order of the day for a lot of Farmington folks over the 4th of July. The nicest part of this recreation outside of the hot dogs and pop was the large number of persons who took advantage of the pleasant surroundings of the Farmington City Park. A lot of work has been done on the park by the city and civic organizations. It is encouraging to see so many using these facilities. So next time you want to really enjoy a picnic at home, drop down to the park, and, oh yes, do like a lot of folks did this past week end — take the play pen and the baby, too.

MASS EVACUATION... of Farmington took place over the 4th of July week end and what seemed to be the majority of the residents taking to the road, lake or country. A large number of the business places closed Monday as well as Tuesday, giving employees and employers a well deserved rest. We will have to admit that it was a little rough getting enough information for this week's Enterprise as a result of the evacuation, but we certainly don't begrudge anyone an opportunity to get a little recreation when they have the chance. Besides, everything should be right back to normal next week.

BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS... Farmington was different when it came to the 4th of July. It wasn't quite like it was this past week end. Yes sir, that's right, but there were less fingers and hands the day after the 4th, too. Only a few scattered pops and bangs could be heard around Farmington last week end and no accidents from fire crackers were reported. It wasn't like that a few years ago when fireworks accounted for a big number on the holiday casualty list. That was one case where the good old days were not so good.

EAT AND RUN... is one phrase that can't be ascribed to bees. Remember the swarm of bees that landed on the roof of James Ehler's house over on Jefferson Street? Well — yep, you're right — they're still there! Seems like when man, woman or bee finds something they're all going to take more than coaxing or honey to move them. So far, former dog warden Ehler hasn't found the combination, so he still has bees in his roof.

GIVEN THE CHANCE... last Saturday night to see just how fast Farmington's police could react to an emergency, we were somewhat amazed to see the result. Hearing a burglar alarm ringing some blocks away, we telephoned the local pandermeier and stood by with watch in hands, noting the lapse of time from the call to the arrival of the boys in blue. They had 24 minutes to come from the center of town, and we heard the patrol car roaring toward us from better than a mile away. Total time between call and arrival of the officers: less than two minutes. Which goes to prove, among other things, that radio is a good police weapon. The burglar alarm? False — heat had let a window settle and break the network.

WONDER WHY... is that the announcement concerning the death of a few Americans it is that should cause more alarm than the death of more than a score of people right here in the state. The killing of Americans anywhere should alarm us all. Both groups met violent deaths, but the men killed overseas seem to be much more important than the 10 times that number killed on our highways. Why? Because the men killed overseas were used to living in peace and people each week end — but a lot more senselessly than the few killed overseas. We're hoping that some day everyone will notice that the weekly casualty list from auto accidents is just as important and a lot bigger than violent deaths from other causes. Then maybe they'll cool down and drive a little more safely. And live longer.

WE'RE ANXIOUS... to see the city's new road grader in action. From what we hear, it's to be a gas and a panacea for the city streets. It's a mighty tricky gimmick, too — both the front and back wheels steer. But there's not much doubt that it will do some good when it comes to polishing up the streets and cleaning out the ditches. And that's a fact not popular in all quarters — the more mud and dirt the better. So far, the grader is doing well. We're going to have roads, because the prime requisite for any road is good drainage. And we just ain't got it.

Clarenceville Nine Defeats PNA 6-3

Clarenceville's White Division baseball team came from behind Saturday afternoon to score their second straight victory by defeating the Polish National Americans 6 to 3 at Nankin Mills. The Babe Ruth team was the second to play, with Clarenceville behind the plate. With the exception of one bad inning, Clarenceville played outstanding ball to reach the victory. In the first inning Clarenceville, Sullivan led off by striking out. Rousseau went down second to first. Yackley and Gatterling singled to open a rally. Clarenceville scored three times with a timely single, scoring Yackley for the first tally. Clarenceville held a 1 to 0 lead until the fifth inning when the Polish Nationals scored all three runs on two hits and two errors. However, in the eighth inning Clarenceville won their third game in a row Tuesday afternoon when they defeated Warrendale 9 to 7 at Clarenceville. Rousseau was the winning pitcher for Clarenceville while Gatterling pitched the plate. Clarenceville got 8 hits and made 3 errors while Warrendale made 7 hits and committed 2 errors. Clarenceville now has a record of 6 wins and 3 losses.

Chief Warns Of Speed Risk

The faster you drive, the longer it takes to stop, Chief DeVincenti said. Good drivers know that the more the speed the more distance required to stop, according to Chief Joseph G. DeVincenti. The question, Chief DeVincenti said, is do you know how much distance is required to recognize the need to stop, apply the brakes, and come to a full stop at any given speed? And, more important, do you always drive with the full realization that you must be able to stop in an emergency? "We'd all be safer drivers," Chief DeVincenti said, "if we remembered these things: the driver has to see and recognize the need to stop before he can start stopping. After he does that, there's a half second more interval called 'reaction time' before he is actually doing the thing, putting on the brakes. All this time — until the brakes finally stop the car — the car is moving toward that thing the driver doesn't want to hit!" Here are the figures from the National Safety Council on how long (Continued on Page Twelve)

Garden Club Meets At Spicer Home

The Farmington Garden Club will meet June 10 at the home of Mrs. W. John Spicer, Mrs. Ray Eicher seated left with a walk, Mrs. William Harris will be the speaker at the noon meeting, choosing the topic, "Conservation." Hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. James Robertson, Mrs. John Ohman, Mrs. Gordon Walper, and Mrs. Lloyd Gullen. Dr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Watson of Fennville Drive, in Bloomfield Hills, spent last Sunday afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Barzyk of Pickett.

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RARIN' TO GO are eighty-one youngsters from the Detroit bus last Friday morning for a trip to the Detroit Zoo. This was the first trip scheduled by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission for children of the Farmington, Bond and William Grace School playgrounds. A total of 27 youngsters from Farmington made the trip along with 28 from the Bond School and 26 from the William Grace School. The children were accompanied by one supervisor from each of the three playgrounds in the district. A total of five trips to points of interest in and around the Metropolitan area have been scheduled during the six weeks recreation program. Youngsters are transported in school buses furnished by the Farmington Township School District.

Township Survey Nearly Finished By Zoning Board

Drafting "Skeleton" Code Is Next Step

The Farmington Township Zoning Board is completing the physical inventory of the township, chairman pro tem George V. McLaughlin announced last week. Mr. McLaughlin said the board is nearly finished with the inventory, but first drafts of an ordinance to place before public meetings will not be made until a later date. McLaughlin said the code would be drafted and public hearings would be held some time after Edward Moesman, chairman of the board, returns from his visit to Europe. Moesman is expected back around the middle of this month.

END FIRST LAP

Completion of the physical inventory of the township will be the first step toward the proposed zoning ordinance. Purpose of the inventory is to survey the township to determine precisely what types of land use are present and in what areas. Work on the inventory was delayed this spring by the impassability of many roads. Following the inventory, a skeleton ordinance will be drafted by the board to be presented at public meetings. Then the ordinance will go through a period of alteration and modification in accordance with suggestions made at public meetings.

The board was appointed by Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore. The board is composed of Edward Moesman, George McLaughlin, Leo I. Kelly, and Ed. Ward Schmidt. Moesman and Kelly were appointed for a term of four years, McLaughlin and Schmidt for two. Township Supervisor Ernest Y. Blumenthal announced the appointment of the board December 13, 1949.

Sunshine Lady Gets Another Cloud; Son In Arizona Must Enter Hospital

Another dark cloud has drifted into the life of the Sunshine Lady, but in spite of that cloud and the others that have made her own life dark for 16 years, she will continue her hobby of trying to cheer the lonely and deserted shut-ins. This time the bad news is that her 17 year old son, sent to Phoenix, Arizona, by an incurable lung disease, must enter a hospital there for observation and treatment of an undiagnosed stomach malady. Now Mrs. Terreault is trying to figure out some way of getting to Arizona cheaply. However, she'll continue her hobby of writing shut-ins, she says. The encouragement she received from a lot of unknown friends in Farmington after her story appeared in "The Enterprise" won't let her quit, she says. But she has had to curtail the number of cards she sends each week. Last week she sent only 125. And she considers 300 the minimum necessary to cheer just those who really need it — those who don't get a word from anyone outside of their hospital's staff. The deluge of cards and stamps received after the article in the paper has already been exhausted by the Sunshine Lady. And because of recent personal tragedies that have deeply cut her family's earning capacity and greatly

Red Cross Swimming Begins Next Week For Playground Youngsters

The Red Cross Swimming program will begin next week for youngsters of both the Farmington Area and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions. It was announced this week by playground directors. Children from the Farmington playground will go to Kent Lake Tuesday for the opening of the program under the supervision of the Oakland County Chapter of the Red Cross. William Nuse, Farmington recreation director, stated this week. Youngsters from the William Grace School playground will participate in the swimming program on Wednesday and the Bond School playground will go to Kent Lake on Thursday.

Harry McKittick, Clarenceville Recreation director, stated this week that children from the Clarenceville area will take swimming instruction under the Red Cross at Kent lake on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. All youngsters are invited to participate in the swimming program. The Farmington boys will leave the school playground on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and return at 5:00. Nuse stated that the children will stay at the lake all day. The Clarenceville boys will leave the high school at 9:00 a.m. and return at 5:00. Children are requested to bring their own lunch. The same bus schedule will be followed in the Farmington area for the other playgrounds, leaving at 10:30 and returning at 5:00 p.m.

The youngsters are divided into two groups at Kent Lake by the Red Cross swimming instructors. The beginners are taught to swim and the advanced group is given special life-saving instructions. "This Friday children from the William Grace playground will visit Greenfield Village. Buses will leave Farmington's playground at 10:30. Bond School playground at 11:00

Store Warehouse Burns At Novi

Fire early Friday morning totally destroyed a stock-filled storage building at the Novi Hardware store, 4165 Grand River Avenue. Efforts of firemen from Northville, Novi and Farmington freed fruitless as two 20 by 20 foot sections of the roof fell in, causing the building to collapse. The fire broke out about midnight, according to Mrs. Hazel. The building was located at the rear and west side of the hardware store, between the store and the owner's residence. The Novi department alone pumped 2000 gallons of water into the fire, with little success. Fertilizer and electrical supplies caught fire, and the late August 1949 fire, was injured and sent to a hospital for 14 months by a hit-run driver. Since that time and the present, she has lost her husband, three children, and had five members of the family in the hospital at one time, accumulated \$50,000 worth of hospital bills (all paid) and now, the late August 1949 fire, three car wrecks, and now has one youngster suffering from ulcers; another with chronic arthritis, another with a tumor, and another with a heart ailment. Now one of them must be sent to a hospital for the stomach ailment.

Increased Family Expenditures, She Can't Leave Her Hobby In The Regular Volume

Just getting the boys to Arizona was an ever job — they had to nurse their old car all the way, burning 122 gallons of gas to get there. Now Mrs. Terreault wants to go and is trying to figure out some method. But money is an increasing problem for the Terreaults. Since Mr. Terreault's death in February, their earning power is nearly nil — Social Security is about the only money they have. That doesn't leave much for trips to Arizona, for purchases of cards to Arizona, for purchases of cards to Arizona, for purchases of cards to Arizona.

Township Population 10,694 First Census Figures Show

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR RESURFACING OF GRAND RIVER

The contract for the resurfacing of Grand River Avenue from Eight Mile Road to Farmington has been awarded to Cooke Construction Company, Detroit, officials of the State Highway Department announced this week. Resurfacing work is expected to begin immediately on the mile and a half section of US-16. A special bituminous concrete wearing course will be added to the present concrete highway. The resurfacing will extend from the Oakland - Wayne County line northwest to the Farmington Cut-Off. Cooke Construction Company was also low bidder on resurfacing of Grand River from the Oakland - Wayne County line to Greendale in Redford. This is approximately 3 miles. The two combined jobs will give a continuous resurfacing on Grand River from Farmington Cut-Off to Redford.

Township Expands 32% Since 1947 Special Census; City Grows 43%

Unofficial census reports set Farmington Township's population at 10,694. It was announced this week. The 1947 figures show a population gain of 2,556 since a special census taken in 1947, and nearly doubles the township's 1940 population of 5,695. The figures, however, are unofficial and tentative, subject to be changed at a later date. It is possible that not all residents in the township have been counted by census enumerators. Novi Township also showed a large gain since the 1940 census. The population of Farmington's western neighbor was 2,428 in 1940. Now figures indicate present population of 4,655.

Week End Wrecks Injure Six

Four people were injured Saturday in an auto accident at 2400 N. intersection of Middlebelt Road and Northwestern Highway. Cars driven by Lawrence A. Behmlander, 27, and Clayton J. Woolner collided at 2 p.m. According to State Police reports, Behmlander was driving southeast on Northwestern and Woolner north on Middlebelt when the accident occurred. State Police reports said Woolner failed to stop at the Northwestern intersection's stop sign. Injured were Behmlander, who suffered back injuries and lacerations on the chin; Harold Lonley of 2413 Perry, Dearborn, received lacerations of the head and miscellaneous bruises; Marion Woolner received back, hip and head injuries; Clayton J. Woolner received head injuries and miscellaneous bruises. Behmlander, 27, is a Dearborn resident and a 1949 Buick Wildcat. He was driving on Northwestern when he collided with the Buick. Clayton J. Woolner, 36, is employed at the Milan Lunch Company in Milan, Michigan. Injured in another crash at the Middlebelt Road - 10 Mile intersection Saturday were James Henry Clark, Jr., of 1313 Vermont, Royal Oak, and Delbert John Collins, Jr., of 1898 Vaughn, Detroit. Clark received a chest injury and multiple abrasions, while Collins received bruises about the head. Both (Continued on Page Seven)

Funeral Services HELD MONDAY FOR NORMAN BARRONS

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Norman T. Barrons, well known Farmington resident who passed away Friday, June 30, at Henry Ford Hospital. Mr. Barrons was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1891 and moved with his family to the United States when he was two years old. He has been a resident of Farmington for the past 30 years. His home is at 34025 Oakland Avenue. Mr. Barrons served as custodian for a number of business places in Farmington until a few years ago. He was a member of the Salep Evangelical and Reformed Church in Farmington and was active in the church choir. He is survived by his wife Lillian, his three sons, H. A. Barrons of Detroit, and five sons, William, Richard, Edgar, James and George. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. from the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home, Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Plan Half Days At Clarenceville

Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, announced this week that the first grades at both Central and Edgewood Schools would go on half-day sessions beginning next September. Under the new system, two first grade classes will be conducted at the two schools. The reason for the half day sessions is the large increase in enrollment and the shortage of elementary classroom space. Schmidt stated that an estimated 160 children will be starting kindergarten next fall. The figures are based on the recently completed school census. A total of 46 graduated this year from Clarenceville High School and 96 will be entering the seventh grade in September. Schmidt added that at the end of 1949 there were 820 youngsters in the elementary schools of the system. At the end of this year the total would be 857. The upper grades had 470 at the end of 1949 as compared to 496 at the end of this year. School officials estimate that about 1,400 children will attend the schools in the Clarenceville School District next year.

Two new elementary and two new high school teachers will be added to the staff. The superintendent stated that replacements for seven teachers, on the staff last year, will be made by September. These replacements cover both the elementary and high school teachers who will not return next year. The Board of Education authorized the addition of the four teachers.

Kids Form Line To Ring Liberty Bell



Dozens of Farmington youngsters participating in the Farmington Area Recreation's summer program turned out Wednesday to see the replica of the Liberty Bell when it stopped at Farmington on its tour of the state. Every youngster present got his chance to tug the bell rope and ring the bell.

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