

Around The Block

INDIAN SUMMER . . .
arrived the first part of this week, and even the Indians didn't like it. Maybe the Indians won't claim this last stroke of old man summer. We wouldn't blame them a bit for turning the other way — north, preferably. Just to make things a little rougher, while most of us were enjoying Monday, candidates for the Farmington and Clarenceville football teams were swimming around in their sweat shirts, shoulder pads and heavy socks. It hardly felt like football season like by the time this issue is on the stands. Maybe we will be all standing around with our muffs on. That's Michigan for you, and we like it — most of the time, that is.

POLITICAL BANDWAGONS . . .
are a thing of the past along with the pot belly stove and the cracker barrel. Nowadays candidates for public office do things the modern way. Farmington had an opportunity last week to view the modern. A motor caravan was the up-to-date version of the old band wagon. One candidate who made a brief stop in the city. On Monday, another aspirant for public office rolled through town followed by a colorful house trailer. In spite of the modern conveniences the idea is just the same. "Get on the Band Wagon." For you and your neighbor that means — Remember September 12 — vote day in the Farmington area and the State of Michigan.

WILL YOU DIE . . .
on the highway this week end? This is a rough question to put to anyone, but it is a thinking about a question of 16 lost to their lives on Michigan highways last week end and 17 died the week end before. It's worth thinking about, especially with the long and always dangerous Labor Day Week End almost here. Threats and pleas seem to be of no avail, the slaughter goes on. You, however, can save your September 12 if you drive slowly, drive carefully, and please according to the rules of the highway. Be ready for anything, especially that crazy driver.

JUST SO . . .
you don't forget it, the bank and the Post Office won't be open Monday. And after that, there isn't another chance for a breather until Thanksgiving. The Fourth of July is over with, Labor Day is here, Thanksgiving is next, and then there's Christmas and New Year's Day. A whole year has passed, and what did you accomplish, anyhow?

ALL ELM TREES . . .
had best be sure not to miss next week's copy of The Enterprise. Jerry Clark, our local tree technologist and arborist, is just returned from the national Shade Tree Conference in Syracuse, New York. He informs us that this area is one of a few in the country wherein a disease known as Dutch Elm Disease is damaging trees. It hasn't been spotted in Farmington yet, but there have been a couple spotted in Detroit. This isn't something to be taken lightly, according to Mr. Clark. Once the disease gets a grip, it'll kill a tree in a month, and there's no choice but to remove and destroy sickened trees. Some areas in the east where the disease has hit are completely free of elms now. So read next week's Enterprise — Mr. Clark wants to save your elm trees.

ONCE AGAIN . . .
have been bombarded with literature from the Good Roads Federation telling us about our need for gas tax increases. This trip they cooked up something pretty spectacular. On the inside of this little book are photos of credit card invoices written in three states. One is Indiana. With a gas tax of four cents a gallon, the price of premium gasoline was 24.9¢ a gallon. In Ohio, another state with four cents a gallon, the price of the same gas was 25.5¢. And in Michigan, where there is a three cent tax, the same brand of gasoline in the same grade was going for 27.2¢ per gallon. So Mr. Alfred O. Curbert of 120 West Ottawa, Lansing, paid 23¢ more per gallon for his gas in Michigan than he did in Ohio, even though he paid a very less tax in each of those states. This seems a little contradictory — less tax and still higher price. Maybe it would be a good thing to raise gas taxes to make the price go down, or something.

WE GOT 'EM! . . .
Yep, the biggest and the smallest came in last Friday. The biggest was a cucumber. Sunday night we rolled it home (most folks thought the noise was thunder) where we sliced it into pickles with a cross-cut saw. Figure it out, go into 3 1/2 inches and you get 1 1/2 inches. The smallest was a radish. According to our ruler it was roughly 1 1/2 and 17/64 inches long and 3 1/2 and 31/64 inches in circumference. According to the note on our desk it was grown by Mrs. Frank Platz at 35650 West Eight Mile. Mrs. Platz also presented us with some king size gladioli, too, which gladdened the eye. The smallest item was turned in by our trusty line operator, Roy Erdmann. Roy brought in the small economy size giant zinnia, which measured 7/8" before it wilted down to 11/16". Understand this flower is ideal for window boxes in small homes.

Clarenceville Bows In 3rd Play-Off

Clarenceville was defeated for the first time in the Inter-County League play-offs last Sunday, dropping a 10 to 2 decision to Romulus.

Babecek was the starting pitcher and was relieved in the fifth inning by Siebert. Bob Miller was won the plate. Clarenceville has had two play-off games and lost one. They previously defeated Wayne and Unger.

Clarenceville got only three hits in the game last Sunday against Romulus and was charged with three errors. Miller, Gatter and Wellman each got singles for the only hits for Clarenceville.

The Indians scored their two runs in the second inning. Gatterfield, with a single to center field, Werschen walked and with two men on and none out Miller was called on to a very close play at first base, both runners advancing on the play. Gatter scored the first run when Bob Lynch grounded out. Wellman then came through with a single to left, scoring Werschen.

Clarenceville bogged down following the second inning and failed to score while Romulus J. G. built up an eight run lead. The Indians draw a bye this Sunday.

ZONING BOARD

Edward Moesman, Township Zoning Board chairman, announced Wednesday that meetings of the Zoning Board will be held on Tuesdays starting September 5. Attendance at the meetings can be arranged by phoning him at 6271.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hull and daughter, Joyce Ann, are spending the week in Washington, D. C., and the week in the Washington ball game on Thursday.

SUMMER BAND STUDENTS TO GET MERIT CERTIFICATES

A total of 112 certificates of attendance and merit were being made out for presentation to students taking part in the Farmington summer band program, Lloyd Smith, director, announced Monday.

The program will close Friday, September 1, Smith added. Youngsters took advantage of the program. Tuesday evening rehearsals were held for the marching band which Smith predicts will turn out some creditable performances at the coming football games. New music has been rehearsed and new formations worked out such as the musical flying saucer, a locomotive and a carousel.

With the beginning of school, Smith estimates that a total membership in the instrumental department will reach 150 students. New beginning students will be given the program starting next week from grade four up. Interested parents may get additional information by phoning 1465.

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

The Junior Garden Club will meet Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Donald Cox, 35440 Highway 10. Mrs. Clarence Johnson will be present to assist and advise in the art of making flower arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and son Eldon spent Sunday with the Ray Corners at Lum, Michigan.

The Farmington Enterprise

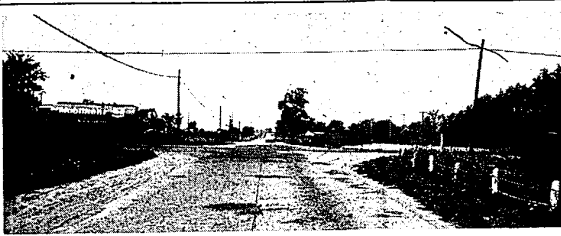
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FIVE CENTS A COPY



DEATH WAITS here for the unwary. The Middlebelt - Nine Mile Road intersection has proven to be fatal to many motorists who failed to stop at Nine Mile when they drove north on Middlebelt. The view of Nine Mile is now often blocked by high banks at each side of Middlebelt on the

south side (left, above). The utility of replacing guardrails at the intersection is shown by the broken posts (right, above). John and Mabel Young, nearby residents, are currently campaigning for a stoplight at the corner, since an accident, Young says, "Once a week, on the average."

1950 United Fund Gets Under Way With Meeting

Organizations Gather September 14 At Hall

The 1950 United Fund and Community Chest Drive started rolling on Friday night when the Budget and Admissions Committee of the 1949 campaign met at the Town Hall and started organization of this year's campaign.

The committee, composed of Fund chairman George McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer John Hunt, Claude Smith, Charles Layton, Gertrude Harrison and Mrs. Ray Elchert, met at Friday's meeting, decided another general meeting of the organizations sponsoring the drive should be called. Accordingly, members of more than a score of Farmington civic and service groups will gather at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. September 14.

TO ELECT OFFICERS
Part of the business to be accomplished at the September 14 meeting will be election of officers for the 1950 campaign. George McLaughlin, present chairman of the drive, has indicated his intention to withdraw in favor of duties on the Township Zoning Board.

Other new officers may also be elected at the meeting. Members of the committee indicated Friday night an effort to include more annual fund raising campaigns into the structure of the United Fund will be made. The aim of the fund drive is to consolidate all public subscriptions into one fund, requiring one big campaign in lieu of many little ones during the year.

Last year's goal included moving all agencies in the Michigan Health and Welfare group, the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions, and local Boy and Girl Scout groups, into one fund. Friday night the committee expressed hope of being able to include more local campaigns in the 1950 drive. Last year's drive brought in \$18,875 of the total \$49,425, despite the (Continued on Page Twelve)

Girl Scout Patients At Childrens' Hospital Camp Out Despite Handicaps

There's not much unusual about eight Girl Scouts camping out about a mile from the hospital, preparing their own food and generally practicing the arts and crafts traditional with Scouts.

But it's a little different when only one of those girls can walk. (With the aid of crutches, of course.)

However, Girl Scouts of the Children's Hospital Troop are camping out on the hospital grounds, right now, in two tents provided by the hospital. They are preparing their own meals and doing their own housework, despite their handicaps in getting around.

Some of them are on flat carts, others in wheel chairs. Several are in plaster casts. But they're all Girl Scouts, and they're going ahead with camping in normal Girl Scout fashion.

Working in teams of two, the girls built a campfire and cooked the food, another team sets the table, two more girls build the camp fire at night, and two more are assigned the task of cleaning up the campsite.

A canny division of labor makes care of the work. Girls whose movements are hampered by casts or braces, for instance, peel the potatoes. Others scrub vegetables, so that the work is done by all. Girl Scout Leader Miss Patricia Flannery watches over them, and Girl Scouters Mrs. J. P. Mackay, Mrs. Kenneth Soules, Mrs. John Spallier, Mrs. Harry Farmer, and Miss Ann Mae

300 Signers Petition For Stoplight At Middlebelt - 9 Mile Intersection

Mabel and John Young, operators of Young's market at the corner of Shawassaw and Middlebelt roads, are concerned about traffic safety. And they've done something about it.

Mr. Young (Mrs. Young is still in the hospital recovering from major surgery) now holds petitions to the county highway department, the state highway department, and even to the Governor asking for stoplights at the corners of Grand and Middlebelt Road and at Nine Mile and Middlebelt.

"Why?" Because we want to do something about the poor devils who get tangled up down at the corner, and believe me, they do get tangled up," Young says. Mr. Young's store is only a short block away from the Nine Mile-Middlebelt intersection.

"I remember one Sunday just a few years back when there were five people killed on that corner," he says. Asked how often accidents happened there, Mr. Young has a ready answer. "Every week," he says. "That's the average."

"Some Sundays we may not have a wreck, but the next week we may have two or three." They counted last week's accident as one. "The Detroit Race Track is in operation, Young says. Accident reports bear out Mr. Young's estimation.

Growing tired of the countless accidents at the corner, she asked why it couldn't be stopped, and was told flatly nothing could stop it. Then she decided something had to be done, and started collecting signers.

John W. Young and PETITIONS

City and Township officials have agreed to cooperate with the Highway Department and residents of the area east of 9 Mile Road and South of Grand River Avenue in financing a closed drainage ditch.

The decision to construct the drain was announced at a special joint meeting attended by City and Township officials as well as officials of the highway department and Mr. and Mrs. Edna Stevens, property owners in the area. The purpose of the drain will be to relieve the ground water running under the area from Grand River and the area north of the highway.

A meeting between State Highway officials, the Township Board and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens was held at the Township office, stated Stevens to present the problem. It was decided to call in the City officials to determine if Floral Park was responsible for possible contamination present in the ground water level.

Mayor Delos Hamlin and Emory Hamilton represented the City Commission at the meeting. Hamlin stated that he was unaware of any sewer hookups from Floral Park into the highway drain that crosses Grand River near Hawthorne. Mr. Brown, State Highway Department official, stated that the presence of a cattail swamp indicated that there was some contamination present. Hamlin stated that the City would be willing to cooperate.

Officials indicated that the area is probably getting considerable ground drainage from Floral Park. Hamlin stated the City would be willing to cooperate. The financing of the drain will be divided into three groups, City and Township, State Highway Department, and the property owners. A closed drain running to the river will be constructed at an estimated cost of \$12,500. The County Road Commission will do the construction work. Both the City and Township agreed to pass resolutions at their next meetings authorizing their separate financial responsibilities.

Schools To Open Wednesday With Record Enrollments

RURAL CARRIER RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS' SERVICE

Almeron W. Bidwell retired this week after 30 years of continuous service as a rural mail carrier for the Farmington Post Office.

Norman Lee, Farmington Postmaster, stated that to his knowledge Bidwell was the first employee of the Farmington Post Office to be retired with 30 years of service. Bidwell spent most of his 30 years as a mail carrier serving the residents of Route One and Route Three.

He joined the Farmington Post Office Staff as a rural mail carrier in 1920 following his discharge from the Army after World War I. Bidwell was a member of the famed 32nd, Red Arrow Division, in the first World War. Only a few years prior to the time that Bidwell joined the post office, rural mailmen made their rounds on horses.

Bidwell lives at 216 Church Street, Northville, Michigan. Prior to his retirement he was a resident of Farmington.

New Registrations Unusually High

An unusually high number of new registrations were recorded in both the city and the township during the registration period which officially closed last Wednesday evening.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, reported that a total of 110 new registrations were taken. This is considered especially high in view of the heavy registration prior to the special building code election in the township last Spring. City Clerk Harry Moore stated this week that a total of 74 new registrations were recorded in the city. Moore added that of the 74 new registrations, 21 were from the Floral Park section and 53 from the rest of the city. This brings the city registration list to 536.

The activity regarding new registrations indicates that a heavy vote may be expected in the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 12. Township officials have already added one additional precinct to the election boards in Precinct One and Precinct Two to handle the expected heavy vote.

Voters in both the township and city will select nominees from all political parties to run for office in the General Election in November. Candidates will be selected for County and State offices, as well as Congress. Polls for the Primary Election will be located in the Township Hall for county and township officials and in the City and Precinct One of the township. Electors of Precinct Two in the township will vote in the Macabee's Hall on St. Francis Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker of Chicago are visiting the C. D. Hawkins family on Farmington Road and spending as much time as possible with their daughter, Mrs. H. A. Hawkins, at the University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Heat Or Not - It's Football Time At Farmington And Clarenceville

It wasn't exactly football weather last Monday morning, but candidates for the Farmington and Clarenceville football teams were lined up for the opening drill practice of the 1950 season.

Approximately 55 candidates reported for the first practice on the Farmington high school field, Coach Bill Nuss and assistant coach Bob Burich put the sweating candidates through a series of "warming up" exercises during the morning session. The object of the initial practice sessions will be to get the candidates in physical shape as well as sharpening up their passing, blocking and tackling.

The first game of the Farmington season will be held Friday night, September 15, at Plymouth. Farmington will play an eight-game schedule during the season. Nuss stated that nine lettersmen reported for the first practice on the Farmington high school field. Coach Bill Nuss and assistant coach Bob Burich put the sweating candidates through a series of "warming up" exercises during the morning session. The object of the initial practice sessions will be to get the candidates in physical shape as well as sharpening up their passing, blocking and tackling.

Two practice sessions a day have

Teachers To Meet Tuesday At Farmington And Clarenceville

Schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will officially open for students this Wednesday morning, September 6.

A record enrollment is anticipated by officials at both Farmington and Clarenceville. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, stated Tuesday that this year's opening day enrollment is expected to exceed last year's by 120 students. He added that this figure will probably increase to 200 by the end of the year. This will give the Farmington schools a record enrollment of approximately 900 last year's enrollment.

Louis Schmidt, Clarenceville Superintendent, stated that approximately 900 students are expected in the elementary grades at Clarenceville and about 525 in the junior and senior high school. He added that this represents an approximate increase of 5% to 6% in the elementary schools over last year's opening enrollment. The high school enrollment is expected to be up about 7% over last year.

TEACHERS MEET TUESDAY
On Tuesday, September 5, teachers' meetings will be held at both Farmington and Clarenceville. Dunckel stated that Farmington teachers will meet at 8:00 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. with the superintendent for a general meeting. Following the meet-

The complete schedule of school buses covering the Farmington Township School District will appear in next week's issue.

ing teachers will meet with the elementary supervisor and the high school principal for special meetings.

A similar schedule will be followed at Clarenceville. Schmidt stated. Teachers will assemble Tuesday morning at the high school for a general meeting with the superintendent. The meeting is expected to be held at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The teachers will break up for meetings with the elementary supervisor and the high school principal. On Tuesday afternoon they will again meet for a general meeting.

Farmington will open the new year with an enlarged teaching staff in both the elementary and junior high school. The increase was necessary due to the loss of additional enrollment. Dunckel stated that three new teachers have been added to the high school staff. Byron Oliver has been appointed (Continued on Page Twelve)

Township Supervisor Recovering Slowly

Ernest V. Blanchard, township supervisor, is "recovering slowly" in the Pontiac General Hospital, it was reported Tuesday.

Blanchard suffered a mild cerebral hemorrhage August 13, and after neurology was taken in again August 14.

He is still being kept under sedatives at the hospital, it was reported Tuesday. He is not expected home for several days.

Mr. Blanchard, who was taken to the hospital at 3 a.m. last Tuesday, has been absent from the last two township board meetings.

His absence, Thomas Tardy, justice of the peace, has presided at the meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauck of Buffalo, New York, are visiting the Alfred DuCharme on Kirby this week.

Garden Club Show Set For Friday

"Harvest" is the theme challenging the Farmington gardener this Friday at the Farmington Garden Club's annual Flower Show. The show is being held at the Methodist Church.

Just how the gardeners answer the challenge will be shown from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday when the exhibit is open. There will be no admission charge.

Mrs. Walter Humphries and Mrs. John Grant are chairmen of the show. They have planned an exhibition of plants covering everything from asters to zinnias with spots in between for vegetables, fruit, and to make sure nothing is left out, an "unclassified" class, designed to catch what left cornered by one of the planned horticultural or arrangement groups.

Exhibits for the show will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Friday, with 9:30 p.m. set as the deadline for their removal. The exhibits must not be removed before 9 p.m. the club says.

Members of the show may all specimens must be grown by the exhibitor, with the exception of potted plants. However, these must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months prior to the show.

At 5:30, and 7:30 p.m., movies and colored slides will be shown on routine improvement and conservation by Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. William W. Harris.

Youngsters aren't being left out of this year's show, either; a special class for junior gardeners opens almost all of the adult classes to the younger garden fans.

Clarenceville will meet South Lyon Friday evening, September 15, in the opening game of the Trojan football season.

Clarenceville coach said that the team would have seven lettermen back this year. They are: Ed Grim, center; Bob Rousseau, end; Captain Ron Simchek, guard; Elmer Rousseau, back; Warren Willard, tackle; Clyde Hobbes, guard; and Don Grose, back. Two practice sessions will be held daily at the Clarenceville field. An interquadrant game has been scheduled for Saturday morning, September 2.

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