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AROUND THE BLOCK

THE FIRST ROBIN . . .
report came across our desk Monday afternoon. There may have been other residents who have spotted robins before this, but the report Monday is the first The Enterprise has received this year. The spotter is Mrs. Samuel Turner, 21689 Albion, and she reports that several honest-to-goodness robins were bob-bob-bobbin' along right in her back yard. We are mighty glad to get this encouraging news and we would like to get more of it, so if you come on any signs of spring, let us know about it, will you? We would like to pass it on to all of your neighbors. You see, we said spring was coming, didn't we?

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IT'S RED CROSS TIME . . .
in the Farmington area with the official opening of the Annual Drive set for this Saturday, March 1. The campaign for $3,558 in funds will continue through the entire month of March, but don't wait until the last minute to make your contribution — do it early! Remember, the Red Cross needs your help and let's hope and pray that you never need the Red Cross, for disaster aid at least, but if you do — it will be there. Give as much and as often as you can so this humanitarian organization can continue the outstanding work it is doing. If you have a little time, volunteer as a Red Cross Drive solicitor. Your help will be appreciated. Let's put the Farmington area drive over the top this year. It's the voluntary way — the American way!

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CONGRATULATIONS . . .
to the Farmington High School debate team on their efforts at the District Elimination Tournament in Albion last Thursday. No, they didn't come home with the trophy. But as Lloyd Smith, their coach, said, "I was mighty proud of them", and we are proud of them, too. There is a lot more to the game than just winning. Effort, spirit and enthusiasm are the real measurements of success. Farmington's debaters had all three in abundance, plus plenty of ability besides. No, they didn't bring back the title, but they won just the same and Farmington can be proud of them.

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A BIG NIGHT . . .
is in store for the patients of the Children's Convalescent Home. The night is Tuesday, March 4, and the occasion is the Arthur Murray television show scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on WXYZ-TV. The young patients will be allowed to stay up late to watch the show that will feature many of their friends. The Venture Club of Detroit, a group of young business women who, for the past six yars, has done a great deal of outstanding work at the home, will be interviewed on the show. So the lights will be on late at the Children's Home next Tuesday and there will be plenty of excitement around the TV set in the corner.

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THAT RAT-A-TAT . . .
you heard throughout the business section of Farmington Monday was not a cops and robbers game or anything like that, it was the sound of workmen breaking holes in the sidewalks for the new parking meters. The recent fall of white stuff held up operations temporarily, but the noise broke loose bright and early Monday morning. So it shouldn't be too long now before we will be putting pennies and nickels in the little boxes on the posts. If it will help cut down congestion in the business area, we are all for it, and according to reports from other communities it should help that merry-go-round motorist to find a place to park much more easily. So, we will have the answers ourselves before long.

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THIS FRIDAY . . .
is World Day of Prayer in Farmington and throughout the world. At exactly 1:30 p.m. members of five Farmington churches as well as members of churches all over this earth will open special prayer services. What a symbol of power this is — power dedicated to constructive thought and action — power that stems beyond force and violence to hope and faith. Here is the foundation of human progress — here is the common ground to draw men of every nation together in the fight against evil. Join with your neighbor this Friday at the community World Day of Prayer services at the Methodist Church and at the same time join millions from all parts of this globe in a prayer for peace and human advancement.

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JUST A WORD . . .
or two as a reminder. We hate to mention this, that's why it's way down here at the bottom of the column, but you Township residents — your taxes are due this Friday, February 29. And you City residents — your taxes are due Saturday, March 1. That's about as gentle a reminder as we can offer you. After those dates there will be a penalty, so you had better take care of it right away. And while we are on the reminders, you had better get those auto license plates before Saturday or leave the family bus in the garage. According to the latest report, there are still a lot of you that haven't secured your 1952 plates yet and that can mean only one thing, a long line in front of Curt Hall's agency this week end. So beat the line, get in there early — do it today!

BOARD SETS UP TEMPORARY ZONING ADMINISTRATION

Parking Meters To Be Installed This Week End

Locate 100 Meters In Business Section

Installation of parking meters in the business section of Farmington is expected to be completed Friday or Saturday, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

The meters will be placed in operation as soon as the installation is completed. Workmen began the drilling of holes for the parking meter posts on Monday and it is expected that the meter heads will be installed the latter part of the week.

A total of 100 meters will be installed along Farmington Road and Grand River. The meters will extend on both sides of Farmington Road from State Street on the south to Oakland on the north. On Grand River the meters will cover the south side of Grand River from Liberty Street on the east to Warner Street on the west, and on the north side of Grand River from Oakland Avenue on the east to Warner Street.

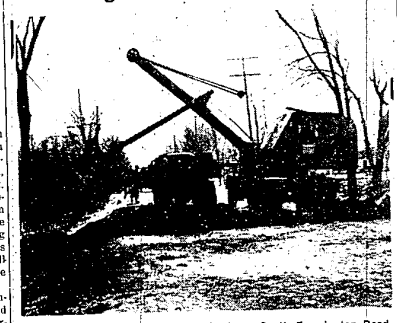
PENNY METERS

The meters will handle both pennies and nickels. One cent will give 12 minutes of parking and each additional penny will allow 12 more minutes of parking time up to one hour. The Park-O-Meter Company has recommended that special 12 minute meters be installed on the east side of Farmington Road near Grand River and also on the west side of Farmington Road near Grand River.

Walter Hammond, a representative of the Park-O-Meter Company, is in Farmington to supervise the installation and to set the meters. Mike Ferrante has been awarded a contract by the company for the setting of the meter posts.

The same type of parking meter now being installed in Farmington is in use in Plymouth, Northville, Wayne, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Berkley.

Work Begins On Farmington Road



This is the scene behind the barricade on South Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile Road. Workmen are putting in a new culvert and drain pipe across Farmington Road north of Colfax Street in preparation for the base widening and resurfacing of Farmington Road. The widening and resurfacing project will cover the section from Eight Mile Road to the City of Farmington. Traffic is being re-routed around Farmington Road by way of Nine Mile, Gill Road and Eight Mile Road.

Quota Set At $3,558

Annual Red Cross Drive To Open Saturday In Farmington Area

Campaign To Continue Through March 31

Farmington area's 1952 Red Cross Drive will officially jump off this Saturday morning, March 1, with a goal of $3,558, Charles Stuart, campaign chairman, announced Monday.

The annual drive will continue throughout the month of March, Stuart added. Organized soliciting by volunteers will be conducted in the city, the Clarenceville area and the balance of the township. Efforts will be made to reach every home and business place in the Farmington area during the month long drive.

Stuart stated that the $3,558 quota was announced by County Red Cross officials late last week. A special organization meeting was held last Friday afternoon, February 22, at the Farmington Town Hall at which time the conduct of the 1952 campaign was outlined. It was pointed out that this year's quota is less than $100 larger than the 1951 quota, in spite of ever-increasing demands for Red Cross services. During last year's drive a total of $1,920 was collected.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stuart emphasized that volunteers are urgently needed if everyone in the Farmington area is to have an opportunity to give. Persons interested in volunteering their services are urged to contact Mrs. Fred Lenz, assistant chairman, at Farmington 0423 or the department chairmen. Clarenceville area volunteers are requested to contact Maxwell Smith at Farmington 1061. Other chairmen are Mrs. Mel Stevens, residential chairman, phone 1450; Mrs. F. J. Buttermore, theatre chairman, phone 2517-R; Mrs. Kenneth L. Burt, bank chairman, phone 0987-M; and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, business chairman, phone 0084.

A special Red Cross booth will be set up in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank on Mondays and Thursdays. There will also be Red Cross booths at Zehnder's Meat Market, which will be operated from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the drive; and in the lobby of the Civic Theatre, which will be open every evening during the length of the campaign.

District Cage Tourney Opens Thurs. At Bentley

Trojans Open March 6, Falcons Play March 7

Farmington and Clarenceville will open their bids for the District basketball championship next Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7, at Bentley High School, Livonia.

Drawings for play-offs were held Tuesday afternoon at Bentley. Coaches from the five schools participating in the District Tournaments attended the drawings, which were held at 4:00 p.m.

Clarenceville's Trojans will open the tournament with a game against Bentley scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. All of the five teams participating at Bentley are Class "B" schools. Clarenceville became a Class "B" school with the beginning of the 1951-52 school year.

"FALCONS PLAY FRIDAY

Farmington will begin competition on Friday at 7:30 p.m. when they meet Plymouth High School in the Bentley gym. The winner of the Clarenceville vs. Bentley game on Thursday will meet Southfield High School in the second contest, which is set to begin at 9:00 p.m.

Winners of the Farmington vs. Plymouth game and the second contest Friday will meet for the finals and the District Championship at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8. A trophy will be awarded

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Debaters Lose In District Tourney

Farmington High School's debate team was eliminated in the second round of the District Debate Tournament held last Thursday at Albion High School.

The Falcon negative team, composed of Charles Tulip and Lee Barthel, defeated the affirmative team from Tecumseh High School in the first round debate. Farmington's affirmative team, made up of Lou Dowding and June Turner, was voted the loser in a contest with the negative team from Ludington in the second round.

Thus Farmington's chance to continue to the semi-finals in State debating ended with the first defeat the Falcon affirmative team has sustained this year. Farmington's debate team won the Inter-Lakes Conference championship in regular competition.

Albion High School, host to the tournament, went on to win the tourney and is one of four teams in the state which will vie for the championship in March or April. Other schools participating in the tournament included Northville, Birmingham, Coldwater, Coopersville, Battle Creek Lakeview and East Grand Rapids.

Charles Tulip is the only senior on the Farmington squad, leaving three veteran debaters to carry on next year. Several Junior Varsity debaters have been working to qualify for the vacancy.

School Bond Sale Application Filed

Action is expected to be taken next week by the Michigan Finance Commission on the application of the Farmington Township School District for permission to sell $850,000 worth of bonds for school construction.

The application was filed late last week and the Commission is expected to pass on it at their regular meeting next Tuesday in Lansing. The $850,000 bond issue is the remaining part of the $1,750,000 issue approved by the voters for new school construction. The first issue of $900,000 was approved by the Commission last July.

Approval for the sale of the balance of the total bond issue will allow school officials to proceed with the preparations for the construction of the new high school building. Plans and specifications for the new 22 classroom high school unit are ready for final consideration by the Board.

Once approval has been granted for the sale of the bonds, the Board will advertise for bids. Bonds can not be sold until approval has been given by the Michigan Finance Commission.

Construction work is well under way on the new Ten Mile Elementary School and the additions to the Bond and Middlebelt Schools. It is expected that these three units will be ready for use with the opening of school next fall. The new high school building is to be built on the north side of Shiawassee Street near Orchard Lake Road.

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Farmington Township and City Board of Review will hold their first sessions next Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Considerable activity is expected at the Township Board of Review meeting, scheduled to convene in the Town Hall. Numerous complaints have been registered with the Township Board in recent weeks regarding both the increase in taxes and the assessment of property. Because the Board has no jurisdiction over these matters, the residents have been asked to bring their complaints before the Board of Review.

The City Board of Review will meet beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the

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Tardy Appointed Township Zoning Inspector For Limited Period

A temporary zoning administration was established by action of the Farmington Township Board at its regular semi-monthly meeting held Tuesday evening at the Town Hall.

Justice Thomas Tardy was elected temporary zoning inspector by the Board with full power to act under the provisions of the new ordinance. The principal duties of the inspector are to review plans submitted along with application for a zoning permit and to conduct inspections. The Board emphasized that the plans need not be complicated or detailed. A sketch of the outside dimensions of the building, the location on the lot or property, the size of the lot and lot number are all that is required.

According to the ordinance, the inspector must, within ten days after receipt of the plans, either approve or disapprove of the plans. In case he disapproves, he must state why the building is not in conformity with the zoning ordinance. The property owner then has a right to take his case before the Board of Appeals if he so desires for an opinion.

APPLY AT OFFICE

Persons are requested to apply for a building permit at the Township offices in the Town Hall for any new construction or enlargement. At the time of application, they should bring a sketch of the proposed building with them. The zoning inspector will then act upon the application within ten days. Once the permit is secured, the property owner can begin his construction. The zoning inspector shall be notified by the owner when foundations are completed and the inspector shall inspect them within three days after notification, also within five days after notification of the completion of the structure, the inspector will make a final inspection and if in conformity, issue a certificate of occupancy.

The Board also elected Justice Ward Eaton to the Board of Appeals as the Township Board representative. The chairman of the zoning board is the second member of the Board of Appeals and the third member is selected by the two existing members from the township at large. The Board of Appeals is the reviewing body on all disputes or proposed changes in the ordinance. They in turn are responsible to the Township Board.

A number of residents appeared before the Board with questions regarding the procedures to follow under the ordinance as well as its authority over specific situations. Several residents asked for information regarding the completion of a home already partially constructed. It was pointed out that the ordinance is not retroactive and that they could proceed without a permit.

A formal complaint was registered with the Township Board regarding the censorship of certain pictures shown by the Grand River Drive-In Theater. The complaint was signed by Louis A. Nolan, president of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that the matter would be taken up with the Corporation Counsel to determine if the Township has any authorities over such matters.

Board OK's Plans For New Schools At Clarenceville

To Open Construction Bids On March 11

The Clarenceville Board of Education has approved final plans and specifications for the construction of a new elementary school and an addition to the present high school.

Approval was given at a special meeting of the Board last week. Prior to the approval, the Board discussed the detailed plans and specifications with representatives of Eberle Smith Associates, school architects. Several minor changes were made in the plans as well as re-location of certain items. It was moved by the Board of Education that the secretary notify the architects of the Board's acceptance of the plans as presented with slight variations.

TO OPEN BIDS

Provisions were made by the Board for the advertising in the usual trade publications that bids for the construction of the new elementary school and high school addition will be opened on Monday, March 11. The deadline for bids has been set for 8:00 p.m. Members of the board will open and consider the bids at the Board of Education offices in the Clarenceville High School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road.

The new elementary unit is to be constructed in the southeast section of the school district on Lathers Street. Plans call for eleven

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United Fund Checks Mailed To Organizations

This week the Farmington United Fund Committee distributed checks to the various organizations in the Fund group amounting to a total of $7,772.18.

The cash distributed included $235.46 from pledges paid into the 1950-51 fund and the total cash collected as of February, 1952, for the year 1951-52 amounted to $7,536.72. As payments are made on the uncollected pledges, checks will be forwarded to the various organizations according to their percentage of the total budget.

John W. Hunt, secretary-treasurer, reported that the local chest fund reached 92.7% of its goal.

Falcons Defeated By Keego 30 - 28

Farmington High School's basketball team closed their regular 1951-52 season last Friday night by dropping a close contest to Keego Harbor, 30 to 28 in the Falcon gym.

The loss was the 13th for the Falcons against three victories. Farmington will enter the District Tournament next Thursday, March 6, at Bentley High School in Livonia.

Farmington played last Friday without the services of Fred Rapp and Larry Pink, who were out because of injuries. The Falcons opened up quickly in the first period and held the lead until the last few minutes of play when they watched victory slip from their hands.

The Falcons led at the end of the first period 1 to 7. They continued to dominate the play in the second

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Trojan Five Drops Final Game 35 - 26

The Clarenceville Trojan five dropped their final game of the regular 1951-52 season last Friday to Northville, the League champions, 35 to 26 on the Clarenceville floor.

This is the lowest score the Trojans have compiled thus far this season. The loss gives Clarenceville a season's record of three wins and eleven losses. The Trojans are now preparing for the District cage tournament which opens on March 6 at Bentley High School in the City of Livonia.

In the game last Friday Northville took a slim one-point lead in the first period, outscoring the Trojans 9 to 8. Edmonds and Robitaille scored four points each for the Clarenceville scoring. Northville held the Trojans to two baskets in the second period while they were scoring eleven points. The visitors scored seven of nine foul shots during the period. Score at the end of the first half was Northville 20 - Clarenceville 12.

The two teams played on even terms in the third period, scoring six points each. Trojan baskets were scored by Albers, Robitaille and Rousseaux. The score at the end of the third period was North-

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Township Dog Quarantine Takes Effect March 1

E. F. Ballou, Township dog warden, warned residents this week that effective Saturday, March 1, a dog quarantine will be imposed throughout Oakland County.

Any person having complaints regarding dogs or questions about the new quarantine are requested to call Ballou at Farmington 3022-W. Ballou stated that there is someone at his office throughout the day and evening to take calls.

The quarantine is being imposed by the State Health Department throughout the county because of the increase in the number of rabies cases.

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES SET FOR THIS FRIDAY

Rev. Norman Allan, assistant pastor of the Inter-City Baptist Church, Allen Park, will be the guest minister for the community World Day of Prayer Service to be held this Friday, February 29, at the Farmington Methodist Church.

The service is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Five churches in the Farmington area will combine for the special Day of Prayer service. They include the Universalist Church, First Methodist Church, Baptist Church, Salem Evangelical Church and the Orchard Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dorothy Millerd will be the guest soloist for the service. She will sing "The Lord Is My Shepard". Following the service, tea will be served in the Methodist Church parlors.

MRS. MENDEZ HEADS RECREATION GROUP AT CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Joseph Mendez, 20828 Renselliner, was elected president of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission at the regular meeting of the group Monday evening.

Other new officers for the year include Mr. B. H. Trent, vice-president; Mrs. Lyle McGlocklin, secretary; Mrs. Ansel Hodgens, treasurer; and Mr. Leo Laruwe, trustee for the 1955 term. All of the new officers were unanimously elected.

The Clarenceville Recreation Commission approved a resolution making itself available as a sponsor for any Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop, Cub Scouts or Brownie Troop in the district which is in need of a sponsor. The resolution also stated that this action be for the coming year, 1952-53.

A motion was made that the adult recreation program for this season close the week of April 7 and that Mr. McDonald and Miss Barnes be notified of the closing date.

Plan Business Women's Club In Farmington

The first organization meeting for the formation of a Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Monday, March 10, at the home of Mrs. William G. Edgar, 21427 Roosevelt.

Mrs. Edgar stated that the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., is being called for the purpose of organizing a women's business group in Farmington as well as securing general information about the club, Business and Professional Women's Clubs are national in scope.

Several members of the Northville chapter have offered to assist Farmington in organizing. They will attend the meeting on March 10 to answer any questions regarding the group.

The Farmington club is open to all business and professional women in the Farmington area. For more information on the group, call Mrs. Edgar at Farmington 1596-M evenings or Farmington 3000 days.

Girl Scout Troops Receive Flags

Members of two Farmington Girl Scout Troops received these flags from the V. F. W. Auxiliary at a special Americanism meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall. American flags were presented to Girl Scout Troop 175, sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, and Troop 270, sponsored by the V. F. W. Auxiliary. A scout flag was also presented to Troop 270 during the meeting. Posing beside the new flags are: (left to right) Mrs. W. C. Prisk, Youth Activities Chairman, V. F. W. Auxiliary; Karen Reinke, and Beverly Berini of Troop 270 and Martha Grant of Troop 175.

Cub Graduates To Boy Scout Rank

Kenneth Lachman, Farmington Pack 45 Cubmaster, (left) introduces Pat MacDonald to his new Scoutmaster, Tom Blattert, Troop 110, sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, as Scout Gerald Mathes stands by waiting to welcome Pat into his new troop. Pat was one of three Cub Scouts who were graduated to Boy Scouts at the Blue and Gold banquet held last Thursday at the Farmington High School gym. The other two boys were Danny Spicer, who graduated to Troop 45, and Tom McCaskill, who graduated to Troop 35. There are now 93 Cub Scouts in Pack 45 organized into 16 Dens.

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