



AROUND THE BLOCK

ROBIN STORY CONTINUED
... makes an appropriate head for the first item this week, because we have had robin reports. Last week we said something about the first robin report we had heard, and then we followed up with something about letting us know if you spot a robin. No kidding — there are more robins around this neck of the woods. The phone has been literally hopping with robin reports. There have been so many reports that it is almost impossible to list them all. It does make us feel a lot better to hear about all these signs of spring, in spite of snow and low temperatures. And it makes us feel very happy to think that you accepted our invitation to call about the robin that was bob-bob-hobbin' in your back yard.

THE NEW PARKING METERS

... attracted a lot of attention last Saturday as workmen moved up and down the streets fastening the meter heads to the standards. They looked, startled and finally dug down for the money to put them in the slots while watching the time indicator move a little further to the right. Even the kids enjoyed the new gadgets as they raced from one to the other to see what the dial had to offer. Of course, it wasn't costing them anything, but in general most of the persons we saw seemed to accept the new meters in stride as a sign of the times. The majority of Farmington area residents are well accustomed to parking meters, as they are common in most near-by communities. But all in all, it was an interesting and exciting day for old and young — something new had been added.

THAT SIREN
... that siren echoing through town last Monday wasn't the result of a disaster or anything. It was the lead vehicle in a rather long military convoy. The siren did succeed in attracting considerable attention and apparently successfully served as a warning to motorists as it breezed through town. If a fellow didn't have anything else to do it would be very interesting to just sit up on Grand River and watch all the different types of traffic that go by. Just from quick side glances, we have observed everything from Little European cars to cabin cruisers, to whole houses, rolling along Farmington's main street.

FARMINGTON HAS A GOAL
... to meet by March 31 and every effort is being made to meet it. That goal is \$2,538 for the Farmington Area Red Cross Drive. But if the objective is to be reached, you must help! Not only is the community responsibility at stake, but also the continuance of the humanitarian work being conducted every day by your fund and Red Cross. Answer the call, give to the Red Cross volunteer who stops at your door, give at the special booths set up in The Farmington State Bank, the Civic Theatre and Zehnder's Market, give at the special canister in your neighborhood store. Above all, give to the Farmington Red Cross Drive. Don't let your neighbors, your countrymen, down.

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS
... are really getting the publicity this week. First it was the robins and now we get a report about a very courageous pigeon. It got a call from a morning paper from N. Y. Albany, who reported that a mother pigeon had hatched out a young one up in the eaves of the Town Hall amid the snow and ice. As far as we are concerned that takes plenty of courage. We can't help but wonder what the little one thinks of the whole matter. Right now it must feel like a pretty cold world. But let's hope that things will be better soon, not only for the little pigeon up in the eaves of the Town Hall, but also for the two legged folks down on the sidewalks.

JOT DOWNS MARCH 28
... on your calendar of pleasant events to come. Friday, March 28, is the date of the Annual Jaycee "Fine and Dandy" show, and the boys are hard at work right now on what is being predicted as the best show yet. There will be lots of good music, specialty acts, and a number of interesting features. The show is being held at the Town Hall. So get that March 28 date down in your little book and get your tickets now from any member of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATIONS
... to Farmington's Girl Scouts on the eve of their Anniversary Week. The big week begins next Wednesday, March 12, and continues through March 19. Farmington can and should be proud of the accomplishments of the Girl Scouts and their leaders. Too few realize the contributions that are being made every day by our Girl Scouts. They are not only developing responsibility and leadership within themselves, but they are performing a service to our community in hundreds of different ways. Did you ever stop to think what it would mean if we had no Girl Scout organization? And did you ever stop to think what is required in time and effort to build better young women? Yet the job is being done in the finest tradition, and we are proud of the results.

Set Dates For Blood Type Clinic

A mobile blood typing clinic will move into the Clarenceville School District for a two-day visit March 17 and 18. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

The clinic will be open for students from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. daily during the visit. Students are requested to come to the clinic during these hours to avoid conflict with student groups going through the clinic.

The blood type clinic is sponsored by the Office of the State Defense, City of Livonia. Officials pointed out, however, that any resident of the School District is welcome to visit the clinic, whether they live in Livonia or not. After the blood sample has been taken it will go to a special clinic where it will be typed and analyzed. Persons will then receive a type of blood of the participant as well as other important information.

John Trombley Resigns From City Police Force

John Trombley has resigned from the Farmington City Police force, effective last Thursday. City Manager James Tennant announced this week.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS TO BE OPENED AT CLARENCEVILLE

Sealed bids on the various phases of construction for the new elementary school and addition to the high school will be opened by the Clarenceville Board of Education at a special meeting to be held next Tuesday, March 11.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School. Advertisements seeking construction bids on the two units have been run in trade publications during the past two weeks. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

As soon as the construction contracts have been awarded, work is expected to begin on the two schools. The new proposed elementary school will be built in the southeast section of the School District on Lathers Street.

The addition will be on the present high school building located on Middlebelt Road south of Eight Mile Road.

HANNAN AWARDED SECOND PLACE IN ARCHITECT CONTEST

Charles D. Hannan, Farmington architect in collaboration with Herbert C. Hawthorne, Detroit, was awarded second prize in the Howard T. Keating House Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Society of Architects, and the State Board of Health in imposing a dog quarantine throughout Oakland County, effective March 1.

The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP—OUR PURPOSE

SERVICE—OUR GOAL

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR — NUMBER 22

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1952

12 PAGES

FIVE CENTS A COPY

APPROVAL GIVEN OF SCHOOL BOND SALE APPLICATION



THE FIRST METER to be installed in the City of Farmington is being tested here by City Manager James Tennant, right, while Walter Harmon, representative of the Park-O-Meter Company, looks on. The parking meters were installed Saturday throughout most of the Farmington business section. A total of 100 meters were put in along Grand River and Farmington Road. The meters are geared for both pennies and nickels, and are in force every day except Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The purpose of the meters is to reduce congestion on the main streets due to double parking and to make parking space more easily available. The meters have been installed by the city on a trial basis.

Farmington Area Red Cross Drive Volunteers Begin Annual Canvass

Seek To Reach \$3,558 Quota By March 31

Red Cross drive volunteers are now making their annual canvass of homes and business places, and canvassers have been placed in stores and offices throughout the city. A total of \$3,558 Farmington campaign moves into high gear.

Charles Stuart, drive chairman, announced this week that the Farmington Area Red Cross Drive set off to a good start Saturday. The quota for the 1952 Farmington campaign has been set at \$3,558. This is just slightly more than last year's quota. A total of \$1,920 was collected last year in the Farmington drive.

NEED VOLUNTEERS
Stuart added that volunteers are still needed, particularly for the residential solicitation. Persons interested in volunteering are urged to contact Mrs. Mel Stevens, residential chairman, phone Farmington 1456. Every effort is being made to cover the entire Township and City during the drive, which closes March 31.

In addition, the door-to-door soliciting and the canvassers in the various stores and business places throughout the area, special booths have been set up in the shopping center. A special Red Cross booth has been established in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. This booth will be operated on Mondays and Thursdays. A second booth has been set up in Zehnder's Market and will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the drive. A third booth is open in the lobby of the Civic Theatre. Volunteers will man the booth every evening during the campaign.

AMERICAN LEGION SETS PLANS FOR 33RD BIRTHDAY

The Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, along with Legion Posts throughout the nation, is making plans to celebrate the thirty-third anniversary of the American Legion during March.

This year, according to Carl Groves, chairman of the local committee, the Groves-Walker Post will hold its celebration on Saturday evening, March 22, at the Legion home. A potluck dinner will be served followed by an evening of fun and entertainment.

Second 'Little League' Meeting Set For March 12

A second organization meeting of the proposed Farmington area "Little League" baseball program will be held next Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Blakelee Motor Sales.

The purpose of the meeting is to select managers and coaches and hear reports from the various committees which were appointed two weeks ago.

Now In Force: Increase in Rabid Dog Cases Results In County-Wide Quarantine

Recent discoveries of rabid dogs in Farmington, Keego Harbor and Waterford were largely responsible for the sudden action by the State Board of Health in imposing a dog quarantine throughout Oakland County, effective March 1.

City Completes Installation Of Parking Meters

109 Meters Placed In Operation Saturday

One hundred and nine parking meters were put into operation throughout the Farmington business section last Saturday morning.

The final installation of the meters was completed Saturday afternoon. A representative of the Park-O-Meter Company supervised the installation of the meters, as well as the spotting of the standards which were put in throughout the city.

The meters are located on both sides of Farmington Road from State Street on the south to Oakland Avenue on the west and on the south side of Grand River from Warner Street to Liberty Street on the west. Either pennies or a nickel can be used in the meters. One cent will give 12 minutes of parking; two cents, 24 minutes; three cents, 36 minutes; four cents, 48 minutes and five cents, 60 minutes.

COMPLAINTS HEARD

Several complaints have been registered with the City and at The Enterprise regarding the hours when the meters are in operation. At the present time the meters are in operation from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Mayor Kenneth Loomis stated that the hours were established following a study by both the city and the parking meter company. He pointed out that the purpose of the meters is to reduce congestion on the streets and to avoid long-time parking.

WILLARD CAMPBELL PASSES AWAY TUESDAY MORNING

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon for Willard C. Campbell, former Farmington Township clerk, who passed away at his home on Oxford Street Tuesday morning.

Mr. Campbell was born May 24, 1882, in Bridgehampton Township, Michigan. He attended McGregor public schools. Mr. Campbell was united in marriage on September 15, 1910, to Miss Ethel Coddington of South Ontario. He was employed by the Ford Motor Company as a machinist up until the past year, when he retired.

For 12 years Mr. Campbell served as Township Clerk for Farmington Township. He had lived in the Farmington Township area for many years.

Few Attend First Board Of Review Sessions Tuesday

Boards To Reconvene Next Monday, Tuesday

Only four persons appeared before the first session of the Farmington Township Board of Review held Tuesday and only two persons attended the initial session of the City Board of Review, officials stated late Tuesday afternoon.

It was expected that a considerable amount of activity would take place at the Township meeting, which was held in the Town Hall. The City Board of Review meeting was held in the Municipal Building.

Ernest Blanchard, chairman of the Township Board of Review, stated that the persons appearing before the Board were from various areas of the Township. He added that they were primarily concerned with the tax rate rather than the valuation of their property. Other members of the Township group are Fred Westlake and George McLaughlin. Leo Gildemeister, chairman of the City Board, reported that the two persons appearing had questions regarding valuation. Floyd Nichols and Donald Dates are the other two members of the City Board of Review.

MEET AGAIN MONDAY

The second session of the respective Boards of Review will be held next Monday and Tuesday, Blanchard stated that the Township group will hold its session on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Search Continues For McCracken

A \$100 reward has been posted by the West Farmington Farm Bureau and Walled Lake Farm Bureau for information leading to the whereabouts of Howard McCracken, prominent Farmington Township fruit grower who disappeared last Wednesday in Detroit.

Wendell Green, past president of the West Farmington Farm Bureau, serving as spokesman for the Farm Bureau groups, made the announcement of the combined reward. McCracken is president of the West Farmington Farm Bureau.

Local and State police were still continuing the search Wednesday for McCracken, who was last heard from last Wednesday at about 8:00 p.m. when he called his wife, Eleanor, on Eight Mile and Livernois to say that his truck had broken down, but that he would be home soon. The truck was found Monday in a parking lot at Eastern Market in Detroit.

Police stated that the glass in the door had been smashed and there were blood stains inside the truck. McCracken had taken a truck load of apples to Eastern Market, leaving Farmington early Wednesday morning. Police stated that McCracken moved his truck from the Eastern Market to a market at Chene and Farmington the day Wednesday. When the truck was found, it was empty.

Township And City Officials Report Large Percentage On Tax Returns

A tax deadline is over for Farmington City and Township property owners but the work is far from over for tax officials as they bury their heads in the reams of tax reports.

Officials did come up with enough to report that tax collections in both the City and Township were excellent. Kathryn Campbell, former Township Treasurer, reported that approximately 95% of the total tax was collected during the current period. Clayton Giers, Township Treasurer, reported an approximate 80% collection.

As soon as final work is completed by local officials, unpaid tax statements will be forwarded to the Oakland County Treasurer in Pontiac. Persons who failed to pay their taxes prior to the deadline, which was February 23 in the Township and March 1 in the City, must now pay them in Pontiac. There is a 4 1/2% penalty on these delinquent taxes plus an additional 1/2% of 1% interest for each month until paid.

Farmington Receives OK For Sale Of Remaining \$850,000 Bond Issue

Word was received Tuesday afternoon that approval has been granted on the application of the Farmington Township School District for the sale of \$850,000 in bonds for the construction of the proposed high school building.

Superintendent O. E. Dunclek stated that the approval was granted by the Michigan Finance Commission at their regular meeting held Tuesday morning. The approval of the balance of the total \$1,750,000 bond issue clears the way for the advertising of bids on the sale of the remaining \$850,000 worth of bonds. The application was filed with the Commission on February 24.

Approval of the \$850,000 bond issue completes the total issue voted by the people. The first issue of \$900,000 was approved by the Michigan Finance Commission last July. Approval must be granted before the bonds can be put up for sale.

First Zoning Permits Issued Under Ordinance

A. G. Leonard Named To Board Of Appeals

Thomas Tardy, temporary zoning inspector for Farmington Township, stated this week that there has been considerable activity regarding the new zoning ordinance.

He added that a total of four permits have been issued since last Wednesday with two more applications in for approval. Tardy stated that all of the applications have been accompanied by plans or an outline of the building to be constructed as well as its location on the property. These are required under the provisions of the ordinance.

Persons who are planning new construction in the Township are required to make application for a zoning permit at the Township office in the Farmington Town Hall. The plans which accompany the application are then reviewed by the zoning inspector and if they are in accordance with the ordinance, a permit is issued. The inspector is required to act on the application within ten days after it is submitted.

BOARD NAMED
Leo Kelly, member of the Zoning Board, has agreed to act as a temporary member of the Board of Appeals. Justice Ward Eagle of the Township Board of Appeals, acting as representative of the Board, has been selected as the third member of the Board. According to the ordinance, the Board of Appeals is expected to be completed in time for the opening of school this fall.

Trunkel stated that work is progressing on the three elementary school units now under construction in the Township. He added that brick work has begun on the Bond School addition, and that the footings and foundation work has been completed on the Middlebelt School. The new 10 Mile Elementary School because of a difficulty in securing door frames. Dunclek stated a few weeks ago that the work on the three elementary units is expected to be completed in time for the opening of school this fall.

Falcons Enter Tourney Friday

Farmington High School's basketball team will put its name on the line Friday evening when they meet Plymouth in the State District Basketball Tournament held at Bentley High School.

The Farmington-Plymouth game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Winner of the Clarenceville-Bentley game will meet Southfield in the second game, scheduled for 10 p.m. on Friday.

The District Tournament finals will be held on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Bentley gym. Falcon cage coach Bob Burch stated that he will carry 15 players to the tournament. Thirteen of the fifteen are sophomores, eight are juniors and four are seniors. This probable starting line-up for the game Friday will be Dick Tetterton, Dan Goodrich, Ed Edwards, center; Bob Mansfield and John Mansfield, guards. Carl Dryden, captain, may start in one of the guard positions. Burch stated that the team is in good shape. Rabby, who have been out with injuries, are expected to be ready for participation. Denver Nichols, who has been out with a knee injury, is probably seen action also.

Adult Typing Class To Open At Clarenceville

At least 12 persons have indicated an interest in an adult typing class at the Clarenceville High School. The session would be reduced to two hours per night.

Persons interested in a typing class, and who have not already indicated their desire to enroll, are requested to call Farmington 2529 for additional information.

Inside Features

Blue and White Classified Ads	Page 6, 7
Correspondence	Page 7, 10
Editorials	Page 11
Local Features	Page 12
Knocking Back	Page 2
Michigan Mirror	Page 2
Trojan Banner	Page 9
Washington Merry-Go-Round	Page 2