



AROUND THE BLOCK

DAYS ARE LONGER . . . The old daylight is breaking out earlier in the morning and stretching around later in the evening, and we don't mind a single bit. During these last few days in particular, we have noticed the difference. It's a sure sign that Spring is not too far away. Another sure sign is the fact that the mud is getting a little drier. But we prefer to see the more pleasant side. Several people have stopped in to tell us that tulips and other early flowers are beginning to poke through the soil, and we figure that is more on the pleasant side. And in spite of a great many earlier reports, we didn't spot our first robin until last week end. Guess it's a matter of spending too much time looking for the longer days and not enough time looking for robins. Oh, well, we will all have better excuses in a few weeks — we can blame it on Spring Fever. . . we hope!

WHEELS ARE TURNING . . . All over the place in behalf of the Mobile Blood Bank that will visit the Farmington area April 14 and 15. The Enterprise is starting early to remind you of this important visit, and it will keep right on reminding you until the bank arrives. There isn't a more important cause in this nation today than giving blood, mainly because it is saving lives, American lives, both in Korea and at home. This year's bank has two vital functions — one of supplying life-saving blood to the Armed Forces, and second, of making blood available to Farmington area residents through its newly created blood "Credit" plan. So you have two wonderful reasons for giving to the Farmington blood bank. Let's pack the schedule for both days! Incidentally, there is a need for registered nurses to work during the two-day visit. If you are a registered nurse and can help, contact Mrs. Farrel Weber at Farmington 1659 today!

ENTHUSIASM PLTS . . . was on display last Wednesday evening as approximately 100 boys and girls packed into Blakeslee for Sales to learn more about the newly organized Farmington "Little League" baseball program. They not only sat through a short talk and a film on the Livonia Little League, but they fired plenty of questions. The most often asked question was, "When do we get started," and that's a question the spirit is anxious to answer. The boys will meet the committee really hopping getting things lined up. And incidentally, the committees are doing a swell job in getting the program under way. So before many more weeks, Farmington will have a baseball program they not only will enjoy but that they can be mighty proud of.

PLENTY OF BUSINESS . . . was ground through the mill Monday evening and early Tuesday morning as the City Council held one of its longest sessions in recent years. The twenty-seven Councilmen finally adjourned at 1:15 a.m. Friday after being in session for about five hours. It is a graphic illustration of the ever-increasing work that is being conducted by the city. Few people realize how many problems arise in the operation of the Farmington City government each week and each month. As the city grows, these problems will become more and more frequent. The answer may be semi-monthly meetings of the Council or it may be the establishment of a planning commission to handle the bulk of the time-consuming research which the Council now has to do. There is an answer and it must be found before many more months.

AN ANSWER . . . to the roadside clean-up problem may be in the making. At least some action is being taken to ease the situation according to ward members of the County Sportsmen's Club and Oakland County 4-H Clubs. On April 19 and 20 a county-wide roadside clean-up drive will be held under the sponsorship of these organizations. They are asking for help from organizations and individuals in the Farmington area. The program actually is a part of the first such program ever carried on in the county and plans are to make it an annual project. For more information on the program, please contact Howard Sheller, editor Oakland County Sportsman, phone ORland 3-7411. Let's get behind this effort and help clean up our community!

WHAT ABOUT IT . . . have you joined the Farmington Red Cross yet? You have only a little over a week to contribute, so don't get behind. You may not have heard the news, but the Red Cross is in a real bind. It is to continue helping others who need help so badly, that means our fighting men in Korea, our countrymen who are victims of flood or storm, our neighbors who have felt individually, and our boys and girls who are learning to count on their own lives. Yes, these and many more who have learned to count on the Red Cross when they need a friend. Won't you give today?

Trojans Begin Baseball Practice

Clarencville's baseball team opened their 1952 season last Tuesday with pitchers and catchers working out in the high school gym under the guidance of coach Harry McKittrick. A total of seven pitchers reported for the opening session, three of whom are returning lettermen. Pat Killen, John Robertson and Gordon Mills are the returning lettermen. Two veteran catchers, Elmer Rousseaux and Wally Christensen, also reported for the opening practice session.

A total of 15 lettermen are expected to report in the next week, when candidates for all positions are asked to report. McKittrick stated that the Clarencville team will have excellent athletes at each position this year. Only two seniors were graduated from last year's team.

Business Women To Hold Meeting March 24

A second organization meeting on the formation of a Business and Professional Women's Club in the Farmington area will be held Monday evening, March 24, at the home of Mrs. Forest Durham, 33725 Oakland Avenue.

100 BOYS ATTEND LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL MEETING

Approximately 100 boys and girls attended a special organization meeting of the Farmington "Little League" held last Wednesday evening at Blakeslee Motor Sales.

Harvey Chapman, chairman of the Farmington committee, spoke on the progress of the Farmington organization. A number of committee reports were presented by local chairmen. It was announced that four teams will be organized under the Farmington (Continued on Page Seven)

PLANS COMPLETED FOR U. OF M. CONCERT APRIL 2

Plans have been completed for the University of Michigan Arts and Crafts concert to be presented April 2 at the Farmington High School under the sponsorship of the Teachers' Club.

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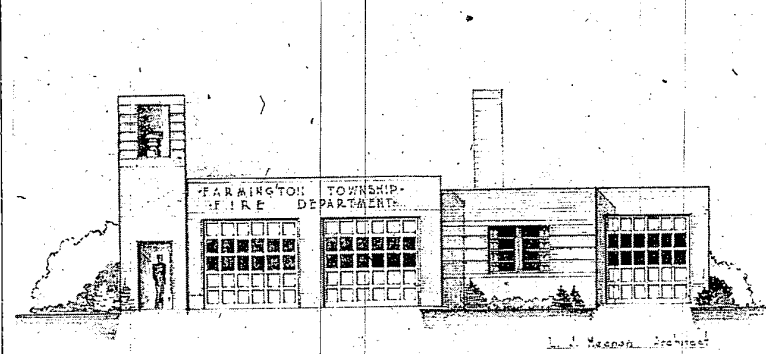
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CITY LIFTS PARKING METER RESTRICTIONS AFTER 6 P. M.

Architect's Drawing Of New Township Fire Station



Pictured here is an architect's sketch of the front elevation of the proposed Farmington Township Fire Station to be built on Wheeler Street in the Clarenceville area. The plans and specifications prepared by L. J. Heenan, Pontiac architect, provide for a two-story fire station, which will include a voting room, office, storage space for water system equipment, garage space and a boiler room. The building will be constructed on Wheeler Street just north of Grand River. It will be approximately 64 feet by 66 feet on its longest sides. Plans have already been approved by the Township Board and details are being worked out preparatory to the advertising for construction bids.

Registrations Now Being Taken For Blood Bank Visit April 14, 15

Establish Blood Credit Bank For Farmington

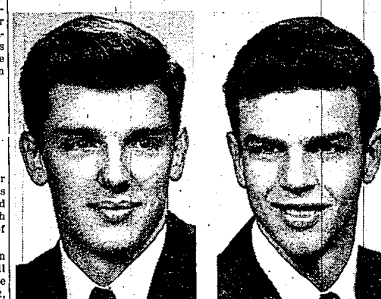
Plans are now being completed for the visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank in the Farmington area on Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15. Mrs. Farrel Weber, chairman, announced this week.

Registrations for the bank are now being taken by Mrs. Weber at Farmington 1659 and at the Farmington Enterprise, Farmington 3949-3001. The bank will be open on both days from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Weber stated that registrations should be made as soon as possible to insure getting the time desired. Registrations will be taken at other locations throughout the township as soon as details have been completed. In addition, a number of organizations are assisting with the registrations.

SET UP CREDIT BANK

A new plan is being offered this year to Farmington donors. They may, at the time they contribute, designate if they wish to have their blood credited to the local bank. All blood so credited will then be available to any resident of the area needing blood. James Tagg, co-publisher of The Farmington Enterprise, has been selected as Blood Credit Chairman. Residents needing blood are asked to notify the chairman, who in turn will contact the Red Cross, authorizing the release of the blood. The patient's name, blood type and physician as well as the (Continued on Page Ten)

Boys Honored Farmington High School Names Valedictorian And Salutatorian



FRED RAUPP and **EUGENE MCCRACKEN**

By ARLENE AHO

Two Farmington High boys have received top scholastic honors in the Class of '52. Fredrick Raupp, and Eugene McCracken are the first boys in four years to be named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively.

Need Permit Warn Residents Of Grass Fires

Two grass fires within a 15-minute period Monday afternoon may serve as a warning to city and township residents that the danger season is here. Leo Hendryx, fire chief, stated Tuesday.

The two fires on Monday occurred at 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. The first fire was at Rhonwood and Cass. An open field fire of undetermined origin got out of control, endangering a truck. The second fire occurred on Handal Road. The fire department was called when a fire in some rubbish threatened a house.

Falcons To Open Practice Monday

Candidates for Farmington High School's 1952 baseball team will report for their first practice session next Monday, March 24, in the Farmington gym. Coach Bill Nuss announced Tuesday.

Nuss stated that all candidates will report on Monday, not just pitchers and catchers. Practicing will be confined to throwing and catching as well as general conditioning. The candidates will not move outside for several weeks or until the weather permits.

Max Miller To Head Wayne-Oakland League

Max Miller, principal of the Clarencville High School, has been elected president of the Wayne-Oakland League. It was announced this week following the meeting of the League Committee.

Delay Expected On New School At Clarenceville

Health Officials Request New Sewage System

A delay is expected in the construction of the new Clarenceville elementary school due to action by the Wayne County Health Department requesting the establishment of a sewage system from the school.

Falcons To Open Practice Monday

Officials emphasized that the nearest outlet at the present time for sewage disposal is approximately one mile from the present school site. The outlet is at Clara and Inkster Roads in Bedford Township. Health Department officials indicated that they felt some plan could be worked out to meet the great deal of delay to the District.

JAYCEES ADD NEW THEME TO ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

A new and novel theme will highlight the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Fine 'N Dandy" variety show to be presented Friday, March 28, at the Farmington High School gym.

Prohibit Parking From 3 to 7 A.M. On Main Streets In Business Area

Closing hours in effect on parking meters in the business section of the City of Farmington will be moved back from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. According to a resolution approved by the City Council Monday evening.

Prepare Notices To Voters In New Precincts

Notices to residents of Farmington Township regarding the establishment of new voting precincts are now being prepared by Harry McCracken, Township Clerk.

Bond, Middlebelt Schools To Be Voting Places

Individual notices will be sent to each resident in the two new precincts notifying them of their precinct as well as the voting place. McCracken stated that these notices will actually go in the mail early in May, although work has already begun. Registered voters who remain in Precinct One and Two will not receive notices, McCracken stated. They will continue to vote at their regular polling places.

Plan Immunization Clinic At Schools

Plans are being made for a children's immunization clinic in the Farmington area on April 7 and May 5, school officials announced this week.

Red Cross Drive In Third Week

Inclement weather the latter part of last week has somewhat slowed down the house to house canvass for funds in the annual Farmington Red Cross Drive.

Stanley Packard Awarded Silver Star In Korea

A Silver Star medal has been awarded to Sgt. Stanley W. Packard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Packard, 23715 Greening, for heroism in action with the 45th Division in Korea.

STREET REPAIR

Township stated that work is expected to begin within a week on the repair of streets. He added that efforts will be made to complete the work earlier this year.

SECURE SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District has approved the use of the Bond proceeds for the purpose of providing places for the two new precincts. Under the new plan, four precincts are being set up in the Township instead of the previous two precincts.

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