



AROUND THE BLOCK

A WELCOME LEFT-DOWN . . . to a big build-up occurred in Farmington during the Fourth of July week end, when traffic on Grand River didn't quite reach the heights expected. City police made elaborate plans to meet the avalanche, and although traffic was quite heavy it did not run much above a normal summer week end. Anyone viewing the volume for the first time being said it was plenty heavy, but this sort of thing has been going on all summer. Police did aid the unusually operating on the traffic light in the center of town, but traffic was not as heavy as usual on Farmington Road, which facilitated the Grand River movement. We made one circle of the area in the police patrol car at about 1:00 p.m., normally the most active part of the day, and traffic was not seriously jammed up at any point. It was still a very busy day for the city police, and from a look at the accident report, a very successful one.

EVERY CITIZEN . . . of the Farmington community can be proud of the record registered in the city and township. We now have the highest percentage of registered voters ever recorded in this community. City and Township Clerks as well as their staffs were kept rushing during the last few days registering voters for the coming August Primary Election. If the citizens shown during the last few days of registration is carried to the election, we can be equally proud of our voting record. The important thing to keep in mind is that registering in one thing and voting is another. We have an excellent start—let's be sure we make it an excellent finish!

WATERING THE LAWN . . . has once again become a popular past time. With the continued milder weather, sprinklers are going full blast, thanks to the prompt and efficient work of city workers and officials. There is no pressure to spare in contrast to many cities who are still on an emergency basis. We can be very thankful for our excellent water supply. The difficulty has not been the supply, but rather the maintaining of pressure and, thanks to foresight and quick action, this situation has been corrected. So enjoy yourself and keep that grass green and flowers growing, you are among the privileged.

YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE . . . an old story but still a true story. More and more youngsters are urgently, yes, urgently, needed. On July 14 Farmington's Ground Observation Station will go on a 24-hour tour. It is being ordered to initiate the around-the-clock schedule by the state. This isn't just practice, it's the real thing. If we are to do the job of providing ourselves and our neighbors with sound hardhats on a few, additional personnel must be secured. Let's give an old story a happy ending! There is a job to be done and it is up to us to do it. Volunteer today and become an air spotter.

THERE ARE STILL SEATS . . . plenty down at the Little League baseball diamond, and they are there for you. Why not have a quick dinner one of these hot evenings and then take off for the park. These youngsters are really playing baseball and they want you to come out and watch 'em. Besides from the pleasure you will get from being outdoors and enjoying a good game, your presence will aid materially to the success and furtherance of this worthwhile program. Collections taken during the games help buy supplies and equipment needed to carry on the activity. There's a seat for you right along the first base path, use it tonight!

A NEW LOOK . . . is being added to the Farmington Town Hall this week. Painters are working on the whitening up the window frames and wood trim with new white paint. It is beginning to look 100% better already. The new look is complimentary to the work already done by the Farmington Garden Club in re-landscaping the grounds around the building. As we have said before, the Town Hall and its grounds are an important landmark, one that many visitors and passers-by use to identify the community. A number of residents have suggested that the present building be torn down and that a more modern and more usable structure be erected, but with the money money money practical, it is a community responsibility to see that it continues to be a bright and pleasant landmark.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS . . . is going on right in the garden of Mrs. Easy Booker, Robinson Street. Her early potato plants are 18 inches high and have the nicest tomatoes on them you ever saw. Just to carry the "Believe-It-Or-Not" story a step further, Mrs. Booker says the potato plants with the tomatoes on them have potatoes under the ground and she adds that there are no tomatoes in the potato plants. Now are you yourself mystified? Mrs. Booker seems to really have something.

Playgrounds Plan First Trip Friday

Enrollment in the Clarenceville Recreation Commission summer program is continuing to increase. With 468 registered this week at both the Edgewood and Clarenceville High School playgrounds.

Of the 468 youngsters, 41 are boys and 227 girls. Joe Markelli, director, stated. Complete programs are being conducted weekly at the two playgrounds with full time supervisors at the Edgewood and 468 new registrations were taken last week at the playgrounds.

One change has been made in the schedule with the 6 to 9 year old group participating in swimming on Tuesday morning only. Previously the group went to Kensington Park both in the morning and afternoon and it was incorrectly stated that one trip would accommodate all of the youngsters in that age group. The bus will leave at 10:00 a.m. with pick-ups at both playgrounds.

On Friday, July 11, a trip will be made to the Detroit Zoo. This is the first trip of the summer program and will be confined to the 6 to 9 year old group, six through ten. The school bus will leave at 10:00 a.m. with pick-ups at both the playgrounds.

Add New High School Teacher At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville Board of Education has authorized the hiring of an additional teacher for the Junior-Senior high school. It was announced this week.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the new teacher was being added to the staff because of the expected increase in enrollment this fall. A total of six elementary teachers and three junior-senior high school teachers will be added to the staff before September. These are new teachers over and above the last year's total.

DOG WARDEN APPEALS CASE TO CIRCUIT COURT

E. F. Ballou, suspended Deputy Oakland County Dog Warden for a contempt to interfere with the law, has appealed his case to Circuit Court. No date has been set for the hearing.

Ballou was found guilty by a jury last week in Justice Court and fined \$25 and \$75 costs. He has appealed his case to Circuit Court. No date has been set for the hearing.

Ballou stated that he did not pay the fine and court costs, as was incorrectly stated in "The Enterpriser." He is now free on \$100 personal bond. Ballou stated that he has been dog warden for the past three years and has always treated everyone alike.

POLICE ORDERED TO CHECK MISUSE OF INCINERATORS

Residents and merchants in the Farmington business area are being urged this week to burn only paper and combustible rubbish in the three large incinerators constructed by the city.

An examination of the burners has indicated that garbage, tin cans and other rubbish have been placed in the burners. City police have been directed to make a periodic inspection of the incinerators and to issue a summons if anyone found putting any non-combustible material in the burners.

Garbage and other rubbish has already seriously clogged the incinerators and the burners and threatens to crack them if the practice is not stopped, officials stated.

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RECORD REGISTRATION SET IN TOWNSHIP AND CITY

Suggest Possible Expansion Of Township Office

Board Officials Would Maintain Office Hours

It was suggested at the regular meeting of the Township Board that consideration be given to the possibility of expanding the township office with the three officers maintaining regular office hours.

The suggestion was made by Justice Ward Eagle, who stated that township growth and activity has increased sufficiently to necessitate this move. He added that numerous residents had suggested that such a step be taken. The officers of the Board are the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that some consideration should probably be given to such a proposal. He stated that he is spending a portion of nearly every day in the office in addition to outside supervisor's work. Blanchard pointed out that no definite action could be taken on such a program during this fiscal year. No expression of opinion from the Board was taken.

HEAR REPORT
Howard Goers, Township representative on the Wolverine Boys' State, gave a report on his experiences at the convention held on the Michigan State College campus June 19 to 27. He stated that he is spending a portion of nearly every day in the office in addition to outside supervisor's work. Blanchard pointed out that no definite action could be taken on such a program during this fiscal year. No expression of opinion from the Board was taken.

NEW MEN'S CLUB AT CLARENCEVILLE TO JOIN NATIONAL

Members of the recently organized Clarenceville Men's Group have approved a motion to affiliate with some national service club organization. It was announced following a meeting of the group Tuesday evening.

A total of 16 men were present at the meeting. The group also invited the Optimist Club to present their program to the members again. A spokesman for the group stated, however, that this did not necessarily mean that the Clarenceville men would affiliate with the Optimist Club. The group stated that they would present their program a second time.

The group decided to open their dinner meetings at 6:30 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, July 15, at Huck's Redford Inn. About 20 men are expected at the next meeting.

Need Volunteers

Farmington Air Spotters Prepare For 24-Hour Duty Starting July 14

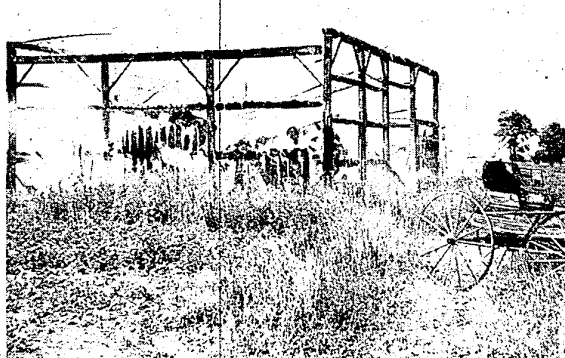
Final plans are being made this week by officials of the Farmington Ground Observation Station preparatory to the post going on 24-hour duty beginning Monday, July 14.

The most vital part of the planning is a stepping up in the drive to secure additional volunteers. George MacLaughlin, chief spotter, indicated that approximately 50 women and 20 men have signed up to date. A total of 40 to 50 more men are needed to fill out the around-the-clock schedule, so that no single individual has to put in extra hours.

Under the proposed plan for operating the station, each person will work a three hour shift on duty. This will concern both men and women. The men will handle the night and early morning hours with the women making the decision during the day.

In order to maintain this schedule approximately 120 to 130 volunteers will be needed. Volunteers are requested to contact Thomas Hardy, director of the post, at Farmington 032-V-2 days or Mayfair 6-3055 evenings, or Mr. or Mrs. MacLaughlin at Mayfair 6-3663.

A special strip Air Spotter exercise was ordered by the state this week for Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10. The



LIGHTNING STRUCK this barn last Thursday afternoon at the height of a sharp electrical storm and this is the result. The barn, located on the Augie Tierman farm, 38250 Nine Mile Road, was completely destroyed in the fire. Farmington firemen answered the call but the fire spread through the structure so quickly that it was out of control by the time the equipment arrived. A high wind fanned the flames which rapidly caught into baled straw and oats stored in the barn. This is the second time that a barn at this location has been destroyed by fire resulting from lightning. Stock housed in the barn was in the pasture at the time the lightning struck.

Construction Work Begins On New Farmington High School Building

New 7th Grade To Go On Half-Day Sessions This Fall As Enrollment Mounts In High School

Work was begun this week on the construction of the new Farmington High School building being built on Shawneet Street near Orchard Lake Road.

Preliminary work, preparatory to the construction, was started Monday morning. Huge earth-moving equipment began clearing the site where the new school will stand, early in the morning. According to the construction contract signed by the Board last week, the building is supposed to be ready for use by July of 1953.

The new 22 classroom building will cost \$350,470, based on the total of the composite bids accepted by the Board. The equipment for the classroom and special rooms will be in addition to this total. The Board accepted the original plans for the new high school unit after consideration of modifications which would have called for the elimination of the band and chorus room. However, a re-examination of the finances of the District showed that the entire building could be built as originally planned, with the equipment of the building being handled separately from other sources.

F.A.R.C. Program Continues Growth

Daily attendance on the three playgrounds being operated by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission showed a steady increase during the second week of the summer program. Don Hostler, director, announced Tuesday.

Hostler stated, however, that the weekly average fell off due to the lack of attendance on Thursday the last week of the July day the day preceding Monday. He added that in spite of this tendency toward increased attendance, participation on the part of children in this area, particularly in the city, is below what it should be.

During the coming week new craft activities including basket weaving and pottery from Mexico will be introduced into the Farmington playground.

Most popular activities during the hot spell have been the horse show and shuffleboard tournaments, as well as other activities such as swimming.

RECORD CITY TAX BILL MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS

City tax statements amounting to approximately \$65,000 have been sent out to property owners, officials stated this week.

This is approximately \$10,000 more than the total tax bill last year. Most of the increase has been due to new building and property development. Only the city tax is included in the summer billing.

Payment statements are payable between now and September 1 without penalty at the City Treasurer's office in the Municipal Building. Taxes paid between September 1 and November 1, 1952, are subject to a 2% penalty and from November 1 to March 1, 1953, a 4% penalty. The city tax is 17 mills, the same as last year.

Clerks Swamped On Final Day As Residents Rush To Beat Deadline

Nearly 100% registration has been achieved in both the township and city, it was announced Monday evening with the closing of the registration books for the August 5 Primary Election.

Both city and township clerks and staffs were swamped Monday, the final day, as residents flocked in to beat the deadline. Extra personnel was on duty at both offices to handle the crowd. According to reports, it is the largest registration yet recorded in the community.

Award Contracts For Clarenceville School Buildings

Construction contracts for the new Clarenceville elementary school and high school addition were awarded by the Board at a special meeting Wednesday evening.

The awarding of the contracts clears the way for the immediate construction of the two units. It is expected that work will begin on the buildings in the next week or so. The new elementary school will be built on Lathers Street in the southeast section of the District. An addition will be constructed on the present high school building located on Middlefield Road near Eight Mile Road.

Thomas - Wilson Company was awarded the general contract for the new elementary school at a cost of \$191,375. The plumbing and heating contract was awarded to L. S. Thornton Company at a cost of \$51,449. E. H. Dean Electric Company received the electrical contract at a cost of \$14,480. The kitchen equipment contract went to Reichle Brothers, Inc. at a cost of \$5,680, including delivery, installation and connecting.

LET H.S. CONTRACTS
The general construction contract for the new Clarenceville High School addition was awarded to Lermer - Linden Company at a cost of \$171,232. Century Heat

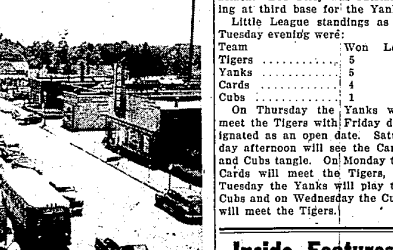
NOVI TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS MONDAY

Qualified voters of School District No. 8, Township of Novi, will go to the polls next Monday, July 14, to elect two members to the Board of Education.

Three candidates have filed for election as trustees, with two to be elected. The candidates are Jack Crawford, James D. Mitchell and Robert C. Stellerger. Mitchell is secretary of the present Board of Education. Both of the terms are for three years.

A girl, 8, and a boy, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. William McKellar of 169 Park Street, Hamilton, will cast their ballots in the Novi School on Novi Road, just north of Grand River. The vote in last year's annual election totaled 152. The polls will be open on Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Everybody's Going Someplace



Heavy traffic was the order of the day on Grand River during the July 4 week end, although it fell short of the record flow anticipated. This picture, taken from the roof of the Civic Theater, shows part of the line-up on Friday, the heaviest day of the holiday.

The double line is backed up from the traffic light in the center of the city. Police officers in the city manually operated the main light throughout most of the day. Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt stated Monday that traffic was no heavier during the holiday than on normal summer week end. No serious accidents were reported in the city during the holiday period.

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