



AROUND THE BLOCK

PRETTY MUCH A MEMORY . . . as those pleasant days at the lake, or in the country, or traveling or just loafing around the back yard. Yes, vacation time for most people is coming to an end, but the stories of the big one that got away, or the beautiful sites along the vacation route will remain to keep us going through the winter months ahead. You can see the change of season taking place right on Farmington's main street every day. But there is one good thing about this vacation business, for those who have been away it is always nice to come home, and for those of us who have had to remain, it is nice to welcome our neighbors back again.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to Mayor Loomis and the City Council for the way they conducted the Council meeting Monday night. . . . How the meeting proceeded in less time than has been done in many, many months. In fact, the meeting was adjourned a little before midnight with the entire agenda taken care of. Last month the meeting broke up at 2:15 a.m., with still many items untouched and the month before that it was 1:15 a.m. before the meeting adjourned. A more strict adherence to the rules was followed and yet everyone was given an opportunity to talk. We believe the policy set Monday night, if followed, will add greatly to the efficiency of the Council and will increase the service to the public.

HITTING THE ROAD . . .

is more than an expression around Farmington right now. . . . It's a reality. Construction crews are at work on South Farmington, on the Baker Road, and on the new Grand River and Independence. So the roads are really coming in for plenty of attention. The only thing we are wondering about is what will we talk about when these projects are completed. But there will be something else, that's for sure. In fact, that is progress . . . it never ends — nor should it.

WE TOLD YOU . . .

volunteers for an air spotter job and get a glimpse at a "flying saucer". The only thing is we didn't expect it to happen so quickly. . . . But last Saturday morning D. B. Hubert was "thrilled" (he says "bewildered") at the sight of an object in the sky while walking his air spotter post. So, you see, we told you it was a real thing. . . . If you still doubt it, ask Mr. Hubert. But "flying saucers" or not, there is still an urgent need for air spotters and you are asked to lend a hand. This is a community responsibility that will well affect the lives of all of us. . . . so volunteer now and do your part, will you?

ATTENTION GARDENERS . . .

of the Farmington area . . . look over your prize cabbage or tomato plant . . . talk to it and guard it well, because it may be a winner at the Farmington Garden Club Flower Show September 5 at the Methodist Church. . . . But before you have your prize, you must enter, so take your eyes off that favorite long enough to contact Mrs. Walter Gardner, horticulture chairman of the show, and get on the dotted line. Remember, half the fun of growing things is to show them off to your friends and neighbors and there will be plenty of them at the Methodist Church on September 5.

THE FUTURE . . .

may cover many years and many things, but it is well worth thinking about, and it is encouraging to realize that many people are thinking about it. Some of the fuel for thought was brought out in a report by James Cavanaugh to the City Council Monday evening. The fuel was in the form of projected population figures for the Farmington area as compiled by various planning agencies. They are reported to be of interest to all of the people of the Farmington area for the future of the individual is directly related to the future of the community.

TALK OF GRIDIRONS . . .

pickings, right ballbacks and one yard lines are beginning to get mixed into the conversation as youngsters and oldsters switch their interest from baseball to football. In fact, football candidates at both Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools will be getting together next week to hear about the new helmets and shoulder pads. Actual blocking out the dummy and engaging the passes will not begin until September 1 and 2 at Farmington and Clarenceville respectively, but the talk of pickings and goal line stands is already here.

Summer Band Sets High Attendance

A record total of 142 students have participated to date in the activities of the Annual Summer Band Program of the Farmington Township School District. Lloyd Smith, Director, announced Monday.

Smith stated that there is still more than a week of activities remaining before the season closes. Classes are being held at the Farmington Band House daily from 9 to 10 a.m. with baton twirling classes beginning at 10 a.m. For these students returning from vacations, there are still openings in all classes, Smith stated.

Band School classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m. Middlebelt School music classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 1 p.m. For these students returning from vacations, there are still openings in all classes, Smith stated.

Senior Band rehearsals are held (Continued on Page Twelve)

Mayor Loomis Tours New Northville Hospital

Mayor Kenneth R. Loomis of Farmington was one of ten distinguished guests who participated in a special tour of the new Northville State Hospital last Wednesday evening. . . .

Following a dinner, the various civic leaders made a tour of the facilities of the hospital. Dr. Philip N. Brown, Medical Superintendent, and Joseph J. Gitt, Business Executive, with members of the staff, were hosts to the civic officials. Purpose of the program was to acquaint officials from surrounding communities with the facilities offered and the work being done at the new hospital.

Falcon Grid Candidates To Meet Tuesday Night

Candidates for the Farmington High School football squads will hold their first meeting Tuesday evening, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. . . .

All boys in Grades Nine through Twelve who are interested in trying out for football practice are invited to report at the meeting. . . .

The first practice will be held on Monday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m. . . .

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CITY TO DISCUSS PLANNING BOARD AT SPECIAL SESSION

Teachers Attend M.S.C. Workshop



Tarino Manilla, 33405 Orchard Street, teacher at the Farmington High School, center, and Carl D. Wheaton, right, 33405 Allen Loma, instructor at the Wilbur Wright High School in Detroit, look over a chart on economies with Vera Benedict, Muskegon teacher, while participating in the annual Workshop on Economic Education being held at Michigan State College through August 22. The workshop, which hears talks by leading economists, annually attracts more than 50 school teachers from all parts of Michigan. The three-week session is designed to train teachers in the economic structure of American democracy.

Farmington Sets Dates For School Registration

School Book Store Now Open To Students

Enrollment of new elementary students as well as kindergarten children who have not already registered will take place next week, Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, stated Monday.

Three days have been set aside for enrollment, Miss Zielke added. They are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 26, 27 and 28. Parents are requested to register their children at the grade school in their respective areas. School principals will be in their offices on the above enrollment days from 1 to 3 p.m.

For the convenience of those parents who are unable to bring their children to the school during the afternoon, offices will be open Thursday evening, August 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Miss Zielke added that it is very important that all students be enrolled before the opening of school on September 4. Students who were enrolled in the Farmington School District last year do not need to register until the opening of school.

Registration of students from the Seventh through the Twelfth Grades began Wednesday morning and will continue through Friday, August 29. This registration includes students who were in the District last year as well as new students. The principal's office in the high school will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Council Sets Meeting For September 10 To Consider Possible Formation Of City Planning Commission

Step-Up Work On Farmington Road

Establishment of a City Planning Commission came a little closer to reality Monday evening as the Council members formally indicated their willingness to initiate the proposal and set Wednesday, September 10, as the date of a special meeting to further discuss the question.

Councilman James Cavanaugh submitted a report on the planning proposal, as requested by the Council, and recommended that a Commission be established. Cavanaugh stated during the past two months, made a detailed study of the formation and functions of planning groups. He recommended the establishment of a nine-man planning board composed of six public members, the Mayor, City Manager and one Council member. The planning group would be called for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. A professional planner, draft a master plan for the city.

PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE

Cavanaugh pointed out that the Planning Commission should monitor the ideas of the community. Public hearings should be held so that suggestions from residents can be recorded. Once a general course of future development has been established, a professional planner can be employed on a retainer to work with the Planning Commission in the development of the master plan. All recommendations of the Commission would then be submitted to the City Council for approval or rejection.

The Mayor or designated chairman of the group would select the public members in accordance with the law. The special meeting is called for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, September 10. Representatives of both the Floral Park residents and the Mather Trucking Company represented their interests in the dispute over the use of Shawasssee Street (Continued on Page Twelve)

This is what is going on behind those "road closed" signs on South Farmington Road. This picture, taken Friday afternoon, shows just one operation, the filling in of the ditches by a powerful bulldozer. On another section of the road, a grader is smoothing out the shoulders in preparation for the resurfacing. The road is now closed to traffic from Eight to Nine Mile Road.

Township Considers Possible Expansion Of Office Facilities

Blanchard Suggests Possible Small Addition On The West Side Of Town Hall Building

The Farmington Township Board has filed a request with the City Council for information regarding the availability and price of a 20-foot strip of land west of the Town Hall for possible expansion of the Township office.

The request for information was brought before the Council meeting Monday evening by James Tennant, City Manager. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, emphasized that this was only a request for information and no formal action has been taken by the Board. The Town Hall park property is owned by the city, with the Town Hall building being owned on a percentage basis by the township, Masonic Lodge and city.

All of these plans are tentative, Blanchard stated. If such a plan is acceptable to the Board an architect would be hired to draft detailed plans and cost estimates, Blanchard added. Although no action was taken at the Council meeting, it is expected that the city will offer a price proposal to the township.

Board To Meet Twice Monthly At Clarenceville

Increased Business Necessitates Change

The Clarenceville Board of Education, at the regular meeting last Thursday evening, approved a motion to hold regular Board meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month instead of the present monthly meetings.

Increasing business resulting from the growth of the School District plus the details of the building program were given as the reasons for the new twice-monthly schedule. Regular meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Clarenceville High School. The Board also approved the proposed budget for the year 1952-53 at the last Thursday evening meeting. The new budget is balanced at \$356,109.89. This represents an increase of approximately 15% over the 1951-52 operating budget. The largest single item in the budget is instructional costs, which is up about 25% over last year. A total of nine new teachers are being added to the staff this year.

Contracts were awarded to the Aurora Oil Company and the Socony Vacuum Oil Company to furnish fuel oil for the new elementary school and the high school. The Killifole - Wendelen Company was awarded the contract for the enlargement of the field house in the rear of the Clarenceville High School.

A report on the proposed extension of the school building (Continued on Page Twelve)

Air Spotter Spots "Flying Saucer"

"It looked like a reddish star coming through the misty sky and as it got closer it appeared like a wheel, first in a vertical position and then turning horizontal." According to D. B. Hubert, 23617 Warner Street, Farmington Air Spotter, this "it" may have been a "flying saucer" and maybe not, but it was mighty strange, anyway.

The whole thing happened at 2:26 a.m. Saturday while Hubert was on his spotter duty in the tower on top of the Leading Engine Company. He went on duty at 12 midnight and shortly after that time the sky clouded over and a little rain fell. A few minutes after the rain stopped, Hubert stepped out on the roof and saw, in the northeast, what looked like a reddish star heading in the direction of the tower.

As he watched the object grew larger, taking the shape of an auto tire standing in a vertical position. It then seemed to turn (Continued on Page Twelve)

Clarenceville Sets Book Store Days

Clarenceville High School students who have not already registered for the coming year are urged to contact the principal at the school office before the opening of school.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Students who do not register by the closing of school last June need not report until the opening of school on September 4. A general assembly will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the high school year. Max Miller, high school principal, stated. All of the students will gather in the gym for instructions.

Stanley Irish, assistant principal, stated that all elementary children from kindergarten through the Fifth Grade who live in the Edgewood School area will report to the school on opening day. Sixth Graders from the Edgewood School area will report to Central School. All grade school children from the Central School area will report to that school on opening day.

All grade school youngsters will be on half-day sessions until the new Lathers School Elementary School is completed. Bus schedules and maps will be sent to all parents within the next week. Parents will also be advised when and to what school their child will report.

Pre-school sale of new and used books for Grades One through Six will be held at Central and Edgewood Schools Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, between 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. High school students may purchase their books on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school and on Wednesday, September 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Board To Hear Progress Report

A special meeting of the Farmington Township School District Board of Education will be held Monday, August 25, to hear a progress report on the new elementary buildings.

Representatives of both the school architect's firm and the contractor are expected to be present at the meeting. The special meeting was set by the Board earlier in the month following a report on the progress of the new buildings now under construction.

It was announced at the last meeting of the Board that the new Ten Mile Elementary School would be ready for use by September 20. The Board School addition is expected to be completed by October 29 and the Middlebelt School addition by November 29. Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that considerable progress has been made on the Ten Mile School. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Post Office Hits Record Volume

Postage stamp purchases for first and third class mail at the Farmington Post Office increased \$139,282 for the period from August 1 to August 15, 1952 as compared to the same period in 1951, a post office spokesman announced this week.

Total for the 1951 period was \$87,265, while the figure for the 1952 period is \$1,026,467. The figures do not contain Christmas rush periods.

Acting Postmaster Charles J. Habermehl reported that when he makes requisition for Christmas postal supplies, he will order postage to cover the expected demand. Requisitions are filled out every quarter.

The Livonia Post Office building, now under construction, is expected to be ready for use near the Christmas period, Habermehl reported. When it is opened, three new routes will be moved to Livonia. The Farmington Post Office now has twelve rural and mounted routes, including city delivery.

Make Entries Now

Plans Completed For Garden Club Flower Show Set For September 5

Another coveted Purple Ribbon Award is the goal of the Farmington Garden Club as they complete final plans for the Annual Flower Show to be held Friday, September 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church Auditorium.

The award, given by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan for the best flower shows in the state, was won by the Farmington Club in 1950. On the basis of the rules, the Farmington Garden Club was not eligible for competition in 1951.

The Tracy Conroy is general chairman of this year's show, which will open at 2:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. The theme of the show this year will be "United Through Gardening." Exhibits will show how the United Nations are united also through dependence on the soil and its products.

The public is invited to enter specimens of fruits, flowers and vegetables in the horticultural classes. All horticultural specimens must be grown by the exhibitor.

Clarenceville Summer Program Sets Record

A total of 514 children participated in the Clarenceville Summer Recreation Program this year, Joseph Markell, director, announced in his closing report issued Monday.

This is by far the largest enrollment yet recorded in the history of the summer program. All activity terminated last Thursday, August 14, with the annual playday and picnic, held at the Clarenceville High School playground. The entire day was spent in games and contests.

New Lathers School Takes Shape



Rising from the ground are the foundations and lower walls of the new Clarenceville Elementary School being erected on Lathers Street in the southeast section of the School District. A part of the brick sidewalk can be seen in the left background of the picture. In the foreground is the foundation for another wing of the building. When completed the new school will contain thirteen classrooms, and will greatly relieve the overcrowded conditions in the elementary grades of the Clarenceville School District.

We Give In Too!

Like most of the weekly and daily newspapers in this section, we, too, find it necessary to increase the price of the counter sales copies of The Farmington Enterprise.

As near as we can determine, this is the first price increase of single copies of The Enterprise since 1929. Every newspaper well familiar with what has happened since then. Costs of newspaper supplies and production have skyrocketed. Thus if we are to continue to improve your newspaper we have no alternative but to make this increase.

Effective with the September 4 issue, single copies of The Farmington Enterprise will be seven cents. The yearly subscription price of \$2.50 for readers in Oakland and Warren Counties and \$3.00 outside of this area will remain the same.

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