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AROUND THE BLOCK

ONE LOOK . . .
at the headlines this week and you know what season this is. It's "Back-To-School" time with all of the boys and girls eagerly waiting for the opening day, ah yes! We hope you will pardon us if we seem to be a little overcrowded with stories pertaining to school this week, but it is very much in the news right now. While we are at it, the school bus schedules for Farmington and Clarenceville appear on Pages 10 and 7 respectively. A lot of you have asked about them so here they are. So, with the exception of the grade school youngsters at Farmington, everything is about set for the opening of classes on September 4. It was sort of a short summer, wasn't it?

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TAKE IT EASY . . .
over the Labor Day week end, will you? As one of our fellow publishers said not too long ago, "Please be careful, we can't afford to lose any of our readers." But seriously, don't have an accident, for your sake and for the other fellow's sake. We don't know about you, but this slaughter on our highways has got us down. We spend billions of dollars to prevent wars, and more billions to find new cures for diseases. We toil night and day to extend the life expectancy of human beings and in one week end we kill hundreds on our nation's highways. Does it make sense to you? Most accidents can be prevented if we think, if we obey the rules of the road, and if we beat carelessness. Let's not forget this week end!

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WE WERE HAPPY . . .
to see the presence of parents at the special meeting of the Farmington School Board held Monday evening. For a good many months there have been no guests present at any of the Board meetings. As we have stated many times before, these meetings are open to the public, and more than that, residents are encouraged to attend. Interest on the part of parents is vitally important to the progress of the entire school system, because the schools are everybody's business.

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CIRCLE NUMBER 5 . . .
on your September calendar right now, before you forget it . . . because you won't want to miss the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show to be held that day at the Methodist Church. It is going to be bigger and better than ever according to reports, so make it a date and bring your friends and neighbors. And to make things far more interesting, pick out your prize fruits and vegetables and enter them in the show. You will find it is a lot of fun and it gives others a chance to admire your hard work. So get those entries in now . . . and plan on seeing the show Friday, September 5.

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SUMMER HAS RETURNED . . .
to the scene after a real touch of fall. You just never know, do you? It was downright chilly the early part of the week end as residents dug for the sweaters and light jackets. We even saw a few curls of smoke out of Farmington chimneys as residents lit up the fireplaces for the first time in many months. But then look what happens . . . off come the sweaters and jackets and on go the sports shirts. As we sit here writing this column, people are seeking the shady side of the street to duck the sun. But, by the time you read these words, you may be back to the sweaters again.

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THERE'S A LESSON . . .
to be learned and remembered from the eye-catching display in the lobby of the Civic Theatre. It is far more than just a group of attractively dressed dolls, it is a message to everyone who has the opportunity to see and read it. The display is designed to assist you in preventing polio from striking your family. So read this message and remember the three don'ts . . . don't get chilled . . . don't get overtired and don't mix with new groups. And remember the one important "do" also . . . do keep clean. It is sound advice at any time, but particularly at this season. So look for the display, read it well and then remember the three don'ts and one do.

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WE WANT TO EXPRESS . . .
our sincere appreciation to the Novi Amvets for awarding to the Farmington Enterprise their Certificate of Merit. The presentation was made Tuesday evening at the Novi Community Hall. We also want to commend the Perry Kenner Post for the outstanding work they are doing for the Veterans of World War II and for the improvement of their home community. A typical example was the public Americanism program conducted Tuesday evening in which residents were afforded the opportunity to learn more about their government and the part they should play in it. As a result of this type of constructive program and many others, the Perry Kenner Post, Amvets of Novi, have won top honors among the Amvet Posts of the State of Michigan. We want to say thanks again from the entire Enterprise staff . . . and keep up the excellent work you are doing.

DELAY OPENING OF FARMINGTON GRADE SCHOOLS

Schools Predict Record Opening Day Enrollments

Final Registration Work Now Being Completed

New record enrollments are expected to be chalked up this Thursday, September 4, when most of the schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts open for the 1952-53 year.

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of the Farmington Schools, stated that enrollment in the elementary schools, which will not open until Monday, September 8, is expected to be approximately 1,816 students. Junior and senior high school enrollment is expected to total approximately 950. This will bring the total school enrollment to about 2,766. This is compared to 2,390 students enrolled at the close of school last June.

Louis Schmidt, Clarenceville School superintendent, stated that the approximate total enrollment in the District is expected to hit 1,700 students. Of this total, 1,125 are expected to be enrolled in the elementary grades and 625 in the junior - senior high school. It is estimated that about 80 to 100 new students will be added in the elementary grades. The high school enrollment is expected to be increased by 50 to 75 students.

SCHEDULE SET

Children in the elementary grades at Farmington will continue in the same session as last year until the new classrooms are ready for occupancy, Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, stated Monday. In order to even up class loads, a few transfers have been made and parents of students affected will be notified directly by the respective school principals. In general, however, students who were in morning sessions last year will continue this year and students in afternoon sessions will continue going to school in the afternoon.

Morning classes beginning Sep-

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EXCHANGE CLUB TO OPEN NEW SEASON WEDNESDAY

The first meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club for the Fall season will be held next Wednesday, September 3, at 12:15 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Fred Menke, Jr., newly elected president of the club, will preside at the opening meeting of the new season. The club does not meet during the summer months.

The other new officers of the club are: Dr. Fred Davis, first vice-president; Harley Walters, second vice-president; Emory Hatton, treasurer; and Dr. Claude Goodes, secretary. New members of the Board of Control are: Lee Stevens, Harrison Johnson and Robert Lindbert.

Vandals Turn Living Room Into This

Vandals turned this living room into a littered mess twice last week as they forced their way into the unoccupied house to tear up boxes and scatter household belongings over the floors. The vandals broke into this and three other homes located side by side on Cora Street north of Shiawassee Street. In the home of William Styles, where this photo was taken, the TV set shown in the background was turned on as were all of the lights and the electric stove in the kitchen. Apparently nothing was taken by the vandals who broke into the homes last Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

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Four Township Homes Are Targets Of Vandals In Two Separate Raids

Break Into Unfinished Homes During Week

Building a home these days is a rugged task in itself, but when you come out to find much of your hard work destroyed, your supplies strewn all over and some of your furniture damaged, it is downright discouraging.

That is just what a group of future residents found last Wednesday and Thursday when they came out to their prospective homes on Cora Street just north of Shiawassee. Twice during the past week someone broke in for the sole purpose of destroying things.

Four new homes were the targets of the vandals. The one most damaged is being built by William Styles and is located at 23077 Cora. The other homes which are damaged are being built by Derrel Wright, 23047 Cora; Richard Rowe, 23067 Cora; and James Hynes, 23097 Cora. All of the homes have beeen completed on the outside but are only roughed in on the interior. None of them are being lived in as yet.

The vandals apparently broke into the houses for the first time last Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. The damage was discovered late Wednesday afternoon by Derrel Wright. In Styles home, the vandals broke open boxes containing clothing and household supplies and scattered them through the house. The TV set in the living room and electric stove in the kitchen as well as all the lights were still on when Wright discovered the damage Wednesday afternoon. In the other homes only minor damage was done. Nothing was apparently taken from any of the houses.

Falcons To Begin Work Out Monday

Farmington High School's football team will open their first practice session Monday, September 1, with both a morning and afternoon workout, Coach William Nuse announced this week.

The Falcons will have 12 lettermen back for this year's squad plus a number of good prospects from the 1951 reserve and freshman squads. The returning lettermen are: Dick Tyler, quarterback; Larry Pink, fullback; Evan Staley, right halfback; Dave Wyman, quarterback; Frank Doublett, fullback; Ed Klees, end, co-captain; Jack Cowart, end, co-captain; Gerry Delling, guard; Roger Goers, guard; Bob Roberts, center; Arnold Corbet, guard; and Barry Calhoun, tackle.

Farmington will open its 1952 season against Rochester on Friday, September 19. The complete schedule is as follows:

September 19 — Rochester at Farmington.
September 26 — Southfield at Farmington.
October 3 — Walled Lake at Farmington.
October 10 — Keego Harbor at Farmington.
October 17 — Farmington at Clarenceville.
October 29 — Waterford at Farmington.
October 31 — Farmington at Berkley.
November 8 — Farmington at Bentley.

Expect 580 Enrollment At Catholic School

Classes at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School begin Thursday, September 4, Rev. Thomas Beahan announced this week. Expected enrollment is 580 pupils. This is an increase of 60 over the 520 of last year.

Students will meet for half-day sessions on the first two days, Rev. Beahan added. Two rooms are to be used to take care of the increased number of children. New construction at the school will not be completed in time for the opening.

The school holds classes for students from the first through the eighth grades.

City To Cooperate In Weed Mowing Project

Residents are advised to contact James Tennant, City Manager, if they wish to have weeds on their own or adjacent property mowed.

The city will attempt to have the field mowed with the cost being charged back to the property owner. A number of requests have been made to the City Manager for this service.

Farmington Man Killed In Motorcycle Crash

Accident Occurs Near Muskegon

One Farmington resident was killed in an auto accident in the state and one person suffered minor injuries in a mishap within the area during the past week end.

William A. McRae, 30, of 20014 Floral, was killed fifteen miles east of Muskegon when his motorcycle crashed into the side of a truck. A passenger on the motorcycle, Esther Esterson, 29, of Grand Rapids, was also killed. The truck driver was not injured.

McRae is survived by his father, Andrew McRae; a sister, Mrs. Guy Doherty of Livonia, and two other sisters and a brother in Ontario. Funeral services were conducted from the J. W. McGinn Funeral Home in Detroit Wednesday with burial at Northwood, Ontario.

YOUTH INJURED

A fifteen year old youth, William Junior Wild of 23251 Roanoke, Ferndale, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Redford Reciving Hospital in Green's Ambulance Sunday at 9 p.m. following a two-car accident at Nine Mile and Halsted. He was released after treatment.

According to State Police, Wild was a passenger in a car driven by Franklin Bellman of 20220 Milburn of Livonia, going north on Halsted Road. The Ballman car and one driven by Frank McLelland of 29041 Long, Livonia, collided at the intersection. Dust from the road obscured vision, police reported.

FALCON THINCLADS TO HOLD FIRST MEETING TUESDAY

Candidates for the Farmington High School cross country team will meet in the school gymnasium Tuesday, September 2, at 2:30 p.m. for the first squad meeting, Coach Harold Humble announced this week.

Thinclads should contact Captain Mike Stanek for information on physical examinations.

The schedule for the 1952 season is as follows: September 18, Trenton, here; September 26, Wayne, here; September 30, Hamtramck, here; October 4, Hastings Invitational, Hastings; October 9, Walled Lake, here; October 16, Clarenceville, here; October 23, League meet; October 28, Dearborn, there; November 1, State Meet.

Construction Work Prevents Opening Of Classrooms Until September 8

Elementary schools of the Farmington Township School District will not open until Monday, September 8, because of delays in construction work in and around the buildings, it was announced Monday at a special meeting of the Board.

The schools were originally scheduled to open on Thursday, September 4. The Farmington junior and senior high school will open on September 4 as scheduled. The decision to delay the opening was made following a progress report by the contractor, W. J. Howard, and Leo Henning, representative of Eberle Smith, Associates, school architects.

On the basis of the report presented to the Board it was decided that there was still too much clean-up work to be done in the buildings to have them ready by September 4. This pertains only to the present buildings and not the new units and additions. In the case of the Bond and Middlebelt Schools, work on the new additions has resulted in some necessary alteration of existing buildings. At the Ten Mile Road School, hazards around the new unit being built adjacent to the present building must be eliminated before classes can begin.

According to the progress report, the new Ten Mile School and Bond and Middlebelt additions will be completed on the schedule previously estimated. The Ten Mile unit is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 20, with the Bond School addition ready by October 29 and the Middlebelt addition completed by November 29.

RESIDENTS PROTEST

A group of parents appeared before the Board to inquire what could be done to expand the seventh grade program set up for the coming year. At the present time the seventh grade is scheduled for half-day sessions throughout the school year. Norman Brugman, 22027 Springbrook, stated that he could not see how the youngsters would learn anything on the planned three-hour class schedule. Raymond Tiernan, 22619 Power, asked what consideration had been given to this problem. He also suggested that the program for the lower grades be reduced to give those entering junior high school an opportunity for a good start. Dr. Preston Ports suggested that outside rooms be secured in order to have a more expanded program.

G. V. Harrison, high school principal, explained that the seventh grade students will receive as much academic work as before, but will not have physical education, art, vocal music and supervised study periods. He added

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Township Files Petitions With Zoning Board

Schroeder Road Group To Have Public Hearing

The petitions filed by residents of the Schroeder Road Subdivision requesting to be included in the Township Zoning Ordinance will be turned over to the Zoning Board for study and recommendations, it was announced at the regular meeting of the Township Board held Tuesday evening.

Action to officially turn over the petitions to the Zoning Board followed a discussion by the Township Board as to the correct procedures to follow in accordance with the State law and the ordinance. It was also suggested by the Board that consideration be given to the inclusion of that unzoned territory west of Schroeder Road.

The matter will now be considered by the Zoning Board. Public hearings will be legally advertised and held and recommendations will be made to the Township Board. Final action will then be taken by the Township Board.

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Offices Close Saturday For Labor Day Week End

City and Township offices will be closed Saturday, August 30, as well as Monday, September 1, officials stated this week.

The police department will be the only section of the city government which will be on duty over the Labor Day week end. All offices in the Municipal Building will be closed. City residents are requested to pay their taxes prior to Saturday, August 30. The deadline has been set for September 1. However, because of the holiday, taxes will be accepted on Tuesday, September 2, without penalty.

Trojans Open Grid Practice Tuesday

Candidates for the 1952 Clarenceville High School football team will begin practice Tuesday morning, September 2, on the Trojan field, Coach Harry McKittrick announced this week.

Two practice sessions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. McKittrick stated that between 65 and 70 candidates are expected to turn out for the opening sessions.

The Trojans will have a total of eleven lettermen back from last year's squad. Of this total only two are seniors, eight are juniors and one sophomore. The captain of this year's team is Milton Bailey, guard.

Clarenceville will play a nine-game schedule during the 1952 season.

The 1952 Clarenceville Schedule is as follows:

September 19 — Clarenceville at South Lyon, 8 p.m.
September 26 — Gratiot at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
October 3 — Clarenceville at Northville, 8 p.m.
October 10 — Clarenceville at Holly, 8 p.m.
October 17 — Farmington at Clarenceville, 3:30 p.m.
October 24 — Clarenceville at Inkster, 3:30 p.m.
October 30 — Bentley at Clarenceville, 8:00 p.m.
November 7 — Clarenceville at Milford, 8 p.m.
November 14 — Clarkston at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.

Boy Critically Injured In Gun Accident

Lee Wixom, 13 year old son of Ralph Wixom of 29980 Eleven Mile Road, was accidentally shot Tuesday afternoon while playing with a .22 calibre rifle near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Farrel Weber of 27541 Stansbury and is in critical condition in Detroit Receiving Hospital.

ANNOUNCE FINAL DATES OF SCHOOL BOOK SALES

Students of both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts are urged to purchase their books for the coming year prior to the opening of school, officials emphasized this week.

Farmington's book store will be open Thursday and Friday, August 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. The store will also be open Friday evening, August 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Both elementary and junior - senior high school students should secure their books before the Friday evening closing time. The store is located in the basement of the high school building.

Clarenceville High School students may still secure their books at the store in the high school building on Wednesday, September 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CITY POLICE SET FOR HEAVY WEEK END TRAFFIC

Farmington City Police are prepared for the expected record flow of traffic in and around the city during the long Labor Day week end, Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt stated Monday.

DeVriendt stated that the traffic light at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road will be hand-operated if traffic begins to back up. Extra police personnel has been alerted for duty and will be called if necessary.

The chief advised all Farmington residents to select alternate routes if they are planning to drive in this area over the Labor Day week end. DeVriendt recommended that persons stay off Grand River, Twelve Mile Road and Eight Mile Road if possible. These main roads leading out of Detroit are expected to be jammed with cars, the chief added.

Expect Record Entries

Garden Club Completes Final Plans For Flower Show September 5

A record number of arrangement and horticultural entries are expected for the Annual Flower Show of the Farmington Garden Club, to be held Friday, September 5, at the First Methodist Church.

The show will be open to the public from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge. Farmington area residents are invited to make entries in the various horticultural classes. Residents interested in entering horticultural specimens are urged to contact Mrs. Walter Gardner, horticultural chairman, phone Farmington 2747-W. Mrs. Tracy Conroy is general chairman of this year's show. She is being assisted by Mrs. Glenn Leland as well as a large group of Garden Club members representing the various committees.

Mrs. Philip Henaut is chairman of the Junior Gardeners exhibit, which will be held this year in the basement of the church. Every year this part of the show increases in size and importance. The Junior Gardeners this year will display arrangement and horticultural specimens as well as scrap books which will tie in with the schedule set up by the adult group. Mrs. Raymond Brent and Mrs. Earl Marks are directors of the group.

The theme of this year's Flower Show is "United Through Gardening", and will feature the colors of the various United Nations flags in flower arrangements. There will also be contemporary arrangements, featuring our native woods, mountains, seashores and plains. Others will show various colors in their hues, tints and shades. The novice arrangers will have a separate class.

The Farmington Garden Club will be striving once again for the coveted "Purple Ribbon", awarded by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan for the best flower shows in the state. Farmington won the ribbon in 1950 and thus was not eligible for competition last year.

Horticultural exhibits will be accepted from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5. However, persons are requested to contact Mrs. Gardner if they plan to enter displays. Exhibits may not be removed from the church before 9:00 p.m. on September 5.

Polio Display Tells Important Story

This attractive display, "1952 Polio Precautions", is attracting a lot of attention in the inner lobby of the Civic Theatre this week. But what is behind the display is even more important. The little dolls in the display were dressed by a polio patient, Mrs. Louis Glumm, Drayton Plains. This is the first showing of the display, which is being sponsored by the Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis. It is being displayed here through the courtesy of Eddie Hohler, Civic Theatre owner, and the Farmington March of Dimes chapter. The poster includes the three "don'ts" and one "do" to help prevent polio. Don't mix in new groups, don't get chilled, don't get overtired and do keep clean.

Board Of Appeals Grant Variances

Approval has been granted by the Board of Appeals of the City of Farmington to the Mather Trucking Company for the use of seven lots on Shiawassee Street as a customer - employee parking lot.

The approval was granted at a meeting of the Board held Monday afternoon at the Municipal Building. The approval provides that the property be used for private vehicles only. If commercial vehicles are parked in the lot, the approval will be withdrawn. The property is located on Shiawassee Street at Hawthorne.

The Board also authorized the issuance of a building permit for the construction of a garage attached to a house at 23324 Liberty Street. The variance was allowed since the construction can not be made in strict accordance with the building ordinance.

It was announced following the meeting that City Attorney Paul Pare' is drafting legal papers pertaining to the removal of the tank building, located on Grand River near Violet Street. The construction, an old amphibious tank, was condemned some time ago by the State Fire Marshall and the city health officer. The owner of the property has been ordered by the city to remove the structure, but has failed to comply. Numerous requests have been received from residents of the area asking for the removal of the structure.

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