



**AROUND THE BLOCK**

THE RUSH IS OVER... it's the final fling, and now it's down to work until everyone has had their summer rolls around again. From the looks of Grand River during the past four days, everybody was heading out of the city for that final fling, too! Although the traffic didn't back up quite so much as it does on shorter week ends, there was a steady flow right straight through the holiday. The most encouraging part about the whole thing was that we didn't hear a single police or ambulance siren during the entire four days. Let's hope it stays that way through the remaining pleasant week ends ahead. It can be done! Let's all see that it is done!

**A FAMILIAR SCENE**... is being re-enacted in Farmington this week, a scene that has occurred many times before and will occur many times again. Boys and girls are going back to their classrooms. To a large number it is a brand new experience—to an even larger number it is very familiar. But to all it is a new year and a new start. Let's make sure it's a good start. Slow down when you approach school buildings and playgrounds... stop for halted school buses... watch out for children. They sometimes forget to see that you don't. Keep them in the classrooms where they belong... not in a hospital bed!

**THIS WEEK**... The cost of a single copy of The Farmington Enterprise is 7c. We regret that it has been necessary to increase the cost because it has always been our sincere desire to develop your home community newspaper by means of volume, not price. The increase will only partially meet the ever-increasing costs of production. One half of the increase will go to the dealers, whose expenses have increased tremendously, and the other half will be to production and distribution expenses. The regular mail subscription price will remain the same. Our objective is to serve the people of the Farmington community in every way possible. Your help and continued support is the only way that this can be accomplished.

**IT'S OFFICIAL**... now, football season is here. Candidates for both the Farmington and Clarenceville grid squads are out on the field getting the kinks worked out. The weathermen are not too cooperative for the opening practice, although it didn't dampen the spirit of the boys. Farmington opened practice on Monday morning in the sultry summer heat, and in the afternoon things were cut a little short by a good downpour. Clarenceville likewise experienced some adverse conditions. Because of the rain, the morning session was confined to chalk talks but the boys took to the field in the afternoon in spite of the soggy turf. But things will be different before long... more like football weather, we hope!

**DON'T FORGET**... to join your friends and neighbors at the Farmington Garden Club Flower Show this Friday and the Our Lady of Sorrows Festival on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It looks like a busy week end, doesn't it? But it is a good way to have fun. There will be plenty to see at the Flower Show at the Methodist Church on Friday and you won't want to miss seeing it, either. And you won't want to miss the big four-day Festival being held this week end at the former Our Lady of Sorrows School grounds on Grand River west of Orchard Lake Road. There will be delicious turkey dinners plus a lot of interesting activities. So get ready now for an active week end.

**THE COLORS WERE NOTICEABLE**... by their absence along Farmington's main street on Monday, Labor Day. In our short trip down Grand River we saw just one American flag flying with another on Farmington Road. Maybe there were more, but if so we didn't happen to see them. Flying the colors is a little thing, but it is the little things that count. A street with the Stars and Stripes is more than a patriotic gesture, it is a symbol of pride and true Americanism. It is one thing all of us can do to show our love of country and our appreciation for the way of life we all enjoy. It's a little thing, it's true, but it means so much!

**THINGS ARE HAPPENING**... down at the City Park which should solve a lot of headaches for the City officials. The present rest rooms, which have been a target for much discussion by residents, have been altered and turned into a permanent shed for the next spring. A great many citizens on the construction of new rest rooms which, according to James Tennant, City Manager, will be protected against vandals. They will be completed in time for use next summer. We hope, and we are sure the city hopes, that the relocation and reconstruction of the rest rooms will take care of the situation. A great many citizens have voiced loud complaints, and rightly so, against the condition of the rest rooms. The city has tried various ways to keep them in repair, but they have been to no avail. Let's hope this solves the problem!

### Trojans Open Grid Practice With 47

Clarenceville football coach Harry McKittick stated this week that 47 candidates turned out for the opening practice of the Trojan grid squad on Tuesday morning. Two practice sessions were held on Tuesday with chalk talks in the morning and physical conditioning and fundamentals in the afternoon. A single practice was held on Wednesday with single practices scheduled for Thursday and Friday. McKittick stated that two practice sessions, on in the morning and the other in the afternoon, are slated for Saturday. Of the 47 candidates reporting for the opening session, eight are lettermen back from last year's season. The lettermen are: Tom Rutilla, back; Milt Bask, captain; guard; Jack Phillips, back; Bob Stengel, center; Melvin Koch, tackle; Don Douglas, back; Jack Robb, back; and Phil Meyer, back. Bask and Phillips are seniors and Douglas is a sophomore. The balance of the lettermen are Juniors.

### Township, City Receive Sales Tax Money

Sales Tax Diversion money for the second quarter of 1952 has been distributed to Farmington Township and the City of Farmington. The Oakland County Treasurer announced this week. Farmington Township has received a total of \$17,846.16 and Farmington City has received \$11,224. Sparks stated that the distribution is based on \$1.59 per capita. The Township population according to the 1950 census is 11,224, while the City population is listed at 2,325.

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## BOARD OK'S EXPANSION OF SEVENTH GRADE PROGRAM



**FIRE FIGHTERS** pour water on what remains of a five room frame home at 20760 St. Francis Street that was destroyed in an explosion and fire Thursday morning. According to police, the explosion occurred when Russell Cowan intentionally turned on the gas, destroying his home. He was seriously burned in the explosion and fire. The picture on the left shows the fire hydrant at the corner of Byron and St. Francis which firemen were unable to open. Water is being pumped from the truck which is headed into the hydrant. A connection was made to a hydrant on Ontaga Street, one block west of St. Francis Street. In the meantime water was used from the two Township fire trucks which were at the scene of the fire.

### Explosion And Fire Destroys Home In Clarenceville Thursday Morning

**Despondent Man Blows Up His Own Home On St. Francis Street, Suffers Serious Burns**

A shattering explosion and fire Thursday morning put Russell Cowan, 30 years old, in Redford Receiving Hospital with serious burns and completely destroyed his five room frame house at 20760 St. Francis Street. Cowan, according to State Police, turned on the gas in despondency over his wife leaving him. The explosion probably occurred when a water heater ignited the gas-filled house. Cowan was blown clear of the house as a result of the explosion. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by the Green Ambulance. State Police stated that Cowan had made a similar attempt last Monday but was only made ill from the gas. Both Farmington Township fire trucks answered the call. Firemen were hampered slightly because they were unable to open the fire hydrant at the corner of St. Francis and Byron. However, (Continued on Page Twelve)

### FOUR-DAY FALL FESTIVAL TO OPEN THURSDAY

A record crowd is expected at the four-day Our Lady of Sorrows Fall Festival to be held September 4, 5, 6 and 7 at the former school grounds on Grand River just west of Orchard Lake Road. One of the highlights of the Festival will be the special turkey dinner to be served on Sunday, September 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The dinners will be served in the former school building on the grounds. Special booths will be set up during the entire four days of the Festival. There will be a fancy booth, country store, fish pond and many others, including kiddie rides and pony rides. Proceeds from the Festival will be used to help defray the cost of the new convent and additional classrooms to the school.

### Trip Through The Universe

**Famous Astronomer To Give Public Lecture At Botsford Inn Wednesday**

Have you seen any flying saucers lately? If so, or if you are just one of the millions of people who are taking quizzical glances skyward these days, here is your chance to get the answers about the strange goings-on in the heavens. Farmington area residents are invited to hear Professor John H. Carr, nationally known business educator and astronomer, Wednesday evening, September 10, at the Botsford Inn. The illustrated astrophysical lecture is being held under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. Professor Carr will begin his lecture at 7:30 p.m. following the regular Kiwanis meeting. The topic of his talk will be "Those Other Worlds". Professor Carr, who has made astronomy a hobby since boyhood, will bring one of his many telescopes to Botsford Inn. He has

### City To Discuss Planning At Special Meeting

**Council To Meet Wednesday Afternoon**

Establishment of a planning commission for the City of Farmington will be the subject of discussion at a special meeting of the Council to be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that efforts were being made to have William Edmondson, assistant director of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, present at the meeting. Mayor Kenn Loomis indicated last week that the meeting would be devoted entirely to a discussion of the proposed planning commission. The Council decided at its last regular meeting to call the special meeting in order to more thoroughly discuss the proposal. It is expected that the meeting will be confined to discussion only, with final action being taken at a regular meeting. The Council has briefly discussed a possible plan of the United Nations Committee for Greater Detroit, which will be a guest of the Garden Club at the show. Among the educational exhibits will be a display of soil profiles brought from the Michigan Department of Conservation by Miss Marjorie Tara, state geologist. There will also be an exhibit from the Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Detroit. Mrs. Clarence Johnson of the Farmington Garden Club will present a special roadside improvement exhibit.

**OPENS AT 2:00 P.M.**

The doors of the church will open at 2:00 p.m. for the Flower Show and will remain open until 9:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge. Entries will be received until 11 a.m. Friday. Theme of this year's Flower Show is "United Through Gardens". Arrangements and horticultural exhibits will carry out (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Grade Schools Set To Open Monday

Elementary students of the Farmington Township School District will open classes on Monday, September 8, school officials announced this week. The opening of grade schools has been delayed from Thursday, September 4, to September 8 because of conditions resulting from the present building program. However, officials pointed out that the classrooms will be ready for use by Monday. Construction work on the Bond and Middlebelt additions has resulted in some alteration of the present classrooms. Clean-up work is to be completed this week so that the rooms will be usable by Monday. Some repair of the present Ten Mile Road School has been required as well as cleaning up hazards around the new building being constructed adjacent to the present school. All elementary grades will be on half-day sessions with the opening of school. As soon as classrooms in each unit are completed, students will be placed on full day sessions.

### AWARD CONTRACTS

A contract for the repair of the roof at Central School has been awarded to J. D. Chandler-Roofing Company of Detroit. Another contract for the surveying and test boring of the Omsus Street (Continued on Page Twelve)

### LEGION, AUXILIARY INSTALLATION SET FOR THURSDAY

Newly elected officers of the Groves - Walker post will install the new officers of the Auxiliary. The Past Presidents Club of the Groves - Walker post will install the new officers of the Auxiliary. The Ritual Team of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Voiture \$11 of Oakland County will install the new officers of the Post. Charles Larson, present Commander of the Post, stated that the installation will be open to the public. All citizens of the Farmington community are invited to attend the impressive ceremonies and participate in the activities. The program will begin at 8:30 p.m.

### One Hour To Be Added To Schedule As Soon As Teacher Can Be Hired

Expansion of the seventh grade program in the Farmington Township School District was unanimously approved at a special meeting of the Board held Tuesday evening. An additional hour was added to the existing program, allowing two four-hour sessions instead of the previous three-hour sessions. It was pointed out at the meeting that the program will be put into effect as soon as an additional seventh grade teacher can be hired. Superintendent O. E. Dunkel stated that efforts would be started at once to secure a teacher. The action by the Board followed a report prepared by Dunkel in which he outlined several courses of action. The Superintendent was directed to submit the report at this special meeting after a discussion last week at which time several parents questioned the advisability of the existing program. Approximately 12 parents attended the special meeting Tuesday.

### Expect Record Crowd At Flower Show This Friday

**Exhibits To Be Open From 2:00 To 9:00 p.m.**

A number of special exhibits have been added to the already record number of displays which will highlight the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show to be held this Friday, September 5, at the Methodist Church. Miss Laura Osborne, chairman of the United Nations Committee for Greater Detroit, will be a guest of the Garden Club at the show. Among the educational exhibits will be a display of soil profiles brought from the Michigan Department of Conservation by Miss Marjorie Tara, state geologist. There will also be an exhibit from the Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Detroit. Mrs. Clarence Johnson of the Farmington Garden Club will present a special roadside improvement exhibit.

### OVER 100 ATTEND AMERICANISM MEETING AT NOVI

"Americanism" was the subject of a public meeting held last Tuesday evening under the sponsorship of the Perry Kenner Post, Amvets of Novi, at the Novi Township Community Hall. The program was opened with a welcome by Commander William Tagg, managing editor of The Farmington Enterprise, and Past Commander William MacDermid presented a Certificate of Merit to Frank Clark, Novi Township Supervisor. The awards were presented in recognition of service to the organization and to the welfare of the community. Leo Harwood spoke (by) (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Fifty Report For Falcon Grid Trials

Approximately 50 candidates for the Farmington High School football team turned out Monday morning for the opening practice session of the 1952 season. William Nuse, Falcon coach, announced Tuesday. This group included only candidates for the varsity and reserve teams. Two practice sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with activity being confined to conditioning and fundamentals. The first scrimmage will be held on Thursday and Friday, Nuse stated. The first scrimmage will be held Saturday evening under the lights at Plymouth. The practice game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. A regular practice session will be held in the morning on the Farmington grounds on Friday, September 19, with a game against Rochester High School on the Farmington grounds on Saturday, September 20. Nuse stated that practice activities are being stepped up to get the players ready for the opener.

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