

Farmington Area Churches Plan Good Friday and Easter Services

Community Good Friday Services Scheduled,
Special Easter Sunday Programs Planned

Churches in the Farmington area have completed plans for special services in recognition of Good Friday and Easter. Many of the churches are combining time and talent to offer memorable services at the Clarenceville Church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. The Clarenceville Methodist, the Southfield Community Presbyterian and the Farmington Baptist churches will hold Good Friday services at the Clarenceville Church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. The three separate services will feature a combined choir and each church will present special music.

Rev. Elsie Johns will speak on "God the Father," Rev. Baynes will deliver his address on "God the Son" and Rev. Northrop will speak on "God the Holy Spirit" at all of the services being devoted to the Good Friday message.

The Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Farmington Methodist Church will hold combined services at the Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. in observance of Good Friday. Rev. Carl Schultz will speak on "An Amazing Performance" at this special service. Masses are to be said at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Holy Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:15 p.m. On Good Friday devotions will be held at these same hours on Saturday the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be observed at 7:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold Maundy Thursday holy communion services at 5:00 p.m. and on Good Friday Mr. Edward Rutter, the St. Paul student at Conner, (Continued on Page Ten)

KINGSLEY WINS AMERICAN LEGION SPEECH CONTEST

William Kingsley, Farmington High School senior, has won the local and district awards in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. It was announced this week. Kingsley won a \$50 defense fund for orators. "Elastic Clause." He will participate in the oratorical division of the State Contest, which has been set for April 13. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kingsley of 33315 Shiloh Avenue Street.

AROUND THE BLOCK

PUTTING THE RIGHT FOOT . . .
forward is mighty important whether you are starting a column or starting a day. That's why we want to mention Monday, April 6, right off the bat. We think it is a pretty important way to start off the column this week. In case you have forgotten, Monday, April 6, is election day. And since we have put it at the top of the list on publication day, you have it all put at the top of your list on election day! Remember, it takes only a couple of minutes to cast your ballot . . . a couple of minutes that can mean years of freedom for you and your children. **VOTE THIS MONDAY . . .** it's your privilege and your responsibility!

PEOPLE ARE STILL TALKING . . .
as well they should, about the way the citizens of Farmington and Novi have rallied to the aid of their neighbor, the Foster family who lost everything they had in a tragic fire just a little over a week ago. You happened to be out on Haggerty Road over the week end and you saw a good-sized portion of the heart of this community. We never saw a home go up so fast or with so much enthusiasm. Everyone was on the job in spite of the weather, doing what they could to get a new home for this unfortunate family. Farmington's help but they shelled with the spirit and determination of all the workers. All that anyone could say was, "Boy, isn't this something!" This home will long remain, not just as a tribute to a courageous family, but as a monument to a couple of wonderful communities . . . Farmington and Novi!

NEW UNIFORMS . . .
for the Farmington High School band came a little closer to reality last Friday evening when a record crowd, jamming the high school, crowded the 222nd Street bandstand for the band's annual band uniform fund, but was visual proof of the interest the people of Farmington have in their youngsters and their band. According to our music critic, the concert was a huge success. The large crowd seemed more than pleased with what they heard. The performance left little doubt that the Farmington High School band is deserving of the new uniforms which we are sure they are going to get.

GO TO CHURCH . . .
this week end with your family and join together in music and prayer. Renew your faith in the Lord and your hope in the future. All churches in the Farmington area are planning special services for the Easter week end . . . their doors are open to you. Find comfort in the beautiful music . . . find courage in the story of the Resurrection . . . find brotherhood in the spirit of worshiping the Lord with one another. We need direction and resolute determination. We can find it in His inspiring words and deeds. Go to church this Easter season and take the whole family with you!

IT ISN'T TOO OFTEN . . .
that our dog friends have a chance to gather in convention, so when they do it is both a noisy and confused affair. Such was the case last Sunday afternoon when the dogs of Farmington Township gathered at the Clarenceville Fire Station for a rabies shot and a general get-together. According to reports it was quite a convention. There were long ones, short ones, fat ones and thin ones as well as some with long tails and others with no tails at all. We wouldn't want to say for sure whether they elected officers or passed any resolutions, but from the many "woofs" and "arrrs," a lot of opinions were expressed, however. No, it isn't too often that the dogs have a chance to hold a convention . . . but from the owners' standpoint, once can be too often.

LIGHT VOTE EXPECTED IN SPRING ELECTION MONDAY

When A Community Pitches In—This Is The Result



Last Saturday and Sunday were busy days out at 27400 Haggerty and here are a couple of scenes to prove it. The photo at the right was taken early Saturday as swarms of workmen began the rebuilding of the Harry Foster home which was destroyed in a fire Sunday evening, March 22. The large photo at the top was taken at about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, only a few hours after the construction got under way. Pictured in front of the partially completed home are, left to right: Pierre Delmonter, Dr. Joseph Gadow, Stephen, Mary Lou, Sammy Foster and Mrs. Foster.

New Home For Harry Foster Family Rises From The Ashes Of Tragedy

Hope To Have House
Completed Thursday

A little over a week ago the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster and their five children at 27400 Haggerty Road was but a tragic pile of charred and twisted ruin.

Today, a neat, new four-room house stands on the site, thanks to the heart and enthusiastic energy of the people of Farmington and Novi. News of the tragic fire which completely destroyed the Foster home Sunday evening, March 22, and left Mr. Foster critically injured and his wife and day-old baby injured, spread quickly throughout the community. The response was terrific. The Red Cross through the local disaster chairman, Pierre Delmonter. Food, clothing and temporary shelter was secured for the family. The Red Cross. Foster was taken to the Veterans' Hospital in Dearborn for treatment and Mrs. Foster and the baby were given medical attention.

In the meantime a building fund was set up under the chairmanship of Dr. Joseph Gadow. Farmington Post Office employees also set up a campaign for funds under the direction of R. C. Johnson. At the same time clothing and furniture began to pour in to the Farmington Police Station from all over the community. At last report the Foster Building fund had swelled to about \$1,400, according to Dr. Gadow, and the fund sponsored by the post office employees had grown to about \$4,000.

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Carnival Slashes Athletic Deficit

Farmington High School's attempt to pull its athletic department closer to the left-hand side of the financial ledger page on March 23 has been termed as successful by school officials.

The athletic carnival held on Saturday brought in an estimated \$700, which will bring the \$3,000 deficit down to approximately \$2,300.

The carnival was staged by teachers and pupils of the high school. Margaret Lingo and Mr. Warren Fitch were faculty, co-chairmen of the event, which began at 2:00 p.m. and lasted until 11:00 p.m.

One of the highlights of the various committees more time in which to complete their preliminary studies. A total of four committees has been set up to facilitate the initial planning surveys. These committees include Land Use, Traffic and Parking, City Development and Governmental Cooperation.

Efforts are now being made to arrange a new meeting date.

CITY PLANNING GROUP POSTPONES APRIL 7 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Planning Commission originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 7, has been temporarily postponed, Louis Nolan, chairman, stated Monday.

Teacher Salary Increases Made At Clarenceville

Minimum, Maximum
Pay Scales Boosted

Minimum and maximum salaries of teachers in the Clarenceville School District will be increased by \$200 beginning with the new fiscal year in accordance with a resolution approved by the Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

Under the new plan, teachers with four years' training and no experience will receive \$3,200. Teachers with five years' training and 12 years experience will receive \$4,550. These salaries include the regular pay plus a cost of living increment.

The contract on equipment of the new homecoming rooms in the Clarenceville High School addition were awarded to the Farmington company, Detroit, in the amount of \$3,595.55. The Ritchie Sons Company was awarded the contract on equipment for the kitchen in the new high school addition at a cost of \$5,617. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, was authorized to purchase two electric refrigerators, six electric ranges, an electric fryer, an automatic washer, and an electric dryer from the Detroit Edison Company.

AUTHORIZATION to obtain bids for a four-foot chain link fence along the south boundary of (Continued on Page Ten)

LITTLE LEAGUE RALLY PLANNED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The annual Farmington Little League Rally will be held Wednesday night, April 8, at 7:15 p.m. in the Farmington High School gymnasium. The rally will be presided over by Harvey Chapman, league president, announced Monday.

Motion picture films of the 1952 Farmington Little League in action will be shown at the meeting. These films show the progress of the Farmington Little League from opening day through to the end of the season. Chapman stated that films secured from the National Little League headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, will also be shown at the rally.

Prospective players, parents and citizens of the community are invited to attend the annual rally.

City To Discuss Special Election Plans This Week

Vote Required On Bond
Issue For Sewer Plant

A meeting of the City Council is expected to be held this week to set up the mechanics for a special election on the financing and construction of a sewage disposal plant.

Included on the agenda will be the introduction of a revenue bond ordinance to cover the cost of the extension of water and sewer mains to the new Farmington High School and the Kelly property in the northwest section of the city. The financing of the sewage disposal plant and the cost of the water and sewer extension are two entirely different projects.

According to Jean Tennant, City Manager, the meeting will be held as soon as the necessary estimates on the construction are received by the Council. These estimates as well as the details of construction are expected to be received Thursday or Friday.

IN CONNECTION with the sewage disposal plant, the Council must determine the cost of erection, set the amount of the general obligation bond issue and make provisions for the special election. Approval by the majority of the voters is required before the issue (Continued on Page Ten)

Recreation Group Re-elects Officers

All officers of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission were re-elected for the 1953 year at the annual meeting of the group held last Wednesday evening at the Farmington High School.

Officers re-elected were V. O. Bates, president; Dr. Joseph Gadow, vice-president; Mrs. James Shaughnessy, secretary; and Samuel Kosmowski, treasurer. Dr. H. Snyder was re-elected to the executive board.

According to Kosmowski, a total of \$2,641.17 was spent by the commission last year for the summer recreation program. To date a total of \$721.37 has been expended on the winter swimming program with a balance of \$395.02 left to continue the program until May.

Lead Class Of 1953 Valedictorian And Salutatorian Named At Clarenceville High School



DONALD KNAPP

A girl and boy have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the Clarenceville High School senior class. Max Knapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robenault, 19319 Negau Avenue, has been selected as valedictorian of the class.

Barbara has maintained a scholastic average of 3.40 (Shanahan's average of 3.40) during her high school career. Barbara has been an officer in the Student Council and has been a member of the Future Teachers Club, the

Polling Places In Township And City To Be Open From 7 a.m. To 8 p.m.

A moderate to heavy vote is being predicted by Farmington City and Township officials for the Biennial Spring Election to be held on Monday, April 6.

The largest percentage vote is expected in the city where an aggressive campaign is being waged for the three seats on the City Council. A total of seven candidates are in the race for Councilman. The candidates are: James W. Cavanaugh, Robert J. Lindbert, James M. Noorjian, Emory O. Hatton, W. Allen Nelson, Mrs. Marion M. Tomlin and Earl G. Vivier. There is no contest for the other two city offices, Municipal Judge and Associate Judge. John J. Schulte, Jr., is the lone candidate for Municipal Judge and Max Huett is unopposed for Associate Judge. The city election is non-partisan.

Because there is no contest for township offices in the April 6 election, a lighter vote is expected in Farmington Township. The only candidates to appear on the township ballot will be Republican and Democratic party candidates qualified in the Primary Election in February.

In addition to the election of Farmington City and Township officials, voters will cast their ballots for various county and state officials. Three Oakland County Circuit Judges and two Justices to the State Supreme Court are to be named.

Both Democrat and Republican candidates will be running on the regular state ballot. The state offices to be filled include: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Highway Commissioner, two Representatives to the University of Michigan, member of the State Board of Education and two members of the State Board of Agriculture.

THE POLLS will be open on Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in both the township and city. Voters living in Precinct One of the township will cast their ballots at the Farmington Town Hall. Precinct Two electors will vote at the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street. Voters in Precinct Three and the township will cast their ballots at the Middlebelt School. Precinct Four voters will mark their ballots at the Bond School on Orchard Lake Road. The assistance of the Farmington Township will be used in all four precincts of the township. Printed ballots will be used in the one precinct of the city.

Extend Red Cross Drive One Week

The Farmington and Clarenceville Red Cross Drives have been extended for one week, until April 13, in an effort to boost the total collections in the annual campaign.

Charles Stuart, co-chairman of the Farmington Drive, stated Monday that approximately \$2,100 has been collected thus far in the campaign. This represents about 55% of the \$5,000 quota. The Red Cross drive is being extended one week throughout the county. A total of \$94,710 has been raised to date on the county's goal of \$178,369. The campaign was formally started to end on March 31.

Stuart emphasized that the door to door soliciting will end on Tuesday, but that contributions will be accepted until April 8. Persons who wish to donate to the Farmington drive are requested to send their contributions to Charles Stuart in care of the Farmington Lumber Company, or to Mrs. Mel Stevens, co-chairman, at 30765 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan.

Persons in the Clarenceville area may mail their contributions to Fred Menke, Jr., 28212 Elletts Road, according to Menke, the collection date in the Clarenceville area total about \$314. The quota for the Clarenceville section has been set at \$1,000.

Final reports on the drive will be announced at a pot luck luncheon to be held on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall. All volunteer workers are invited to attend the luncheon.

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