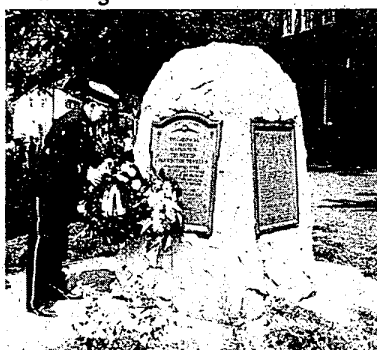


Farmington Honors War Dead



One of the highlights of the Memorial Day observance held in Farmington last Saturday morning was the placing of wreaths on the veterans' monument in the Town Hall Park. Charles Larson, past commander of the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion, places a wreath on the marker as the parade in the background stands in solemn tribute. Immediately following the placing of the American Legion wreath, Herbert Force, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4033, placed a floral display on the marker.

Power And Phone Lines Downed As Storm Hits Area Saturday Night

Report No Injuries, Little Property Damage

The worst electric storm of the year hit the Farmington area with sudden fury late Saturday afternoon, downing telephone and power lines and flooding the streets and roadways with rivers of water.

City and Township Police as well as fire departments were kept busy throughout the evening marking fallen electric lines. Detroit Edison and Bell Telephone emergency crews were on duty both Saturday evening and all day Sunday restoring service. No serious damage was reported in the area during the storm.

The only house directly struck by lightning was that of Ronald Farrow on Hanes Street. Farrow is a member of the Farmington City Police Department. Lightning apparently hit the chimney, damaging a television set and furnace. Main power lines were reported down at State Street and

CITY TO FINISH WORK ON STREET OILING THIS WEEK

Work is expected to be completed this week on the laying of Kent oil on streets in the city, Mayor Kenna Loomis stated Tuesday. The high voltage line burned three (Continued on Page Ten)

Governor Signs Township Hunting Ban Proposal

Bill Calls For Special Vote In Township

A special election on the question of whether or not Farmington Township will be closed to hunting was assured this week with the signing of the hunting ban bill by Governor Williams. The legislation, which was approved by both the State Senate and House, calls for a referendum vote by the residents of Farmington Township to determine whether hunting will be allowed or not. The House approved the measure several months ago and the Senate followed suit last month. The signature of the Governor was required before an election could be held.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that it will probably be several days before official notice will be received from Lansing. It is believed that the bill does not carry an immediate effect clause and thus no action can be taken until 90 days following the adjournment of the Legislature. McCracken indicated that the election would be held prior to the opening of hunting season this fall.

IF THE VOTERS approve the proposal, no hunting will be allowed within the limits of the township. The exact provisions of the bill will not be available until official notice has been received by the Township Clerk. A majority vote either for or against will determine the fate of the proposal.

The bill was first introduced in the House by Representative Howard Estes, Birmingham, following the receipt of a petition signed by a group of township residents. After passage by the House it went to the Senate under the sponsorship of Senator George Higgins of Ferndale.

Plans are now being made on the organization of classes in the Farmington School District for the opening of school next September, Superintendent O. E. Dunkle announced this week.

School Sets Plans For Next Year

Under the present program, the sixth grade from the Middlebelt School area and the fifth and sixth grade from the Ten Mile School area will be held at the new high school building. The grades will occupy eight classrooms in the building. The balance of the rooms will be used for the seventh and eighth grades.

The superintendent stated that the change is necessary because of the ever-increasing enrollment in the lower elementary grades. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, pointed out that approximately 400 new kindergarten students are expected to enroll in the district in September while 191 sixth graders will be moving out of the elementary schools.

All of the high school grades will be transferred to the new high school building when it is officially opened in September. Plans Completed

Trip Through Farmington Gardens Set For Saturday And Sunday

This year, for the first time, some of Farmington's most beautiful gardens will be on display during the Detroit Garden Center Pilgrimage to Farmington this Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7.

The gardens will be open from noon until 6:00 p.m. during the two-day pilgrimage. According to the tour, the tour will be held in the morning, rain or shine. Children will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Persons are requested not to wear spike heels and to leave dogs at home or in the car.

Tickets for the Pilgrimage may be purchased at the Farmington State Bank throughout the week and on June 6 and 7 at the gate and any of the gardens to be visited. Persons desiring further information on the Pilgrimage are requested to call the Farmington area chairman, Mrs. John W. Grant, at Farmington 0452. A map showing the location of all gardens will be given at the time of the

Opens June 22 FARC Completes Program Plans

Final plans are being formulated for the summer recreation program which will open Monday, June 22, and continue through July 31 under the direction of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Playground areas are to be established at the Farmington High School, Bond School, William Grap School and Robt. School. A program of free play ground to be open two days a week under the supervision of a qualified director.

Two days of each week groups will be transported to Kennington Park for an extensive program of free and instructional swimming as well as arts and crafts, nature trips, organized games and free play. (Continued on Page Ten)

Clarenceville Gets OK To Borrow Operating Funds

District May Not Need \$15,000 Authorized

Permission has been granted to the Clarenceville School District by the Municipal Finance Commission to borrow \$15,000 against undistributed State Aid.

The Board emphasized, however, that the approval does not necessarily mean that the District will borrow the sum requested. Every effort is being made to avoid borrowing, one official stated. However, the Board pointed out that authorization to borrow was obtained in case it becomes necessary to meet current operating expenses.

The contract for the purchase of science room equipment for the new high school addition was awarded to the Ogleby Equipment Company of Detroit at a cost of \$7,709.10. The equipment includes tables, cases and other furniture sufficient to accommodate over 30 students. A contract for the installation of 134 feet of (Continued on Page Ten)

STATE TO ASSIST AIR SPOTTERS IN GETTING RECRUITS

Thomas Tardy, director of the Ground Observer Corps, stated this week that the State Organization is now assisting the Farmington station in a campaign to secure new recruits.

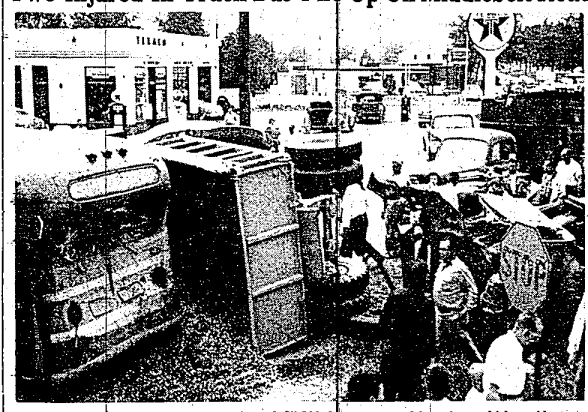
The director pointed out that the Farmington Corps is so vital in the high percentage of efficiency it has enjoyed, more volunteers are urgently needed at once. Tardy added that a number of spotters have left the Corps and they have not been replaced as yet.

Large posters pointing out the importance of the Ground Observer Corps have been received from the State and will be put up throughout the area this week. The state has also agreed to furnish additional promotional material to Farmington.

Persons interested in becoming (Continued on Page Ten)

Expect Light Vote Monday In Annual School Elections

Two Injured In Truck-Bus Pile-Up On Middlebelt Road



Two persons were injured and an estimated \$3,300 damages caused by a four vehicle accident at Grand River and Middlebelt Road on Friday, May 29, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Earl D. Brooks, 67, of 18087 Schaffer in Detroit, is shown in the picture below being lifted from his truck cab. He suffered two broken wrists and a fractured left arm. The other injured person was Edward Chesney, 35, of Wyandotte, who received chest injuries. The other drivers involved, John E. Jager of Dearborn and Eva Koppel of Wyandotte, were uninjured. State Police handled the accident and the Tanager ambulance service removed the injured to Redford Receiving Hospital.

According to police reports, Brooks' truck was crossing Grand River going south on Middlebelt when it collided with the second truck, which was driven by Jager. The resulting crash caused Jager's truck to strike a Greyhound suburban bus, which in turn struck another bus parked immediately behind. Both buses were waiting for traffic clearance at the southeast corner. Chesney was driver of the first and Mrs. Emple of the second bus, both of which were carrying no passengers at the time. The top picture shows Chesney's bus at the left, then the truck driven by Jager and, at the right foreground, the truck driven by Brooks. The bus driven by Mrs. Emple is out of the picture to the left.



Gala Program To Open Little League, Little-Bigger League Play Saturday

Parade To Precede Opening Ball Games

Farmington's Little League and Little-Bigger League baseball season will officially get under way this Saturday afternoon with a gala ceremony at the City Park.

The activities will begin at 12 noon with a colorful parade. The Farmington High School band will lead the march which will include players from eight major and eight minor teams making up the Little League and Little-Bigger League. The parade will begin at the corner of Oakland and Farmington Road and proceed west to Grand River, then east on Grand River to Warner Street, north to Shawwassee and then east to the City Park. There will be a raising ceremony at the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, Mayor Kenna Loomis will throw the first ball with Harvey Chapman, president of the Little League, catching.

Following the ceremonies, the first games of two scheduled double-headers will begin. The Little League teams will play on the diamond in the City Park while the Little-Bigger League teams will meet on the high school diamond just west of the park. The first Little League game will pit the Star Cutters against the

Next Thursday, June 11, will be graduation day for 39 seniors of the Farmington High School and 52 of the Clarenceville High School.

The 1953 Farmington Commencement exercises are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington High School auditorium. Dr. Harold E. Spenberg, Assistant Director of Placement at Michigan State College, will be the Commencement speaker. The title of his address will be "The Educated Heart". Spenberg has received nationwide acclaim as a public speaker.

Clarenceville's 1953 Commencement exercises are also scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School auditorium. Hartman G. Lichtwardt, M.D., Medical Director of the Women's Hospital, Detroit, will be the principal speaker. Dr. Lichtwardt will speak on the subject: "Today's Youth and Tomorrow's World".

ON SUNDAY, June 7, Baccalaureate services will be held for both graduating classes. The Farmington service will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington High School auditorium. Dr. Gordon H. Northrop, Farmington Baptist Church, will give the main

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Millage Proposal To Be On Ballot At Farmington

A light vote is expected in the Annual School Elections to be held next Monday, June 8, at both Farmington and Clarenceville, officials predicted this week.

The prediction is based on the lack of contests for school board members in both school districts. Two candidates are to be elected in each district for terms of three years. Only two candidates have filed petitions at both Farmington and Clarenceville. In addition to the election of Board members, Farmington will vote on whether or not to approve a mill tax levy for school operation.

Candidates for election to the Farmington School Board are Wendell Brown and Bayard Tupper, both incumbents. In the Clarenceville election, Robert Rickert and Richard Gault are the two Board candidates. Rickert is secretary of the present School Board. The proposition to be voted upon at Farmington would allow an increase of \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as equalized for the year 1953 and \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a period of three years from 1954 to 1956, both inclusive.

THE POLLS will be open at both Farmington and Clarenceville from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8. Voters of the Farmington School District will cast their ballots at the high school gym. Clarenceville electors will vote at the high school building on Middlebelt Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

The Annual Meeting of the Farmington School District will be held at 8:30 p.m. on June 8 in the high school gymnasium building. The Clarenceville meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. in the high school building.

Man Suffers Heart Attack After Fire

William J. Maul, 65 years old, died suddenly Saturday afternoon, apparently from a heart attack following a fire that partially damaged his home at 28555 Eight Mile Road.

The fire was first reported about noon on Saturday. The Clarenceville Fire Department answered the call and when they began to run low on water, called the Farmington Township Fire truck. Irving Yakes, Township Police Officer, also answered the first call. Most of the fire was confined to the rear of the large (Continued on Page Ten)

Seniors At Farmington And Clarenceville High Schools Prepare For Commencement Week Activities

Address entitled, "Things That Matter". The Invocation and Benediction will be presented by Rev. Russell Suraw of the First Methodist Church. The Farmington Invocation and the Clarenceville Vocal music for the service will be furnished by the Youth Choir of Clarenceville Methodist Church. Arnone Goldkette will be the soloist. Pianist and director of music is Mrs. Paul Arensmann.



DR. HAROLD SPENBERG

DR. H. G. LICHTWARDT



AROUND THE BLOCK

THE BIG LINE-UP on Farmington's highways and byways was long enough over the Memorial Day week end but not quite as long as expected. There was only one serious traffic accident reported and that was on Friday afternoon prior to the main rush. The traffic situation on Memorial Day itself was pretty well summed up in the police report... "everything smooth". We hope that this same statement will be repeated every week end throughout the summer ahead. And it can be if every one of us who drives an automobile observes the same care as was followed during Memorial Day. Let's heed the continual warnings... let's not get careless... let's keep "everything smooth".

DO YOU KNOW... what's going to happen next Monday, June 8? Some mighty important decisions are going to be made and it is your responsibility to help make them. In case you are still in the dark, we are talking about the Annual School Elections to be held Monday at both Farmington and Clarenceville. Besides the election of the board members in each District, Farmington school electors will vote on a special tax proposal which will have marked bearing on the type of school program offered to students. The additional millage, if approved, will be used by the District to meet operational expenses necessary to increased enrollment and an improved curriculum. Your schools are your business... so tend to business by voting Monday!

IN THE HEADLINES... again is the weather, or maybe we should say yet. Almost since 1953 began, the weather has been hitting the front page, and last week was no exception. The Farmington area caught just about everything Saturday evening from hail stones to lightning and rain to thunder. As a result some residents were without phone service or electrical power for a few hours, but there wasn't anybody without water, that's for sure. It really came down in buckets full. Yet throughout the storm, rain, hail and all, the police, volunteer firemen and emergency utility crews were on the job. Maybe it's their duty, but we still have to hand it to 'em. The fact that no one was injured and very little damage was caused is a tribute to their efforts.

A BUSY WEEK-END... is just ahead for residents of the Farmington area. There are two big events on the calendar for Saturday and one for Sunday. It doesn't matter whether you are a baseball fan or a garden enthusiast, there is something of interest for you. Saturday afternoon, the long-awaited Farmington Little League and Little-Bigger League seasons will begin with all the splendor of an opening day. Also on Saturday and continuing through Sunday, Farmington residents will be afforded the rare opportunity of visiting some of the most beautiful gardens in this area. So mark your calendar now and get set for a busy and enjoyable week end.