

Scouts Pack For National Jamboree



Lelloy Paschke, Scoutmaster Bill Barnum and Jerry Drumm are shown checking over some of the equipment they will take on the trip to the Boy Scout National Jamboree in California this month. The trip will leave Pontiac on July 11 on a bus trip to Flint, where they will join the other members of the Clinton Valley Council for the trip west via railroad pullman car. They will be gone for a total of 21 days. Paschke, pictured at the left, has been chosen as senior patrol leader for the Clinton Valley Council.

Ground Observer Corps To Receive Air Force Citation

Formal Presentation To Be Made Tuesday

An award for outstanding service during the past year will be presented to the Farmington Ground Observer Corps by a special presentation Tuesday, July 14.

Chief Observer Arthur Bassette stated that the meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall.

Bassette stated that the meeting will mark the close of the first year of 24 hour service by the Farmington station. During that period the Corps has maintained a nearly 99 per cent efficiency rating. The station has actually been in operation for 2 1/2 years.

During the period over 200 persons have served in the Farmington Corps. Bassette added, "Of this number, 16 have been active since the opening of the station. There is a total of 135 spotters active at the present time. The chief observer stated that the women have outnumbered the men about two to one through out the history of the Corps."

AROUND THE BLOCK

WE STARTED OFF... this column last week with the proud statement, "Well, we made it this time, but quite a few things happened between the time we wrote those words and the last paper finally came off the press which we want to mention. We aren't bringing them up just to sound off on our troubles, but rather to show you how helpful people can be. We ran into a little trouble on the last run, and had to put in a hurry-up call to the Dearborn Independent, where we are helping hand. Not only did they send a pressman out right now, but Bill Mills, business manager, came out too. They got things straightened out in a hurry and then pitched in stuffing papers. With all hands at it, the job was cleaned up in record time. Then to top things off, Charles Habermeil and Henry Trippley opened the Post Office for us Wednesday evening so we could get the papers on the way. After all that help, we couldn't miss."

SPEAKING OF MINES...

We hope you won't miss showing up at the next meeting of the Farmington Area Civil Defense Council which is set for next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Legion Memorial Home. If you are interested in helping your neighbors in an emergency, you are needed and now. Since the recent tornado disasters in Michigan, Civil Defense has taken on new importance and meaning. It means more than just defense against enemy attack, it means helping hand in any emergency. If Farmington is to be prepared, volunteers must be secured to fill key posts. So come to the meeting Monday and become a part of this vitally important effort.

ANOTHER CASE...

A dog being more intelligent than his owner occurred in front of the Enterprise office Monday afternoon when the hot sun was at its hottest. The dog kindly requested that no names be used in spite of the fact that his master had left him in the back of a pick-up truck with "no more leeway than the length of a twig. Several passersby found time to say a few affectionate words to the unfortunate animal and he took full advantage of a pan of cool water which was provided. Following his drink, the hapless dog did what he could to get into the very small amount of shade provided by the truck cab. He wasn't a fancy breed of dog, but he had the senses of heart, third and fourth, which we understand is more than he gave his thoughtless owner credit for.

IT'S A PLEASURE...

To report no major accidents in the Farmington area over the Fourth of July week end. Everything was very serene, even though it was a bit crowded at times. The wholesale deluge of publicity on traffic safety evidently did a lot of good, because the toll was down all over the state, compared to a year ago. We're particularly happy about the whole thing, because we had reluctantly primed our camera, sharpened our pencil, and warmed up our typewriter for the expected unpleasant task ahead. Thank goodness we didn't have to use any of them.

City Completes Alta Loma Street Sewer Survey

The survey of sewer facilities in the southwest section of the city has been completed by the City Engineer, officials announced Monday, and recommendations are being drawn up for Council consideration.

The survey was made at the request of the City Council and covers the sewers running along Alta Loma, Liberty, State, Wilmarth, Oakland and Pickett Streets. Additional building in this section as well as the possible development of a new subdivision between the end of Alta Loma Street and Gill Road prompted the survey. The city has received a volume of complaints from residents living on Alta Loma regarding drainage in the past few years.

According to the survey, the Alta Loma sewer has an additional capacity of 24 inches. Most of the sewer network in the southwest section flows into the Alta Loma line. The additional 24 inches can be handled if the manholes at the corner of Farmington Road are bypassed, the survey shows. The problem is centered at the manholes, which have been sunk at various levels.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated Monday that he has asked L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, to present a design of the sewer network as well as a by-pass which would eliminate the problem. The design is expected to be available at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Library Receives Final State Aid

On July 1, the Farmington Library received a check for \$333.85 from the state, which completes the payments of the General Library Fund Grant for the year ending June 30, 1953. Mrs. A. M. Leach, librarian, announced the week.

The possibility of sharing in the fund this year encouraged local governmental units to provide additional funds for the Farmington Library. As a result the hours of operation for the library were increased to 36 and a trained librarian, Mrs. Mildred Broeze, was employed. The present library hours are: daily except Tuesday, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The General Library Fund is an appropriation to increase and extend library services. It may be used for any purpose except the erection or remodeling of a building, the purchase of a site or the payment of interest charged on any indebtedness.

NEW POLICEMAN ADDED TO CITY DEPARTMENT

Orrville R. Grieve has been added to the staff of the Farmington City Police Department as a patrolman. City Manager James Tennant said the new policeman is being hired on a temporary basis. However, Tennant indicated that he may be made a permanent member of the force. The additional man is being added to step up patrolling, particularly in the residential sections.

View Of The Future

1953 School Census Reports Show Bigger Problems Are Just Ahead

Officials of the Farmington and Clinton Valley School Districts can find little comfort in the latest annual school census report released this week.

The figures on the annual census, which was started in May, show a steady increase in the population of boys and girls between the ages of birth and 19 years. The census shows that there are 2,336 students in the age group 15 to 19 years as compared to 2,098 last year. The largest increase in the age group is in the 15 to 19 year olds, where there are 3,650 as compared to 3,215 at census time last year. Thus both groups have increased approximately 15% during the 1952-53 year. The largest single

Another Hitch Hold Up Traffic Lights For Parts

Another hitch has developed in the story of the traffic lights to be installed at the intersection of Grand River and Middlebelt roads.

This time it's parts. The disclosure was announced by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, in answer to a letter from the Clarenceville Optimist Club. He stated that the erection is being delayed because of a shortage of parts for the traffic lights.

The Supervisor added that there is a heavy demand for lights from the State Highway Department, causing shortages and delays on work orders. The installation of the lights was approved several months ago, with the cost of erection to be shared jointly by the State Highway Department and the County Road Commission, Blanchard added.

The letter from the Optimist Club was dated June 30 and was signed by Louis Schmidt, secretary. The letter was in the form of a request to the Township Board for information relative to the status of the traffic lights.

Report Progress On New High School Building

Expect To Install New Equipment This Month

Work is progressing according to schedule on the new Farmington High School building. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, announced this week, with some equipment scheduled for installation by the end of July.

Dunkel stated that science equipment for the new high school is expected to be delivered and installed in the next two or three weeks. He added that several rooms are now sufficiently completed to allow for storage of furniture and equipment. It is expected that everything except the final touch-up work will be completed by the end of the month.

CONSIDERABLE time will be required to move and install the furniture and equipment, the Superintendent added. The new building is to be ready for use with the opening of school this September. Much of the equipment is expected to be installed by the end of the month.

ANNUAL NOVI SCHOOL ELECTION SET FOR MONDAY

Three candidates will be running for two offices in the Annual School District No. 8, Township of Novi, election to be held next Monday, July 13, at the Novi School.

The candidates are Russell Tuton, J. D. Krwin and George Larson. One candidate will be elected to a regular three year term, while the other will be elected to a one year term filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of Arthur Staman.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the election next Monday. Voting will take place at the Novi School on Novi Road just north of Grand River.

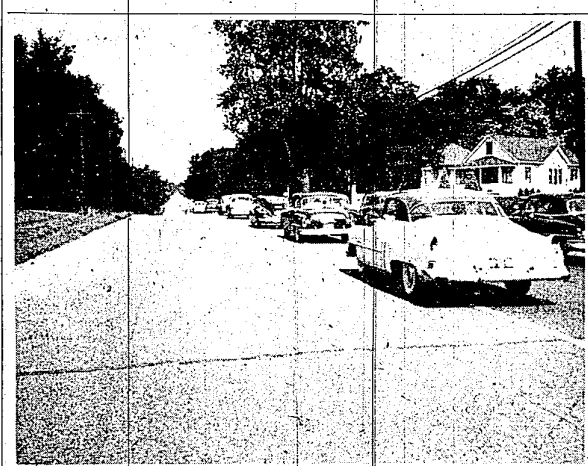
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The group is the one year olds with 445 recorded. Superintendent O. E. Dunkel pointed out that the average for each group of school age children is 240 while the average for each group of preschool youngsters is 385. Thus the classroom building and operation problem continues to become more complicated.

In the situation as it exists at Clarenceville. According to the 1953 census there is a total of 1,138 children in the Clarenceville District under five years old compared to 964 last year. This is an increase of about 18%. The census also shows that there are 2,336 students in the age group 15 to 19 years as compared to 2,098 last year. The largest increase in the age group is in the 15 to 19 year olds, where there are 3,650 as compared to 3,215 at census time last year. Thus both groups have increased approximately 15% during the 1952-53 year. The largest single

City Calls For Bids On First Curb And Gutter Installation



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James Tennant, City Manager, stated that plans are being made for the first general installation of curbs and gutters on all city streets. He added that the Oakland Avenue project will include approximately 1,000 feet of curb and gutter plus the laying of a new concrete sidewalk surface. The deadline for the receipt of bids has been set for 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 20. All bids must be accompanied by a bond equivalent to 5% of the total proposal cost.

THE COUNCIL is expected to award the contract at its regular meeting set for July 20. Tennant stated that the project is to be completed this summer. The entire cost of the project will be paid out of the surplus from the 1952-53 budget. Tennant indicated that a number of contractors have already reviewed the plans and specifications which are on file at the office of the City Manager in the Municipal Building.

The City Manager stated that the curb and gutter will be of concrete construction. The road will be resurfaced with a minimum of six inches of crushed rock or slag compacted under 15 tons of pressure and topped with a minimum of two inches of bituminous concrete surface. (Tennant stated that all but one of the large trees lining the street will be left.)

Tennant explained that the Oakland Avenue project was selected first because of the volume of traffic using the street, because there is adequate drainage available, because little excavation will be required and because the project can be financed out of the current surplus. The City Manager stated that other projects will be undertaken as soon as funds are available. First consideration will be given to streets having the largest volume of traffic.

Initial Project Covers Portion Of Oakland Avenue

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Total Of \$65,000 Pledged Thus Far To Our Lady Of Sorrows Campaign

Father Beahan Seeks Additional Workers; Canvassing Of Parish Slated To Start This Week

More than \$65,000 has been pledged and 300 men answered an appeal recently made by Father Thomas P. Beahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, to assist in a parish expansion fund to raise a minimum of \$150,000.

The first meeting of these volunteers was held on Monday, July 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the old church. At the meeting the workers were assigned to specific teams so they may do a thorough job of canvassing the parish.

Mr. Joseph Koehler, the chairman of the team captains, said, "The cooperation and interest shown by the captains who were at the training meeting, so far certainly is an indication to see the goal realized and surpassed."

Mr. Herbert Harp, Memorial Gifts chairman, and his associates, Dr. Joseph Gdubaw, Mr. J. J. Leach, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Edward Balfuff, working as canvassers, opened the advance phase of the campaign on June 25, with memorial opportunities ranging between \$25,000 and \$450. Only gifts in this category may be accepted at this point.

Mr. Hart said, "Donors of memorials would have a plaque with the name of the donor attached to the particular memorial selected, which would be placed in the first serve basin."

On Sunday, July 5, Father Beahan made another appeal at all Masses for more workers. Father Beahan continued that arrangements have been made to allow people wishing to give a donation to the campaign to secure a memorial for a living or deceased loved one. He explained that anyone who was interested in furnishing pictures for their memorial will offer the tickets for their pictures to the general public.

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Approve Federal Aid Payment To Clarenceville

Authorize 30% of Total Grant For New Schools

Approval of a 30% payment to the Clarenceville School District for construction of new school buildings under the existing Federal Grant was announced this week by school officials.

This makes the third payment to the District by the United States Office of Education on the \$191,587 authorized grant. The first payment consisted of 10% and the second of 50%. This leaves a balance of \$19,158.70 left to be paid for the new buildings.

ACCORDING to the letter, the 30% payment has been approved because the project is about half completed. Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated that the work is actually much further along than that at the present time. The (Continued on Page Eight)

Pick Little League All-Star Team

Farmington's Little League All-Star team will journey to Birmingham Monday, July 17, to meet the Birmingham Americans in the first round of the Annual Little League World Series play-offs. Harvey Chapman, president of the League, announced the team.

Taylor Thompson, pitcher, was selected as manager of the team with Ted Smith as coach. Selection of the players was made last week by the various Little League managers. The games will be played on the Birmingham High School athletic field.

Players selected to represent Farmington are: Yanks: Dave Wood, Bob Utley, Dave Chisness and Tom Grimsley; Pirates: Ed Fulton, Allen LeSage, Ross Rydner and Chuck Thornton; Cubs: Ryoner Hug, Harold Taylor, and Charles Greenfield; Cards: John Clark, Fred Sessler, Cliff Simons and Harvey Chapman.

The winner of the Farmington-Birmingham Americans game on July 17 will meet the winner of the Livonia-Birmingham Nationals game in the second round. The Birmingham tournament winner will then go to Hamtramck for the next round of the play-offs.

Chapman also announced that James Warner has volunteered for umpire duties in the Birmingham tournament.

OAKLAND LIONS CLUB CHANGES MEETING PLACE

The last three meetings of the Oakland Lions Club have been held at the new club room above Langan Bowling Alley at 2700 Northwestern Highway.

The organization formerly met at Rotunda Inn until arrangements were made by Tom Langan, club member, for the use of the present facilities.

All members of the club will meet at the room, which was formerly used as a dance hall, tonight with their paintbrushes for redecoration purposes.

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