



**WORKERS** who helped make last week's Bond-Eagle Blood Bank Drive a huge success are shown above. They are, seated, Carlin Lapsnik, release chairman; and standing, left to right, Elizabeth G. Downing, registration head; and Iola DeGroot, food chairman. Several others contributed greatly to the drive's success. The bloodmobile visit was made for the Inter-Lakes Blood Bank, of which the Bond-Eagle Bank is a part, last Monday at the West Bloomfield Town Hall.

**TOWNLINE NEWS**

**Mrs. Frazer Hults**  
28150 HAGGERTY GR. 4-1879

Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Hults entertained the West Farmington Farm Bureau Tuesday evening, February 21. The meeting was opened by Chairman James Inman and started with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Chalmers Lukefahr and Mrs. William Tammo, who celebrated their birthdays last week.

Announcement was made of a get-together of all Farm Bureau groups in Oakland County on March 13 at the West Bloomfield Town Hall. A report was read by Minute Man Roland Green from the National Farm Bureau, asking all members to write their senators requesting them to keep the Agricultural Bill in committee until objectionable features can be removed. A motion was approved to write to the State Farm Bureau regarding the condemnation of land for public purposes. Also approved was the contribution of \$2.00 to the "Families for Friendship" Drive now being conducted by Farm Bureau groups. Wendell Green led the group in song.

**-- Obituaries --**

**Mrs. Jessie A. Potts**  
Mrs. Jessie A. Potts of 29235 Farmington Road died Thursday, February 23, in Martin Place Hospital, Detroit, following a short illness.

Mrs. Potts was born in Pennsylvania on March 27, 1883, the daughter of Albert C. and Charlotte McKee Martin. She was united in marriage to Dallas C. Potts on March 27, 1899. Mrs. Potts had lived in Farmington for the past 17 years. She was a member of the Farmington Methodist Church, the Farmington Women's Club and the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Potts resided at the Thayer Funeral Home until Monday when funeral services were held at 2 p.m. from the Farmington Methodist Church with Rev. Russell W. Sursaw officiating. Interment took place in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Larsen of Plymouth and Mrs. Phyllis Hiebert of Milford, and two sons, Hugh Pickens of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Burton Pickens of Royal Oak. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Mary Agnes Fischer**  
Mrs. Mary Agnes Fischer, 21104 Remus, died at her residence February 23 following an illness of several weeks.

She was born in Bermuda February 1, 1889, the daughter of Anthony Joseph and Prapalia (De-Fraits) Saints and was united in marriage to William A. Fischer on February 15, 1918. She had resided in Farmington for 19 years.

Mrs. Fischer was a member of St. Agatha's Church where a funeral Mass was held at 9 a.m. Saturday. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Besides her husband, William A., she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Bernard (Edna) Keiffer of Redford Township and Mrs. Sherrill (Margaret) Hammer of Farmington; three grandsons; and two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Johnson of Detroit and Mrs. Vonn Ross of Farmington.

Funeral services were recited at the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**WEST POINT  
PARK NEWS**

MISS L. A. AULT  
Phone GR. 4-4294

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts of Mayfield Avenue were in Monroe recently to attend a celebration honoring the 33rd birthday of their son-in-law, Robert Padot.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault of Mayfield Avenue attended the same party. They were accompanied by their son, Forrest, and his family, of Hubbard Avenue.

Honoring the birthday of her husband, Mrs. O. R. Ault entertained at her home on Shady Side Avenue Sunday afternoon, February 26. Guests were all close relatives.

Thursday evening, Mrs. George Thorne of Brentwood Avenue, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Logan of Red of South Lyon, attended a get-together of girl friends at the home of Mrs. Betty Shadell in Detroit.

Several other young women of this section were also present at the party.

Miss Shirley Grundy, who is attending the University of Michigan, spent the week end of February 25 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grundy on Hubbard Avenue.

Mrs. George W. Sandan of Hubbard Avenue was a recent visitor in Ionia.

Mrs. Frank Posner of Farmington Road spent last week end with her daughter, Mrs. Don Bandelow, near Cleveland.

V. C. Reddy of Shady Side Avenue was a business visitor in Grand Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher of Mayfield Avenue will arrive home about March 1 from a few weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox and their two small children are getting things settled in their new home, the former Slewart property on Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Russell have sold their property on Farmington Road and will soon move to another location.

Richard Varhol, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol of Shady Side Avenue, expects to be inducted into the U. S. Army March 15.

Don Kaurnanen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kaurnanen of Mayfield Avenue, is now serving with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Private Harold McVicar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar of Shady Side Avenue, who has been stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, expects to be sent to Germany soon. Before leaving, he hopes to enjoy a short visit with his parents.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Fourteen guests helped surprise William Grant on his birthday at his home at 28776 Greencastle Road last Saturday night. He was presented with a movie projector and a camera. Pictures of Michigan beauty spots and Nova Scotia were shown.

February 15, Beverly Terrault of Keego Harbor gave a dinner party at China City in Pontiac honoring the fifth birthday of Susan Kidd of Schroeder Road.

Mrs. Walter Kidd of Redford helped her granddaughter celebrate her birthday on February 14 and enjoyed her Valentine birthday cake with her.

**Rambling East**  
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A Stanley party was held at the home of Mrs. Doris Mueller of Elm Grove Street during February. Ten ladies were present and enjoyed the demonstration following which a lunch was served.

Jackie Devor of Canfield is confined to her home with the measles.

Enjoying a pajama party last Friday night at the home of Cookie Thornton were Adele Kormody, Jaylene Harwell, Penny Ferry and Sandy Matsen.

Nancy Greeshover of Stockholm celebrated her eighth birthday Friday. Helping her celebrate were Janet Oak, Karen Nicholson, Karen Schlack and her brother, John.

The fifth grade class of the Middle School visited the Detroit Historical Museum last Thursday. Mrs. Jerry assisted the fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Briggs.

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**Classroom Shortages Mounting In Farmington Schools,  
Some Classes To Go On Half-Day Sessions Next Year**

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles to provide residents of the Farmington Public School District with a better understanding of the problems which are ahead in providing adequate educational facilities for youngsters of the area. Statistics and informational material has been provided by members of the school administrative staff. The series is designed to present an insight into the school problem prior to March 26, when elections will go to the polls on a proposed bond issue to the district. The additional 42 classrooms in the three new elementary schools were filled beyond capacity soon after school started with new students and students who had been attending school on half-day sessions. Elementary school enrollment increases alone between the beginning of the 1955 and 1956 school years required almost 22 additional rooms. Enrollment increased by 848 students in the elementary grades during the one year period.

At the present time, 94 elementary classrooms are available for instruction in the Farmington school system. Two of the classrooms are in one-room buildings and two others are in two-room buildings in the district, accommodating 278 students.

According to Miss Marnie Zielke, elementary school coordinator, present elementary school facilities, if functioning under ideal operating conditions, would accommodate only 2700 youngsters. Elementary school enrollment is 3,225. Even with every available room being used for class instruction and all classes carrying a capacity load of youngsters, there is a present need for at least five additional classrooms, Miss Zielke commented.

It has been conservatively estimated that enrollment in elementary grades/kindergarten through six, will be increased by 420 students by the beginning of the 1956 school year. This addition would require 14 more bond issue to the district of 20 students per room.

Even if the proposed \$2,000,000 school bond issue is approved on March 26, schools to be constructed under the proposal would not be completed before 1957.

In view of the present classroom shortage and anticipated additional shortage which will be provided by the opening of schools next year, plans are already being made to begin half-day sessions for all first and second grade students in the school system next year. Miss Zielke also indicated that it will be more than likely necessary to begin the third and fourth grade students on half-day sessions in two of the present schools. It was not indicated which schools would be affected.

If enrollment for the current school year is indicative of what can be expected next year, then even the estimated classroom shortage indicated previously is low. While 331 students left the sixth grade to enter junior high school, 621 youngsters were enrolled in the kindergarten, equipping approximately nine or ten additional rooms at the elementary level.

Although existing facilities in the Farmington Junior and Senior High Schools are considered adequate at the present time, it is quite certain that both schools will be taxed to capacity by the beginning of the 1956-57 school year.

The present Junior High School contains 17 classrooms, a library and a study hall. The gymnasium unit provides seven classrooms, a gymnasium, and a cafeteria with the band house counted as equivalent to another classroom. The Senior High School on Shiloh Road contains 26 classrooms, a gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

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Eddie Guethlin of Pembroke is now serving with the U. S. Air Force in Japan.

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