

## Classified Ads

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LOST — Fawn colored boxer. Reward. 21669 Middlebelt Road.  
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### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our son and brother, Harry (Bud) Boyce, Jr., who died eight years ago March 11, 1948.

So many thoughts of you we treasure.  
To see you would be such a pleasure.  
To hear your voice and see you smile.  
And have you with us all the while.

Sadly missed by  
Lillian Grode, Claudia, Donald, Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce.

One of the best rules of conversation is, never say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid.

John Clappison Sells Insurance  
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## LOCALS

MARIE LONG GR. 4-3114

A joint birthday party for Lee and Nancy Ayres was held at their home at 33713 Grand River on Sunday, March 5. A Mickey Mouse theme was carried out. A birthday cake was appropriately decorated with four candles for Lee and two for Nancy. After a buffet supper attended by seven guests, the children played the usual party games.

Mrs. Frank Fulkerson of Orchard Lake Road underwent an appendectomy last week.

Mrs. Bertha Bracken is visiting at Port Sanilac, helping care for her great-granddaughter, Dawn Marie Marsden.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dyer of Wall Lake spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long.

Mrs. Georgia Nassar of Willow Village is ill at her home.

Miss Elizabeth Schaeper is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowley in Detroit.

Two Local Ladies Named To Elks Bowling Group

Two Farmington women were elected to offices in the Elks' Ladies State Bowling Association.

Fran Butterbrecht was elected first vice-president of the association and Marian Mander was re-elected as Farmington delegate for the association.

Officers were installed for the 1955-57 year at formal installation ceremonies at Muskegon, Michigan, in February.

## Farmington School District Taxes At Minimum Despite Heavy Enrollment Increases, High Operational Costs

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles to provide residents of the Farmington Public School District with a better understanding of the problems which lie 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 electors will go to the polls to vote on a proposed bond issue to raise \$2 million for construction of new schools in the district.

School operations are expensive. As was pointed out in an earlier article in this series, added to this is the tremendous cost of providing more and more classrooms each year to accommodate rapidly increasing enrollment in growing areas such as Farmington.

A major portion of this expense is borne by the individual taxpayer in the form of school taxes. Although new residents moving into the community add to the total valuation of the school district and provide additional tax money, the rate of valuation increase does not keep pace with the enrollment increase.

The largest valuation increases in any community are realized from industrial and commercial developments. Farmington, however, has very little of this development upon which to gain valuable tax revenue.

Despite the fact that the Farmington School District has a very low tax base and that operating and new construction expenses have been at an all-time high, school taxes have been kept at a minimum.

Farmington school taxes for 1955 were \$25.24 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This is a decrease of \$2.67 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in taxes from 1954, when school taxes were \$28.11 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The decrease was possible because of the fact that the millage rate decreased.

The state equalization factor used for computing taxes in the Township in 1955 was 2.081952 and for the City of Farmington, 2.010285.

In future planning, school administrators have used a conservative estimate of five per cent valuation increase in the Farmington School District or a 10 per cent increase after state equalization. The valuation of Farmington City and Township, based on state equalization, was \$39,740,834 in 1955. Based on a 10 per cent increase after equalization in 1956, the total valuation of the City and Township would be \$43,714,917. It should be remembered that this is an estimated figure, based on past yearly valuation increases in the community, and can vary either way.

Using this estimated total valuation, it has been determined that it will be possible to reduce the total tax rate on existing building and site indebtedness by the school district from \$12.11 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$7.83 per \$1,000. Using the same school operating tax rate as in 1955, \$13.13 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, total taxes without the proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue would thus be \$20.96 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 1956.

This would be a reduction in school taxes in 1956 of \$4.38 per \$1,000 assessed valuation from 1955, which were \$25.24.

Next week's article will explain the proposed use of the \$2,000,000 raised from bonds for school purposes, if the bond issue is passed, and what effect the bond issue will have on individual taxes in the school district.



FRIEDRICH PRELLER

## Christian Science Lecture Planned

Application of God's healing power to the solution of the problems of men and nations will be the topic of a public lecture on Christian Science, to be delivered at Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, 20011 Grand River Avenue, on Monday, March 19, by Friedrich Preller of Berlin-Dahlem, Germany. Farmington area residents are invited to attend.

On an extensive tour as a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr. Preller will speak at 8 p.m. on the subject "Christian Science: Its Healing Message for Men and Nations."

A native of Silesia, Germany, Mr. Preller became interested in Christian Science in 1918, and received a healing of hip disease that had resulted from an accident in boyhood.

## Oakland County Society Prepares For 1956 Easter Seal Campaign

Volunteers representing groups of all kinds in Oakland County are preparing for the 1956 Easter Seal campaign. The campaign is being conducted simultaneously by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, hard at the task of helping crippled children.

Seeing to it that the 1956 Easter Seal campaign gets off on the right footing March 10, the crews of volunteers are assisting with the phase of preparation for the biggest Easter Seal appeal ever made by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children.

Scattered throughout the county and working at the headquarters are a number of groups which have volunteered to help. Groups working are: the League of the Blind, the Southfield Rotary, Mr. George Adameche, BP 4 Northland Court, Leo Miller of 7430 Franklin Court, Franklin, directing the Venture Club with Miss Patricia Kennedy of 1240 Harvia, Berk Sorority, South Oakland Alumnae, with Mrs. William S. Dickey directing, are helping to prepare the 128,000 envelopes for mailing on March 10.

Matthew Cammareri, assistant campaign chairman, said that the enthusiasm displayed by volunteers is indicative of the interest of Oakland County citizens in helping their crippled neighbors. He

sees this as a most encouraging symbol for crippled children who are waiting the county's financial help.

The month-long campaign will be conducted simultaneously by crippled children's societies across the nation from March 10 to April 10.

## INTENSIVE FOREST FIRE CONTROL STUDY UNDER WAY

Conservation Department workers have begun an intensive survey of Michigan forest fire conditions in order to set up the state's next five-year protection program.

The survey is conducted every five years by states participating in the Clark-McNary federal cooperative program. Michigan's study, made in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, got underway recently and is scheduled for completion next fall.

Fire control methods and costs will be re-appraised and forest fire workers will review accomplishments and changing conditions during the last five years.

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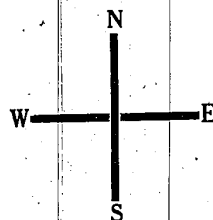
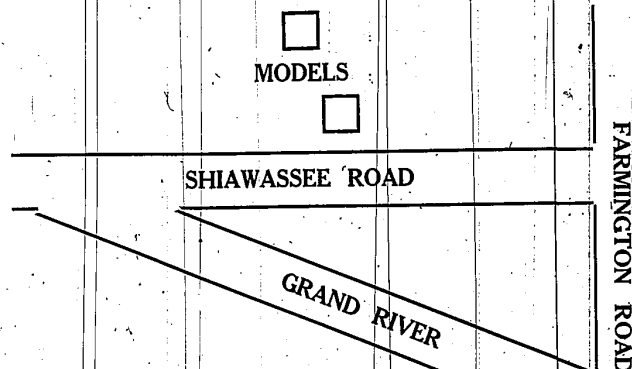
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