

Easter parties were in order in all rooms of Pierson School Friday morning. At noon, pupils were sent home, not to return again until April 9.

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## BRIGHTON PROJECT MODEL HOME OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEW

The all-new 1956 National Home, first to be built in Brighton, will be open for public inspection Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, from 2 to 8 p.m., according to Saxony Building Company, Incorporated, National Homes builder dealer in Brighton.

A model home is located at US-23 and Lee Road, three quarters of a mile south of Grand River. It is the Barton, one of several two- and three-bedroom models offered in the 1956 line.

Designs feature either the low, contemporary or the higher, more traditional roofs, space saver floor plans, attached or detached garages, and a wide variety of carpet and patio arrangements.

Exterior variations feature picture windows and wide overhanging eaves, aluminum sliding windows and screens. Purchasers may choose from asbestos siding, the popular grooved siding, or cedar shakes as the exterior surfacing material.

Each model has a large living room, spacious bedrooms with floor-to-ceiling closets, complete bathroom, and step-saving kitchen. All of the new Nationals have separate dining areas.

Saxony Subdivision consists of 115 large lots each 75 by 150 and larger, designed and engineered with the cooperation of the Federal Housing Administration. Each home owner is assured of an unlimited city water supply since the subdivision has a complete central water system engineered under Michigan State Health Department supervision.

H. A. mortgages are offered with low monthly payments which include taxes, insurance, principal and interest.

## Springbrook Civic News

The Springbrook Civic Association is sponsoring this column of civic, social and personal news. Springbrook Subdivision is not a new subdivision but has grown over a period of almost nine years from one home, at the end of Harcourt Avenue built by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schaefer to the now near one hundred mark.

Our newly reorganized Civic Association, presided over by Donald Bowerman of Springbrook, the interests in the township include such matters as the water shortage, a proposed charter of township government, and the proposed race track. Reports will be given at the next meeting of the Civic Association. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

A recent purchase was made by the Association of four signs "Slow Children Playing."

In our area we feel we have a creditable group of citizens working in community activities. We have large representation in the educational field in both the Farmington and Detroit schools.

Mr. Clifford Terry of Brookfield Elementary P. T. A. in Springbrook for both boys and girls, we have many leaders. Cub Pack 109, Mr. Bernard Lorenz, of Springbrook Drive as Cubmaster and Den 4 is in our Subdivision. Leader and co-leader of Brownie Troop 218 are Mrs. Clifford Terry Brookfield and Mrs. Jack Kalbfleisch of Westmoreland, respectively. Leader of Girl Scout Troop 176 is Mrs. Douglas Calhoun of Springbrook Drive and Mrs. F. J. Reagan also of Springbrook Drive is leader of a Senior Troop.

General Chairman of the Springbrook Drive will solicit door to door for the American Cancer Society on April 17. Mrs. Jack Brandvold from this area is an art spotter and would gladly talk to any others in this area interested in spot work. A group of women bowling at the Farmington Recreation Wednesday at 9 a.m. will welcome any new members.

Many other organizations and activities might interest newcomers to our subdivision we are sure have not been mentioned. Let us know of them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Trueman are the proud grandparents of a little grandson Robert Allen born to their daughter Mrs. Clarence Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heistlein also welcomed a new grandson recently. A girl was born recently to the Robert Kellys on Harcourt Avenue and a boy to the Joseph McPharlands on Westmoreland Drive.

Nine Springbrook women recently contributed to the success of the recent Michigan Flower Show at the Joseph McPharlands by helping in the booth sponsored by Growers Exchange of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Aris of Springbrook Drive have moved back to the city. They are now making plans to build a new home near Osceola. The highways and highways between here and Florida have carried many of our neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hug of Springbrook Drive enjoyed the sunshine at St. Petersburg. Three weeks ago the William Taylors of Westmoreland Drive returned from six week sojourn in the south. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Raisin of Boca Raton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rudy of Fort Meyers Beach, both former Springbrook residents. The Gordon Raisons made a return visit to the Taylors last week. The Allan Reekies of Westmoreland have also returned recently from the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pember entertained in their home Saturday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gervin, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mogel and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kirchner, all of Springbrook.

Mrs. Percy Garhouse served luncheon in her home on Brookview Saturday. Guests were Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. Gilbert Treweek, Mr. Jack Brandvold, Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Mrs. Harry Heistlein, and Mrs. Lloyd Heistlein, all from Farmington. Mrs. Harold Bowers of Pleasant Ridge was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Terreschuck of Springbrook spent the Easter week end with Mr. Terreschuck's family in Sandusky, Michigan.

The Easter week end was a busy one for the George Lords of Springbrook. Saturday evening they entertained the DeBito family of Bloomfield. On Sunday Mr. Lord's parents and his brother and family were guests for dinner.

This is our first attempt at preparing a column. We will need everyone's help to make it a success. Remember, people make the news, so please supply us with your civic, social and personal items and make our Springbrook column of interest to all.

SHORT LENGTHS OF WOOD USEFUL FOR HOME JOBS

Do-it-yourself building fans are finding they can make considerable savings by buying short lengths of lower grades of Douglas fir or west coast hemlock lumber.

The majority of these do-it-yourself projects can be built with short length lumber. Lower grades of softwoods can be purchased at most lumber yards at a discount.

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## Public LetterBox

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

## Everyone Pays . . .

To "Another Taxpayer": Your apparent misconception of justice for all Americans prompts me to write this letter.

Your financial and statistical facts regarding bus transportation for school children may be correct to the letter. I don't pretend to be so well informed that I can contradict them. However, like so many people with "statistics" at their fingertips, you lack imagination - I do have that.

Can you imagine the parents of every child in a private school suddenly deciding to remove their children to the public schools? Think of the extra burden on our "Another Taxpayer" More schools, improved roads, more police and fire protection, more teachers, half day sessions and, our present consideration of many more buses would definitely be needed.

I doubt that such a thing could or would happen, but I'm trying to bring home to you that bus transportation is very little to ask in return for the support we give to the Public School System in these other matters.

We, the parents of children in Catholic or Protestant schools, are happy to assume a double financial burden in return for the knowledge that God can be found in "red" and "blue" and "brown" as much as on Sunday morning. If we change our mind, is your purse large enough to assume the education of our children?

As for your last statement - "Let's take care of our public school children first, which is, after all, what we are paying taxes for" - again indicates your lack of imagination. You forget that this is the U. S. A. The burden of taxation is shared equally by all races, creeds and colors.

Mrs. John J. Riordan

All Taxpayers . . . To the Editor: I would like to address this letter to "Another Taxpayer" whose letter appeared in your paper the week of March 22.

This reader states and I quote "Let's see to it that our public school children are taken care of first, which is, after all, what we are paying taxes for."

Is the writer under the impression that parents of parochial school children do not pay taxes? We pay taxes and also pay for the construction and maintenance of our own schools. I do not personally have any children in either school, but yet I pay these taxes and also contribute to our own building fund.

If such a decision is reached that no parochial school children are permitted to ride the public school buses, then the time has come to throw out our United States Constitution for if this is not prejudice and bigotry, I am afraid I don't know what is.

Let us suppose that the parochial schools closed this year. Could the public schools accommodate approximately 1200 more children immediately. Where would they put them when even now classes are operating on half-day schedules and classrooms are gravely overcrowded.

As children of tax payers, our parochial school children have every right in the world to ride the public school buses.

I hope that another taxpayer and others like him will reconsider their opinion and write their congressman concerning this bill and urge him to vote against it.

Don't classify your children as second class citizens. Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Very truly yours, Name Withheld

Children's Psychiatric Unit Opens At U. Of M.

The University of Michigan has dedicated a new \$2,000,000 Children's Psychiatric Unit, the first of its kind in the country to provide a complete psychiatric service for severely emotionally disturbed children.

The new unit will provide for mental health research and the training of personnel to help solve the problem of emotionally disturbed children.

Funds for the building were provided by the Legislature which also makes an annual appropriation for the operation of the unit.

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## Scout-O-Rama Plans Underway

Plans are now being made for the Ottawa Scout District third annual Scout-O-Rama to be held at the Walled Lake Senior High School on Saturday, April 21.

Directing the stage show this year will be Robert Williams of Farmington. Otis Walton will act as master of ceremonies.

Nearly 2,000 Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers from the District are now combining their efforts under the direction of over 500 leaders to present the Scout-O-Rama.

The program which will start at 2 p.m. will feature a continuous display of scouting activities until programs end at 8:30 p.m.

More than 30 booth displays will include bow and arrow making, signaling, conservation, leatherwork, basketry, a cooking demonstration and a model camp. Cub Scouts will feature their Achievement work, and the April theme, "Scout Birdwatchers."

Other Cubcraft, The World Brotherhood merit Badge display will feature a group of Canadian Boy Scouts from Troop 20 of Tecumseh, Ontario.

Two stage shows, one at 3:30 p.m. and another at 8:15 p.m., will consist of ten acts, featuring all Scout talent.

Tickets are now ready and may be purchased from any Cub, Scout or Explorer. The major portion of the proceeds will be retained by the unit selling the ticket, with the balance being used to meet show expenses.

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