



DPW News And Notes

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PLYMOUTH DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS

During the past week, the Department of Public Works was kept busy mowing at the well fields and cleaning up both at Beck Road and Mile Roads.

Weeds were clipped off around the city parking lots, sweeping was done in the business districts, mowing was done at city playgrounds, city hall and at the library, also cold patching was done on major and local streets.

Rat cafeterias were placed along the creek in the southern part of the city. Cemetery was mowed and there was one funeral.

The snow fence that was borrowed from the county for the July 4th activities was returned to Yost Yard. City lots were fogged for the prevention of mosquito.

Two service leaks were checked, catch basin traps were cleaned, sign requests were taken care of and sanitary sewers were located at various places throughout the city.

Steam Whistle to Signal Start of Fall Festival

Plymouth's chicken barbecue, culminating the Fall Festival's four days, will be signaled at noon, Sunday, Sept. 11, by the shrill whistle of an antique steam engine.

This ancient relic will furnish the steam to cook the freshly picked corn-on-the-cob that accompanies the barbecue chicken.

The Rotary Club's chicken barbecue which climaxes the Fall Festival has grown from a modest beginning when only five to 600 people were served to the present demand for over 12,000 chickens.

A parade of antique cars with dozens of reconstructed makes and vintage toys will bring memories to many Plymouthites and visitors as they view ancient automobiles, many with nearly forgotten names and manufacturers.

Local residents will be dressed in "turn-of-the-century" costumes to help create the mood of Plymouth's earlier days, and on Sunday afternoon the Plymouth Historical Society will judge the best costume.

New this year will be an agricultural competition with top awards of TVs and other appliances for the best corn, melons and other produce.

While the hundreds of residents and visitors are enjoying the food they will again be able to hear the fine Barbershop harmonizing of the Sweet Adelines, made up of nearly 80 non-professional women from the metropolitan Detroit area. This group will be heard on Sept. 11 starting at noon.

Plymouth's Fall Festival is bigger and better than ever this year and has something for everyone. Mark the dates Sept. 8, 9, 10 and 11 and go to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth for food, fun, and friendliness.

Completes Training

PORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP)—Army Private Don G. Heichman, 20, son of Mr. Don E. Heichman, 14246 Blackburn, Livonia, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Fort Jackson, S. C., July 22.

'Y' Offers Classes in Life Saving

A few places are still left in the Livonia YMCA Life Saving class to be held in the pool of Richard Funk. The class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning August 15 for two weeks.

Scouts qualifying for their merit badge, those interested in future aquatic employment, or others interested in a program of physical conditioning will find benefit in this skill instruction course.

The YMCA instructor is David Keddie who has had nine years of teaching experience in aquatics.

Inasmuch as there is a limit to the enrollment, those interested are asked to call the Livonia YMCA office at 261-0370 immediately for registration or further information. The cost of the course is \$10 for YMCA members.

This two-week course in Life Saving culminates a successful program of swimming instruction by the YMCA.

Underground Wiring Set for Hearing

The long talked about ordinance requiring underground installation of utility wires in Farmington Township will come up for a public hearing before the Planning Commission Aug. 23.

Engineers from the Detroit Edison Company attended the Commission's June meeting to explain the problems involved in requiring that all utility wires be placed underground.

They said that wires within a subdivision could be installed at a nominal cost to developers, but that placement of perimeter or feeder lines underground becomes highly expensive.

Edison and must ultimately be reflected in the general rates unless otherwise specified. For this reason the utility company feels that it should not be mandatory for the feeder lines to go underground.

Installing feeder lines underground would also present maintenance and service problems according to Edison engineers. With pole installation of the feeder lines

the switching devices necessary to maintain service are unobtrusive and easily accessible, they explained, but if the lines are underground, switching cabinets must be built to house the equipment.

These cabinets occupy about the same space as a garage, they said, and must be built so that service trucks can have access to them. They stated that one switch box can service 120 to 160 homes and under the Township density this would necessitate the building of about three cabinets per quarter section—or 12 per square mile.

Charles Lorian, the member of the Planning Commission who initiated the suggestion and has been pushing for the ordinance, was unconvinced last week that the problems would be as great as presented by the Edison engineers. He said that underground installations had been made in other communities and he didn't see why the same couldn't be done in the Township.

Red Cross Honors Mary Lenz for Work

One of Farmington's grand old ladies was honored for thousands of hours of volunteer service at Thursday's kickoff luncheon for the Farmington Founders Festival.

Mary Lenz, a longtime resident of Farmington Township who has been active in the Red Cross, was honored with a special tribute from the Red Cross at Thursday's kickoff luncheon for the Farmington Founders Festival.

The tribute reads: "The name of Mary Lenz, as we know her, stands high in Red Cross activities in and about Farmington and today we join hands with the Farmington Board of Commerce to 'Honor Your Own.'"

"Mrs. Fred Lenz joined the volunteer ranks of Red Cross in 1939. Rolling bandages and making surgical dressings was her role before World War II. She has been an active Red Crosser ever since.

Mary served as Chairman of Volunteers for Fund Raising in the pre-United Foundation era. She and her dedicated committee worked many long, hard hours in the interest of Red Cross and the Farmington community.

"The start of the Red Cross Blood Program found Mrs. Lenz responding to a community need and she accepted the position and responsibility as chairman. Her's was the task of obtaining sponsors for bloodmobiles as well as volunteers to operate the mobile. Every bloodmobile in Farmington found Mrs. Lenz actively interested in its success.

"Today, physical limitations do not interfere with Mary's interest in the blood program as her telephone keeps her in touch with fellow Red Cross volunteers and staff members.

"The American Red Cross 20 Year Service Pin was awarded to Mrs. Lenz in Nov. of 1959.

"Therefore, we of the Southeastern Michigan Chap-

Crown Champs In Livonia DPR Checkers Meet

The results of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Checker Tournament held on July 28 are:

GIRLS
Junior—(1) Amy Darow, Stark Playground, 34034 Orangelawn. (2) Joanne Rutherford, Botsford Playground, 19336 Lathers. (3) D. Sackey, Jefferson Playground.

Midget—(1) Janet Kaplan, Botsford Playground, 20414 Maplewood. (2) Jean Woida, Jackson Playground, 31838 Perth. (3) C. Sliva, Grandview Playground.

Sub-Midget—(1) Hannah Bitterman, Botsford Playground, 19317 Brentwood. (2) Karen Kakalet, Harrison Playground, 29211 Barkley. (3) Brenda Tipton, Tyler Playground, 19478 Auburndale.

BOYS
Senior—(1) Cliff Clark, Botsford Playground, 19823 Weyher. (2) Michael Hall, Cleveland Playground, 8902 Harrison.

Junior—(1) Joe Golonski, Wilson Playground, 23840 Hathaway. (2) Gary Chrusial, Botsford Playground, 19345 Brentwood. (3) John Tomchuck, Hoover Playground.

Midget—(1) Mike Nemchik, Coolidge Playground, 17538 Doris Lane. (2) Frank Geruso, Marshall Playground, 18424 Myron. (3) Chris Cairns, Grandview Playground.

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