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Around The Block

TURKEY TIME . . . is almost here. The most visual evidence we have had of the coming holiday is the frequent glimpse of a truck load of turkeys headed down towards the big city. In fact, we followed one the other noon part way down Grand River and got a good shower of turkey feathers. But we didn't mind it a bit — sort of reminded us of that big platter full of roast turkey that we are looking forward to. Even the weather caught onto the Thanksgiving spirit early this week. It was right sharp outdoors, the kind of weather that fits into the song, "Over The River and Through The Woods To Grandmother's House We go". Yes, sir, Thanksgiving is almost here!

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STILL LAGGING . . . is Farmington's United Fund Drive. The house to house canvass ends today, Thursday, November 16, but you can still help. If you have not already given to Farmington's drive, do it today. Just mail your contribution to John Hunt, Treasurer, 33709 Oakland Avenue, or you may leave it at The Enterprise office. A little over 54% of the 1950 quota has been reached. This is almost the amount collected last year, but the quota is nearly double that of last year. The money is urgently needed by the 30 United Fund Agencies as well as the five Farmington Community Chest agencies. So if you have not already given to the Farmington Drive, do it today, will you?

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FOOTBALL SEASON . . . has come to a close in the Farmington area, and the news is now of the coming basketball season. Clarenceville officially closed the season as far as this area is concerned last Friday. They gave undefeated Fitzgerald High School a busy afternoon, as they have all of the teams they have met this season. The Trojans turned in a much better performance than their four won - four lost record indicates. Coach Harry McKittrick and his team deserve a lot of credit for the spirit and determination they showed this season. It is a real indication of the threat they are going to be in the years to come.

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ONLY FIVE MORE WEEKS . . . until Christmas. Sorta gives you a start, doesn't it? Or are you one of those lucky people who have their gifts all purchased and wrapped ready for the big day? To those of you who are still mulling over what to get and when to get it, why not take a little trip down to Farmington and look over the selection of gifts your hometown merchants have waiting for you. Support Farmington's merchants this Christmas, save yourself a lot of trouble and get gifts that every member of the family will enjoy. Your hometown merchants will be glad to have you stop in and look around. Do it today!

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THE BIG TREK . . . northward is on for Farmington deer hunters. They are flocking to the tall timber in numbers to get a shot at a bounding deer. As a result, Farmington is gradually becoming depopulated while the north country bulges with southerners. But it probably won't be too long before we see cars coming back home with a deer on the front fender. From all reports the weatherman isn't cooperating too much with the hunters or with our friends in the north. They apparently had a rather rough summer because of the weatherman and it looks like he is still in a belligerent mood. We wish all hunters the best of luck and we hope they will be careful. Shooting a buck is real sport but shooting your neighbor can be real tragedy.

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LIKE WE SAID . . . last week, we're in for some more growth about this area, and we'd best settle down to planning for it so it won't swamp us. The school board came up with some interesting, although frightening, facts and figures at its meeting Monday when they did some down to earth figuring on future enrollments. We noticed that at least one member of the board considered the whole estimate entirely too low, and had some good reasons for his consideration. At any rate, it's high time to start planning for that expansion in what we're doing now. We notice the school board is getting right in to a building program to take care of the next ten years. The folks in the city evidently are on their way, too, the way they voted for city manager government. Like it or not, we're going to have a whale of a lot more neighbors in the next ten years. What the community looks like then depends on how we want it to look, and what we do about it right now.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME . . . at your Farmington Post Office. No, the mail and packages aren't pouring in yet, but the staff is really thinking Christmas. It is the big time of the year for your mailman. That is why we are urging you right now to begin mailing your Christmas packages. You not only will assure yourself of prompt delivery of your gifts but you will be helping your Post Office. Every year the mail piles up to the ceiling and nearly bulges out the windows. From all reports this will be an even greater year. So give a little hand will you? Mail those Christmas cards and gift packages just as soon as you can, even though Christmas is still five weeks away.

Board Is Given Estimate Of 1956 School Enrollment

See Current School Enrollment Doubled

An enrollment of somewhere between 3,886 and 4,268 students by 1956 was pictured at the Farmington School Board meeting Monday night when the board was told the results of a study of projected enrollment for the next six school years.

The study was directed by Superintendent O. E. Dunckel as part of a survey to determine proposed building needs. With current school enrollment at a new high of 2,213, need for 38 school rooms at the present time was seen by board treasurer Bayard Tupper, who rapidly calculated a 1956 need for 55 more rooms than are present in the system now if classes are to be pegged at a 30 student maximum.

700 ON HALF DAYS

According to the projected enrollment report, 700 students are currently on half day sessions. Enrollments in other rooms are approaching the numbers where additional pupils may have to be placed on a similar program. There are 10 classrooms with enrollments exceeding 35, five of which have over 40 pupils per room.

Three basement rooms are now used for high school classes, and other educational facilities are either woefully inadequate or lacking entirely in some buildings, according to the report.

NEED 15 ROOMS NOW

At least 15 additional class rooms will be needed in September, 1951, if all elementary pupils are to be returned to a full day schedule, according to the report, which adds that the need for elementary classrooms will increase at the rate of approximately five per year for the next six years.

The enrollment projections, obtained by methods found accurate by the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Area planning commission, give the "low" enrollment in 1951 as 2,414, in 1952 as 2,713, in 1953 as 2,999, in 1954 as 3,276, in 1955 as

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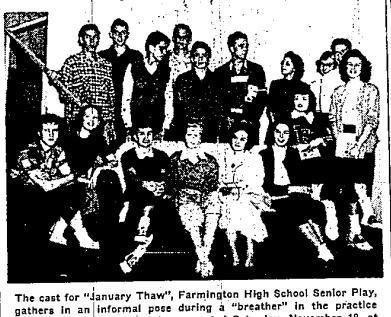
Book Fair Marks Book Week At High School

National Book Week will be marked in Farmington by a Book Fair sponsored by the Farmington High School library. The Book Fair is made up of books from the J. L. Hudson Company and include fiction, biography, and other non-fiction, best sellers and classics, children's books and adult books.

The books will be displayed and orders for them taken in the high school library from November 15 to 21; at the Middlebelt School Country Fair November 18, and at the PTA Open House November 21. Wilma Brandenburg, high school librarian, has invited townspeople to visit the library in the afternoons between 3:30 and 5 p.m.

Mrs. A. M. Leach, city-township librarian, also reminds residents that the city-township library is open Monday from 4 to 9 p.m., Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Senior Play Cast Takes Time Out



The cast for "January Thaw", Farmington High School Senior Play, gathers in an informal pose during a "breather" in the practice schedule. The play is to be presented Saturday, November 18, at 8:15 in the high school gym. Standing left to right are: Jim Mecham, Dick Yokum, Vincent Stock, Jim Bates, Dick Alexander, Jerry Plum, Miss Virginia Carley, Alice Miller, Paul Joens and Mrs. Geraldine Brock, director. Seated left to right: Rita Pieron, Gail Maldment, Virginia Fryhoff, Mary Weaver, Jane Quisenberry, Barbara Carpenter and Janet Wheaton.

"Be Particular" Fire Chief Says After Five Heating Plant Fires

"Be a little more particular", was the advice fire chief Leo Hendrux had for Farmington City and Township residents Tuesday morning after a week end spent chasing fires in the Farmington area. The firemen were called into the township Saturday, twice Sunday, and again Tuesday to extinguish blazes. The city also claimed their attention at one fire Sunday. Two of the fire victims, Mrs. Willard Petty and William Hayes, sent a request to The Enterprise to thank the firemen for their fast action after firemen extinguished a blaze in their home early Sunday morning.

The similar causes of all the fires was the reason for the chief's advice. The faulty operation or installation of small space heaters was the cause of all five of the fires. Although most of the fires were extinguished by firemen before they caused major damage, one fire Saturday burned up $500 worth of house before it was put out.

Firemen blame improperly installed or operated space heaters for the fires. One fireman estimated that of all the blazes the truck goes to, 80% are caused by dirty oil space heaters. The same fireman pointed out that oil-soaked soot makes an extremely hot blaze, and that the small space heater accumulates more soot than the forced fired oil furnace installation. "You just have to get in and clean them up every month or so to be safe," he said.

The fire chief stated that lighting oil burners which, through oversight, have been allowed to fill with oil was a good way of starting a fire. "After it's lit, the oil has to burn away, and sometimes those little stoves really get jumping up and down while a gallon of oil burns out," the chief said. "You can put something on them to put out the fire, but most folks don't think of that."

The moving stove is responsible for another type of blaze, too, the chief said. Loose stove pipes and dirty chimneys are involved in this type. In at least two cases last week, fire got its start when the stove pipe was pulled out of the chimney. This allows the fire to get at the inside wall.

Fires at the junction of the stove pipe and chimney come from three causes, firemen say. One is not having the stove pipe placed far enough into the chimney, the second is a dirty chimney, and the third is lack of air space around the stovepipe where it passes through the wall surface into the chimney.

Not having the stovepipe far enough into the chimney allows the seal between the two to be easily

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Trojans Lose Final Grid Contest 12 - 6

Clarenceville's Trojan eleven closed their 1950 season last Friday afternoon, losing a hard-fought game to undefeated Fitzgerald High School 12 to 6.

The Trojans gave Fitzgerald a real ball game as they dominated the offensive play throughout the entire first half. Clarenceville made several stabs at the goal line during the first two periods before they scored. Billy Joe Robbins, Trojan halfback, went over for the touchdown on a cross-buck. The try for the extra point was no good. Clarenceville led at half-time 6 to 0.

Fitzgerald showed its offensive power in the second half. Early in the third period they tied the score at 6 all. They failed to convert. After several exchanges of the ball, Elmer Rousseaux threw a pass which was intercepted by Fitzgerald and carried back to the Clarenceville 10 yard line. The Trojans held for several downs but Fitzgerald drove over for their second touchdown. Again their try for the extra point was no good and Fitzgerald took the lead 12 to 6.

Clarenceville drove down deep into Fitzgerald territory late in the final period but they were unable to break through the visitors' defense. This was the third straight loss for Clarenceville but they were all against undefeated teams. The Trojans played inspired ball as they held all three undefeated opponents, Farmington, Northville and Fitzgerald, to close scores. The Trojans close the year with a record of 4 wins against 4 losses.

Special Charter Commission Election Set For January 2

Early Copy

Next week's Farmington Enterprise will appear in mail boxes and on newsstands on Wednesday instead of Thursday, because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Because of the earlier publication date, news and advertising copy must be received one day earlier—Monday copy Saturday, Tuesday copy Monday, etc. The staff will appreciate your cooperation in getting us home for a Thanksgiving turkey, too . . . (Ed.)

Request Light At 8 Mile - Middlebelt

The Clarenceville Board of Education has approved a motion to petition safety authorities—for the erection of a signal light at the corner of Eight Mile and Middlebelt Roads.

Action was taken at the regular meeting of the Board held Monday evening at the high school. A motion to request erection of the light was approved by the Board. The request will be forwarded to State and County highway authorities as well as the State Police. The intersection is just north of the high school building and just west of the Central grade school building.

According to the Board, the question of a traffic light at the Eight Mile - Middlebelt intersection has been discussed a number of times both at Board meetings and community group meetings. They added that both roads carry a great deal of traffic and there are large numbers of children around the intersection on school days. An ever increasing number of accidents have been reported at the intersection in the past year.

A tentative date of November 22 has been set for a special meeting of the Board of Education, architect and general contractor to discuss final payment to the contractor. The discussion will be over the financial responsibility for fixing the gym floor. The floor was relaid late last summer when the Board refused to accept the work because of imperfections.

On a motion by the Board, the rules and regulations governing the use of the gym for student dances was renewed. These regulations have been in effect for the past two years.

Accident Toll Increases Again

Three people were injured and one died of injuries this week after a series of accidents in the Farmington area. Injured Sunday morning at 2:43 were Donald Munro McClive, 46, of 16165 Monica, Detroit, and Edward Austin Waddell, 33, of Walled Lake.

Injured at 7 p.m. Saturday was Meryle E. Pomeroy, of 20213 Fenmore, Detroit. Dead November 10 of injuries received in a crash at New Hudson October 28 was Mrs. Lucy L. Adams, wife of Merlen Adams of 14930 Shadyside, Livonia.

In the crash in which Mrs. Adams received fatal injuries, Mr. Adams received chest injuries. The accident occurred one and one-half miles north of New Hudson on Milford Road at 9:25 a.m., when, according to Mr. Adams, his car collided with one driven by Johnnie D. Morris of 214 Hawthorne, Walled Lake. Mr. Adams claimed the oncoming car swerved out of its lane and struck his car head-on. Thick fog obscured vision that morning.

In the crash Sunday morning, Donald McClive was taken to Highland Park General Hospital suffering from lacerations, a compound fracture of the leg, and a possible skull fracture. Waddell told police he was driving east on Grand River Avenue, fell asleep at the wheel, crossed Grand River Avenue, and collided with the McClive car which was travelling west. Waddell escaped with skin wounds.

Meryle E. Pomeroy told township police officer Philip Kemppainen that the headlights of an oncoming car blinded her as she crossed Eight Mile Road while traveling north on Farmington Road, causing her to swerve and strike a tree near the corner of Farmington Road and Edmonton. She received multiple lacerations in the accident.

City Voters To Elect Members To Nine-Man Commission

A special election has been set for January 2 to name nine members to the newly authorized Farmington City Charter Revision Committee, it was announced last Wednesday following the regular meeting of the City Commission.

The approval to elect a Charter Commission was granted by the voters of the City last Tuesday in the general election. By a 6 to 1 majority, the voters approved the question to revise the City Charter which automatically authorizes the election of the nine-man commission. The purpose of the revision is to establish city manager government. The vote on the proposal was 773 in favor of the revision and 116 against.

Candidates running for a post on the Commission must file nominating petitions on or before Thursday, November 30. Petitions must bear signatures amounting to at least 2% and not more than 4% of the highest vote cast for any one candidate in the last local election for City Commissioners. According to the City Commission this would amount to not less than 11 and not more than 20 signatures. There is no limit to the number of candidates running.

In order to qualify candidates must have been residents of the city for at least three years. Residents of the Floral Park section, annexed to the City less than three years ago, are eligible if they have lived in that section or any other part of the city for three years. Petitions must be filed with the City Clerk not later than 5 p.m. on November 30.

The Charter Commission will hold its meetings in the Municipal building and they will serve without compensation. The City has appropriated $1,000 to cover any expenses necessary in the revision of the Charter. The Commission will meet immediately following their election and begin work on the revision of the Charter, making way for City Manager type of government in the city. The final revision must then be voted on by the voters of the city.

REGISTER COMPLAINT

Residents in the area adjacent to the L & H Wood Company filed petitions with the Commission declaring the company a nuisance. Francis Laugthorne, 33113 Orchard Street, spokesman for the petitioners, stated that the residents were complaining of the noise late into the night as well as the condition of the grounds. The company manufactures wood products and has a plant as well as a lumber storage yards. Langthorne stated that they were asking for cooperation in establishing quiet from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. as well as cleaning up the grounds.

Robert Lindbert, representing the company, stated that because of government contracts they were forced to work through the night. He also stated that work has already begun on the cleaning up of the grounds. The area where the company is located is zoned for heavy manufacturing. Lindbert stated that they were anxious to cooperate wherever possible. The

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Zoning Board Sets Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, December 12, has been designated as the date for the next public meeting on zoning in Farmington Township, it was announced Tuesday evening following the regular meeting of the Zoning Board.

This will be the second public meeting held by the Board since its formation in December of 1949. According to law, two public meetings per year must be held. The last meeting was held October 17. The December meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall.

Purpose of these public meetings is to give residents of the Township an opportunity to learn first hand about the progress of the Zoning Board as well as make suggestions. The Board is anxious to discuss zoning with as many Township property owners as possible. During the regular meetings the Board has interviewed a number of residents from various sections of the Township. As a result they have compiled an opinion survey to assist them in drafting a zoning ordinance.

Edward Moseman, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated last week that a draft of the ordinance may not be ready until next spring. The Board has been making a survey of the entire Township area, studying zoning ordinances in other nearby communities and gathering opinions from property owners. The Board explained that this study must be made first, before actual work on the ordinance itself can be started.

United Fund Hits 54% Of Quota

A total of $4,069 has been collected in the 1950 Farmington United Fund and Community Chest drive, it was announced Tuesday as the House to house canvass for funds drives to a close.

This represents approximately 54% of the $7,500 quota for this year's drive. However, this represents only actual cash and pledges or definite commitments from area captains. There are still several areas of the Township and City to be heard from as well as some organizations. The house to house canvass of the residential areas closes Thursday, November 16. A total of about $4,500 was collected in last year's drive. However, this year's quota was nearly double that of 1949.

Persons who have not been contacted, but wish to contribute to the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest Drive, may still do so by mailing their contribution to the United Fund, c/o Mr. John Hunt, Treasurer, 33709 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, Michigan. Contributions from individuals and organizations will be accepted past the house to house solicitation deadline.

Of the $7,500 quota set up for this year's drive, $3,200 is earmarked for the 20 United Fund agencies and $4,300 for the five Farmington Community Chest activities. The United Fund quota is assigned to each community by the County Fund Committee. The Community Chest budget is added to the United Fund quota by the local budget committee.

PLAN UNITED THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE

The First Baptist, Salem Evangelical and First Methodist Churches will join in a united Thanksgiving service Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:30 in the Methodist Church.

The Reverend Albert B. Johns, Methodist Minister at Durand, Michigan, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon. The Chancel Choir of the Methodist Church will sing two choruses, "Bless The Lord, O My Soul" by Ippolitof - Ivanof and an eight-part arrangement of "Now Thank We All Our God", by Cruger-Mueller.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this united service of Thanksgiving.

Universalist Church Gives Chicken Dinner

A home-cooked chicken dinner, called the Feast of the Fall Festival, will be served tomorrow night (Friday) in the recently dedicated Adams Hall of the Farmington Universalist Church at Warner and Thomas Streets.

Reservations, of which 100 will be taken, may be made by phoning Farmington 2806-W. Children's portions will be served at half price.

Profits from the feast will go into the church improvement fund, which anticipates a substantial remodeling of the building.

PTA Holds Open House Nov. 21

An open house and a speaker from the State Department of Health will highlight the next meeting of the Farmington Parent Teacher Association on Tuesday, November 21.

The open house will take place simultaneously at the Ten Mile School and at the high school between 7:30 and 8:16. Teachers from both buildings will be in their rooms in order to meet and talk with parents. Mrs. Loomis of the Fairview School will have a room in the high school building.

School buses will provide transportation for parents desiring it. A bus will leave Farmington High School for the Ten Mile School at approximately 7:25. It will return to the high school gym in time for the second part of the evening program, which begins at 8:30.

Following a short business meeting, Miss Jean Cooper of the Department of Mental Health of the State of Michigan will speak on psychological questions confronting parents and teachers.

She is well qualified both from a standpoint of training and experience and has proven a popular

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Clarenceville Residents Report Prowler

Residents of the Clarenceville area reported this week that a lone prowler attempted to break into several homes Tuesday and Wednesday.

The homes are located on Hamilton, Waldron and Hancock. On Tuesday the prowler attempted to enter two homes on Hamilton and Waldron and on Wednesday he tried to break in a door at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linemeyer on Hancock. Mrs. Linemeyer notified a neighbor, who pursued the prowler but was unable to catch him.

State police were notified and are investigating.

Farmington Host To League Debate Teams

Farmington High School will be host to debaters from six schools in this area November 20 when the Inter-Lakes Debate League conducts its first tournament on the National High School debate question, "Resolved, the American People should reject the Welfare State."

Schools participating will be Bentley, Clarenceville, Holly, Milford, Northville, Walled Lake and Farmington. One round of debates will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the high school. At 6 p.m. the debaters will dine together in the school cafeteria, after which at 7:30 p.m. they will hold the second round of debates. Judges will be speech instructors from Michigan State College.

Debating for the affirmative side of the question in the public debate will be Donald Stephen and Myrna Hurkett. On the negative side will be Charles Tulip and Jane Turner. Lou Dowdy, Sue Runde, Lee Barthell and Thomas Isley, also members of the Farmington squad, will act as host, chairman and timekeeper, respectively.

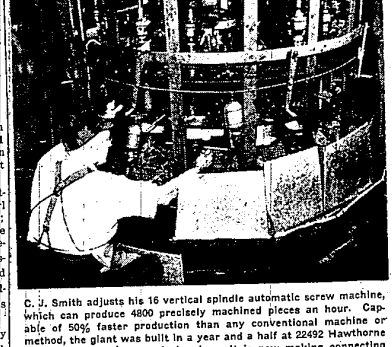
Kiwanis Club Elects New Officers For 1951

New officers of the Farmington Kiwanis Club for the year 1951 were named at the annual election held last Wednesday evening at the Buffet Dining Room.

The following officers were elected: Nate Mihay, president; Carl Wheaton, first vice president; George McLaughlin, second vice president; George Nahstoll, secretary; and William Aulepp, treasurer. New members to the Board of Directors include: Pierre Delmontier, Don DeGroot, A. L. Ross and Louis Schmidt.

The new officers will officially take over the first of January following the Annual Installation Banquet.

Builds World's Biggest Automatic Screw Machine



C. J. Smith adjusts his 16 vertical spindle automatic screw machine, which can produce 4800 precisely machined pieces an hour. Capable of 50% faster production than any conventional machine or method, the giant was built in a year and a half at 22492 Hawthorne Street after four years of planning. It is now making connecting rod nuts out of bars of steel fed into it from a 30 foot tower over the machine.

A claim for distinction has come to Farmington. Farmington is now the home of the biggest automatic screw machine in the world.

What's an automatic screw machine? It's a dingus which makes several operations on a long piece of steel to turn it into nuts, bolts, and similar small, round pieces of precisely manufactured hardware. This largest screw machine was build for the purpose of producing automobile nuts, the kind that screw onto bolts, at a faster rate than ever before.

C. J. Smith, the wizened machinist who invented and built this machine, says it's the answer to competition. According to Mr. Smith, nuts always used to be made on automatic screw machines, but the cost of such an operation has become prohibitive. Consequently, automobile manufacturers and the like have turned to forged nuts. Which are all right, Mr. Smith readily admits, with reservations.

Mr. Smith claims forging the nuts works steel past its fatigue point, and a weak nut is the result. But now, says Mr. Smith, all that is changed. He has a machine, he

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