

Around The Block

NO ICE SKATING TODAY . . .
that's our prediction, although we may look a little silly by the time you get this issue. Things can change overnight and oftentimes do in this section of the country. We are safe in saying that there was no ice skating this week, and the usually well populated ice skating and hockey rink was very gloomy. Most residents of the Farmington area did their skating on the mud, and there was plenty of it during the week. But then — spring baseball practice is about to begin and we have had a lot of reports of robins, so the ice skating days are getting limited.

SPEAKING OF SPORTS . . .

Farmington and Clarenceville's basketball teams are getting in the mood for the District basketball tournaments, which will get under way next Wednesday. So keep posted on the dates, places and times when your favorite team will be in action, and get out there and give them a real hand. Farmington will be playing at Wallied Lake and Clarenceville at the Bentley High School on Hubbard Road, Livonia. You will have an awful lot of fun and see plenty of good spirited basketball. Make it a date now, and be sure and be there early so you can get a seat on the sidelines.

FARMINGTON'S FIRE TRUCK . . .

and firemen have been too active the past few weeks. They are tired of cities who don't like to see too active, because when they go out it usually means trouble. Fires have taken a heavy toll in this area during the past few weeks. In fact, it has been hard for us to keep up with them all. We missed a chimney fire last week on LaRue Street, and maybe a few others where minor damage was caused. But we want to make a special plea for all residents to please be careful of fires. Take a quick check around the house and remove any fire hazard you find. It may save you a lot of money and time later on.

HEY, DON'T FORGET . . .

the Farmington Mid-Winter Festival this Saturday and Sunday at the American Legion Memorial Home. You won't want to miss it! You won't want to miss the colorful displays your Farmington merchants are preparing, or the samples and gifts they will be handing out. You won't want to miss the opportunity to see what you can really buy in your home community. You won't want to miss the fun. In other words, make it a point to drop in and look around, and bring your friends and neighbors along, too. That's this Saturday and Sunday, we'll see you there!

BLAME GEORGE WASHINGTON . . .

for not getting your paper on time this week. The Post Office closed down all day Thursday, which means your Enterprise wasn't delivered as it normally is. However, in view of the contributions to the United States made by this Post Office closer, we're inclined to forgive him. We thought we'd pass this reason for our tardiness on to you so you'd know why your paper is late. Besides, it might help forestall some calls from indignant subscribers.

WE CAN'T HELP . . .

admiring the spirit of Rev. Orville Windell, whose little church at the corner of Grand River and Middlebelt was damaged by fire early Tuesday morning. Rev. Windell is a very patient man and his small congregation have worked on the church since 1945 when the cornerstone was laid. They performed all the labor involved in building the structure. It wasn't finished. There was no insurance covering the building. Yet Rev. Windell isn't discouraged. "Somebody else's house is hard to understand," he says, and looks for something good to come of it. We hope it comes — we hope it is somehow a blessing in disguise. We figure the church has it coming.

ONCE AGAIN . . .

Farmington Township residents have turned up their noses at the idea of participating in township government. That's one interpretation that can be made of the election Monday. It wasn't a good election. Like most primaries, there were too few candidates, and too few voters. It's not now, and it's not ever. But we're losing it by talking in the only way they can each two years. It was a pretty small voice, but it must last two years. Where that voice taken away, we would consider our system of government defunct and ruined. Yet when it isn't used, what good does it do? This democracy business is a good deal more than a name. But we're losing it by talking to keep up the payments of interest and participation. It's been said, for instance, that most of the peasants of Europe don't mind what government governs them because it makes no difference in their lives. Is that the attitude this nation is taking?

ONCE AGAIN . . .

Farmington is facing the Great Mud. From now to April, we're told, we can expect mud in various kinds and quantities. It might do us to prepare for it. The mud is coming in from the roads that have ever been in better condition to meet it. But rural roads aren't city streets — and even city streets are in for a crucial test if the predictions hold true. They say forwardness is forearmed. Maybe now would be a good time to swap the Stanley for one of those small size tractor-type tractors we saw down at Everett Implement.

Trojans Defeated In Final Game

Clarenceville High School's basketball team dropped their final game of the season to Bentley Friday night when they lost to Bentley High School 39 to 29 on the Bentley floor. Coach Robert Selke's quintet finished the season with three wins against 11 losses. Two of their losses came in overtime periods. Victories were scored over South Lyon twice and Fitzgerald. The Bentley Bulldogs got off to a fast start Friday night, taking a comfortable 14 to 4 lead in the first period. Bob Godette, Trojan center, scored all four points for Clarenceville. Bentley's regular season new team in the second period. The Trojans stepped up their offensive but were unable to outscore Bentley. Clarenceville got nine points during the period to 10 by Bentley. Joe Whyte and (Continued on Page Eight)

County, School Taxes Nearly 70% Collected

School and county taxes continued to roll into the city and township treasurers' offices this week as the March 1 deadline came closer. Farmington Township reported about 67 per cent of the total tax roll already paid, and city officials estimated that about 70 per cent of the city's share of taxes had been collected. Last minute reminders were mailed by the city treasurer this week to encourage late taxpayers to pay before the four per cent penalty and half-per cent per month interest penalty become effective. After March 1, tax bills will be collected only at the county treasurer's office in Pontiac.

CHARLES STUART TO HEAD 1951 RED CROSS DRIVE

Charles Stuart, manager of the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company, will head the 1951 Farmington Red Cross Drive, it was announced this week by the Oakland County Red Cross Chapter. The Farmington drive will begin March 1 and run until April 1. The Annual Red Cross Drive is carried on simultaneously throughout the nation during the month of March. Stuart stated Tuesday that details of the drive will be announced next week. This will include the quota for the Farmington City and Township area as well as the volunteer, captains. Last year's total of approximately \$1200 was raised during the March Red Cross Drive. Money is being collected by the Red Cross for both home front disaster and overseas service.

The Red Cross is also sponsoring a mobile blood bank unit which will be in Farmington March 20. Persons may register for the blood bank by either calling Pierre Deloche, Farmington City Clerk, at the Enterprise at Farmington 3000.

Livonia Dog Clinic To Be Held February 26

The final dog clinic conducted by the City of Livonia will be held Monday, February 26, at the Police Department, Five Mile and Farmington Roads, according to Marie Deloche, Farmington City Clerk. The clinic will be held from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m. The City Clerk stated that this is the last opportunity for residents of the city to have their dogs vaccinated through this service.

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Finish Last Minute Festival Plans



Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt, chairman of the American Legion committee of the Mid-Winter Festival, and radio and television dealer Gene Hymes, chairman of the Merchants' committee for the Festival, check over the layout charts of the two day exhibition. The Festival will take place this week end at the Legion Hall on Grand River, where 42 merchants will show the goods and services available in the community to Farmington residents. There is no admission charge to the Festival, which opens at noon Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Expect Record Crowd At Mid-Winter Festival Saturday And Sunday

Forty-two merchants to have displays. Forty-two Farmington area merchants will set up display booths this week end for the second annual Mid-Winter Festival to be held Saturday and Sunday at the American Legion Memorial Home. According to Gene Hymes, merchant chairman of this year's Festival, all of the plans have been completed for what is expected to be the largest show of its kind ever held in Farmington. Last year's total of 3,500 persons jammed into the Legion Home to see the merchants' displays. This year's show is expected to draw well over that figure.

Joseph DeVriendt, American Legion chairman, stated that so many merchants have signed up for both space that both floors of the Legion Home will be used this year. The merchants will construct their own booths and prepare this display. The doors of the Legion Home will open at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, February 24, and will remain open as long as there are visitors Saturday evening. On Sunday the Festival will begin again at 2:00 p.m. and continue through Sunday evening. Many of the merchants are planning to give away samples and novelties during the two day festival.

Spring Is Coming

Road conditions in the Farmington Township and City this spring will be the best in years. The unpleasant prediction being voiced this week by governmental officials. The prediction is based on some pretty sound reasoning. In the first place, the frost is deeper this year than it has been for years. Next there has been a great amount of snow and rain during the early winter months. Finally, in spite of the unpleasant prediction being voiced this week by governmental officials, the prediction is based on some pretty sound reasoning.

Officials Predict Serious Road Conditions In City And Township

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Fire Damages Assembly Of God Church Tuesday

Vestibule Ceiling, Balcony Destroyed

Fire early Tuesday morning severely damaged the Farmington Assembly of God Church, located at Grand River and Middlebelt. The blaze destroyed the ceiling of the church vestibule, the balcony, and slightly damaged the roof structure. The roof itself was not burned. The fire was noticed by pastor Orville J. Windell as he drove past the church while returning from his job at the River Rouge Ford plant at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday. The pastor and fire chief Leo Hendrix estimated the damage at approximately \$3000.

The church building, of cedar and glass block construction, was not insured. A small fire insurance policy, taken out while the building was under construction, had expired, and funds for a new policy were not available. Rev. Windell said, "We haven't spent a nickel for labor; all the work was done by my father, members of the congregation, and myself."

The six year old church was still not completely finished. The plastering, being done by a church member in odd hours, was not completed. Work had all the while been installed in the building; a ten (Continued on Page Eight)

Moseman Named To Planning Board

Edward Moseman has been appointed to represent Farmington Township on the Regional Planning Commission. It was announced at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board held Tuesday evening. Moseman, chairman of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, will meet with other representatives of the township and two cities in this area in forming a sub group of the Regional Planning Commission. The group will serve as a liaison between the Commission and their respective governmental units.

Two bids on a new police car were read and discussed by the Board. The bids were filed by Ford, Howell and Troy Township. Class "C" games are scheduled (Continued on Page Eight)

Boy Scout Troop Celebrates 16th Anniversary

Boy Scout Troop 45, Farmington, celebrated its 16th anniversary last Saturday with a pot luck dinner for the troop and their parents at the Methodist Church. Scoutmaster John Hunt, Sr., Scout Commissioner for Oakland and Macomb Counties, the main speaker. He held his first experience in Scouting and how Scout Training saved his life during World War I.

Approximately 60 persons attended the dinner. The main speaker, Stanley Stone, minister of the First Methodist Church, gave the invocation. William Scholquist, Scoutmaster of Troop 45, conducted the service and the advancement ceremonies. Maybe you won't have to worry about it at all, but it might be smart to be prepared.

5,000 MOTORISTS HAVE NOT SECURED AUTO LICENSES YET

With less than a week of the useful life of 1950 license plates left, nearly 5,000 Farmington motorists haven't purchased their 1951 auto tags, according to information from Curt Hall's Pontiac Agency, local representatives of the Michigan Department of State. Last year the agency dispensed some 7,000 passenger tags, and sales this year are running about 10 per cent above 1950's. Less than half of the 1951 plates were sold before the last week. Short waiting lines started forming early this week before the license dispensing windows. Clerks were kept busy, but no long lines formed. However, sales will jump more than a hundred a day and lines will form next week as tardy motorists try to beat the expiration deadline.

School Authorizes Defense Director

Appointment of a school defense director has been approved by the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, stated that the director would be named within the next few weeks. Approval was granted by the Board at its meeting last Wednesday evening. Dunkel stated that procedure of naming a director has been recommended by the State Department of Public Instruction. Supervisors will also be selected at the various school buildings. These supervisors will be responsible to the director, who, in turn, is responsible to the Superintendent.

Dunkel stated earlier that any school defense program will be coordinated with the Farmington Civil Defense organization, headed by Victor Blakeslee. A survey of existing facilities, through which the school district has been made to determine location of refuge areas. A fan-out system of communication has been set up to channel calls from the school district to the Civil Defense organization. The plan pending further negotiations. Loomis stated that signs should also be erected marking the intersection of the intersection of Nine (Continued on Page Eight)

Bank Receives New F D I C Certificate

Mr. Howard M. Warner, president of the Farmington State Bank, announced this week that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C., of a new certificate of membership giving effect to the recent increase in insurance coverage to \$10,000. The Farmington State Bank has been a member of FDIC since 1934.

Kiwanis Change Meeting To Salem Church

Nate Mihay, president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, announced this week that regular Kiwanis Club meetings will be held in the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church beginning this week.

The Kiwanis Club met at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. An Inter-Club meeting with the Southfield Kiwanis Club was held Wednesday evening. A large group of residents attended the special Kiwanis card party last Saturday evening at the Town Hall. The starting line-up for the Falcons was Bunge, Olson, Jim Bates, Bob Hutton and Doug Thompson. The Falcons scored three points. The score at the end of the period was Farmington 23 - Walled Lake 12. The Falcons continued the fast playing and the half time score was Farmington 34 - Walled Lake 14. Bunge scored five points and Olson four. The Falcons increased their lead in the third period, scoring 13 points while the Vikings made nine.

Blanchard Wins Supervisor's Race, Justices Shafer, Tardy Nominated

Incumbent Ernest Blanchard defeated Richard Priebe for the Republican nomination for Township Supervisor in the main contest of the Farmington Township Primary Election held Monday. A total of 783 votes were cast in both precincts during the election. In Precinct One 564 votes were cast, with 219 ballots being marked in Precinct Two. There are approximately 3,700 registered voters in the Township, according to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk. Voting was extremely tight during most of the day, but built up during the last two hours before the polls opened. The nomination of Blanchard as Republican candidate for Supervisor amounts to the same as reelection because he has no opposition on the Democratic ticket. Blanchard got his greatest majority in Precinct One, polling 390 votes to Priebe's 75. In Precinct Two, Blanchard received 165 votes and Priebe 104. The vote was Blanchard 555 and Priebe 179. In the contest for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace, incumbents Harry Shafer and Richard Tardy were out in a close race over Frank Gossett. The nomination of Shafer and Tardy amounts to the same as reelection also, as they will have no opposition on the Democratic slate in the General Election. Carl C. Heise was nominated over Patrick L. Martin for Board of Review on the Republican ticket. Heise will have no opposition in the General Election.

Approve Erection Of Blinker Light At 9 Mile - US 16

Edward J. Miller led the Republican race for Constable with Godfrey Gagnon, William LaForge and Raymond Geary being nominated. Cloyd E. Apple was defeated. James D. Ethier, the lone Democratic candidate, was nominated for Constable. Harry McCracken, present Township Clerk, and Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, had no opposition. Following is the complete tabulation of votes in the Primary Election.

REPUBLICAN	
SUPERVISOR	
Blanchard	590 165 555
Priebe	75 104 179
CLERK	
McCracken	416 227 643
TREASURER	
Goers	405 244 649
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
Shafer	261 184 445
Tardy	271 136 407
Gossett	111 331
BOARD OF REVIEW	
Carl C. Heise	237 142 379
Patrick L. Martin	105 255
CONSTABLES	
Edward J. Miller	390 169 555
Godfrey Gagnon	296 168 454
William LaForge	263 189 452
Raymond Geary	273 171 444
Cloyd E. Apple	209 138 346
DEMOCRATIC	
CONSTABLE	
James D. Ethier	5 2 7

DETROIT CHURCH LEADER SPEAKS AT LIONS MEETING

Louis A. Komjathy, Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit and a past president of the Downtown Detroit Lions Club, will speak before the Farmington Lions Club at the regular meeting at the Detroit Club on Wednesday, February 27. As Moderator, Mr. Komjathy is the first layman to hold that position since the Presbytery was organized in 1929. The post, which is the highest in the denomination, is usually held by a minister. The Presbytery exercises ecclesiastical authority over the 80 Presbyterian churches in the Detroit area. Komjathy is also president of the Michigan Synod Council of Presbyterian men, embracing 250 churches in the State. Komjathy will speak to the Lions as a former chairman of the Detroit district. Members of the Farmington Exchange Club and the Plymouth Club have been invited to attend the program.

Mrs. John Landau is at the Novi Convalescent Home recovering from a broken hip. Mr. Landau is also ill. Inside Features

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