

**AROUND THE BLOCK**

WE'RE SKIPPING THE WEATHER... This week to talk about taxes. We are doing it because weather has taken a back seat in the conversation around the cracker barrel - now it's taxes. Once a year about this time all the weather forecasters predict that the weather which is March 15, incidentally, that's today, so if you haven't filed that income tax report, along with the necessary check, you had better hustle. Then again, if it already taken care of, you can sit back and smile. You may not have anything in your billfold, but the job is done for another year, at least, and you might just as well smile, there is nothing else to do.

**RIGHT HERE AND NOW...**

In bold type, too, we want to remind you to register for the pint of blood you are going to donate to have the life of an American soldier in Korea. You are going to do it, aren't you? A lot of blood is still needed to fill the quota for the mobile blood bank that will be in Farmington next Tuesday, March 20. That includes you, if you are a blood donor and that of your neighbor. There is a boy in Korea who needs your blood, he needs it if he is to live. You won't let him down, will you? Of course you won't! The phone number during the day is Farmington 3000 or 3001 and in the evening it is Farmington 1421. Don't put it off, you only have four days left. Register now!

**WE HAVE HEARD...**

By word of mouth and by one "Letter to the Editor" that the residents of this city do not like the cloud of dust and scattered debris that grace our main streets these days. It isn't very pleasant, we will admit, and hardly makes for a good impression. Now that it is spring cleaning time, maybe the clean-up job will be done. We will say one thing - most of the dust is the result of road repair work which was done in a greatly appreciated manner. But where there are now no holes there are clouds of dust. Everything would be almost perfect now if we could eliminate the clouds, brush down the sidewalks and spruce up for Spring.

**CONGRATULATIONS...**

This week go to a game, fighting Farmington Falcon basketball team that just wouldn't say quit. They fought their way through three tough District tournament games to come out on top. They came back behind against Romeo in the first Regional tournament game, downed favored Birmingham in the second, and lost a heartbreaker in an overtime contest against Utica. In the Regionals they had to play Thursday, Friday and Saturday night against three top flight teams, yet they never gave up. They displayed outstanding sportsmanship and plenty of determined, skillful basketball. All of Farmington can be proud of the showing their hometown team made. Our congratulations to the Farmington Falcon basketball team and to their coach, Robert Hutton. We are proud of you!

**A BIT OF GREEN...**

You should be wearing, come this Saturday. Sure it's St. Patrick's Day. So don't forget to dig out that green tie, or green skirt, in tribute to St. Patrick. And while you are at it, don't forget to join in the celebration day at the American Legion home. There will be a big dance and everybody, Irish or not, will be there. So get your colleen and join in the celebration. Another date you may want to remember is next Wednesday, March 21. We don't know just why you would like to remember it, unless you were pressed for some conversation, but anyway next Wednesday is the official beginning of Spring. If it should snow on that day, don't blame us. The calendar says it is Spring.

**WE NOTICE...**

That the fellow who was Commander of the local Legion Post last year, and who worked on the first Mid-Winter Festival and a host of other things for Farmington, is now doing a bit different duty in Korea. There's a picture on page 4 of the war's end, and it's amazing in which some of his activity is described. Lt. Ray Oldham seems to be giving a good account of himself on the front in Korea. The Collier's article describes a small piece of action in which Oldham's platoon fights its way uphill to recover the body of a fallen platoon leader.

**IN THIS WEEK'S...**

paper, you'll find the complete text of the Charter which has been proposed for the City of Farmington. It covers pages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The long section on the city government is on page 6. It lists the length of the term of office. Actually, you'll find it interesting. Try it and see.

**Board To Discuss Teachers' Salaries**

A joint meeting between a committee of the Clarenceville Teachers' Club and the Board of Education has been approved by the Board for the purpose of discussing a revision of the present salary schedule. The meeting was requested by Arthur Mann, president of the Teachers' Club, upon the request of the members. The Board approved the meeting and agreed to discuss the mutual problem. A working committee of the Teachers' Club will meet with the Board to begin preliminary discussions.

The tentative budget for the 1951-52 year is being drafted for presentation to the county allocation board. The draft must be ready not later than April 16. Louis Schmitt, superintendent, stated that the new budget will be larger than last year because of the increased enrollment. He added that the average membership in the school district is approximately 8 per cent over what it was at the close of last June.

Tentative plans were discussed by the Board at its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, extending the checking of house numbers and lot numbers at the edge of the school district. This is being done where no road or straggling lines of the district. In a number of places the District line between Clarenceville and Farmington as well as the line go between houses or on an alleyway. This makes it extremely difficult to determine which houses are actually in the Clarenceville District.

**FARC Discusses Plans For Summer Program**

The initial meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission for the year 1951 was held last evening at the Salem Evangelical Church. Cards went out to all members of the Commission over the week-end. Preliminary plans for the summer recreation program were discussed.

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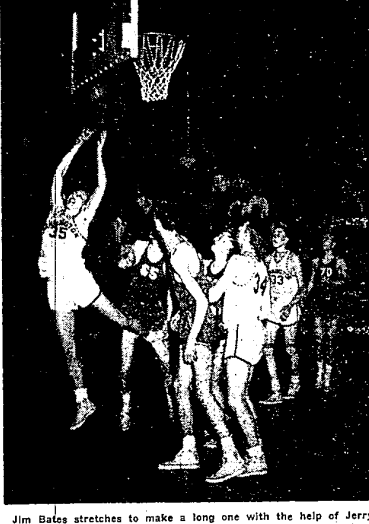
**MOBILE BLOOD BANK TO VISIT FARMINGTON TUESDAY**

**Board To Discuss Fire Protection Next Tuesday**

A discussion of additional fire protection in Farmington Township will be held at the meeting of the Township Board next Tuesday evening. It was announced at the special meeting of the Board held Tuesday.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that the Board would be glad to discuss the matter at the next Tuesday meeting, after Richard Priebe urged the Board to take action on the matter. Priebe stated that the residents of the Clarenceville area were concerned about the establishment of a branch fire department.

**Long Stretch Upsets Birmingham**



Jim Bates stretches to make a long one with the help of Jerry Plum (2) and Art Olson (33) as Farmington upset Birmingham Friday night. The Falcons went on only to lose to Utica the following night in a heartbreaker. The final loss excluded them from further competition in the finals of the basketball tournament.

**Falcon Cagers Defeated By Utica 38-36 In Regional Tourney Finals**

Utica pulled ahead to win. The Utica Chieftains built up a commanding lead in the opening period before the Falcons could get started. The score at the end of the first period was Utica 16 - Farmington 5. Olson scored four of his team's five points.

**Girls Get Both Honors: Farmington High School Names 1951 Valedictorian, Salutatorian**



By CAROLYN GARDNER  
The two most coveted academic honors of the school year, Valedictorian and Salutatorian, have gone to two Farmington High School graduates.

**Governor Signs City Charter Draft**

Farmington's new proposed City Charter was signed by Governor William Friday afternoon and it will appear on the ballot at the biennial spring election, to be held Monday, April 2.

The re-copied, printed draft of the new charter was resubmitted to the Governor Thursday by Victor Blakeslee, chairman of the City Charter Commission, and the City was notified Friday that the Governor had signed it. The original copy was submitted to the Governor several weeks ago, but was returned for reworking.

**Bond, Middlebelt, New Elementary Unit Draw**

The first architect's sketches of the proposed additions to the Bond and Middlebelt Schools, and sketches of the proposed new elementary school unit will be received from the architects "early next week," Superintendent O. E. Dunkel told the Farmington School Board last Monday night.

**Band Concert Set For Friday**

One hundred fifty boys and girls from schools of the Farmington Township School District will present their annual band concert Friday evening, March 16, at the Farmington High School gym.

**MINSTREL SHOW TICKETS GO ON SALE THURSDAY**

Tickets for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce "Fine and Dandy" Minstrel Show, to be held Friday, March 30, will go on sale this Thursday, the show commencing every Sunday afternoon in the Farmington High School band house.

**Girl Scouts Mark 39th Birthday With Ceremonies At Gym Saturday**

The Girl Scouts of America will be 39 years old this week, and Farmington Girl Scouts, now a part of the Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts corporation, don't seem to mind celebrating.

**150 More Donors Needed To Fill Quota For The Farmington Area**

Approximately 150 more blood donors are needed before next Tuesday if the Farmington area is to fill its quota for the Red Cross mobile blood bank, which will visit the city Tuesday, March 20.

**First Sketches Of School Additions Ready Next Week**

Dunkel also told the Board Monday that the District's application for preliminary planning aid from the federal government had been approved by the Department of Public Instruction. According to Dunkel, "This is one of the last steps leading to final approval. It is expected that definite work will be required in the fall future regarding a possible advance payment."

**Red Cross Drive Nets \$711 In Week**

A total of \$711.56 had been collected up to Tuesday noon in the 1951 Farmington Red Cross Drive. Charles Stuart, chairman of the City Township campaign, announced.

**REPORT LIGHT REGISTRATION FOR SPRING ELECTION**

Aside from the special registrations taken in the Floral Park section of the city, activity was very light in both the City and Township during the registration period which closed Tuesday, March 13.

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