



**AROUND THE BLOCK**

HIPPITY, HIPPITY, HOPPIN' ... This time it's the Easter Bunny hoppin' down the colored egg trail, visiting the happy little kiddies of the Farmington area. He will be around this Sunday for sure, come, snow, rain or anything else we may be apt to get in the way of weather. There will be big Easter dinners on the table, too, and plenty of fun for every member of the family. So who cares about the swirling snow outside and the cold wind, that new Easter outfit will be just as good next Sunday when the sun is shining and the balmy breezes are blowing. That isn't a prediction, oh no! we aren't going out on the well known limb that far. However, it is a hope and wish that we believe most of our Farmington friends share. Besides, Wednesday was the first day of spring, so warmer days can't be too far away now.

**FARMINGTON CAME THROUGH**

In its usual dependable manner last Tuesday, contributing its quota of valuable blood for wounded American soldiers in Korea. The response was excellent both in numbers and efficiency shown at the Blood Bank. The committee, headed by Mrs. Howard Warner, the many women who took time off to phone for registrations, the transportation corps and the volunteers who contributed blood, deserve a great deal of credit for doing a real job. By the time you get this paper, the blood donated Tuesday in Farmington will be in the process of preparation for immediate shipment to Korea. That blood you gave may save a life and earn the sincere thanks of a wounded soldier, you will never know.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN**

A copy of the new proposed charter for the City of Farmington, which was published in last week's Enterprise, you may pick up a complimentary copy at either the Farmington City Hall or The Enterprise office. These supplements are available at no cost at either of the two locations. You should know what is in the charter, because if you are a resident of the City, you will vote on this important issue at the election April 2. So pick up your copy today—read it—study it and know what you are voting for on Monday, April 2!

**WE MENTIONED EASTER**

Earlier in this column but we have left this Easter invitation until now so we could put it in bold type and give it an entire paragraph. It was to do with going to church on this Friday and Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. In spite of Easter bunnies and family dinners, Easter is a religious day as is the Holy Week prior to Easter. A special community Good Friday service will be held at the Salem Church at 7 p.m. You are also encouraged to attend the church of your choice on Easter Sunday. In these trying days we can not afford to overlook the importance of faith and strength derived through spiritual belief. Attend the community Good Friday services at the Salem Church and go to your church on Easter Sunday.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

You, if the Farmington Red Cross Drive is to meet its quota. You have only about a week and a half left to contribute. The slippery weather is getting around to each house in the area as quickly as possible, but weather conditions and illness are delaying their progress. So if you have not been contacted, make your contribution at the booth in the Farmington State Bank or the booth in the Theater. Your contribution is urgently needed. If the single family disaster work, the blood bank activities and many other Red Cross projects, conducted both locally and nationally, are to be continued. Give now to the Farmington Red Cross Drive!

**OH, WHAT**

Why, to us shouldn't happen to a dog—a husky, at that. Whipped, after being tempted with balmy breezes, bright sunshine and budding vegetable matter of all sorts, we must be inundated by layers of that white stuff, we are sure. The slippery weather has caused a run of business for the boys in the auto extrication business. A light layer of snow, like a coat of paint, hides a multitude of sins. Specifically, it made driving between the pits in our riddled roads pretty tricky. Our Columbus driver, along with a derelict car, was stuck in the snow. Nope! We'll take warm weather and the dust instead of the tricky derelict falls lying in wait beneath a layer of snow, hoping to swallow our wheels. One consolation—the grass fire business isn't so booming in this kind of weather. And to think Wednesday was the first day of spring!

**WE'RE HOPING**

One of the two bids the post office department received offering a new post office for Farmington. The specifications, to date, there's nothing to report—but we're enlarging our crossed fingers with all that knocking on wood. A new, larger post office would do a lot for the town—and would also perhaps get our mail to us a lot quicker. Might even encourage some new, more, and bigger businesses to open here. We're just hoping that the good news and the post office department can talk dollars and sense both.

## Concert Attracts Record Audience

A record audience attended the Farmington Township School District band concert last Friday evening in the Farmington High School auditorium. Six hundred fifty persons heard four bands perform during the hour and a half concert. The bands were composed of students from grades four through twelve in the Farmington School District. One hundred seventy four students participated in the concert.

The beginning Flute Band played five short numbers, followed by the Intermediate Grade School Band, which played three numbers. The Intermediate band members donned cowboy hats and cap guns as they played "The American Patrol."

Members of the Junior Band played two numbers, followed by seven soloists. The soloists were: Dean Bradley, saxophone; Fred Bendling, clarinet; Alice Adams, violin; Joseph Farnello, trumpet; Richard Bowers, saxophone; Denis Casner, clarinet; and Patricia Sowers, saxophone.

The Senior Band concluded the concert with seven numbers among which were "Ballet Egyptian," "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" and "Time Out For A Man's Assistant." This last number was conducted by student director Lee Barthel.

The outstanding flute award went to Allen LeSage; the marching plaque to Platoon B. Denis Casner, captain; the sectional trophy to the band instruments, Morgan Thomas, head; and the outstanding musician's cup to Denis Casner.

Mr. and Mrs. William MacRobert returned home late Friday evening from a three month tour through the western and southern states, spending most of their time at Yuma, Arizona.

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## SUGGEST SITES FOR NEW TOWNSHIP FIRE STATIONS

### Chorus Rehearses Music For JayCee Minstrel Show



Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Fine N Dandy" chorus rehearse musical numbers for the coming minstrel show under the supervision of Arthur Mann, musical director for the show. The all-home talent chorus, a big hit in last year's show, will be repeated in the third

### Petition Deadline For City Offices Set For Friday

#### Commission To Review Petitions Saturday

This Friday, March 23, has been designated as the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions for the non-partisan city election to be held Monday, April 2.

All nominating petitions must be filed with Harry Moore, city clerk, not later than 5:00 p.m. city clerk, at the Farmington Municipal Building. Candidates for the following regular city offices will be elected at the Biennial Spring Election: Mayor, for a term of two years; three Commissioners for a term of four years; Clerk for a term of two years; Treasurer, for a term of two years; Assessor, for a term of two years; two Members of the Board of Review, for a term of two years; one Justice of the Peace, for a term of four years, and two Constables, for a term of two years.

### Locations In Southeast And North Sections Recommended To Board

Two possible sites were suggested for the location of new fire stations in Farmington Township by residents of the Township at the regular meeting of the Board held Tuesday evening.

One of the sites was pointed down to a specific area, while the other was suggested for a general area. Richard Priebe, representing the Clarenceville area, suggested that one station be located in the Nine Mile and Middlebelt area. He stated that his recommendation was based on a survey conducted by the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

### Valuation Of City Property Over \$3,000,000 Mark

#### Figure Represents \$260,000 Increase

The assessed valuation of all real and personal property in the City of Farmington has been set at \$3,248,981, according to Delos Hamlin, assessor, at the regular meeting of the City Commission held last Wednesday evening.

He added that this represents an increase of \$260,000 in the assessed valuation over last year. The figure was set by the Board of Review which held its final meeting last Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13. This assessed valuation will form the basis of local tax revenues for operation of the city in the year 1951-52. The city will also receive an increase in revenues from sales tax diversion based on the new census figures.

It was announced at the Commission meeting that Col. Sam L. Smith has been selected secretary of the Regional Planning Commission's sub-committee for this area. The committee consists of representatives from Farmington City and Township, the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, Novi Township and Commerce Township. Col. Smith is the representative for Farmington.

Blanchard added that the matter would be taken under study and as soon as any information was available it would be given to the public. He stated that he did not know for sure whether this information could be secured by the next regular meeting.

### Future Nurses' Club Makes Cancer Pads

The Future Nurses' Club of the Farmington High School is making cancer pads for use by cancer patients living in the Farmington area.

In order to make the pads, the girls need large quantities of white material. If you have any old sheets, pillow cases, or other white cotton or linen material which you do not intend to use, the club would appreciate having it. The material may be left at any Farmington Township school or call Mrs. Plettenberg at 6226 and someone will collect the material at your home. Material left at the schools should be marked P. N. C.

### Weather Slows Red Cross Drive

With house to house canvassing still incomplete, Charles Stuart, chairman of the 1951 Red Cross drive, reports that \$825 has been turned in thus far in the annual campaign now under way.

Stuart emphasized that this total represents actual cash already turned in. Most of the total has come from donations received from merchants at the booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank and the booth in the lobby of the Civic Theater.

Farmington's quota for the 1951 Red Cross drive has been set at \$3,485. The drive, which opened the first of March, will continue through the month. Stuart pointed out that 38 per cent of the funds collected in the Farmington drive will stay with the Oakland County Red Cross Chapter for local disaster work and to help finance the regular activities of the Chapter.

Stuart said that inclement weather and bad road conditions have slowed the house-to-house canvass by volunteer solicitors in a number of areas in the township. The chairman stated that a number of solicitors have covered portions of their area but have not reported it as yet. Stuckey has delayed the progress of the house-to-house canvass.

A total of \$27,276.53 was collected in the Red Cross drive in Oakland County up to March 19, according to George B. Hartwick, Oakland County campaign chairman.

### Churches Mark Good Friday, Easter With Special Services And Music

Farmington churches, individually and collectively, will mark the passing of another Easter Sunday, Good Friday and Maundy Thursday this week and with special speakers and music. This year, the traditional Farmington Union Good Friday service, when local churches combine to present the story of the passion, will be held at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Grand River and Oakland.

Rev. Orville Windell, pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at the union service. Assisting at the 1 p.m. service will be Rev. A. Stanley Stone of the Farmington Methodist Church and Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Church. The Salem Choir will provide special music.

As in years past, the offering from the Union service will be used to finance character education in the public schools.

Rev. Windell will also participate in a three hour combined service at Clarenceville Methodist Church, 15 to 3 p.m. Rev. Raymond Bayne of Southfield Community Presbyterian Church will have charge of the first hour, May 21. The second hour will be held at the Clarenceville Methodist Church and will take the second hour, and Rev. Windell will have charge of the third hour.

### Falcon Baseball, Track Candidates Begin Practice Sessions In Gym

A record number of candidates turned out this week for the opening practice sessions of the Farmington High School baseball team. The team will begin practice on Monday, April 2, at 3:30 p.m.

Early practices will be held in the Farmington High School gym unless weather permits outside training. Farmington's baseball team will play a twelve game season during the spring season. The first game of the season will be played Tuesday, April 17, against Bentley High School, Livonia. The season will close May 25 with a game against Clarenceville.

Among the returning lettermen are the co-captains Don Bunge, last season's shortstop, and Art Olson, pitcher and infielder. Jim Batten, pitcher, second fielder for the past two seasons who hit a solid 323 last season, will return. D. Thompson, infield; D. Alexander, second base; and J. Plum, pitcher, are seniors who will bolster the squad. Smokey Aschen-Brenner was the Falcon regular first baseman. He was a first baseman last season. The Falcon will probably perform the catching chores.

Other prospects are Hayes, Dryden, Tyler, Wayne N. Raup, T. Brown, Cowart, Osmay, Hallman, Spallner, Turner, Gasky and McGowan.

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The final dress rehearsal will be held next Wednesday evening, according to Arthur Mann, director and general chairman of the show. There will be a total of 24 feature numbers in the show, which will be on the showboat theme this year. The chorus is composed of Jaycees, their wives and other local people. Most of the feature numbers will be performed by the Jaycees. The show will be held at the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Donors Give 122 Pints Of Blood To Mobile Bank

#### Phone Canvass Adds To Registrations

After more than a month in which pre-registrations for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile crept slowly to a total of 161, Farmington residents turned out Tuesday to give 122 pints of whole blood for 35 prospective donors were turned away by technicians for physical reasons.

In the first hour of operation, 29 pints were given. The Bloodmobile, as housewives, business people, workers, and men and women from all walks of life gathered at the Town Hall. Typical of the spirit of the donors was that of Mrs. Clarence Bitter, who, with daughters Mrs. Walter (Joyce) Gagnon, Mrs. Earl (Betty) Milburn, Mrs. Jack (Clara) Simpson, Mrs. William C. (Marjory) Prisk, and Miss Cora, all donated a pint of their blood. Responsible for swelling the list (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Gets Sailfish On 71st Birthday

Clarence Aldrich, Farmington nurseryman, brought in this seven foot eight inch swordfish on his 71st birthday at Miami, Florida. Aldrich hooked the fish from the fishing boat "Henrietta" shortly after dropping a line into Florida's Gulf Stream. The 250 foot line was quickly girted in 450 when the fish bit. Aldrich said, "I don't think I was over 15 minutes in landing it. This was the biggest fishing thrill of my life, and to think I caught it on my 71st birthday."

### SCHOOL DEFENSE OFFICIALS SURVEY BUILDING SPACE

A survey of school building facilities is now being made as part of the Farmington Township School District civil defense program. Byron Oliver, school defense director, announced this week.

Uniform survey blanks furnished by the State Defense organization are being used. The purpose of the survey is to designate buildings which can be utilized in case of emergency for housing, feeding and possible first aid. Oliver is being assisted in the conduct of the survey by the Farmington Girl Scouts.

Oliver stated that all of the information compiled by the School District will be filed for coordination and use when the Farmington Civil Defense program is organized.

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