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AROUND THE BLOCK

THE FOLKS . . .
in the city had themselves a good piece of excitement last week end when anonymous handbills attacking the proposed city manager plan appeared. Up to that time, most folks had considered that the 733 - 116 vote for revision of the city charter last fall indicated that the plan was popular. Pretty soon, the first handbill was followed by a second, refuting the first. Then the telephones started ringing and the folks went to the polls to approve the charter 411 - 252. We are glad that's over — but we're willing to wager the quiet little election coming off May 14 to name a new city council under the new charter may not be so quiet. At any rate, we have a sneaking suspicion that folks are just beginning to become aware of the mighty strength of the ballot — when a lot of them use it.

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SOMETHING . . .
that first handbill said made us chuckle a little. It alleged that The Enterprise was "controlled" and "restricted". We were thinking particularly of a recent edition which we ourselves couldn't seem to control. It seems that every once in a while there comes a week when we wake up in a cold sweat and turn pale Thursday morning to find something that slipped past the proofreaders. We are sorry, for instance, that a man's name, Algenas, somehow got a letter dropped here and there to become "Agnes". And another individual, mother of a large family, was referred to as "Miss" instead of "Mrs." Like we say, sometimes we can't even control it ourselves.

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PERHAPS A POINT . . .
in argument is the fate of Roy Erdmann. Roy's picture has been in the paper four times now in the past two years. That's a heavy dose for anybody. But we still haven't shown what he looks like. This week it's in again — he's standing next to the interlocutor, Phil Thomas, in the minstrel show photo. This time it's charcoal that makes his face unrecognizable, just as it was the second time it appeared in another photo about the minstrel show. The first time we got both of his ears and the back of his head as he operated his linotype during National Newspaper Week. The third time we got only one ear and a new haircut while he was a member of the City Charter Commission. But we'll keep trying — maybe one day you'll see what he looks like. Accidents can happen.

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BUT IT WAS . . .
no accident that made the gym so full for last Friday's minstrel show. Seems like most of the folks rather enjoyed it. This includes the JayCees, who sweated ice cubes getting it together in spite of flu epidemics, et all. We think that annual show is an exceedingly good project for the community — it gives everybody a chance to see some of the talent that is here, and a chance to get a laugh at itself. Although it took a lot of work to produce this year's show, it strikes us that the show gets a little bigger and better every year. And consequently, that it's worth the effort to put it on. And some of the antics that go on are remembered a long time. We won't forget that breakaway suit and the red flannels — at least until next year's show. And last year's gimmick with the "water bucket" full of confetti was worthwhile, too. Wonder what they'll do next year?

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WE STILL CAN'T . . .
figure out why Tallulah, our aged Locomobile, wasn't picked up. We found out at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning that she had been driven home and left parked in front of our abode all night while wearing license plates that should have been on a car stolen previously at Keego Harbor. The gentlemen in blue paid us a visit Tuesday morning with our own plates in their hand. It seems we were part of a triple play. Our plates went from our car to that of a friend of ours, and his to a stolen car, and the stolen car's to ours. Here we were, wearing a "wanted" number, and none the wiser. We got out of the deal the best, however. The gentlemen from the State Constabulary met us at the door, exchanged good mornings, and replaced our tags while we finished our shower. The friend had to go all the way to the 6th Precinct Station in Detroit to retrieve his; he didn't get the benefit of the delivery service. But from now on, we'll pay more attention to the license plates we're wearing — we've even memorized the number.

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SOMETHING ELSE CAME . . .
to us this week. Got a couple of clippings. One shows June Toth, the Farmington pianist, who has just won herself an opera workshop scholarship at the Student Musician's contest at Women's City Club. She's also played for the national convention of the International Kiwanis Club. Another clipping we got shows Tom Goers, a member of Captain John Thach's crew aboard the aircraft carrier "Sicily", reclining on a cot donating blood to the Red Cross. Seems that the Red Cross brought a Bloodmobile down to the dock when the "Sicily" came in after seven months in Korean waters. They had no trouble setting up a blood donor station on the flight deck. Now, the "Sicily" is an escort carrier — a little one. But the Red Cross was kept busy collecting the 250 pints of blood from the ship. Makes that 122 from Farmington seem a little puny, doesn't it?

VOTERS APPROVE CITY MANAGER CHARTER 411 TO 252

Special Election Set For Monday At Clarenceville

Ask 5 Mill Increase For School Operation

Voters of the Clarenceville School District will go to the polls this Monday, April 9, to decide whether or not the Board will be authorized to raise the tax limitation 5 mills for 5 years for school operation.

Officials are predicting a fairly heavy vote in the special election Monday. Numerous discussion groups and parent organizations have studied the question for several weeks. Activities in the past few weeks have shown an increased interest in the question.

The question to be voted on is: "Shall the total tax rate limitation, on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the school district of Clarenceville Public Schools, for all purposes except taxes levied for the payment of principal and interest on obligations incurred prior to December 8, 1932, be increased five mills for five years." This would mean $5.00 per $1,000 of the assessed valuation as equalized. The tax levy would be for the purpose of raising additional funds to meet the cost of services, supplies and other expenses of the operation of the schools of the District, according to the needs as determined by the Board of Education.

The Board has previously outlined the need for more money for school operation based on the ever-increasing enrollment in the District. Additional funds are needed, according to the Board, for more adequate bus transportation; for the maintenance of present services and the possible addition of new ones; and more attractive salaries for teachers.

Voters of the School District will go to the polls in the Clarenceville High School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Clarenceville School District is composed of sections of Farmington and Redford Townships as well as the City of Livonia.

Clarenceville Senior Honor Students

RAYMOND JACOBSON

CAROL FREY

Carol Lois Frey and Raymond A. Jacobson have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively of the Class of 1951 at the Clarenceville High School, it was announced this week by Max Millard, high school principal.

Carol Frey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton W. Frey of 19974 Negaunee. She has an all high school scholastic average of 3.97 out of a possible 4.0. Carol has been secretary of her class for four years and secretary-treasurer for one year. She is art editor of the high school year book this year. Carol is planning on entering college this fall.

Raymond Jacobson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Jacobson, 19345 Weyner. He has maintained a 3.78 scholastic average during his four years of high school work. Raymond has won two varsity letters in track and one in cross country. He is planning on entering college if he doesn't have to join the armed forces.

The two seniors were selected entirely on a scholastic rating by the high school principal. They will participate in the graduation exercises this June at the Clarenceville High School.

Youthful Bandits Wielding Shotgun Hold Up Floral Park Confectionery

Wednesday Robbery Nets Trio $40

Three youthful bandits, one with a sawed off shotgun, participated last Wednesday night in an armed robbery which cost the Floral Park Confectionery some $40, and its proprietor, Angus B. Campbell, some anxious moments spent reclining on the floor.

At 10:45 p.m., Campbell was about to close his shop near Nine Mile Road on Grand River and was alone in the store when two youths entered. The one bearing the 12 guage weapon ordered Campbell to lie on the floor while the second bandit cleaned out the till.

Campbell's wife, sensing something amiss, left the living quarters in the rear of the building and looked into the store. Then, despite the shouts of the two boys, she ran next door to the Quigley machine shop, where she was assisted in calling the police. The bandits, however, had left before the police arrived.

It was the first armed robbery in Farmington since the series of bank robberies here during the depression.

Later Wednesday evening, Detroit police apprehended three youths, 15, 16 and 18, inside a hardware store which they had entered. Police chief Joseph G. DeVriendt Tuesday stated the three were identified by the Campbells and confessed to the Floral Park armed robbery.

DeVriendt also claimed the trio had five other weapons in their stolen car. He said they obtained the guns in a previous hardware store breakin. However, the oldest, Ronald Ratliff of Inkster, stood mute when arraigned on a charge of robbery armed before Justice John J. Schulte, Jr., last Friday morning. The other two boys were turned over to Detroit juvenile authorities.

The Police Chief said the 18-year-old held the shotgun while the 15 year old boy cleaned out the Floral Park till, leaving the 16 year old outside in the arsenal-stocked car.

Harry Thornton, Jr., spent the week end with his grandparents, the Hugh McIntyres.

Recreation Commission Drafts Tentative Budget

A tentative budget was drafted at the last regular meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission held Wednesday evening, March 8, at the Salem Evangelical Church.

Byron Oliver, president of the Commission, stated that a tentative budget of approximately $2,100 was approved. The chairman stated that a questionnaire was now being prepared to determine how far the program should be extended and asking for any suggested improvements in the recreation program.

JayCees' '51 Minstrel Show Bigger Than Last Year

A few vacant seats on the far left side of the auditorium were the only empty places in the Farmington High School gym last Friday evening when the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presented its third annual "Fine N' Dandy" Minstrel Variety show. In addition to providing the audience with an evening's entertainment, the show will provide the JayCees with funds with which to continue its community projects for another year. The cast of the show was made up of amateur talent directed by Arthur Mann, who led the show through several musical numbers interspersed by the antics of the end men, James Warner, Dean Eckert, Robert Harris, Robert Cassell, Edgar West, and Nate Mihay. Mrs. Ted Smith added to the show with her portrayal of an "end lady". Three-time loser to the end men was a character played by Roy Erdmann and listed on the program as "?". He was first stripped to his red flannels when he made an attempt to sing, later lost his red flannels when attempts were made to bind him and toss him from the stage, and still later was the recipient of a large firecracker dropped into his baggy pants by the end men. The show wasn't all buffoonery, however. Director Arthur Mann assembled talent from Farmington, Clarenceville and surrounding communities to fill the two hour show. In keeping with the show's tradition, no encores were allowed, despite demands by the audience. A chorus composed of Farmington residents, which appeared for the first time in last year's show, was heard Friday night. Again in 1951, the backdrop for the colorful production was painted by artist Robert Cassell, JayCee president and art director for the show.

Close Races Mark Justice As Near Record Spring Vote Is Cast

By a vote of 411 to 252, the residents of the City of Farmington approved a new city charter setting up the machinery for city manager government in Farmington at the Biennial Spring Election Monday.

The approval of the charter climaxed a last minute barrage of handbills for and against the proposed charter. The barrage resulted in a near record off-year election with 672 ballots cast in the city. The new charter will take effect on May 21, 1951. A special election to name a new five man council will be held Monday, May 14.

Contests for City Commission and Justice of the Peace also attracted city voters to the polls. In the Commission race, Tracy Conroy, Roy Miller and Ralph Shepard were elected. Shepard nosed out James Nourjian by the close margin of 2 votes. Allen C. Ingle was elected Justice of the Peace in another down-to-the-wire race, defeating Max Hulett by only 3 votes. All of the other city offices were unopposed.

Kathryn Cotter, unopposed candidate for Treasurer, drew the highest total vote with 572. No candidates filed for Constable and although there were a number of write-ins, no single candidate received enough votes for election.

City voters also approved all three state referendum questions, with the annual regular sessions of the legislature drawing the largest approval. Incumbents for the State Supreme Court won easily on the non-partisan ballot. Neil E. Reid and Emerson Boyles polled the highest vote.

On the partisan state ballot all Republican candidates won by a better than two to one majority. A total of 384 straight Republican ballots were cast and a total of 111 straight Democratic ballots were marked.

TOWNSHIP VOTE

Only 18.2 per cent of the registered voters in Farmington Township went to the polls Monday. Precinct One recorded a vote of 427 while Precinct two had only 238 voters. There was only one contest on the Township ballot. Four Republicans and one Democrat were seeking election to the office of Constable. James Ethier, the lone candidate on the Democratic ticket, was defeated.

Neil Reid and Emerson R. Boyles won easily for Justices of the Supreme Court. All three State Constitutional Amendments were approved. Republican candidates for state offices polled nearly two to one majorities in both precincts of the township.

Following is the complete tabulation of votes cast in both the city and township in the Biennial Election.

CITY BALLOT

Mayor	
Delos Hamlin	535
Commissioners	
Tracy Conroy	460
Roy Miller	392
Ralph O. Shepard	293
James Nourjian	291
Hugh Brennan	237
City Clerk	
Harry W. Moore	559
City Treasurer	
Kathryn D. Cotter	572
City Assessor	
Arthur Lamb	560
Board of Review	
Fred Cook	543
Floyd H. Nichols	518

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Plane Spotters Get Third Test Next Week End

Volunteers Scan Skies Saturday And Sunday

Another test of Farmington's Ground Observer Corps will be held April 14 and 15, chief observer George McLaughlin announced on Monday. The test will be the third trial of Michigan's air raid observers.

McLaughlin also said Monday that probably the same volunteer schedule used in the last test would be repeated this time. However, a meeting of the volunteer spotters will be held prior to the test because of new instructions and changes in the operating procedure.

ASKS CALLS

The chief observer requested that volunteer spotters unable to man the station during the same shifts held on the previous test should call him so that replacements can be arranged.

Farmington's observers will scan the skies from the high ground behind the Springbrook Gardens greenhouse on Power Road. They report the presence of all aircraft to a central filtering station, which plots the plane's course and in time of war issues air raid warnings and coordinates Air Force and Civil Defense measures.

The entire network, working in conjunction with Air Force and Civil Defense headquarters, is manned by volunteers. Observers stand two hour shifts. In time of emergency, the post would have to be manned 24 hours a day and seven days a week. During trials, however, each observer puts in two hours during the week end, either one hour on each of the two days, or one two-hour session on one day.

In the last test, 20 volunteers manned the post. Although the weather was cold and the skies clear, few planes were reported to the filter center.

Citizens' Group To See Building Plans

The Citizen's Committee of the Farmington Township School District will meet Monday, April 9, at the high school building to go over the tentative architect's sketches of the proposed building program.

Two sets of sketches will be available for study by the Committee, which will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the high school library. One set of sketches cover the plans originally discussed by the Board and the Citizens' Committee. The other set are on an alternate plan modifying the high school building and providing for additional elementary classrooms.

The Board reviewed and discussed the two sets of sketches last week but withheld any action until the plans can be studied by the Citizens' Committee. Members of the Board will attend the meeting with the citizens' group. It was pointed out that the alternate plan, calling for the modification of the proposed high school unit, doesn't

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OFFER FIFTH "WELL BABY" CLINIC AT CLARENCEVILLE

The fifth "Well Baby" Child Health Conference will be held at the Clarenceville High School next Thursday, April 12. Services of the clinic are for pre-school age children whose parents are unable to provide medical supervision or have a referral from their family physician.

Innoculations for diphtheria, small-pox, whooping cough and tetanus will be given at the 1 p.m. clinic. In addition, each child will receive a complete physical check-up by a registered pediatrician, whose services are arranged by the Wayne County Board of Health.

Through the cooperation of the Mothers Club and Clarenceville Parent Teacher Association, sponsors of the clinic, transportation will be arranged to and from homes. Mrs. Lawrence Wagner, Farmington 0233-M, can be called for appointments.

Contests For City Commissioners, Justice Of Peace Attract Record Spring Vote

Township Officers Granted $600 Salary Increases

Approve Allowance For Car Expenses

Farmington Township officials were granted pay raises and car allowances at the annual meeting of the Township held Monday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the Township offices.

For the first time in the history of the Township the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer were granted car allowances. A total of $500 per year was granted to the supervisor and $250 each to the clerk and treasurer. Prior to this time the three officials have paid their own transportation costs.

$500 RAISES

The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer were also granted a raise in salary of $600 each. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, was boosted from $4,000 to $4,600; Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, got a raise from $3,000 to $3,600; and Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, received an increase from $2,500 to $3,100. These raises included clerical help for the three officers.

Final action was delayed on a motion authorizing all four Justices to serve on the Township Board. The motion was approved but it was decided to hold up action on the question pending a legal opinion from the Corporation Counsel. A motion was made to investigate the support given to the Farmington library and to meet with the City Commission in order to work out a cooperative program.

A total of $500 was appropriated for the cemetery fund. This is the same amount granted last year. The annual financial statement of the Township was read and approved. Approximately 20 persons attended the meeting.

Red Cross Drive Closes Saturday

Farmington's Red Cross Drive will officially close this Saturday, April 7, Charles Stuart, local chairman, announced Tuesday.

Stuart stated that through Monday a total of $1,531.20 had been turned in by volunteer solicitors. The Drive was extended an additional week in order to cover the City and Township more thoroughly. The quota of the 1951 drive in the Farmington area has been set at $3,469.

The chairman added that anyone who has not been contacted on the house to house campaign may make a donation to Mrs. John Yuill, chairman of the residential area. Her phone is Farmington 3087-W. Bad roads throughout the area have made it impossible for solicitors to get to every house in the Township, Stuart said.

Business people who still wish to contribute to the 1951 Farmington Drive may do so by contacting Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt at Farmington 0084. The booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank will continue open through Saturday.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their April luncheon and card party at the Town Hall Wednesday, April 11, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Harry Brundle and Mrs. Margaret Mahoney are hostesses.

DISCUSS ADDITION OF KITCHEN AT CLARENCEVILLE H. S.

The possible addition of kitchen facilities at the Clarenceville High School was the subject of a joint meeting between the Board and school groups last Thursday evening at the high school.

Representatives of the P.T.A., four Mothers' Clubs and Scout organizations met with the Board to discuss the possibility of adding a separate kitchen onto the high school building. Tentative plans were made and the architect has been contacted to draw up preliminary sketches, and to present cost estimates. The representatives of the groups present indicated that their organizations would be able to raise the funds necessary to construct the proposed kitchen of the size discussed.

Upon completion of the preliminary sketches the group plans to meet again with the Board to consider the plans for completion of these facilities.

Trojans Open Baseball Practice

By WALTER CHRISTENSEN

The Clarenceville Trojan baseball team, under the direction of Coach Harry McKittrick, opened full practice sessions this week in the Clarenceville High School gym.

Practice was confined last week to candidates for pitchers and catchers on the 1951 team. Only one veteran pitcher, Donald Grose, is working out with the newcomers, Jack Robertson, Joe Whyte, Pat Killeen and Buddy Mills. Sharing the catching duties are Elmer Rousseaux and Wally Christensen.

Candidates for other positions on the team began practice Monday. Work-outs are being held in the high school gym. As soon as the weather permits, the candidates will move outdoors. The Trojans will play a 12-game schedule with the first game to be held Friday, April 20, at Farmington. Eight of the games on the schedule are league competition, and a total of eight games will be played on the Clarenceville diamond.

The 1951 Trojan baseball schedule is as follows:

April 18, Inkster - Roosevelt, there.
April 20, Farmington, there.
April 25, Gratiot, here.
April 30, Milford* here.
May 3, Holly*, there.
May 7, Northville*, here.
May 14, Clarkston*, there.
May 17, Milford*, there.
May 21, Holly*, here.
May 24, Northville*, there.
May 25, Farmington, here.
June 4, Gratiot, there.
June 5, Clarkston*, here.
* League games.

IT'S A BOY!

Shirley and Bert Stafford of 20820 Pearl are the parents of a son, James Boyd, born March 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Pontiac. The new arrival weighed nine pounds, two ounces.

JUNIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Robert Hammond has been assigned the role of Grandpa Vanderhof, the merry old zany who rules the crackpot roost of the Sycamore family in "You Can't Take It With You", when the Farmington Junior Class presents the Kaufman and Hart comedy hit at the high school gym April 14.

The play is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. A large cast from the ranks of the class will be playing some of the most unpredictable characters ever seen on a stage, including Carolyn Gardner as Penelope, the accidental playwrite whose writing career began when a typewriter was delivered to the house by mistake; Wayne Aldrich as Boris, the ballet teacher, and Noreen Hamlin as Essie, the erstwhile candy maker who has been Boris's pupil for a mere eight years.

Paul and Mr. de Pinna, who manufacture fireworks in the Sycamore basement, will be played respectively by Eugene McCracken and Norman Raupp, and Dale Gillespie will act the part of Ed, who is a printer when he isn't playing the xylophone. Arlene Aho and Don Byrne will supply the love interest in the roles of Alice and Tony, while Tony's dignified parents, who accidentally wander into the mad Sycamore household for dinner on the wrong evening, will be played by Donald Stephen and Ann Louys. Other important roles will be portrayed by Norman Dennington, Kenneth O'Nan, James Fanzini and Sally DeLong.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The topic of Dr. Ernest Campbell's sermon at the morning service this Sunday, April 8, will be "Personal Spiritual Responsibility." At the evening service, he will discuss "Corruption in High Places". Communion will follow the morning service at the church.

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