



AROUND THE BLOCK

SPRING REALLY HIT . . .
Farmington last week end with a bang. Did you happen to notice how green the grass got all of a sudden and how the tulips pushed up out of the ground? If you look real hard you can even begin to see the buds popping out on the trees. It didn't take the kids long to get into the mood, either. They were practically down to shirt sleeves by the time the balmy breezes began to blow. Things aren't quite so spring-like as we found out this column, but at least we had a view of what is to come in a few weeks, we hope! So to keep those flowers covered for a couple of weeks, spring is on its way.

THE SOUND OF SIRENS . . .
and that seems to be the main topic of conversation around the block, don't forget that opening Farmington High School baseball game next Tuesday against Plymouth-Bentley High School. The date is next Tuesday, April 17, and it is scheduled to be played at Bentley, beginning at 3:30 p.m. So if the weatherman cooperates, let's get out there and give the boys a boost. They will appreciate your support and interest and will have an enjoyable afternoon. Don't forget Farmington's track team, either. They have a meet against Keego Harbor this Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. on the Farmington field. This is the Falcons' first meet this year so why not help them get off to a good start?

NOT TOO GOOD . . .
a record was posted in the Clarenceville School District election last Monday. Only about 10 per cent of the registered voters of the District took the trouble to go to the polls in a vitally important election that directly affects every taxpayer in the District. Your schools are your business, just as voting is your business. It can't be left for the other fellow, not if true democracy is to grow and prosper. Indifference on the part of Americans at the polls is still the weakest link in our fight for a stronger democracy. Let's all wake up to our responsibilities, especially where our children are concerned, for the example we set today may well govern the pattern of tomorrow.

A FEW KIND . . .
words, namely, "They were absolutely wonderful," were said about the Farmington City and Township fire department last week after the "burry-up" men had put out a small blaze at the home of H. E. Rowse on Quaker Valley Road. The Rowse garage was rather damaged, but she couldn't say too much about the firemen. Said they stuck right through the fire. It was the worst hours of the year, too, until the last spark was dead. So, according to her, living in the country can have disadvantages, but still have good firemen.

THAT SKUNK . . .
we told you about, the one out at Boys Republic that got away, was returned to the home not long ago. But it was a little worse for wear. Having had its natural defenses removed, Flower couldn't fight off the dogs, who shook him fatally. There's a hope for the future, but he's being kept in the hospital. We're managing to ward off Boys Republic. Nothing's happened yet, but there are high hopes. Anyway, we're glad to report that the folks who found Flower recognized him — seems they'd read about him in The Enterprise.

STARTING HER . . .
10th decade this week is Mrs. E. C. Grace, who celebrated her 90th birthday April 4 at her home on Grand River Avenue. Quite a few folks turned in and sent cards of love to her. Mrs. Grace, as the 90th birthday might imply, has been around here for quite a while. She was the wife of the late Edward C. Grace, who owned and operated a general store for many years. The building still stands at the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

WILL SOMEONE . . .
who left a nice black plastic handled umbrella in our office during the recent rainy season please pick it up? Sorry, but that's all that's left of our "last and best" department. We've managed to return to the owners all the Little People's mittens, the gaiters, and similar material always left here during the winter months. Of course, if no one comes around to pick up the bumbershoot, we'll give the same way as the other one that was left here a few years back, and we won't mind — that other one is pretty well worn out by now.

Juniors Present Play Saturday

Fireworks will be exploding in the Sycamore basement this evening as the explosive antics of the Mad Sycamore family will be bursting all over their living room this Saturday when the Farmington Junior Club presents "Kaufman and Hart's 'You Can't Take It With You'." The play's title refers to the sentiments of Grandpa Vanderhoff, the daffy head of the Sycamore household, who believes that every body should relax and do whatever he wants to do, since "we can't take it with us." Grandpa Vanderhoff is played by Robert Hammond.

Others of the class who will be filling the shoes of the moon-struck Sycamore family include Carolyn Grace and Penelope, who share writing plays when a typewriter was delivered by mistake; Eugene McCracken and Norman Raupp, in the roles of Paul and Fred; and Phina, who makes fireworks in the cellar; Noreen Hamlin as Essie, who has been studying ballet in the living room for eight years; and Dale Gillespie as Ed, who gets in trouble inserting maxims from Trotsky in the candy boxes he peddles.

Other key roles in the farce have been assigned to Wayne Aldrich, Donald Stephens, Ariene Aho, Donald Byrne and Ann Louisa.

"You Can't Take It With You" starts at 8:15 at the Farmington gym, was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

CITY REGISTRATION BOOKS NOW OPEN FOR MAY 14 VOTE

Harry W. Moore, City Clerk, said this week that the registration books of the City of Farmington are now open to register persons prior to the special election set for Monday, May 14.

Only persons not already registered in the city need to register. The registration period is designed to give new residents in the area the opportunity to register in their household, who may be registered in the city need to register. The registration period is designed to give new residents in the area the opportunity to register in their household, who may be registered in the city need to register. The registration period is designed to give new residents in the area the opportunity to register in their household, who may be registered in the city need to register.

Falcon Thinclads To Meet Keego Harbor Saturday

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EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club entertained senior members of the Farmington High School 1950-51 basketball squad at its meeting Wednesday. The club presented a game of basketball featuring the gold basketballs in recognition of the seniors' work on the basketball floor.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD HEARS ANGRY DEMANDS OF CITIZENS

Farmington's Civil Defense Council Makes Plans



This is the group which will lead Farmington's defense efforts if and when the community should be threatened by an enemy air attack. From left to right, foreground, are Leo Hendryx, Farmington's fire chief and auxiliary fire chief; Victor Blakelock, Civil Defense director; Joseph G. DeVriendt, Farmington police chief and coordinator of the Civil Defense program; "Bud" Mathers, director of emergency transportation; and Charles Layton, welfare director. Absent from this picture of the Farmington Civil Defense Council are James M. Tagg, Red Cross director; Harley Walters, Detroit Edison Company; and the Bell Telephone Company representative, Jack Scherdt.

Farmington Civil Defense Council Holds Initial Organization Meeting

Farmington's Civil Defense program began operating in earnest last Friday night when the Civil Defense Council met at the City Hall under the direction of Victor R. Blakelock. Represented were the public utilities serving Farmington, the police and fire departments, and other emergency-control groups.

Representing Consumers Power Company at the meeting, was George L. Mayhew. Harley Walters represented the Detroit Edison Company. They told the council that the utilities serving Farmington were prepared for emergencies but that getting into Farmington in the event of an air raid on Detroit would present the major problem.

Charles Layton, welfare director, and James M. Tagg, Red Cross director, received organizational instructions from police chief Joseph DeVriendt, who is acting as coordinator of the program locally. Tagg, Layton and the police and fire chiefs will shortly start recruiting volunteer personnel to expand the Civil Defense services.

DeVriendt told the group that Farmington's problem during an air raid would probably not be

Voters Approve 5 Mill Increase At Clarenceville

Levy To Be Used For School Operation

Voters of the Clarenceville School District approved by a better than two to one majority the levying of a tax of 5 mills for 5 years for which was ordered by the special election held Monday.

Only about 10 per cent of the registered voters in the School District went to the polls at the Clarenceville High School. A total of 262 votes were cast out of approximately 2,700 registered voters. There were 177 "yes" votes against 50 "no" votes. Five ballots were reported spoiled.

Certification of the election will take place in accordance with the law at 7:30 Thursday, April 12. The Board will call a special meeting to certify the vote at the Clarenceville High School. The new tax levy will begin with the December, 1951, collections, and will continue for five years.

Board Scored On Fire Hall Issue, Road Repair in Kemberton Park

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More Classrooms, No Gym Seen In School Program

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Air Spotters Test Set For Week End

The third test of Farmington's Ground Observation Corps will be held this week end, April 14 and 15, according to Thomas Tardy, director of the local air spotter station. George McLaughlin, chief observer, stated that 20 volunteer air observers are expected to scan the skies during the two day test. He added that the volunteers would probably follow the same time schedule as last test held February 10 and 11.

Tardy and McLaughlin attended a special meeting of County ground observer directors at Birmingham on Friday. Plane identification was outlined as well as procedures in operating observation stations. This information will be given to the Farmington volunteers during the test.

The Farmington observation post is located behind Springbrook Gardens greenhouse on Power Road just north of Shawwassee. The volunteers are invited to attend. (Continued on Page Ten)

Safety Patrol Boy To Receive Medal

Safety Patrol member Gerald White of Farmington's 10 Mile Road School, will receive two awards from the Automobile Club of Michigan next Monday, April 16, at 2:30 p.m. in Washington, D. C.

Gerald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William White of 24230 Haisted Road, will get the Auto Club's safety patrol honor award medal and a \$250.00 award. He was invited to join 100 other Michigan safety patrol boys as the club's guest on a four day trip to the National A.A.A. Safety Patrol Rally in Washington, D. C., May 10 through 13.

The two rewards are for his bravery in snatching a five-year-old girl from the path of a speeding car last August. Gerald, who escorted the child from school bus on February 5 on 12 Mile Road east of Haisted.

As the girl started across the road in front of the bus, a car approached, falling to the head the flasher signals on the bus. Gerald rushed out, grabbed her, and drew her to safety, according to a report of the incident submitted by school principal George R. Gavrilis.

The medal, certificate, and invitation will be given to Gerald by the Auto Club's state patrol supervisor, Vernon Martin.

Take Three Cars For Vain Trip

Two teenage youths had to try three times Sunday night before they could steal a car that would carry them all the way to the waiting sheriff at Ann Arbor.

First car to turn up missing was one belonging to Leo Hupert of Tawane Street in Farmington Township. Hupert's car was seen being driven away at 11 p.m. Sunday night. It was reported missing and found stuck in the mud in Farmington's Floral Park subdivision Monday morning.

Number two was a station wagon, belonging to the Newton Skilkins of Lakeland and Nine Mile Roads. The station wagon was only a little way before driving it into a ditch. The owners reclaimed it and its contents intact.

The third car missing was one reported by Francis Brunette, 2274 Violet Street. The youths had their best luck with Brunette's car. It was not recovered until 6:30 a.m. Monday morning by sheriff's deputies in Ann Arbor.

The two boys, in their early teens, were returned to the Boys Republic at Inkster and Nine Mile Roads. According to Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt, all three of the stolen vehicles were left with the car keys in the ignition switches.

Falcon Nine Opens Season Tuesday

Farmington High School's 1951 baseball team will officially open their spring season this Tuesday, April 17, when they meet Plymouth-Bentley High School in a game on the Bentley diamond.

Falcon fans will get a chance to see the 1951 team in action this Thursday when Farmington and Berkley High School meet in a practice game at Farmington Coach William Nuss stated that the game is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. However, the condition of the field may cause a postponement of the game. Nuss added that the team has been able to work outdoors only three days since the practice sessions began.

Nuss announced the following probable lineup for the game against Berkley Thursday: Jerry Plum or Art Olson will start on the mound for Farmington with either Larry Pink or John Ruzicka behind the plate. The infield will consist of either Roy

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14 Mill, 20 Year Levy To Be Asked

More elementary rooms than originally considered, a new high school without gymnasium, and a mill 20 year levy were agreed upon by members of the citizens committee meeting with the Farmington School Board and the school superintendent Monday evening.

The decision to add 21 elementary rooms instead of the 15 originally planned was taken as enrollment climbed above projected estimates. The gym will be lopped off the program to pay for the new elementary rooms.

The 14 mill levy will be asked on a 20 year basis, to provide a "cushion" to make bonds more saleable. With 70% collections, the levy will be paid up in 17 years. Increasing evaluations and higher collections are expected to shorten that time.

THREE MILL HIKE

The 14 mills would be three mills more than now being paid by school in the township, and \$18 for city residents if the 1950 evaluation factors are used.

The levy, if approved by the voters, would mean nearly a million, and a half dollars for new schools.

SEE SKETCHES

Sketches of a six room addition to the Bond School costing \$187,000, an eight-room wing on the Middlebelt School for \$160,000 and a new 10 room elementary unit for \$250,000 were shown the Citizens' (Continued on Page Ten)

Mayor Gets First Girl Scout Cookies

Doris Mae Moffatt, member of Farmington's Senior Girl Scout troop 172, presents Mayor Detos Hamlin with the first box of Girl Scout cookies. The girls will start soliciting orders for the cookies next week. The personal delivery is not part of the regular Girl Scout procedure; the girls will only take orders for the cookies. Door to door solicitation and delivery have been prohibited by Girl Scout authorities.

Sound of Nature Film To Be Presented April 21

A kodachrome moving picture with sounds of the out-of-doors will be presented in Farmington Saturday evening, April 21, at 8:00 at the Town Hall under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

The film will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyes. The picture will feature sounds of songbirds and other sounds of nature. These sounds are recorded in the field on electric magnetic tape and are heard by viewing beautiful kodachrome moving pictures.

Ed Boyes is radio engineer for station WWJ and Mrs. Boyes was original editor of the Dear John's column. The program is open to the public at no charge.

RED CROSS DRIVE CLOSING WITH 51% OF QUOTA

Farmington's Red Cross Drive officially closed Saturday, April 7, with approximately \$1,800 collected and 51% of the quota. The drive was extended one week beyond the March 31 deadline in order that the Farmington City and Township area could be covered as completely as possible. Bad roads and illness caused some delay in the house to house canvass.

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Stuart announced Monday that a total of 1,758.30 has been turned in to date with a few reports still to come in from volunteer solicitors. He added that there are still a few streets in the township to be completed on the house to house canvass. No new reports will be accepted, but those already partially covered will be finished, Stuart said.

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