



**AROUND THE BLOCK**

IT'S SODA POP... with the soda bars, driveways and dairy bars doing a land office business. Another good sign that summer has arrived is the attraction of the city park. Last Sunday it came in for plenty of good use. Then, too, there is the heavy traffic which fits into the natural scene of summer in the Farmington community. If you are still not convinced, the Clarenceville Summer Recreation Program will open next Monday. Yes, summer is really here.

**SUMMER IS FINE...** ...so watch your step. You have probably already noticed the increased number of youngsters on the streets — that means danger. They dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Don't kill a child — keep your car under control at all times and for all emergencies. Summer also means more traffic and that should spell danger to anyone who reads the newspapers or listens to the radio. People are being killed or injured every day on our highways and the toll is apt to increase as the summer wears on, unless every driver exercises extreme caution. Drive carefully — don't take chances. Enjoy the summer, and let others enjoy it. Remember — summer is fine — but it has its dangers.

**SEVERAL BRIGHT SPOTS...** The Grand appeared on Main Street during the past week. The Grand Opening of the new Berling-McHugh Ford Sales and Service building is scheduled. The new, modern showroom and garage is getting the finishing touches now for the gala opening. There will be plenty of big time entertainment and you had better make it a point to be there. The Gullen Real Estate office has a nice new coat of paint as well as new steps and porch to add another bright spot to Grand River. There are sure a lot of changes being made, aren't there?

**FAIR WARNING...** ...make goes from us to our fellow businessmen this week. Namely, make sure your screens are in good order and your windows locked each night. The eagle eyes of our minions of law and order detected a loose screen at the Enterprise about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, saw an unlocked window and feared the worst. Result, we had to have the comforts of Morphine to run down to the office and make sure everything was as it should be. And just after we had dozed off after returning from a lengthy Council meeting. Just goes to show you can't do wrong and remain undetected by the forces of law and order. Not in Farmington.

**COMES TUESDAY...** ...we expect to see the old Town Hall packed full of folks interested in the future of the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance. There has been an increasing amount of interest shown in the code by residents. We hope that interest will be reflected in the number of people who turn out Tuesday to talk to the Zoning Board. The members of the Board have already received some constructive suggestions for alterations in the ordinance which they have welcomed. Their idea is to tailor-make it to your specifications — but they can't do it without your help.

**A LOT OF...** ...were detained last Saturday morning when they tried driving west on Grand River. A large apartment house was being moved down the street at the time, and there was room to get around it only for tall, thin bicycle riders. Although the house made fairly good use, for a house, that is, it had to stop occasionally to have wires picked up for it to pass under. It traveled in two sections, with the roof following it. It came to rest, we noticed, just west of the intersection of Cora and Fink Streets in Farmington township. Which is across the street from the northern city limits at the east edge of town.

**WATCH OUT...** ...and don't get trampled in the rush. The bass and pan fish season opens Monday which means all the roads leading out of Farmington will be inundated with automobiles bearing people, poles and insect repellent. The jam will probably start Friday night, however, and last until Monday noon. We recall last year that there was as much traffic at midnight the night before the season opened as there normally is at high noon on Sunday. Just don't count on getting across Grand River real quick on those days. And we hope you get a good catch.

**AS DILAPIDATED...** ...as it was, we sort of hated to see the old log cabin go. It marked the western approach to Farmington — a good many years and had a well established landmark. Makes us feel a little older, too. However, the building will be put to much better use than it has ever seen previously. The Sea and Explorer Scouts will get around from a building which was a burden to the city. We say good use, we mean it. And we hope you teen aged Scouts, which haven't turned out any delinquents yet.

## Playground Opens Monday At Clar.

Monday will be registration day for the Clarenceville Summer Recreation program as the eight week schedule officially opens. Joe Markell and Leo Larue, directors, announced this.

A full eight weeks' program will be conducted this year for the first time under the Clarenceville Recreation Commission. All organized recreation activities will be conducted at the Clarenceville High School playground. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Clarenceville High School.

One playground supervisor has been selected and efforts are being made to set up several tot lots at the elementary school playground. Miss Betty Myers has been appointed as supervisor. Activities at the various playgrounds will be for the younger children.

A meeting of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission will be held next Monday evening to discuss the full program. Markell and Larue are to present the proposed program to the Commission at the meeting. The final arrangements for the Red Cross Swimming Program have not been made as yet. The schedule of days and times for the swimming instruction may be available from the Red Cross in time for announcement at the Recreation meeting.

Registrations for the summer music program will take place on Monday also. The program is under the sponsorship of the Recreation Commission. Joseph Markell, Clarenceville, will take registrations for individual music lessons beginning at 9:00 p.m. at the high school. If there are sufficient students or adults interested in the summer band may be formed.

Danny Bantfield has returned to his home from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and is convalescing.

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY LIONS CLUB

Hoke Williams, District Governor of Lions International, was the main speaker at the annual installation banquet of the Farmington Lions Club held Tuesday evening at Saratoga Farms.

Newly elected officers of the Lions Club for the 1951-52 year were installed by the District Governor. The new officers include Charles Quigley, president; Benjamin Bonner, first vice-president; Kenneth Siler, second vice-president; Phil Tobin, third vice-president; Willard Strickland, secretary and Herman Wallace, treasurer. Other officers include Robert Bonner, tall twister; Virgil Campbell, lion tamer and Kenneth Kemp and Virgil Campbell, directors. John Jendritz is the retiring president of the club.

The retiring officers were elected at the annual election May 22.

## JAYCEES TO HOLD INSTALLATION BANQUET JUNE 29

The Annual Installation Banquet of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at Northwood Inn on Friday, June 29, according to Bud Felton, chairman of the banquet.

Sam Rosenberg, newly elected president of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be the main speaker of the evening. Rosenberg will also install the new officers. The banquet will be held at Northwood Inn on Friday, June 29, according to Bud Felton, chairman of the banquet.

Other new officers include Phil Harris, first vice-president; Robert Harris, second vice-president; Roy Erdmann, secretary; Kenneth Schweizer, treasurer, and James J. Harris, Robert Campbell, the retiring president of the Jaycees.

# The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

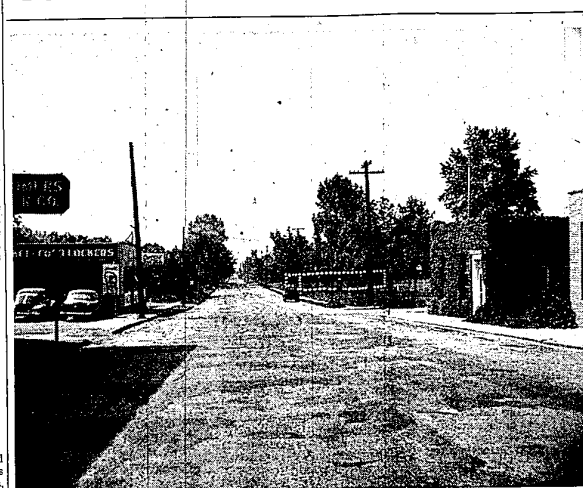
SIXTY-THIRD YEAR — NUMBER 37

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1951

16 PAGES

FIVE CENTS A COPY

## COUNCIL TO FILL CITY MANAGER POST BY JULY 2



**THE DOTTED LINE** indicates the location of Farmington's new Post Office building. Located at the corner of Farmington Road and State Street, the property on which the new building will be erected is currently being used as a parking lot. The post office, to be one story high, 40 feet wide and 95 feet deep, will be ready for use by December 1. Work on the building is expected to commence next week, according to William F. Elliott, owner of the structure. In addition to larger facilities for handling mail, the new post office will also provide parking space for its customers.

## Farmington's Air Spotters Prepare For 33 Hour Vigil This Week End

Spotters Ready For Mock Attack

Farmington's Ground Observation Corps received instructions from supervisor Thomas Tardy and Chief Observer George V. McLaughlin Tuesday night when they met at the Town Hall.

The meeting was called to prepare the airplane spotters for their 33-hour vigil this week end. From 8 a.m. Saturday morning until 5 p.m. Sunday night, the volunteer observers will report the presence of any airplanes visible from the post office.

The system was established by Farmington's observation post is located behind Springfield Gardens. A telephone has been made available to the spotters by owners of the greenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

The observers report the presence of aircraft by telephone to a central listening station at Grand Rapids, where all observations and reports are recorded to map the flight of aircraft.

**AIDS WARNING**

Purpose of the ground observer system is to retain contact with the course of "enemy" aircraft. The central filter station can then dispatch intercepting airplanes and sound air raid alarms in advance of a possible attack.

The system was established by Air Force officials to augment incomplete and inadequate radar network.

## Public Hearing

## Township Residents Will Tailor Proposed Zoning Code Tuesday

Farmington Township residents will have an opportunity Tuesday night to amend the proposed Township Zoning Ordinance prior to its enactment by the Township Board.

Purpose of the meeting is to hear residents' opinions and criticisms of the restrictions, before legal amendment is necessary to alter the code. The meeting will start at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

At present the ordinance is not in effect; it represents a proposal made by the Zoning Board appointed in December of 1949 by Probate Judge Arthur Moore. Board members are Edward Moeneman, chairman; George V. McLaughlin, Bill Kelly and Edward Schmidt.

The ordinance would become effective after adoption by the Township Board and 30 days after legal publication in The Farmington Enterprise. A referendum petition filed with the Township Clerk within 30 days would keep the ordinance from becoming effective until voted on by the Township voters.

In general, the ordinance calls for four types of residence districts. Zone One requires 500 square feet of floor area per family at the first floor level and a cubic content of 7,500 cubic feet. Zone two asks 600 square feet and 10,000 cubic feet. Zone three 700 square feet and 12,500 cubic feet and Zone Four stipulates 1,000 square feet and 17,500 cubic feet.

The ordinance also establishes commercial and light industrial zones. In addition, the code calls for Zoning Permits to be applied for prior to the use or construction of any building pending approval by a Zoning Inspector. The Zoning inspector would examine only land use — the site and location of the building — and would not be responsible for the methods of construction of the building.

Enforcement of the code would be left to the Zoning Inspector. The code sets a minimum penalty of \$25 and a maximum of \$100 and 90 days in jail for each offense of the ordinance. However, the ordinance says each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

The ordinance, when effective, would not affect buildings or land use at the time of the enactment; only future uses would be governed by the ordinance.

## Clarenceville Files Application For Planning Aid

Seek Advance Funds For School Unit Plans

An application for an advance of funds from the Federal Government for school building plans has been made by the Clarenceville School District, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

If the application is approved the district will be able to proceed to cover the cost of planning and architect's drawings for proposed school buildings in the District. The money is advanced to the school district on a loan basis to assist in preparing plans and specifications for new school units. It is expected that it will be a month or so before the application is acted upon.

## NEW POSTAL MONEY ORDERS TO GO ON SALE JULY 1

A new postal money order system will go into effect at the Farmington Post Office July 1, Norman C. Lee, postmaster, announced this week.

The primary advantage to the customer is the fact that the money order can be cashed at any post office or bank without a fee. Under the former system, if the money order was cashed at any office other than the one at which it was drawn, a fee was charged. The new forms are smaller than the old forms and are on cards rather than paper.

Lee stated that applications must still be made out on forms placed in the lobby of the post office and presented at the window. The money order will be issued at the window.

(Continued on Page 8)

## STUDY EXPANSION

The Board of Education has been conducting a study of possible expansion of the Clarenceville School District for some time. Increased enrollment particularly in the elementary grades has created overcrowded conditions. The Board approved a resolution last week calling for a study of the school building and the school grounds.

This past year the first grade was on half day sessions. The Board also indicated that if the increase in enrollment by the child census continues, it may be necessary to put another grade on half days.

Schmidt stated that additional elementary classrooms would allow more classroom space in the high school. At the present time the sixth grade is located in the high school building. The major increase in the lower elementary grades and preschool levels, Schmidt added.

## LOG CABIN FADES AWAY FOR SCOUT USE AT PONTIAC

Practically gone but not entirely forgotten was the condition of the log cabin which has graced Farmington's municipal park for 27 years. The replicas of the first Farmington home was dismantled this week prior to its reconstruction near Pontiac for Boy Scout use.

The cabin was built in August of 1924 when Farmington held its first Gala Days celebration in honor of its 100th anniversary. It was left at its site west of the Town Hall after the celebration.

## Board To Seek Approval For Sale Of School Bonds

To File Application With State Next Week

An application for permission to raise bonds on the approved Farmington Township School District building program will be filed with the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission early next week, O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, announced this week.

This is the first step in the legal procedure of getting the program under way. Approval must be secured from the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission before the bonds can be sold. The approval is also necessary before bids can be advertised or a contractor secured. The Board has authorized the treasurer to prepare and file the application with the Commission as soon as possible.

## VOTERS OK PROGRAM

Approval of the \$1,750,000 school building program was given at the Annual School Board Election held last Monday, June 11. The voters approved the bond issue and the 12 1/2 mill tax levy for the purpose of constructing school buildings and additions to school buildings in the District.

The Board has also authorized the school architect to go ahead with detailed working plans on the Bond School addition and the Middle School addition. Final authorization on the drafting of the detailed plans was held up by the Board until approval of the application for Federal Aid for planning was secured. The Federal Aid is an advancement of funds for school building planning.

## Start Work On Post Office Soon

"We ought to start taking out the fence and excavating about the first of next week," William F. Elliott, builder of the new post office in Farmington, said this week. Plans for the new 40 by 90 foot building are nearly ready for the contractor, he said. The contract has not been let, pending last minute revisions of the plans for the building.

Elliott and Norman C. Lee, Farmington's postmaster, met Monday to discuss final plans for the building. The one-story post office will be built at the south end of the Elliott property located at State Street and Farmington Road.

Plans call for a 30 foot alley along the south side of the building leading to a large parking lot at the rear of the structure. The lot would give mail-carrying trucks room to turn, load and unload at the back of the post office.

Completion date for the new post office has been determined as December 1. However, if not delayed because of material shortages, Elliott said the structure would be completed 60 to 90 days after the ground breaking.

## Berling-McHugh Plan Opening Sat.



Continuous entertainment by outstanding radio and television artists will mark the Grand Opening of the new Berling-McHugh Ford Sales and Service building, 30711 Grand River Avenue, this Saturday, June 23. Bob Maxwell, of WJW-TV, and Symphony Sid of Radio Station CKLW will appear in person at the Grand Opening.

Other outstanding entertainment will include Jerry McSafely, The Danleys, comedy jugglers, and Al Tuxton with a fiddle. Music will be furnished by Clark Williams and his foursome and a popular radio organist. There will be continuous entertainment from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. There will be free refreshments and gifts will be presented every hour during the celebration of the opening of the new \$175,000 Ford showroom and service garage.

## Ten Applications Received By City For New Manager's Position

Ten applications have been received by the Farmington City Council for the office of City Manager, Mayor Kenn Loomis announced at the regular meeting of the Council Monday evening.

The Council has set Monday, July 2, as the deadline for the selection of a City Manager. According to the City Charter the Council must, within 90 days from the effective date of the Charter, which was May 14, select a City Manager.

Six of the 10 applicants for the position were interviewed by members of the Council on Monday. Interviews were held during the afternoon and just prior to the regular meeting. Loomis stated that most of the applicants had excellent qualifications for the City Manager's post. He added that it is going to be a matter of selection because of these factors. The new City Manager is expected to take over his duties as soon as he has been hired by the Council.

## F.A.R.C. Expands Summer Program

The full six weeks' summer program will be conducted at both the Noble and William Grace Schools, it was announced Wednesday at a meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission held in the high school.

Prior to this year, the six weeks' program has been split between the two schools. The Board authorized the establishment of a full program at four playgrounds. The other two playgrounds are Farmington and Bond. Employment of a fourth playground supervisor will be made and the overall summer program will be discussed.

William Nuse, director, announced Monday that Ruth Hamlin has been employed as a playground supervisor. The other playground supervisors are Richard Tyley, Larry Pink, Edward Kiles, Lore Leitch, Mary Weaver and Janet Wheaton. Nuse stated that a meeting of all playground supervisors will be held next Monday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmington High School. Assignments of playgrounds will be made and the overall summer program will be discussed.

The summer program will open Monday, July 2, at all four playgrounds. Nuse stated that playground equipment is urgently needed by the Recreation Commission. Anyone having croquet sets, horse shoe sets, balls and bats that are not in use are requested to contact Nuse or Tuxton Oliver at the Farmington High School.

The Board is continuing plans for a winter swimming program and a Christmas activity program.

## Garden Club Receives Award For Flower Show

A purple ribbon was awarded to the Farmington Garden Club for one of the two best flower shows in the state for the 1950 season at the 20th annual meeting of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan held in Petoskey last week.

The Northern Garden Club of Detroit was awarded the other purple ribbon. Mrs. Walter Humphreys of the Farmington Garden Club held in Farmington in 1950. Mrs. John Grant, Mrs. Walter Humphreys, Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. Glenn H. Leland attended the meeting in Petoskey.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson was re-appointed State Chairman of Roadside Beautification and Development for the coming year.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT STILL SHORT OF CENSUS

Approximately 136 out of an estimated 260 children have been registered to date for kindergarten next fall in the Farmington Township School District, according to Miss Minnie Zelle, elementary supervisor.

Parents who have not enrolled their youngsters for kindergarten are urged to do so immediately. According to the census a total of 260 children are eligible to enter kindergarten in September, however, only 136 have been enrolled. This does not include new residents that have moved into the school district since the census was taken.

Miss Zelle stated that enrollment of kindergarten children is of vital importance because plans are being made now for the class assignment and seating.

Parents may register their children at the elementary supervisor's office at the 10 Mile Road School any weekday morning from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Parents are requested to bring their youngster's birth certificate when they enroll. Youngsters must be five years old on December 1, 1951, in order to be eligible for kindergarten this year.

## Inside Features

Calendar of Events	Page 8
Classified Ads	Page 4
Correspondence	Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, Section 11
Editorials	Page 2
Farm Features	Page 7
Looking Back	Page 2
Michigan Mirror	Page 2
Washington Merry-Go-Round	Page 2