



AROUND THE BLOCK

IT'S BACK TO NORMAL . . . That is the roughest part of these summer days. It is lots of fun planning those special outings but it is always rough getting back to normal again. The longest day in the year is always the first day after a pleasant vacation. Most of Farmington took time out to relax a little over the long 4th of July week end, but things are now back to normal again. There is still plenty of talk about the big one that got away and a few traces of sun tan left to designate those who have had their vacation. Then again there are those who still are in the midst of planning that special two weeks. Anyway, things are just about normal and will be until the big Labor Day week and come along.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL . . . far to enjoy Michigan's wild life. A number of Farmington residents found that out last week, when they put up a buck and a doe behind the Grand River Drive in Theater. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hupert and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoeglund sited the deer in a field on Shiassee about 7:00 a.m. on the 4th of July. Just so they would have proof of their story they took pictures of the deer. Mr. John Grant on Orchard Lake Road also spotted the two deer at 6:30 a.m. on July 3. So you see, you don't have to travel to enjoy Michigan's wild life, just keep your eyes open, maybe a deer will walk across your lawn.

A BIG IMPROVEMENT . . . has been made right in the center of Farmington. We refer to the face-lifting job that has taken place at the Municipal Building. The repair, waterproofering and new sandstone color paint job really brought up the main street. In addition to improving the appearance of the building, the repair work should eliminate a dangerous situation. At least, there won't be any more falling cement to harass passers-by. So don't forget, the front door of Farmington's Municipal Building is open again.

A WARNING . . . was issued this week to Farmington merchants by Charles Larson, Commander of the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion. Apparently there is an individual calling the various merchants in the Farmington area requesting them to place an advertisement in the Groves-Walker Post. The individual states in the phone conversation that he will pick up the check for the advertisement. Larson stated that the Groves-Walker Post is not sponsoring any such magazine and warns merchants not to place any advertising with the caller.

WHILE THE KIDS ARE AWAY . . . things are happening at both the Farmington and Clarenceville Schools. It may be vacation time for the students, but it surely isn't for the school maintenance men. The corridors are full of paint buckets, new supplies and cleaning equipment instead of youngsters. It is all part of the big annual job of getting the schools spic and span for the coming year. So in case you wondered about what goes on at school when you aren't there, that is it. Vacations have another purpose besides giving the students a little break, they give the school buildings a break, too. But we can't say the same for the maintenance crew.

IN CASE . . . you tried to jog down McGee Hill the first part of the week, you no doubt got stopped by a barricade. And in case you wondered what it was all about, that section of North Farmington Road is being resurfaced as part of the city street repair program. The project of smoothing out the city streets is showing real results and it shouldn't be very long before it will be the same old McGee Hill again. However, we want to warn all motorists against not to be deceived by that smooth riding and lean too heavily on the accelerator. Play it safe!

STOLEN CARS . . . are still very in prominence on the city police blotter. They seem to have a way of wandering off, causing the police at all times trouble — not to mention the owners. Of course, that is the police department's business, but they don't like to have any more of that kind of business than necessary. This week's police blotter carried several stolen cars reported and they all had a familiar ring. The owners invited having their cars stolen by leaving the keys in the ignition. As the police said, enough cars are stolen every day, why invite it! So just remember — if you are going to just dash in the store, be sure and dash with the keys in your hand. It is a lot safer that way.

THE KIDS . . . down at the Farmington playground have the right idea these days. When it gets so hot you can hardly stand it, well, you just stand it. But the kids — they just don't swim suit and jump in the wading pool. They have had the same idea on several occasions, but couldn't quite bring it off to it. All we have been able to do so far is stand and be envious. So if you happen to see us some day ankle deep in the wading pool, you will know the heat has really got us.

Police Report No Accidents

In spite of record traffic on U. S. 16 and other highways throughout the Farmington area, no serious auto accidents were reported by either the Farmington City or Township police over the 4th of July week end.

Philip Kemppainen, Township Police Officer, stated that he answered several minor accident calls during the period, but there were no injuries. City police reported no accidents. Kemppainen reported that two solid lines of traffic crowded Grand River Drive from Detroit to Novi on the 4th of July and he stated that it was impossible for traffic to cross Grand River at that point.

On the 4th at a near standstill throughout most of the 4th within the city limits. The traffic continued into the evening as cars jammed the City-Off traveling back to Detroit. The heavy traffic, however, reduced the speed of motorists and cut down the accident rate.

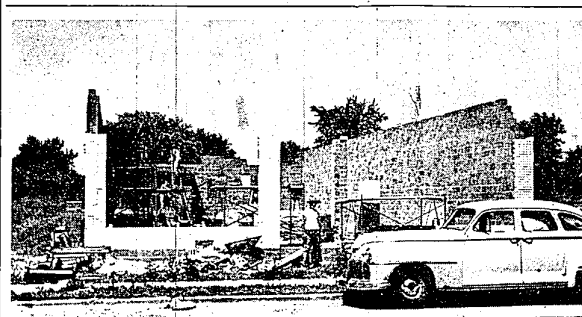
Joseph DeVriendt warned motorists of the dangers involved in traveling at high speeds on the highway. He pointed out that "basically, the failure to recognize the difference between a calculated risk and a needless, foolish risk is the factor that contributes to the death of thousands of motorists every year." The motorist who travels at high speeds, he said, "feels that he is running to the risk at all, or feels that the risk is negligible. Both ideas are false," DeVriendt stated. The moment that our speed becomes faster than the speed of the wind, the condition of our car warrants, we begin to enter the ranks of the foolish, DeVriendt concluded.

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HALL RE-ELECTED FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD HEAD



TAKING SHAPE Is the new Farmington Post Office building located on South Farmington Road near Orchard Street. Workmen are speeding the construction of the new building so that it will be ready for occupancy this fall. The new cinder block building is to be a one story structure 38 feet by 95 feet with a 20 foot drive along one side. It will contain 3,534 square feet of floor space with a loading dock and parking area in the rear. The building has been leased to the Post Office Department by William F. Elliott.

Township Board To Inspect Sites For Fire Stations Next Wednesday
Northeast And Southeast Sections To Get Additional Fire Protection

An inspection of possible sites for additional fire stations in Farmington Township will be conducted Wednesday, July 13. It was announced Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board.

The inspection will be made by the members of the Farmington Township Board during the afternoon. The Board has already indicated that two additional fire stations will be established in the township. It was suggested by the Michigan Inspection Bureau that the stations be located generally in the northeast and southeast sections of the township. This would afford fire protection in the more heavily populated sections of the township. At present the lone township fire station is located in the CREEK OFFICER.

The Board interviewed one applicant for Township Police Officer and received one additional application for the post. Both applications were filed with the Township Clerk pending further discussion by the Board.

Phillip Kemppainen notified the Board last month that he was resigning effective July 1, 1951. He had been Township Police Officer since October, 1950. The Board stated that action would be taken soon to select a new policeman.

A letter was read by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, from the County Health Department, in answer to a petition from the Tarabusi Rosegard Gardens subdivision requesting improved sanitation and water. The petition was signed by property owners in (Continued on Page 10)

Enrollment Grows Trips To Highlight Next Week's Recreation Program Schedules

Special trips are the main feature attractions scheduled for next week by both the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Committees. It was announced this week by the program directors.

Bill Nuse, Farmington director, announced that next Wednesday, July 13, youngsters from Farmington's playgrounds will make a trip to Willow Run Airport and the Kaiser - Frater plant. Next Monday a bus load of youngsters will be taken to the Detroit-New York baseball game in Briggs Stadium.

Nuse stated that boys and girls should register for both of these trips at their respective playgrounds.

Joe Markell, director at Clarenceville, announced that on Friday Clarenceville youngsters will take a trip through the Twin Pine Dairy plant as well as visit the Detroit Museum. This is the second group to make this trip from Clarenceville this year.

Farmington boys and girls from the fifth grade up will go to Crystal Pool on Friday afternoon for swimming. Because of the large number of youngsters participating in swimming, two trips have been scheduled for this Friday. The first bus will leave Bond School at 12 noon and from Farmington at 12:30. The second trip will leave Noble School at 1:00 and from the Farmington area at 1:15. The playgrounds will remain open in the afternoon for the smaller youngsters.

Second Public Zoning Hearing Set For July 24

Township Ordinance Nears Completion

Tuesday, July 24 has been set as the date for the next public hearing on the proposed Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance. George McLaughlin announced following a regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening.

This is the second meeting on the proposed ordinance since the printing of the draft on May 24. Edward Moesman, chairman of the Board, stated Monday that there will probably be another meeting sometime in September. He added that the proposed ordinance may go to the Township Board for action following the September meeting. However, Moesman stated some will be left unacted. All of the proposed ordinance will continue as long as the public requests them. The July 24 public meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

EXCLUDE AREA

At a meeting of the Board held last Tuesday evening, action was taken to exclude one small area of the Township from the zoning ordinance. The area is located in the vicinity of Twelve Mile Road and Haggerty and contains approximately 12 families. A petition signed by the affected property owners requesting exclusion was presented to the Board. The Board emphasized that where it seems justified and where the vast majority of the property owners request it, areas will be left unacted. All of the suggestions and criticisms presented at the first public meeting June 26 were discussed by the Board.

Upon completion of the public meetings, the proposed zoning ordinance will be turned over to the Township Board for action. According to law, the ordinance will go into effect after the Board action and thirty days after legal publication unless a petition is filed with the Township Clerk requesting an election.

Floral Park Store Changes Ownership

The Angus Campbell, former owners of the Floral Park Confectionery, announced this week that the store is now being operated by Robert G. and Ma A. Coto, new owners of the establishment. Campbell and his wife turned the property over to the Cotos July 2.

Scouts Find "Treasure" In Log Cabin



Digging for hidden treasure? Well, yes and no. Two members of Farmington's Explorer Scout Troop, James Taggart, left, and Thomas Mulcare, center, and their leader Ronnie Bell, right, are digging up a hidden metal box buried in the foundation of the old log cabin which was removed last week from the Town Hall Park. However, all they found was a water-soaked issue of The Farmington Enterprise, dated June 27, 1924, some other browned papers and several Centennial buttons. The cabin, a replica of the first cabin built in Farmington, was erected for the Centennial celebration, held in June, 1924.

Board Sets Total Debt Fund Tax Levy At 12½ Mills For 1951-52

Curt Hall was unanimously re-elected president of the Farmington Township School District Board of Education at the annual organization meeting of the Board, held Monday evening.

Bayard Tupper was unanimously re-elected treasurer of the Board and Samuel Turner was unanimously re-elected secretary. Turner was named secretary of the Board several months ago following the resignation of Ralph Smith. Archie C. Leonard was retained as the attorney for the School Board.

Following the re-organization, the Board established the tax levy for the year 1951-52. The total tax levy has been set at 12½ mill more than the last fiscal year. The Board is estimating that the operating cost of the school district is lower this year than last, with the debt service higher. The operating allocation has been set at 8½ mills, which is a little over a mill less than last year. The Board set 6½ mills for the 1948 bond issue, five mills for the new 1951 bond issue and 1 mill for the debt incurred prior to 1929. This represents a 12½ mill tax for debt service. The operating allocation is set by the county.

Coach Resigns

Robert Hutton, Farmington Board of Education Monday evening accepted the resignation of Robert Hutton, Farmington basketball coach and physical education instructor. Hutton has accepted a position as basketball coach and guidance counselor at Romeo, Michigan.

Hutton stated that he would also serve as assistant football coach at Farmington from 1947 to 1949. During that time Farmington won 30 games while losing 15 and tying 3. He (Continued on Page Ten)

Annual Boat Trip Set For July 25

The Annual Band and Recreation Boat Trip to Bob-Lo will be held this year on Wednesday, July 25, and the largest attendance in the seven year history of the program is expected.

In addition to the Farmington summer band and recreation group, children from Clarenceville, Keego Harbor and Milford will take part in the trip. Joseph Markell, director of the Clarenceville Recreation program, announced this week that 176 persons had signed up for the trip to Bob-Lo.

Two and possibly three school buses will leave Farmington on the day of the trip. Buses will leave at 8:00 a.m. in order to meet the boat, which leaves from the foot of Woodward Avenue at 10:00 a.m. Parents as well as youngsters are invited to join in the boat trip. An amateur show will be held again this year on the island. Pat Patrick, queen of the Coldwater Fisherman's Festival, will sing several songs as well as lead the community singing. William Nuse, director of the Farmington Area Recreation Program, stated that playground supervisors will participate in the boat trip.

The boat will leave Bob-Lo at 8:00 p.m., arriving in Detroit at 7:30 p.m. School buses will arrive back in Farmington at approximately 9:00 p.m. Tickets for the trip are available from any recreation leader in the area. No students will have tickets for sale.

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