



AROUND THE BLOCK

YOU DON'T NEED A CALENDAR . . . to tell what time of the year this is. It is hot and dry, vacations are pretty much a pleasant memory, football practice is almost here, and back-to-school activities are beginning to pop up in the newspapers. All in all the situation adds up to mid-August with fall just around the corner. Activity around the Farmington and Clarenceville Schools reflects the times too, with even a few youngsters playing around the buildings, just waiting for school to open. At least it looks that way, although we can't say for sure. It will be rather nice to have things back to normal again. Most of the organizations are already making plans for the coming year and community activities are on the upswing.

PRESENCE OF WORKMEN

At the corner of State Street and Farmington Road indicates that it won't be too long before another public parking lot will be open for your use. The new parking space is being donated for public use by William F. Elliott and is located one block south of Grand River on South Farmington Road. The City is putting the lot in shape as well as cutting an entrance into the property from Farmington Road. It should be quite convenient for Farmington shoppers as well as reducing a lot of congestion, particularly on Friday nights and Saturdays. So watch for the signs and help yourself. It's for you and it's free.

SOMETHING NEW

has been added with this week's issue. The pictures of Bell's Garage and the Farmington High building a donation to the Red Cross flood relief are taken with a Polaroid Land camera. That's the slimmest that takes and develops pictures in 60 seconds. We still have to get a little more experience under our belts before we will be satisfied with the quality, but if you will just stick with us, maybe between all of us we can make it. Taking pictures for the Red Cross is a lot of fun, taking them for good newspaper reproduction is another. Anyway, we will keep shooting up the flash bulbs and the film in an effort to bring you sharp and interesting pictures on events going on in your home community.

MAYBE YOU CAN'T SEE IT . . .

but progress is being made at a rapid rate in finishing up the interior of the new Farmington Post Office building on South Farmington Road. We had a chance to check up on things when the exterior work was being done, but it's a little hard to see through all reports, however, the speed of the project is not slowing up any. The fellows over at the post office are sorta chafing at the bit in anticipation of new and bigger quarters and it shouldn't be too long before they can move in. The greater the number of places that have to be reserved for the post office staff but the residents are looking forward almost as eagerly to the announcement of the opening date as to have it, it won't be too much longer now.

IF YOU HAVEN'T . . .

dropped your pennies, nickles and dimes in that Red Cross flood relief canister yet, do it today. There are a lot of people counting on you for help. These flood victims need food, clothing, housing and medicine and they need it desperately. You can help by dropping your contribution in the special Red Cross canister in your neighborhood store. According to Red Cross officials it is your small contribution added to those of your neighbors that really counts. Helping a fellow countryman in need is the American way. Can that flood victim count on your help? We know he can!

IF THIS REMINDER . . .

seems to be getting monotonous, don't blame us. The reminder is about the final public hearing on the proposed Township Zoning Ordinance set for next Tuesday at the Farmington Town Hall. We want to remind you that it is at this hearing that you can voice your views on the proposal. Yet in spite of all of our reminders, we still have people calling us up for information on the ordinance. We do not want to have a lot of people who have not given their views on the ordinance, but many times these answers have been given clearly and officially at public meetings. That is the place to register your suggestions and see your answers. These meetings are being held for you and a few hours' attention will go a long way toward clearing up any questions you may have. So let us remind you that next Tuesday, learn the facts about your proposed zoning ordinance.

IT WAS QUITE A GATHERING . . .

at Bell's Garage on North Main Highway last Friday evening. About 45 residents showed up to volunteer for the new Northeast fire department. They all seemed eager to learn more about fire fighting and showed Leo Hendryx, Farmington Fire Chief, with questions. It enthusiasm means anything, the northeastern section of the township will have an active fire department in a pretty short time. Now the attention can be directed to the southeast section where fire protection is also urgently needed. We have an idea that as soon as a site can be selected the same spirit of enthusiasm will prevail in the Clarenceville area as far as volunteers are concerned as was displayed at Bell's Garage last Friday evening.

Farmington Sets Enrollment Dates

Registration of junior and senior high school students of the Farmington Township School District will begin Wednesday, August 22, at 8:00 a.m. at the Farmington High School principal, announced this week. The registration of students will continue through Friday, September 11. Harrison, announced this week. Registration hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. All junior and senior high school students are requested to register during this period at the high school principal's office. Harrison emphasized that it is particularly important that all new students in the District register as soon as possible. Every effort is being made to register all students before the opening of school on September 6. Registration of new elementary students will begin on Monday, August 20, and continue through August 30. Miss Minnie Ziegle, elementary supervisor, announced this week. Persons are requested to register their children at the elementary school nearest their residence. Registration will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. daily. Children are going out to parents of children eligible to start kindergarten this fall based on the May census. New parents in the District whose children will be 5 years old or before December 1, 1951, are requested to register. The book store will open Wednesday, August 22, and remain open through August 31. All students of the elementary school who are requested to secure their books prior to the opening of school. The store will be open daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For the convenience of students the store will also be open Friday evenings, August 24, and 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ISSUE FIRST CALL FOR FALCON GRID CANDIDATES

The first meeting of candidates for the 1951 Farmington School District will be held next Tuesday, August 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington High School gym. William Nuse, Falcon grid coach, announced this week. All boys from grades 9 through 12 are requested to attend the meeting. Information regarding the issuance of uniforms and the securing of football equipment will be given. Nuse stated that plans for the beginning of practice on August 27 will be outlined at the meeting. Practice sessions will be held twice a day beginning August 27. One session will begin at 9:30 in the morning and the other will be scheduled at 2:00 in the afternoon. An Inter-league game will be held on Labor Day, September 3. The opening game of the 1951 season will be played on the Farmington gridiron against Plymouth High School.

Co-captains of this year's squad are Don Byrne, halfback, and Norman Raupp, tackle. Nuse stated that there will be ten lettermen returning from last year's squad.

Vandals Damage Clarenceville Cemetery
C. C. Heise, president of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association, reported Monday that 18 monuments in the Cemetery on Eight Mile Road were damaged late Saturday night by vandals. He said that many of the stones were irreparably damaged. He said that monuments which have stood for 75 to 80 years in some instances were broken in two or three places. He said he was returning from last year's squad.

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SCHOOL BOARD SEES DATE FOR \$900,000 BOND SALE

Township Seeks More Applicants For Police Post

Board Delays Action Following Discussion

The Farmington Township Board delayed action on the appointment of a police officer following a brief discussion at the regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening. A number of applications have been received by the Board, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, wanted to advertise for additional applicants for the position. It is expected that a new police officer will be selected in the near future. The police post was vacated July 10 with the resignation of Philip Kempfman.

DISCUSS FIRE HALLS

Mr. William Paschag, 28551 311th, applied for the position of fire hall with recommendations for the setting up of the organization of the Northeast Township fire department as presented in a form from the State Fire Marshal. The form was secured by the Franklin Fire Department when it organized, and Paschag offered it to the Board as a possible guide. Richard Pfele, 29925 St. Francis, asked the Board if there had been any progress on the establishment of a fire station in the southeastern section of the Township. Blanchard stated that the Board was still working on the location of a site. He added that various garages had been contacted in the Clarenceville area to determine if any of them would be interested in housing the equipment, but none seemed interested. The supervisor stated that he could make no promises but that he hoped the Board would give some proposal by the September meeting.

The Board agreed to contact various fire equipment companies and (Continued on Page Twelve)

Get Fewer Fire Calls In July '51 Than '50

The Farmington Fire Department answered three fewer alarms during the month of July this year in the city and township than it did in 1950, according to information released by City Clerk Harry Moore. In July 1950 the department answered 15 separate alarms while this year Fire Chief Leo Hendryx' crew made 12 runs. Two of last year's 15 July fires were in the city and three of this year's 12 were city fires.

The combined man-hours cost for city and township was \$453.00 in 1950. The township cost was \$339.00 and the city's were \$54.00. Total cost for July this year was \$398.50 with \$18.00 billed to the city and \$217.50 to the township.

Celebrate Anniversary

Farmington's First Baptist Church Organized 125 Years Ago With A Membership Of Ten

This is the first of a series of articles on the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Farmington. The First Baptist Church was organized in 1826 and has since grown to one of the most prominent churches in the Farmington community. The present church is located on Shawanawee Street at the Jogs in North Farmington.

The church has just undergone a new organizational change with the appointment of Rev. David H. Lowe as Pastor. Rev. Lowe replaces Rev. Fred Flaher, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church for approximately nine years. Rev. Flaher resigned his post because of health.

History of the First Baptist Church is being compiled by Mrs. A. Russell Wright. Subsequent articles of the history will appear in consecutive issues of The Farmington Enterprise.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In bringing up to date the history of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Michigan, let us refreshen the church's history with a look back into the life of the church and its people one hundred and twenty-five years ago. A council meeting convened February 14, 1826, at the home of Robert Wis-

Site Of New Northeast Fire Station



This is the new fire station for the Northeast section of Farmington Township. Approximately 45 persons met at the new fire station, Bell's Garage, 32581 Northwestern Highway, last Friday evening to select a local chief and a nine-man volunteer fire company. The new station will furnish residents of the northeastern section of the township with closer fire fighting protection. Township officials are now contacting manufacturers for the purchase of new fire fighting equipment. As soon as the equipment is purchased and delivered the volunteers will undergo extensive training, not only in the use of the equipment but in general fire fighting as well.

Volunteer Force Selected For New Northeast Township Fire Unit

Roy Bell Named Chief Of 10-Man Group

About forty-five persons unanimously approved the selection of Roy Bell as fire chief of the new Northeast Township fire fighting unit at a special meeting held Friday evening at Bell's Garage, 32581 Northwestern Highway.

Following his selection, Chief Bell picked nine volunteer firemen to assist in the establishing and equipping of the new unit. They are George Douglas, Roy Bell and Roger Overmyer. These men represent the three sections to be covered by the new unit.

Justus Ward Eagle and Thomas Tardy made the arrangements for the Friday evening meeting.

GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FLOWER SHOW

The Farmington Garden Club is completing plans for the Annual Flower Show to be held Friday, September 7, at the Methodist Church auditorium.

Mrs. John Grant, president of the Garden Club, announced this week that Mrs. Roy D. Eichen has been named general chairman of the show with Mrs. Richard Lancaster as co-chairman. The public is invited to make entries in the show in both the Horticultural and Flower Arrangement classes. There will be no admission charge for the show and everyone in the Farmington community is invited to attend. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Special Meeting Called To Discuss New School Unit

Board To Meet This Friday At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville Board of Education will hold a special meeting this Friday for the purpose of discussing future building and funding procedures with the school attorney and the architect. It was announced at the regular meeting of the Board Monday evening. This is to be a preliminary planning meeting to study some of the recent types of school building construction which have been built for elementary use. The Board has indicated that action will be taken on the construction of a new elementary school for the Clarenceville School District.

ADD HALF DAYS

At the regular meeting Monday the Board approved the establishment of half-day sessions for the 1951-52. This will mean that the kindergarten, first, third and fourth grades will be on half-day sessions beginning this fall. The 1950-51 second grades were on half-day sessions. The Board explained that large increases in pupil population as shown by the school census have made the half-day sessions necessary.

The Board adopted a resolution calling for the school auditor to make a quarterly report of the books of the District for the year 1951-52. This will mean that the auditor will be in the schools of the District to be done by Stanley R. Nielsen. Upon the recommendation of an engineer, the Board authorized the purchase of dirt to build up the football field.

Borden Farm Products Company was awarded the contract for milk to be delivered to the schools of the District. The Fullerton Fuel and Oil Company will furnish the fuel for the District during the coming year. The Board accepted the offer of Farmington Tire and Rubber Building Supply Company for the installation of an asphalt floor in the southeast classroom at the Edgewood School.

Plan Gala Playday At Clarenceville

The eight-week Clarenceville Summer Recreation Program ends this Friday, August 17, with a total of 19 events highlighting the gala Play Day, according to information released by Joe Markell, director, on Monday.

The schedule, which starts at 10:00 a.m., features a new record game tournaments, bike races and many other contests with competition limited to age groups. At 12:00 noon a picnic is slated with all participating youngsters bringing their own lunches.

Leading off the day's events is a six-year-old age group boxing contest followed by six-eight age group ping pong distance throw, eight-to-ten age group three-legged race and eight-to-ten croquet tournament. Next on the list is a 10-to-12 age group basketball test, sometimes called "long and short" and probably known to some as "freeze-out". After the basketball tournament, the 10-to-12 age group will participate in a horse shoe tournament, a large diamond base race and a bike race.

Next age groups are the 12-to-14 class, 14-to-16 class and 13-and-over group, all of which participate in different competition. Remaining contests which are divided among the last age groups are the three-legged race, bike races, base races, coke races, egg toss (for distance), egg race (table spoon with egg on it), volleyball, ping pong, doll contest and tennis exhibition.

Novi Defense Council To Show Film August 22

A special film on atomic warfare and its effect on civilian population will be shown Wednesday, August 22, at the Old Town Hall in Novi. The film is entitled "Pattern of Survival" and realistically shows the results of atomic warfare as well as the steps which must be taken to protect themselves against atomic attack. The picture is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Edwin Jones is the director of the Novi Civilian Defense Organization.

Farmington Board To Open Bids September 12 At High School

Wednesday, August 22, has been set by the Farmington School Board as the final day for the acceptance of bids on the sale of the proposed \$900,000 school building bond issue. It was announced at the regular meeting of the Board Monday evening.

The motion setting this September 12 deadline was made by Wendell Brown and seconded by Ray Fend. Sealed bids must be in the hands of the secretary of the Board by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. Sale of the first series of \$900,000 in bonds will allow the Board to proceed with the construction of the new 10-room elementary school to be built on the Ten Mile Road site.

The \$175,000 bond issue, approved by the voters, has been divided into two series. The first series of \$900,000 worth of bonds is being put on sale September 12. The second series of \$550,000 worth of bonds will be sold at a later date.

Final Public Zoning Hearing Set For Tuesday

Meeting Set For 8 P.M. At Town Hall

The final public hearing on the proposed Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held next Tuesday evening, August 21, at 8:00 at the Farmington Town Hall. This will be the third public hearing to be held on the proposed ordinance. All of the regular Tuesday evening meetings of the Township Zoning Board have been open to the public. Edward Moseman, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that a number of suggested changes offered by residents at previous meetings are now being made. Any suggested changes offered on Tuesday evening, which seem to be published in its final form, will be added to the ordinance.

BOARD TO ACT

Following the public hearing Tuesday, the Zoning Board will complete the proposed ordinance and turn it over to the Farmington Township Board for action. According to the provisions of the law, the completed zoning ordinance must be published in its final form. Thirty days following legal publication the ordinance will officially take effect unless a petition is filed with the Township Clerk requesting that the ordinance be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection.

Moseman stated that the Zoning Board is anxious to have every resident bring his questions and suggestions to the Board for discussion. A number of very constructive suggestions have been received and the Board has incorporated them into the ordinance, Moseman added.

Delay Action On Oxford Road Plan

No definite decision has been reached to date on the establishment of a new French course on Oxford Street, Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday.

A check is being made by the Board as well as the list of property owners on the street. The residents filed petitions with the Board requesting paving of the street from Grand River to Shawanawee Street. However, at the final hearing last Wednesday, the residents stated that they understood that the petitions were only designed to secure information on the paving and were not final petitions.

At the Wednesday meeting a large group of residents from Oxford Street registered their objections to the project, primarily because of cost. In order to determine if the project was sufficient approval for the special assessment district, a roll call vote was held. The final outcome was so close that the Board decided to re-check the list again before announcing the decision.

According to law a special assessment district can not be established unless the majority of the property owners involved approve the assessment. The cost of the project is charged back to the property benefited on a special assessment tax. The estimated cost of the paving on the Oxford Road project was announced at approximately \$225 per foot plus the cost of culverts and gravel over the driveway.

Farmington Defense Council To Meet Thursday

Members of the newly organized Farmington Area Civilian Defense Council will meet this Thursday evening at 8:00 at the Farmington Municipal Building.

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