



## AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE BIG ATTRACTION . . .**  
on main street this week are those big heavy duty rollers workmen are riding in the final smoothing down process on Grand River's new road surface. We have noticed a lot of sidewalk superintendents surveying the situation, in fact we have indulged in a little looking ourselves. It won't be long now before the ducking and dodging will be over. But it will be a little rough finding as good an excuse for whiling away a few minutes as Farmington residents have had the past few months. Now if we could just turn the attention of the authorities to the rock and roll moving south Farmington Road everything would be really rosy. There are some indications that part of the job may be started soon. So there is hope anyway. In the meantime we can enjoy real riding pleasure on our new main street.

**IT'S HARVEST TIME . . .**  
and we know it. Our friend Alvin Boswell over on Robinson Street favored us once again with a beautiful display of giant vegetables. We really like to see him coming with his basket full of garden trophies, the eating kind. He had the biggest and sweetest corn and Bermuda onions you ever saw and he plopped 'em right down on the desk and said, "Here you are." We didn't argue a bit. We will say, and with authority too, we got some of the best gardeners this side of anywhere. We were handed another treat last week too when we made a trip down to Charlie Heise's house down Clarenceville way. He has zinnias that stand a good five feet tall and the most beautiful blossoms. Yes, sir, we got gardeners.

**WE'RE BUSTING OUT . . .**  
at the seams this week and it isn't from over-eating on those vegetables, either. Work is expected to begin immediately on the construction of a 23 foot by 30 foot addition on the rear of The Farmington Enterprise office and plant. The addition will house the news, paper, press, folder, casting equipment and newsprint storage. Increased business has necessitated the expansion of facilities. Your home community newspaper has increased its circulation over 200% in the past ten years and has grown from a seven column, 8 page paper to an eight column 12 and 14 page issue. The addition is designed to give The Enterprise staff an opportunity to serve the entire community better in the years to come.

**THAT BIG DAY . . .**  
Saturday afternoon for students of both the Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools. This Friday will see the opening of the 1951 football season for both the Falcons and the Trojans. Farmington will play here and Clarenceville away, so all the local fans should be out pulling for the boys to win. The Falcons will meet Plymouth at 3:30 on the Farmington field and Clarenceville will meet South Lyon under the lights at 8:00 p.m. So take a couple of hours off if you can and get out in the fall air. The teams will appreciate your support and you are assured of a lot of good hard-fought football. We will see you there?

**THEY'RE FIXIN' UP . . .**  
down at Conroy's this week and it looks mighty nice. It was sort of rugged for a couple of days dodging the canned goods, cooking and washing but it was worth it. New counters are being installed throughout the store. The counters are self serve and will give Conroy's an opportunity to display a wider variety of food stuffs. It will also add greatly to the appearance and serviceability of the store. So drop in this week end and have a look around, they will be awfully glad to have you.

**FARMINGTON RESIDENTS . . .**  
will have a chance to take a look at Farmington years ago, this Saturday afternoon when the Town Club presents an exhibit of antiques and souvenirs of Old Farmington at the Old Fashioned Tea Party to be held in the high school gym. It will give old timers a chance to reminisce a little and new comers a chance to see what the old town used to be like. The exhibit will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. So get out the bib and tucker and enjoy an afternoon of pleasant relaxation. The party begins at 2:00 p.m. so don't be late.

**NUMEROUS PERSONS . . .**  
have mentioned to us in the past several days the way our main street, Grand River Avenue, looked last Sunday. They were particularly perturbed about the paper and dirt along the curbs in front of stores in Farmington. They mention that as a representative sample of the community. We have a black eye in the minds of people passing through. It just wouldn't do to have people living in glass houses throw rocks, so we checked our curb and apparently the line is stronger down Farmington Road than on Grand River, but regardless the broom at The Enterprise just assumed extra duties, and we hope the example will be followed by merchants on Grand River. A dry street in front of a store not only gives other people a poor impression of the community, but costs merchants business, too.

**A SAFETY SLOGAN . . .**  
worth remembering is "Watch Out for Our Children!" You might write it out in big letters and attach it to the sun visor of your car. The reminder could well save you the anguish and heart ache that comes with striking down a child. Take it easy in residential and school districts, they are danger spots right now.

## Trojans To Meet South Lyon Friday

Clarenceville High School's football team will open their 1951 season this Friday evening when the Trojans meet South Lyon at 8:00 on the South Lyon gridiron. Coach Harry McKittick has been putting candidates for the team through a heavy training schedule in preparation for the opening game. Practice opened August 27 with a total of 31 candidates reporting. Several intergrade games have been held since the practice sessions began. A non-regulation practice game was held last Friday between Clarenceville and Wayne.

McKittick stated Monday that two freshmen will be in the starting line-up against South Lyon on Friday. They are Bob Gorr, right tackle, and Jim Nichols, right tackle. Other members of the starting line-up will be Jack Phillips, left end; Chuck Edmonds, left tackle; Gordon Mills, left guard; and Bill, center; Captain Ed Grimm, right end; Gerry Albers, fullback; Bill Robbins, right halfback; Joe Whyte, left half back and Elmer Rouss, quarterback. The Trojans have a total of eight lettermen back from last year's squad. Every man in the starting backfield has had previous experience.

Clarenceville defeated South Lyon last year 18 to 6 in the opening game of the season at South Lyon. The Trojans will meet Northville Friday, September 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wallick Lake High School at the corner of Port Huron and Maple Road.

The Oakland County FFA Council will meet Tuesday, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wallick Lake High School at the corner of Port Huron and Maple Road.

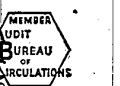
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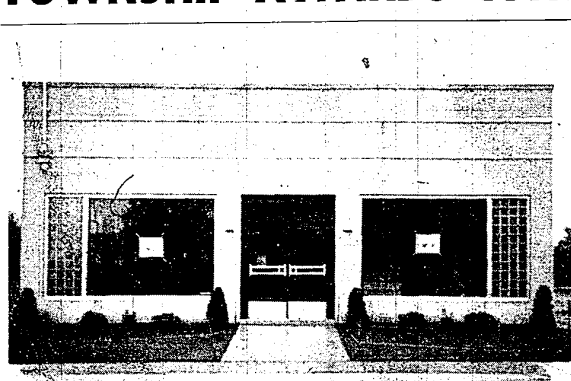
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## TOWNSHIP AWARDS CONTRACT FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK



**FARMINGTON'S NEW**  
Post Office, located on South Farmington Road near Orchard Street, is nearly completed and will be opened for business on October 1. Plans are now being made for an open house prior to the official opening. The new Post Office will provide a large

and attractive waiting room as well as working area in the rear. The completion of the Post Office is the climax of years of effort to secure larger quarters. Increased population has resulted in a steady growth of business for the Post Office and thus overcrowding in the present Post Office building.

## New Farmington Post Office Building To Open October 1

**Plans Being Made For Open House**

Farmington's new post office is expected to be open and in operation by October 1, Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced Monday.

He stated that authorization has been received from the Post Office Department to move to the new building on South Farmington Road as soon as construction work has been completed. Lee added that Herman Wallace, building contractor, who is handling the construction of the new post office, stated this week that work will be completed in about a week.

The postmaster pointed out that the equipment will have to be moved to the new building after the work has been completed. Temporary quarters will be established initially until new equipment can be received. Lee stated that the equipment has been ordered but it is not expected to be delivered in time for the October 1 opening. He added that material shortages have caused the delay in the delivery of the equipment. The counters, boxes and file equipment from the present post office will be used temporarily.

**PLAN OPEN HOUSE**  
Lee stated that plans are now being made for an open house prior to the opening date. The exact date of the open house has not been set as yet, but Lee indicated that it would probably be about the 25th. He pointed out that a number of people had asked if they would have an opportunity to see the interior of the building when it was completed.

The new post office is 40 feet by 30 feet and is constructed of cinder block. The one-story building is located on South Farmington Road near Orchard Street. There will be a waiting room, a large room for the postmaster, a room for the clerks, a room for the mail, and a room for the equipment. The building will be a modern, attractive structure.

## Cover Distance In Six Days Women Horse Back Riders Complete 165 Mile Trip Here From Clare

The pioneer spirit isn't quite gone from the ladies, at least. Jane Hamlin, a senior at Farmington High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Hamlin, 22821 Brookside, along with Mrs. Ione Gorr of Clare, made a six-day horse back journey from Clare to Farmington — which just goes to prove the point.

## Falcons To Open 1951 Grid Season Friday

**Meet Plymouth At 3:30 On Farmington Field**

Farmington High's football squad bangs into its season opener Friday when the Falcons clash with Plymouth at the local field starting at 3:30 p.m.

Although Coach Bill Nuss would not commit himself on the outcome with an inexperienced team, he mentioned that Plymouth hasn't scored a touchdown in the last three meetings with the Falcons. Considering the whole season outlook, Nuss said, "If we can win the first two and add to our eight game winning streak, we're going to be tough to beat."

After three weeks of intensive practice the Falcon mentor has picked a probable starting line-up. At left end will probably be Jack Cleveland, right tackle, Ed Kleas at right end, Dick Tyler at quarterback, Alan McFarland at left half, co-captain Don Byrne at right half and Ed Fullback at fullback. Larry Pink or Bob Hupert.

Whether Plymouth under the tutelage of their coach Charles Ketterer will be able to break the Farmington jinx or not Friday is the big question mark.

The Falcon junior varsity is slated for its first game Thursday, September 20, when the squad meets Southfield at the Southfield gridiron. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

## REMODELING OF UNIVERSALIST CHURCH BEGINS

The Farmington Universalist Church on Warner near Thomas Street is having its face lifted. It was announced this week by church officials.

Contractors have torn down the old narthex and are rebuilding it to provide an entrance at the front. Instead of at the side. The windows will be enlarged and a stairway arrangement will be added, including a grade entrance to Adams Hall in the basement.

Sidewalk superintendents have observed an amazing feature of the old construction — a beam 16 by 16 inches which runs the width of the church several feet above the doors. "That beam and several others almost as large date back to 1853."

Work on the narthex is only the first step in the remodeling of Farmington's oldest house of worship. A large concrete slab similar as wide as the building will be poured in front of the relocated doors. Concrete steps will lead to the slab from the new walk in front. Eventually pillars will be placed in front of the slab to support a roof and steeple that will give the entire church the appearance of classical New England architecture.

Work on the building will not prevent the holding of regular Sunday services.

## Set School Vote For October 29 At Clarenceville

**Seek \$700,000 For New Building And Additions**

The Clarenceville School Board has set October 29 as the date of a special election on the proposed school building program. It was announced Monday at the regular meeting of the Board.

Election will be asked to vote on the proposition of increasing the millage and to permit the District to sell bonds totaling \$700,000 for new buildings and additions. The millage necessary, according to attorneys, would be 14.5 mills spread over a 20 year period. It is expected that the bonds would be paid off in sixteen years or less.

The Board stated that this figure was reached after careful consideration of building costs, needs of the District and salability of the bonds.

**PLAN GRADE SCHOOLS**  
Plans call for the erection of two elementary schools and an addition to the high school on the first steps of the program. The first building to be erected will definitely be an elementary school. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that at the present time if the two groups of sixth graders were taken from the high school and all pupils were placed on full days, the District would be nine classrooms short. He added that there appears to be no question but what next year will see at least two additional grade levels on half days and it is likely that all pupils from Kindergarten through sixth grade will be on half days.

It is estimated that by the fall of 1952 all pupils in the District will be on half days.

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## 243 Separate Entries Appear In Flower Show

The Annual Garden Club Flower Show held Friday at the Farmington Methodist Church was a total of 243 entries made in all classes. A sum of 142 prizes were given. In the Horticultural group which judged on quality and perfection rather than size, 131 entries appeared with 37 receiving first prize, 11 winning second prize and 13 winning third prize.

The Flower Arrangement class had 76 entries with 23 receiving first prize, sixteen second prize and sixteen third prize.

Entries from Junior Gardeners numbered 35. Twenty-eight prizes were awarded in this group. Judges for the flower show came from outlying communities and were affiliated with the Federated National Garden Club.

## Historical Exhibit To Be Featured At Town Club Party Saturday

Farmington of yesterday, like the scene pictured above, will be portrayed in an interesting exhibit of antiques as one of the highlights of the Town Club Saturday afternoon at the Farmington High School gym.

A wide variety of antiques and souvenirs of Old Farmington have been gathered by Town Club members for display at the annual card party. The exhibit will be held at the Old Fashioned Tea Party which will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Even the tallies will carry out the lavender and pink theme.

All of the tallies have been hand made by Mrs. Robert Smith. Refreshments and cards in addition to the exhibit of souvenirs and mementos of old Farmington will form the entertainment of the afternoon. There will be special places for those who do not wish to play cards but who wish to view the exhibit.

Tickets may still be obtained by calling Mrs. George Otis at Farmington 1442-W. Tickets will also be available at the door of the gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

Memories of years ago, back in the days when Farmington's main street looked like this, will be recalled to many old timers and newcomers too, through souvenirs to be exhibited at the Town Club Saturday. The picture above, taken of the north side of Farmington's business district, looking west.

## Equipment To Be Housed In New Fire Station In Northeast Section

The Farmington Township Board has approved the purchase of a new John Bean fire fighting unit for use in the northeast section of the township. It was announced at the regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening.

Purchase of the equipment was actually approved at a special meeting held last Wednesday evening. The new equipment will be mounted on a chassis to be purchased by the Board. It is expected that delivery will be made in approximately 60 days after the purchase of the chassis.

The John Bean fire equipment will be similar to the unit now in operation in the township. It will have a 600 gallon water capacity and will contain high pressure equipment. The Board stipulated that the truck will be located at Bell's Garage on Northwestern Highway for use in the northeast section of the Township or other sections when necessary.

A special meeting of the Board will be held this Friday evening with representatives of the John Bean Company to complete the details on the purchase of the new fire equipment.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that negotiations are now under way for the purchase of new equipment for the proposed fire hall in the southeast section of the township. The Supervisor also stated that increased efforts are being made to secure a site for the fire hall in the Clarenceville area. He indicated that some concrete steps were being made in the location of the hall.

A total of two sealed bids were received on the purchase of the fire equipment for the northeast fire hall, with the John Bean Company recent stated that six new bids indicated that the Board was considering a different type of fire fighting equipment for the Clarenceville area.

**POLICE APPLICATIONS**  
Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, read five new applications for the position of Township Police Officer. Two of the applicants were present at the meeting and were interviewed by the Board members. The Board decided to take the new applications under advisement and make the selection at a special meeting. No date was set for the special meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the painting and repair of the Town Club building. The Board decided that the township is working with the city on the project. Under the agreement the township and city will share the cost of the work. The Supervisor stated that six new windows have already been purchased for the hall. Two sealed bids for the painting of the exterior of the hall were received by the Board. The matter is being let to the contractor.

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## Blough Relieved As Public Works Head

Harvey Blough, superintendent of public works for the City of Farmington, was relieved of his duties last Friday by City Manager Angus Leitch.

According to Leitch, Blough refused to carry out directives given him by the manager regarding the work of the public works department. Leitch stated that the supervision of the work and issuance of work orders are now being handled by the Manager at the Municipal Building. Prior to this time no formal work orders were issued. Plans call for the employment of a foreman to handle city crews, with supervision by the manager.

Under the provisions of the new City Charter, the manager has the right to hire and discharge city department heads and to coordinate their activities. The City Council, as the legislative body of the city, has no administrative functions except as it affects policy.

Blough has been employed by the City of Farmington for over 25 years. Leitch stated that he regrets that the situation has had to take regarding Blough, but that cooperation is essential to the successful and efficient operation of the city and service to the public. The Board will make every effort to contact Blough for comment.

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