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AROUND THE BLOCK

MANY A BRAVE SOUL . . . was shivering in his boots last Friday afternoon and evening. The brave souls we refer to are those ardent fans who sat and stood through the Farmington and Clarenceville football games. The stands weren't exactly packed but there were more shiverers than we expected. We even thought we might get a picture or two of the Farmington contest, but couldn't hold the camera still enough to get the shot. Clarenceville had it just a little worse, if that seems possible, playing at night and in a pretty fair snow storm. Those lights didn't help a bit in warming up the atmosphere, either. It looks like the beginning of a long winter, doesn't it?

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THEY KEEP MOVING . . . the date back on us, but maybe this week the police department and court will get into their new quarters in the remodeled fire hall building. For the past two weeks The Enterprise has stated that the police and the court would move "this week", but they haven't moved yet. However, it isn't anybody's fault, which you will understand if you have done any building lately. Each time the announcement has been released and published in good faith but unavoidable delays have popped up that no one could do a thing about. So don't jump too hard. This week should see the job done, and a mighty fine job it is. We wouldn't want to see you end up either at the police station or court, but if you have a chance take a look the next time you are by that way.

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THEY DON'T . . . come by one's any more, they come by two's. The two's we are talking about are the First Methodist Church's bazaar and dinner scheduled for Thursday, November 15, and the Harvest Festival to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran School tomorrow night, November 9. Both are serving ham dinners and both are to be followed by shopping tours. Serving time for ham dinner at St. Paul's School is 5 p.m. and ends at 7:30, while the Methodist Church's dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. So if ham is your favorite, here's your chance to get your fill.

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HAVE YOU NOTICED . . . the new drive along the side of the Farmington High School? It has been there for several weeks now, but maybe you haven't seen it. The drive runs around the east side of the building to a big parking lot in the rear near the playground. The main purpose of the drive is to allow school buses to load and unload at the rear of the building instead of the front. This goes a long way toward cutting down congestion on School Street and on the walks in front of the school. It also provides additional parking space for school employees as well as residents visiting the school. You are requested to park in the lot on the front east corner of the school during day hours, however, to allow free movement of the buses in loading and unloading.

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THIS SUNDAY . . . and Monday, we celebrate the anniversary of the close of World War I. Armistice Day this year falls on Sunday, thus Monday will be recognized as the legal holiday. But regardless of the day of the week, Armistice Day should hold an important meaning for all of us. Thirty-three years ago it meant joy at the close of a bitter and costly war, and it meant sadness too, for many would never come back. We resolved as a nation and a world that this would be the last of wars. But only ten years ago we locked in struggle again, a greater and more painful struggle than ever before. And when it was over we felt joy and sadness, but above all we felt new hope. We said maybe this will mean peace. Yet today Americans are dying in Korea in a new struggle against a new enemy. Armistice Day 1951 should be a challenge to all of us. A renewed search for greater knowledge, for better understanding, for finer faith, not just as a nation but as individuals who make a nation. There is a common ground for peace, it is called the brotherhood of man. Your challenge and mine — find it and make it grow!

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A FEW WEEKS . . . makes a difference as any Farmington resident can testify who has driven along Shiawassee Street behind the Farmington High School athletic field during the past week. Things are happening around the skating rink and by the looks of the weather it is timed about right. Hockey and skating enthusiasts under the guidance and enthusiasm of Dr. Joseph Gadbaw have been hard at work the last few Saturdays building a new hockey rink and warming house. They are really coming right along with it, but they still could use some help. So if you want to give a hand, call Dr. Gadbaw and volunteer your services, that goes for adults as well as youngsters.

INTERLAKES CHAMPIONS is the title proudly displayed by Farmington 1951 cross country team. Members of the team line up to show off their coveted Inter-Lakes Conference trophy. The Falcons lost only one dual meet during the season, that to Walled Lake, But they came back to score a victory in the annual league meet held October 25 at Hickory Hills Golf Course and walk off with the championship. This is the first year at Farmington for Coach Harold Humble. He stated after the league meet that "this is the best team I've ever coached. Members of the team from left to right, standing, are: John Brunk, Bud Pressley, Glenn Shaw, Mike Stanek and Dick Sutherland; kneeling, Burt Galbraith, Captain Bob Mansfield, Dave Harris and Jim Bryan.

TOWNSHIP BOARD TO ACT ON ZONING CODE TUESDAY

Break Ground For New 10 Mile Road School

New Building To House Ten Classrooms

Ground was broken Friday for the new Farmington Township School District's 10 Mile Elementary School to be constructed adjacent to the present elementary school.

Workmen for W. J. Howard and Sons, contractors, began moving in shovels Friday morning preparatory to the breaking of ground for the new building. Stakes were laid out earlier to direct the workmen. Ground was broken Friday afternoon as the first step in the construction.

The new building is the first to be started under the $1,750,000 Farmington Township School District building program. Two new additions are to be constructed at the Bond and Middlebelt schools as well as the construction of a new high school on Shiawassee just west of Orchard Lake Road. The new elementary building now under construction will contain ten classrooms as well as kitchen and cafeteria facilities.

STUDY PLANS

Tentative plans have been completed for the new high school building. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of schools, stated Tuesday that the plans will be studied by the Board at their regular meeting to be held next Monday evening. A representative of Eberle Smith, Associates, school architects, will be present at the meeting to go over the plans with the Board.

Dunckel stated that no additional information has been received on the allocation of scarce materials for either of the two additions or the high school. It is hoped that an allocation will be granted to the District in the first quarter of 1952. Thirty day extensions have been granted by the low bidders on the two additions in the hopes that an allocation will be made.

Board Expected To Approve New Ordinance At Regular Meeting

Action is to be taken on the proposed Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance at the regular meeting of the Township Board next Tuesday, Ernest Blanchard, supervisor, announced this week.

The Board discussed the proposed ordinance at a special meeting several weeks ago, but it was pointed out that action must be taken at a regular meeting of the Board. Individual Board Members have also reviewed the proposal since it was filed with the Board by Edward Moseman, chairman of the Zoning Board.

Action by the Township Board is the last formal step in the adoption of the ordinance. The proposed ordinance has already been approved by the Oakland County Zoning Board. Drafting of the proposal began in December 1949 with the appointment of the four man zoning board by Arthur E. Moore, Oakland County Probate Judge.

EXPECT APPROVAL

The Board is expected to approve the proposed ordinance at next Tuesday's meeting. The majority of the members have already indicated their approval of the proposal. If the Board approves the ordinance, the complete text, including the map, will be printed in The Farmington Enterprise as a legal publication. Residents then have 30 days after publication to file petitions calling for a vote on the ordinance by the people of the Township.

Opponents of the ordinance have indicated that they will file petitions calling for a referendum vote. Petitions must be filed with the Township clerk not later than 30 days after date of publication and petitions must be signed by registered voters totalling 8 per cent of the votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election.

CHANGES MADE

Numerous changes have been made in the proposed ordinance since it was first published in May of this year. Following a series of public meetings, at which residents were given an opportunity to suggest changes in the ordinance, the Board re-drafted the proposal. A number of areas were left unzoned at the request of the majority of the residents. Additional commercial zones were added and the minimum cubic foot content was lowered in all four residential groups. All of the changes made were upon the recommendations of residents attending either the regular meetings of the Board or open meetings in compliance with Michigan statute.

Moseman stated several weeks ago that a provision had been added to the revised ordinance allowing a resident to build a home or have it built over a five year period. Under the provision plans must be filed as well as a declaration of intention that at least 500 square feet be completed the first year and that the resident may live in the completed portion until the home is finished, provided he completes 20 per cent of the structure each year. In cases of economic necessity the owner may appeal to the zoning board for an extension of a year.

New Farmington Post Office To Open December 1

To Move Equipment On November 30

Farmington's Post Office will move into its new quarters on South Farmington Road on November 30, J. Jehowski, postal inspector, announced Tuesday afternoon.

He stated that plans have been completed for the moving of the post office into its new quarters. It is expected that the new post office will be open to the public on December 1. Most of the new equipment that has already been received has been transferred to the new building. Other equipment will be moved from the present post office to the new quarters.

The move will be completed in time to prepare for the expected heavy volume of Christmas mail. In previous years additional space has been required outside of the present post office building in order to handle the record number of Christmas packages. The increased space both in the lobby and in the work room of the new building will greatly facilitate the handling of customers as well as mail and packages.

Residents were given an opportunity to view the new post office during the open house held Friday, September 28. The lobby of the new quarters is approximately 22 feet by 22 feet. It will contain approximately 100 additional boxes over the number now available in the present post office. In addition to a large open work room in the rear, a special loading room has been provided as well as supply offices and employees' rest rooms.

United Fund Drive Nears $4,000 Mark In Fourth Week

Still Far Short Of 1951 Farmington Quota

John Hulett, chairman of the Farmington United Fund Drive, stated Tuesday that approximately $3,900 has been collected to date in the annual campaign.

The drive is now in its fourth week with approximately $4,600 more to go before the 1951 quota is reached. Hulett pointed out that the collection figures to date are based on actual reports. Some areas have not been completely covered as yet and not all solicitors' reports are in.

DRIVE CONTINUES

No specific date has been set for the closing of the annual drive. Hulett pointed out that efforts are being made to contact everyone in the City and Township. Persons who have not been contacted by a solicitor but who wish to contribute to the Farmington drive are urged to contact the captain in their

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Two Hundred Birds Smothered In Township Fire Tuesday

Smoke Suffocates Parakeets And Canaries

Two hundred birds, canaries and parakeets, were smothered to death Tuesday afternoon when fire broke out in a bird aviary at 21521 Waldron.

Estimates by Mrs. Domplerre, owner of the aviary, placed the loss at $5,000 in birds and damage to the aviary. The birds and building were not insured. Mrs. Domplerre lives at the Waldron address with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wing.

The birds have been her livelihood since the death of her husband two years ago. The fire started, according to Mrs. Domplerre and township firemen, when a box of sawdust ignited after being placed near an electric heater to warm it for the birds.

A series of minor fires plagued the Farmington area during the week, causing some damage but not serious injury to anyone.

Fire, believed to be deliberately started, damaged the garage and a shed at the Floyd Sallow residence, 31625 Nine Mile Road, early last Thursday morning, firemen report. Sallow is a member of the Farmington City Police Force.

Apparently the fire was started with gasoline or kerosene, Sallow stated. Persons driving by the residence noticed the flames and aroused the residents. Sallow's car tires were deflated.

The township fire department was called to put out the flames. Sallow estimated damage at $150. Police are investigating.

A wood pile burning in the basement brought Farmington Township firemen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hawkins, 20740 Hugo,

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Falcons Defeat Bentley 20 - 7

By NORMAN RAUPP

Farmington's football squad ended their 1951 season with an impressive 20 to 7 victory over Bentley last Friday afternoon on the Falcon field.

The home game was witnessed by a comparatively small crowd which weathered the freezing temperatures. Farmington kicked off to Bentley to open the contest. The quarter was a seesaw battle that featured scoring opportunities by both teams, but neither cashed in on the breaks.

Midway in the second period Farmington intercepted a pass and returned the pigskin 15 yards to Bentley's 20 yard marker. On the next play Cowart, Falcon left end, passed to quarterback Tyler who caught the ball in the end zone who touched. Hupert added the finishing touches to the score by kicking the ball successfully between the goal posts for the extra point to make the score 7 - 0.

Bentley quickly struck back. Their touchdown drive began when they intercepted a Falcon pass over the center of the line. Bentley then completed a 29 yard pass to Farmington's 21. Another forward thrust gave Bentley a first down on the Falcon 10. Two plays later, Bentley scored from the one yard line on a quick opener play up the middle. The try for the extra point was successful which notched the score at 7 - 7.

In the waning minutes of the quarter, Cowart broke loose in a 51 yard jaunt down the side lines to Bentley's 20 yard marker, but the drive ended just yards from the goal line as the first half terminated.

Late in the third quarter, Pink made a Falcon first down on Bentley's 44 after the latter punted to Farmington's 39. Hupert then plowed through the line to Bentley's 33.

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O.E.S. To Sponsor Dance This Saturday Evening

A modern and old time dance, sponsored by the Farmington Chapter 230, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Saturday evening, November 10, in the Farmington Town Hall.

Cecil Parlseaux and his orchestra will furnish the music with Herbert Schram as caller. Refreshments will be served and the dance is open to the public.

Bernice and Charles Lussenden, newly elected Worthy Matron and Patron, will preside over the first meeting of the new year next Tuesday, November 13, at 8:00 p.m. Approximately 200 members and friends attended the public installation of officers held October 23.

City Offices To Close Monday, Armistice Day

Farmington City offices will be closed all day Monday, November 12, the official Armistice Day holiday, Angus Leitch, City Manager, announced this week.

Armistice Day falls on Sunday, November 11, but Monday has been designated as the holiday. The Farmington State Bank as well as the Farmington Post Office will also be closed all day in recognition of the holiday.

Trojan Gridders Drop Final Game

Clarenceville's Trojan football team closed its 1951 season by bowing to Holly High School 37 to 6 before a small homecoming crowd last Friday night under the lights at Redford Union field.

The loss was the fifth for Clarenceville against three victories. In league competition the Trojans have a record of two wins against two losses and a third place position in the Wayne-Oakland League. Milford and Northville tied for first place in the league with three victories against one defeat.

Snow and chilling wind held down the homecoming crowd which watched the Trojan - Holly game last Friday evening. Holly took an early lead in the opening minutes of the contest, capitalizing on a Trojan fumble after a brief punting duel. They added another later in the period which was enough to win.

However, even the cold and snow did not halt the Holly offensive. They added one more touchdown in the second period to bring the score to 18 to 0. Clarenceville opened up late in the second period to drive 75 yards in a sustained attack to the Holly eight yard line, but the half ended before they could drive across for the score. Joe Whyte and Bill Robbins led the attack with a series of open running plays mixed with short passes.

The Trojans hit pay dirt in the third period on another 55 yard drive for a score. The touchdown play came on a pass from Whyte to Robbins, who took the ball on the 7 and went over. The try for the extra point was no good. Holly came back to score a touchdown in the third period to make the score 24 to 6.

Holly added two more touchdowns in the final period to widen the margin to 37 to 6. Milton Dailey, Trojan guard, was elected captain of the 1952 Clarenceville football team at a special meeting Monday noon. Coach Harry McKittrick stated that a total of 7 seniors will graduate this year but that there will be 18 lettermen back for the 1952 squad.

TOWNSHIP TO HOLD RENT DECONTROL HEARING TUESDAY

Notice has been given that a public hearing on the decontrol of rent in Farmington Township will be held this Tuesday, November 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Township offices in the Town Hall.

The hearing will be held in connection with the regular Township Board meeting. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that all persons interested in the question are requested to attend the hearing. Everyone present will be given an opportunity to express themselves on either the continuation or the lifting of rent controls.

If it is decided that controls should be lifted on rents in Farmington Township, the Board must pass a resolution to be forwarded to the Federal Housing Authority. The Council approved the removing of controls in the City late last winter.

Clarenceville Holds First Adult Education Meeting

A meeting preparatory to the opening of adult education classes in sewing and ceramics was held Wednesday evening at the Clarenceville High School.

Officials stated that there is a sufficient number registered to begin the two classes. However, the difficulty is to secure a night when the majority can participate in the classes. Instructors have been tentatively secured. These are the only two subjects that have a sufficient number of registrants to begin classes.

The program is sponsored by the Clarenceville Board of Education in conjunction with the Clarenceville Parent-Teachers Association.

Novi Amvets Sponsor Scrap Metal Drive

The Novi Amvet Post 76 started a scrap metal drive November 1 which will continue for several weeks. The post is arranging for pick up. Anyone with scrap metal should call either Northville 1256 or 429-R for pick up.

How Much Is A $?

Price Index Makes Tough Reading For Mrs. Farmington Housewife

That $.5478 dollar spent by Mr. and Mrs. Farmington September 15, 1950, purchased only 91.1% as much goods this September 15, according to deductions made from consumer's price index statistics released from the U. S. Department of Labor.

The price index gives the cost of living at 189 through September 15, 1951. There was a 6.5 increase for the year ending September 15. The index is based on the 1935-39 level as 100, in other words, 100 cents on the dollar. Inflation, from the 1935-39 period through 1951, has swept away $.4709 of the dollar's purchasing power. From August 15 of this year to September 15 the cost of living crept up .3 of 1 per cent.

Mrs. Farmington Housewife discovered that from August 15 to September 15 she was able to save a few pennies. Anyway, the price index showed food prices went down slightly. A Farmington grocer reported that the reason overall food prices went down was because merchant buyers combined to hold out for a lower price on some items, passing the saving on to Mrs. Housewife.

On the other hand, continued the grocer, while she was getting a lower price on some items she was paying more for others. But the reduction in some produce offset the other increases.

Clothing cost Mr. and Mrs. Farmington Family more on September 15 of this year than it did in August. A Farmington clothing merchant reported the increased cost in clothes is caused by wool prices. Other products such as cotton shirts, nylon and clothing articles made from other substances have remained about the same. Fabrics of wool or part wool are responsible for the increase in the consumers' index clothing rise.

Cost of shoes in Farmington fluctuates but the overall tendency is upward. Shoe prices have been up one week and down the next, one Farmington shoe merchant reported recently. Leather prices are the cause and leather prices are dependent upon the number of cattle slaughtered for beef. The government regulates slaughter of beef in an effort to hold beef prices up, the merchant stated.

Getting dizzy by now? Don't be. Just settle back in that easy chair. For the August 15 to September 15 period the household items group which includes easy chairs showed a decline in the price index and electricity has not increased during the period September 15, 1950 to September 15, 1951, either. So about the cheapest thing to do is settle down in that easy chair, turn on the reading light and escape between the covers of a good book.

Girl Scout Chairman Steps Down

Mrs. J. P. Boyce, right, retiring chairman of the Farmington Girl Scout Council, discusses plans for the coming year with Mrs. James Lillie, left, vice-chairman of the Council.

Mrs. J. P. Boyce stepped down as chairman of the Farmington Girl Scout Council Wednesday evening at the close of the annual banquet of leaders held at Saratoga Farms.

Mrs. Boyce was elected chairman of the Council last year. The office is normally held for two years, but Mrs. Boyce stated last year that she would be able to serve for only one year. Under Mrs. Boyce's leadership, the Farmington Girl Scout organization has enjoyed one of the largest expansion programs in its history.

The retiring chairman began her career in Girl Scout work in January of 1947 when she was elected registrar for a term of four years. She was also a Brownie assistant leader with Mrs. Earl Dunnett as leader. Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Lillie conducted the recent civilian defense survey throughout the City and Township as part of the Girl Scout contribution to the preparedness program. At the present time Mrs. Boyce is Captain of the City residential section for the United Fund and Community Chest drive.

Red Cross Seeks More Service Drivers

The Red Cross is seeking more motor service drivers from the Farmington area, a Red Cross spokesman reported this week.

Drivers are needed to transport children to medical and dental clinics and to help servicemen. During the month of October the drivers from the Farmington Chapter covered five hundred miles, the spokesman stated.

Persons interested in driving for the Red Cross are asked to call Mrs. F. B. Weber at Farmington 1669.

Man Injured In Auto Accident Tuesday

A two-car accident on Orchard Lake Road near Shiawassee, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday sent one driver to Mt. Carmel Hospital with facial injuries and lacerations, Farmington City Police reported Tuesday afternoon.

The injured driver was Robert K. Gohl, 23, of 2475 Gillham, Union Lake near Pontiac, police reported.

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