



AROUND THE BLOCK

TIME IS GETTING SHORT... and so are the number of shopping days until Christmas. They are really sneaking up on us in a hurry. According to our calendar you have just 15 more days to pick out gifts for Mom, Dad, Sis and Brother, and all the rest of those folks on your shopping list. So don't put it off any longer, remember Santa is just about ready for the annual trip and if you are going to help him, you had better get going. But it isn't nearly as bad as it sounds, do your shopping the easy way — shop in Farmington this Christmas. There is plenty of parking and two big free parking lots, one on South Farmington Road and the other off Grand River next to the fire hall and your hometown merchants have really loaded their shelves with extra gifts this year. Do your shopping early and do it the easy way — do it in your home community!

THIS PETITION BUSINESS...

apparently needs some clarification. We are referring to the petitions being circulated in regard to the Township Zoning Ordinance. These petitions are being circulated in an effort to have the newly adopted ordinance put to a vote of the people. It has been given the idea that by signing the petition they are declaring themselves in favor of the ordinance. This is not the purpose of the petitions. The ordinance has already been adopted by the Board and unless petitions are filed for a vote, the ordinance will automatically go into effect on December 22. The petitions are designed to bring the question to a vote of the people, thus stopping action on the ordinance until it can be voted upon. It is not our intention here to tell residents what to do, but we feel it is our responsibility to clarify these points.

'T'WAS A BUSY PLACE...

around these parts last Friday evening and Saturday morning. There were cars and people everywhere with all of the parking lots and streets jammed full. And the sidewalks and streets weren't exactly vacant. Saturday morning people seemed to just move right in under the fog — when the clouds lifted, there they were. We heard several people around the block say, "Where did they all come from?" and the answer is they are coming from here. More and more people are moving into the Farmington area every day. They come in a bit at a time and we hardly notice it, until a fog lifts and there they are!

FARMINGTON'S NEW POST OFFICE...

was a busy place last Saturday afternoon and Sunday. It was moving time with the post office employees doing the heavy lifting. Saturday morning the post office was open and ready to open the doors for business on Monday. But when we went after the morning mail everything was pretty much in place. Apparently a lot of other folks wanted to see too, because there was a steady flow into the new building most of the day. In spite of the fact that a lot of the old equipment had to be moved to the new building, the comments of residents were very favorable. The only repeated suggestion we heard was that a letter mail box might be erected up on Grand River for the convenience of those on foot who just want to mail a letter or two.

THE NEW 1952...

license plates are going like hot cakes over at Curt Hall's. The local agency for the Secretary of State's office is bustling with activity and probably will continue to be through the months of January and February. The sale of the new plates is going very fast. The new plates run in a series lettered from EG to ET. So don't wait until the last minute — get your new plates now and avoid the long lines.

IT WON'T BE LONG...

before new school buildings will be popping up all over the place. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts have received preliminary plans for new buildings. But even with most of the obstacles removed it will be a little while before the classrooms are ready for the students. And it won't be a bit too soon, either, the way school enrollment is increasing. More and more students are being registered every day in both the Farmington and Clarenceville schools and there doesn't seem to be any let up in sight. The new buildings, when completed, should go a long way towards providing the necessary facilities for the education of our youngsters.

WHY GO SOUTH...

was the popular comment over the week end as Farmington residents went about their daily activities in suits and sweaters. That early winter we had last month faded fast and Indian Summer has come back for a fleeting visit. However, Florida is still a popular destination for a few weeks more as the snow piles up around the block and the winds howl around the house. But at least we can say we competed for a few days anyway.

Blood Typing Date Set Back

Farmington's blood typing program, originally scheduled for some time in December, has been delayed until late in January or early in February, O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of the Farmington Schools, announced this week.

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Farmington Firemen Answer Two Minor Calls

Farmington City and Township firemen were alerted by two minor fires in the area during the past week.

An oil stove overheated, starting a minor fire at the E. C. Cook residence on Elmer Hill Road west of Orchard Lake Road Monday at 6:30 p.m. Firemen reported residents had extinguished the fire before they arrived.

Another morning at 10:15 a fire in a rubbish pile in a garage at 33452 Bostwick caused residents to call the fire department. Fire Chief Leo Headley reported the fire in the area had the fire under control and that firemen completely extinguished it.

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Christmas Comes To Farmington



Cars jam South Farmington Road early Saturday morning as the heavy fog rises over the street. Christmas shopping reached a near record peak over the week end, with cars lining the streets throughout the Farmington business district. The two public parking lots were well filled both Friday evening and Saturday morning. In addition to the various store parking lots, it is expected that the volume will continue to increase until Christmas. Most of the stores throughout the Farmington area will remain open every evening until Christmas for the convenience of their customers. So remember to shop early and avoid the last minute rush.

Detailed Planning Begins For New Farmington High School Building

Department Heads Meet With School Architect To Work Out Plans For 22 Room Building

Initial planning work is now under way in preparation for the construction of the new Farmington High School Building to be erected on Shawwassee Street near Orchard Lake Road.

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel met Tuesday with the various high school department heads to discuss plans and layouts for the new building. Dunkel explained that the conference was called to obtain suggestions that would be of assistance to the school architects in preparation of detailed plans. The Board has already authorized the architect to begin drafting final plans and specifications for construction.

A representative of the Eberle Smith Associates, school architects, was present at the meeting Tuesday with the department heads.

PRIORITY GRANTED

The step-up in the preparation of plans has come as a result of approval last week from the Federal Department of Education on the District's application for a priority on school building materials. The approval of materials for the construction of the high school building is the last of the series of applications filed by the District. Approval has previously been granted on the use of materials for the new elementary school and the Bond and Middlebelt additions. Work has already started on the present high school building and school work is expected to begin as soon as possible on the two grade school additions.

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Planning Group Reports Record Growth And Development Predicted For Farmington Area

There must be something to this talk about Farmington and planning and growth!

At least more and more statistics are building up and more eyes are turning toward Farmington and other suburban communities. The latest report of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional planning commission issued last week indicates that by 1970 there will be more people living in the metropolitan area outside of Detroit than inside the city limits.

A little further research shows that the Farmington area is expected to increase in population even faster than the majority of the areas in the metropolitan planning district. These statistics aren't just the figments of someone's imagination, they are the careful result of a continuing study by planning experts. The figures are based on the physical possibilities of the area and the degree of planning and organization being carried on by local communities.

Both Farmington City and Township have representation on the Metropolitan Planning Commission. These representatives act as liaison officers between the Commission and the Township Board and City Council. The purpose of the group is to keep local governments informed of the overall planning being done and to encourage these governments to organize to meet the challenges of this future growth. It is also intended to get individuals and groups thinking in terms of tomorrow.

This planning is already under way on a big scale in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. The future growth is more evident in the schools than anywhere else in the community, largely because of yearly census reports covering children of all ages. These statistics compiled from the annual census reports "may seem hard to believe, but they are real enough to show clearly just where we are going."

According to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, however, we have thus far for the future, but they are real enough to show clearly just where we are going.

Planning is becoming big business in suburban areas all over the state and the nation. There must be something to it!

Deadline Set For Zoning Petitions

Next Thursday, December 13, is the deadline for the filing of petitions calling for an election on the new Township Zoning Ordinance, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated this week.

The clerk added that four or five petition forms have been secured from the Township office and are reportedly being circulated. The only petitions being circulated are those calling for a vote on the new Zoning Ordinance. No petitions are being circulated for the adoption of the ordinance, as it already has been approved by the Board. The ordinance was adopted on November 13.

According to law petitions must be filed with the clerk within 30 days following the adoption of the ordinance. Petitions must bear the signature of registered voters in the township totaling at least 5% of the number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. McCracken stated that this means that the total number of petitions turned in must bear the signatures of between 200 and 250 registered voters. Petitions will be received by the clerk up to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13.

The new ordinance stipulates that if no petitions are filed within the prescribed period, the ordinance will become effective 30 days after legal publication. The ordinance was published in full in the issue of The Farmington Enterprise dated November 22.

Additional copies of the ordinance are available at the township offices in the Town Hall.

Priority Granted For Two Schools At Clarenceville

Approval has been granted on the application of the Clarenceville School District for an allotment of elementary school materials for the construction of the new 13 classroom elementary school and the addition to the high school.

The Board received word last week end of the approval from the Federal Department of Education in Washington. The allocation of materials clears the way for early construction of the two units. Approval has not been received as yet on the third unit, a seven classroom elementary school. It is hoped that work can be started on the 13 classroom elementary school and high school addition by next spring.

DISCUSS PLANS

The Clarenceville Board met Monday evening with the school architect to discuss plans for the first two buildings. The Board has already directed Eberle Smith Associates, school architects, to proceed with detailed plans for the two buildings. The special meeting Monday was a continuation of the Board's discussion of the plans to date.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that all of the detailed statistics have been completed on the application for permission to sell bonds for the construction of the buildings. The application is now in the hands of attorneys to put it in proper form for submission to the Michigan Finance Commission. The commission must approve the sale of the bonds before bids can be secured.

Plans Completed For Paper Sale

Plans are now being completed for the annual Goodfellow's Paper Sale scheduled for December 14 and 15, Judge John J. Schulte, chairman of the Goodfellow's, stated Tuesday.

A special issue of The Farmington Enterprise will be sold by Goodfellow's during the two day activity throughout Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi. Proceeds from the paper sale will be used by the Goodfellow's for food and clothing for needy families in the community at Christmas time. Schulte stated that lists of needy families are now being compiled. If anyone in the community knows of a needy family that needs help, they are asked to contact Judge Schulte at Farmington 034.

The Goodfellow's activities are coordinated by the Farmington Exchange Club, with the cooperation of other service clubs.

In addition to the paper sale a special movie will be held at the Civic Theatre on Friday, December 21. Admission to the show will be a can or package of food. Members of the committee will pick up the food following the show where it will be placed in Christmas baskets for distribution to the needy families.

Officers of this year's Goodfellow's drive include Judge Schulte, chairman; Floyd Nichols, treasurer; Harry Moore, cashier; Dr. G. F. Weaver, secretary, and Willard Strickland, assistant treasurer.

City Sidewalk Ordinances OK'd

The Farmington City Council, at a special meeting Monday afternoon, adopted two new ordinances governing the construction and repair as well as the cleaning of sidewalks within the city limits.

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Trojans Drop First Cage Tilt

Clarenceville's basketball team dropped the opening game of their 1951-52 season to South Lyon in a close contest at New Hudson, 44 to 40.

South Lyon took an early lead in the opening period and dominated the play throughout the quarter. South Lyon led at the end of the first period 9 to 2, with Grimm getting the only points for the Trojans. Clarenceville managed to click in the second period, scoring ten points to South Lyon's eleven. The half ended with South Lyon well on top, 23 to 15.

The Trojans closed the gap in the third period to one point with Rutla getting eight points. The third period score was South Lyon 27, Clarenceville 26. The final period was a back and forth in the final period with the game in doubt until the final 45 seconds of play when South Lyon surged ahead to win, 44 to 40.

South Lyon's high point man for the Trojans was 16 points. Tom Rutla was runner-up with ten points. Clarenceville will meet Clarkson this Friday evening at the Trojan gym.

Loomis Appointed Acting Manager Until Vacancy Can Be Filled

Mayor Kenn Loomis, in a brief statement to The Farmington Enterprise late Tuesday afternoon, announced that he had accepted the resignation of Angus Leitch as City Manager.

Loomis added that the resignation, dated December 4, is to take effect immediately. In a statement to The Enterprise, Leitch stated that he was resigning because of ill health. He added that he planned to leave Wednesday for a vacation trip in northern Michigan.

The Council has appointed Loomis as acting City Manager until a new manager can be secured. Loomis stated that he was taking the job only on a temporary basis and without compensation of any kind.

He added that the individual Council members have offered to assist him with the duties of operating the city until the new manager can be appointed.

Loomis stated that steps will be taken immediately to hire a new manager. The Council, under the new city charter, is charged with the responsibility of naming the city manager. It is expected that as soon as an applicant can be secured they will be interviewed by the Council. A total of twelve applications were received by the Council prior to the hiring of Leitch.

According to the City Charter the Council must, within 90 days, name a new City Manager to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Leitch.

NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING OPENS ON SCHEDULE

Farmington's post office opened right on schedule Monday morning in its new building on South Farmington Road.

Postal employees worked all Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning on the new building. Most of the old equipment had to be transferred to the new building. A few new files, desks and sorting cases were taken to the building several weeks ago. It is expected that the balance of the new equipment will be received in the next few months.

Henry Trombley was in charge of the moving operations, assisted by the regular post office staff. The equipment was moved without any delay in the handling or sorting of mail.

These will be replaced with modern new counters as soon as they are received.

Falcon Cagers Win Opener

The Farmington High School basketball team got off to a winning start as they defeated Plymouth High School last Friday evening, 14 to 10 in the opening game of the season.

Every member of Farmington's starting five took a hand in the scoring. The Falcons displayed a tight team defense which kept the Plymouth team confused throughout most of the game.

In the initial minutes of the game, Farmington led the best. It was Plymouth who broke the tie with Farmington taking over. The first period ended with the Falcons leading 10 to 6. The second period was played on an even keel, with Farmington leading six points. The score stood at 16 to 12 as the half ended.

Farmington got off to a slow start as the third period opened. Plymouth took the lead but it came to a commanding lead. They continued to pour in the baskets in the final period to pull far ahead of their opponents. The final score was Farmington 34 - Plymouth 19 for the first Falcon win under their new coach, Bob Butch.

Farmington's scoring honors went to Carl Dyer, who made 14 points for the Falcons. The first score was by Bob Mansfield, who accounted for nine points. Fred Raupp was credited with seven points, Larry Pink and Dick Tyler shared the remaining points.

The Falcon Junior Varsity team had trouble against the Plymouth Junior Varsity, dropping their first game 38 to 18. High point man for the Falcons was McCaffrey with five points.

Farmington's next game will be played Friday evening against Waterford at the Waterford gym.

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