

## TOWNSHIP TO BUILD TOWER FOR NEW FIRE SIREN

A 30-foot tower is to be erected to house the newly purchased fire siren for the northeast Township Fire Station, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

The tower will be erected on Northwestern Highway next to Tom's Electric Company. McCracken stated that the 30 foot tower was recommended by the fire siren company as most satisfactory. The actual fire station is to be located in Bell's Garage, across the highway from Tom's Electric. The tower will be located at Tom's because someone would be there at all times to handle calls.

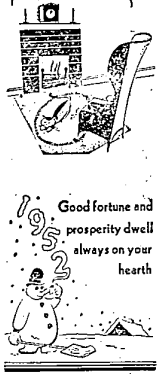
McCracken was directed by the Board at its last meeting to secure the necessary information on the tower so that it could be completed as soon as possible. Justices Thomas Tardy and Ward Eagle are in charge of the organization of the new station.

## Post Office

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zens of the area was last Thursday while the high point of the incoming mail, mail from other cities, was reached Saturday morning. Surprisingly enough, the card and package flow into Farmington's Post Office from local residents dropped almost abruptly to the average number.

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## WEST POINT PARK

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Mrs. Jim Penrod from Dearborn was calling at the home of the Misses Lora and Freda Ault, Shady Side Avenue, last Wednesday morning.

Nancy Varhol, Shady Side Avenue, was a guest last week end of Mrs. Paul Schmidt in Detroit.

Private Frederick Schult, stationed in Texas, arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schult, on Shady Side Avenue.

Stanley Chavey, Jr., of the United States Navy is home from Virginia to spend the holidays with his parents on Mayfield Avenue.

Al Hardy from Wayne was the Wednesday evening guest of his mother, Mrs. Christina Rehnalt on Mayfield.

Children of the Neighborhood Church section held a Christmas party in the church last Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. An impromptu program of songs and readings proved most entertaining. Gifts were exchanged. By way of refreshments, candy and tangerines were passed.

The Dave Koberitz, Hugo Avenue, are spending the holidays with relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault, Mayfield Avenue, visited their daughter, Mrs. Tom Roberts, in Monroe last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Russell Kline, Parker Avenue, has been quite ill.

Mrs. Bob Dickenson of Parker Avenue is convalescing from flu.

Christmas parties were on in all schools Friday. Bad weather did not interfere.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault and their daughters, Mrs. Virginia Oman with Ruth Ann and Helen Ruth of Brentwood Avenue, along with several local young people attended a birthday celebration Saturday evening, December 15, for Mrs. George Throne at the Throne residence near Ypsilanti. Eighteen were at the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Throne from Ypsilanti were dinner guests last Sunday of Mrs. Throne's parents, the Austin Aults on Brentwood.

Little Miss Barbara Varhol of

Shady Side Avenue was quite ill part of this last week.

Mrs. Clinton Ault of Mayfield Avenue was calling on Miss Ada Fritz in Northville last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Sherman of Colgate Avenue has been convalescing several days from illness. Mrs. Sherman is Betty, eldest daughter of the Tallmans on Mayfield Avenue.

Livonia Goodfellows did a fine job selling newspapers last week end. Howard Middlewood, who had charge of the sale in this district, speaks appreciatively of the canvass made by members of his crew, which included Ed Cicotte, Russell Nacker, Harold McVicar and Albert Owen.

As the result of an unfortunate traffic accident, Mrs. Genevieve Lewis of Hubbard Avenue is now greatly handicapped with a lame arm.

Virgil, fourteen year old son of Mrs. George Hoult, Farmington Road, is convalescing from a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Ray Ackerson of Farmington spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Grace Simpson on Mayfield.

Because of the weather conditions, a chautauk and musical program scheduled to be produced in the Neighborhood Church last Thursday evening, was postponed until this Thursday, December 27.

As previously announced, a group of young people from the Ward Presbyterian Church, Detroit, are presenting numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Manning of Mayfield Avenue visited with relatives in Berkey last Sunday.

The Little Misses Beth Anne and Mary Ann Roberts from Monroe have been guests of their grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Ault of Mayfield Avenue, a little more than two weeks. Their mother, Mrs. George Roberts, who has been ill, is somewhat improved.

Word from Wallace, Idaho, is to the effect that Mrs. Charles Guerber, the former Mrs. Freeman Guerber, is still confined to her home most of the time. She resided on Hubbard Avenue for many years and was recently feared near death.

Mrs. Bertha Mercer, formerly of Seven Mile Road, writes from Honolulu where she is spending the winter, saying the weather is very warm and the poinsettias lovely at Christmas time. Mrs. Mercer expects to return to California in April and visit Michigan next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Krumm from Traverse City were week end guests of Mrs. Krumm's sister, Mrs. J. C. Dunnam, and her husband on Farmington Road. Saturday evening all participated in a Christmas party held at the home of other relatives, the Browns, on North Avenue.

Herbert Crikqui, a well-known resident of this area, died Thursday. He is survived by a wife and four grown children. Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday from the Sullivan Funeral Home on McNichols Road and from Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Homer Coleman's Girl Scouts held their Christmas party last Monday evening. Mothers participated in the affair.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Willet of Mayfield Avenue, is reported on the sick list.

## -Obituaries-

Mark C. Wixom  
Mark Chandler Wixom, life-long resident of Farmington, died suddenly on Thursday afternoon, December 20, at the residence of Mrs. Clara Wixom, 25350 Grand River, where he had made his home for the past two months.

He was born September 29, 1878, on the old Wixom homestead on North Farmington Road, the son of William and Adeline Smith Wixom, early Farmington Township settlers. He attended the Farmington Public Schools and on December 23, 1902, was united in marriage to Evelyn Delling in Southfield Township. Mr. Wixom had been a farmer years ago and was last employed as a machine operator. At the time of his death he was First Reader of the Farmington Christian Science Society and was a member of Farmington Lodge F. and A. M. 131.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home with Mr. M. W. Kemphorne of Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, Detroit, officiating. Burial took place in North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Wayne M. Wixom of Southfield Township and Grant Wixom of Lapeer, Michigan. Mrs. Wixom died in May of 1943.

Ada J. Bloom

Ada Jane Bloom, mother of Mr. Earl Grosvenor of Farmington, died on December 19, 1951, at the Wayne County General Hospital following an extended illness. Mrs. Bloom was born June 23, 1861, in Donnellville, Ohio, the daughter of Samuel and Martha Deaton Brown. Her home for many years had been in Ecorse, Michigan.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. A. Stanley Stone officiating. Burial took place in Acacia Park Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Earl G. Grosvenor of Farmington and Burt G. Grosvenor of Tampa, Florida.

Clary Belle Weikel

Mrs. Clary B. Weikel died on December 22, 1951, at the Novi Convalescent Home which is operated by her daughter, Mrs. Matie DePogter. Mrs. Weikel had been ill for the past two years. She was born at Constantine, Michigan, in 1859, the daughter of Lemmon and Rebecca Ferguson Bristol. Mrs. Weikel had lived in Detroit previous to coming to Novi two years ago.

Funeral services were held from the Thayer Funeral Home Monday at 2 p.m. with Rev. A. Stanley Stone officiating. Mrs. Weikel was a member of the Methodist Church where another service and burial took place on Thursday.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Matie DePogter of Novi.



MRS. ROSEMARY JONES

Sunday morning, December 16, the American Legion Post was host at the annual pancake and sausage breakfast. We hear the men did a bang up job.

The American Legion Auxiliary bowling league had a Christmas party last Wednesday afternoon at the Farmington bowling alley. Gifts were exchanged and prizes awarded to participants who bowled above their average. Congratulations to Joy's team which is in first place.

Congratulations are also in order for Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ruelle upon the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Mrs. Magie Catherman is progressing slowly from her recent illness.

The American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 346 will play host to the 17th District American Legion at its next regular meeting, Friday, January 4. It starts at 8:30 p.m.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance at the Legion Home on Grand River. Fun for everyone.

## Bowling News

Team	Won	Lost
Tavern Auto	47	17
Westlake	45	19
Grand Old	41	23
Maya Tool	40	24
Earl Vivier	39	25
Hasley Products	35	29
ReNu Tool	35	29
Quigley Machine	31	33
L & H Wood	29	35
Royal Tool	29	35
Michigan Bell	28	36
Twin Plines	27	37
Automotive Value	26	38
West Point	23	41
A. T. & G. Co.	19	45
K. Kemp, Mason	18	46

Mrs. Margaret Buckingham and her children, Wallace, David and Carol, of Norfolk Avenue, left Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives near West Branch.

## Babson's Business Outlook For 1952

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high during 1952. This prediction recognizes that living costs next year may continue above the lower levels that existed during the first half of 1951, to locally high prices.

It also predicts further rises in freight and passenger rates.

**FARM OUTLOOK GOOD**

13. Congress will not take any action during 1952 to locally higher so-called Fair Trade price maintenance. It's too risky politically when consumers are complaining about the cost of living.

But, manufacturers will tighten up on distributors, eliminating those who won't sign Fair Trade contracts.

14. Barring crop failures, the total supply of food available should be larger in 1952 than for 1951, since the government will raise planting quotas as part of the attack on inflation. If the winter is extremely favorable, the government will be asked to give away surplus crops.

15. With prospects good for a rising supply of food grains, meat should be more plentiful next year than in 1951. Prices for beef, however, will be held up by high wages and military needs.

**LOCAL TAXES WILL BE HIGHER**

16. The burden of Federal taxes, both corporate and personal, will not be increased again during 1952 above the advance last in 1951. State and Municipal taxes, however, will go higher again.

17. The above forecast is based on the assumption that unless State World War III during the first half of 1952, he has made up his mind to forget World War III until the United States and our Allies again "Go to sleep," which this is a definite prediction as to the outlook for World War III.

18. There are three ways of preventing inflation: (1) increased production; (2) decreased spending; and (3) as a last resort, increased taxes. I forecast that the current exploitation and accompanying fear of inflation are not yet their peaks for this business cycle.

19. States and Municipalities will be under pressure to find adequate sources of revenue. Further increases in sales taxes by States will be inevitable and can be looked for next year.

20. There will be no increase in "luxury taxes" during 1952.

**DOMESTIC TRADE UNCERTAIN**

21. Credit curbs will continue to hold down the demand for automobiles and certain household equipment. Completions of fewer dwellings will also act as a damper on furniture sales.

22. Falling demand for hard goods should stimulate the public's spending for food and lower-priced soft goods.

23. The above trend forecast will mean a decline in department store volume. I predict a rise in the sales of variety and drug chains.

**FOREIGN TRADE OUTLOOK**

24. I believe that armament is to become a new and permanent industry, at least for many years to come. Airplanes, tanks, artillery, guns and munitions will constantly be replaced as they become obsolete. This new activity will operate much as the automobile industry has operated.

25. The war will be more and more recognized throughout 1952.

26. Barring new war developments I look for continued shrinkage in our civilian goods and services. Imports, however, may rise further. Exports to South America will be off. Total foreign trade should not be changed much, but the exporters will be the short end of this business with the importers gaining.

27. Except for war supplies, it will become more difficult to obtain foreign merchandise. A cry for increased tariff protection will be heard; but no radical tariff legislation will result.

**MORE DEFICIT FINANCING**

28. The first quarter of 1952 may actually see a budget surplus as a result of high National Income and increased taxation. But, a Federal deficit will surely arise during the balance of the year.

29. Government loans will gradually increase during 1952 and there will be some strengthening of basic interest rates.

30. Government bonds will continue to be held tightly between the floor of Federal Reserve support purchases and the ceiling of Federal Reserve anti-inflation rates.

31. Under such conditions, price changes should be negligible during 1952.

32. While Canada and South Africa have permitted "free markets" or revaluation of gold, because of increases in costs of production, the Administration is still opposed. The Gold Stock United States is, however, likely to be revalued upward when the nation, in the opinion of government economists, "needs another shot of inflation." This will not be in 1952.

**STOCK MARKET AND BOND OUTLOOK**

33. Until the danger of war is past, wise people who can easily do so will move out of large bonds

vulnerable cities and avoid having investments in such areas.

34. Sometime during 1952 stocks will sell lower than current quotations. This applies especially to oils and certain "blue chips."

35. Stocks now in the best position for 1952 should be many of those that have not been popular as inflation hedges in the past months. I like good chain variety store stocks, certain movie stocks and possibly the air-transportation issues.

36. Investment Trust funds, pension funds, and insurance companies may provide an excellent hedge of demand for sound Income Stocks where good values can be demonstrated.

37. Successful investors of 1952 will be those who have the PATIENCE to follow a carefully planned investment program. Such a program will emphasize diversification — not only by company and industry, but also by quality and cash.

38. Highest-grade taxable corporate bonds should hold in a narrow price range during 1952, but I see no reason for individual investors to buy them unless they are CONVERTIBLES.

39. With present high income taxes, tax-exempt bonds should continue in good demand. Investors should see to it that their bond maturities are carefully diversified, with some part of their bond funds maturing each year. As there usually is not a good market for tax-exempts when an estate is liquidated, it is wise to hold only such bonds as will mature near the time of one's probable death.

**REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY**

40. Nonseasonal commercial boom was the result of easy credit, — almost nothing down and small payments for years hence. Under these conditions there will be fewer small homes built in 1952; but some credit restrictions will be modified. Mortgage money should soon be had on more liberal terms.

41. Nonseasonal commercial building will be hit in 1952 — but, barring World War III, controls will be lessened rather than increased.

42. The decline in new building will continue to throw a wet blanket over speculation in vacant suburban lots during 1952.

43. The scare caused by the Korean War and fears of an early outbreak in other sections will adversely affect the demand for big city real estate. This fear, however, is declining and many who had put their city properties up for sale are withdrawing them.

44. Small sustenance farms should hold up well in price as they continue to be valuable in inflation. Demand for large commercial farms, however, should weaken as the year progresses.

45. Any saving bank toward rent control will act as a further damper on new apartment house building. There is as yet no incentive to build homes for rental income, though rent control is gradually lessening.

46. Tighter credit controls will make it more difficult to improve older residential properties. Hence, the prices for these should weaken even though these are now the best buys.

47. Volume of money and credit in circulation will continue to increase. The big rise has been in credit. Much of the credit increase is "secured" by commodity and property values that shrink greatly when defense spending ends.

## DEFENSE ORDERS AND POLITICS

47. Those who can do so should attempt to get defense orders if needed to hold up production volumes and reduce overhead. Not too much profit from such war business should be expected. These contracts will be subject to tightened renegotiations.

48. The political outlook for 1952 will be completely dominated by looking for position in the Presidential race for 1952. Barring World War III, Congress will pass very little new legislation except some sops to labor and the veterans.

49. Congress will still be dominated by a conservative coalition of Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats. This North-South coalition will still be able to curb one-rights by New Dealers.

50. Democrats, as well as Republicans, in Congress are making

every effort to avoid antagonizing farmers. Again in 1952, as in 1948, — the farmers will hold the balance of power in the Presidential and many Congressional elections. The labor vote is overrated.

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