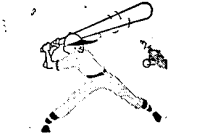


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BASEBALL . . .
is once again one of the main topics of conversation, in the street car or the bus, among the men at the club, the kids down the block,



or with the gang at the drug store, no matter if it is the major league, or the high school squad—it's still baseball, and a favorite with all America.

ONCE AGAIN . . .
Spence Heeney's lawn is looking much like a beautiful piece of green velvet. I think everyone in town takes a good deal of pride in that lawn. It's well worth all the work it takes to keep it looking so perfect.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .
to the Senior Class, on the lovely Senior Prom held Saturday evening. Without a doubt it was one of the nicest parties ever held in the gymnasium. The decorations were as nice as any we've ever seen, and it was a splendid affair from beginning to end. We are sure it may well be a model for other classes to follow when the time comes for them to plan their Prom.

THIS BOY SCOUT . . .
is carrying out the Scout motto of "Be Prepared" for he is already collecting everything he wants to



put out for the annual "Plan" that will soon be staged in the City and in the Township. "Be Prepared" is a good motto for all of us.

THE RAINS CAME . . .
Wednesday night, and with the rain came a good old thunder and lightning storm, too. However, no one will object to a little storm—not after the perfectly wonderful weather the past week-end. "I'm-um—'at was sumpin'."

THE BREEZES . . .
that blow in the spring sometimes surprise us all. The strong wind that came up Wednesday afternoon did its share to create havoc by blowing papers helter-skelter all over town. In fact, downtown Farmington was said to resemble Hastings Street—we hasten to add only because of the papers that were blown all over town and



lodged in hedges, in corners, along the curb and almost anywhere they could lodge—there the unsightly ended. However, it certainly wasn't a very attractive landscape. Please don't throw papers about to litter the street. There are receptacles in the business section in which you may put any discarded paper. You surely wouldn't carelessly throw papers about your own yard, so let's not do it anywhere else.

SO GAY AND BRIGHT . . .
are the smart iris, the ardent reds and the tulips now showing color in many of the yards of Farmington homes. Surely a welcome note added to the landscape.

WITH HIS SIGN . . .
all neatly hung in place, it would appear that Max Hulet is now ready for business. If you haven't seen his office, located in the Farmington State Bank Building, you have missed seeing one of the nicest additions to Farmington's business section in some time. It's just like downtown—and we're not kidding!

Pfc Lola Bell, WAC, has returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after spending a two weeks' furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bell.

Blood Donors Are Asked To Register

Unit Is Here
On June 5

As the date of the American Red Cross Blood Bank visit to Farmington draws near, the plea for donors is again made.

The unit will be here on Monday, June 5, and appointments will be taken from 2:30 in the afternoon until 7:00 p.m. No appointments will be made at 5:00 or 5:15, however.

In order to secure the quota of blood set for the unit's visit here, it will be necessary to have 250 registrants. The registrations have not even approached this number as yet, and it is why it is so urgent that everyone who intends to give blood should register now.

You may register any evening at the Civic Theatre, where the Blue Star Mothers are doing such a fine job of accepting registrations, or you may register at the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, or Edgar Pierce.

The giving of a pint of blood means so little to one of us, but it may mean the difference between life and death to one of our boys out there at the fighting front. All those who have given blood before know that it is a small thing to ask, and as many as can will want to give this time. Undoubtedly there are many who have never given blood before who will want to donate to the unit this time. Please make your registration now, so the workers here can complete all arrangements for the unit.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTERS TO BE FETED

The Mother and Daughter Banquet of the Salem Evangelical Church is planned for Friday evening, May 12, to begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Because of limited space and quantity of food available, tickets will not be sold to more than 100 persons. If you have not yet purchased your ticket, to avoid disappointment, you should do so now. You may get your ticket from Mrs. Mary Lenz or Mrs. Alice Foster for your reservations.

With each adult ticket there will also be a ticket to the Spring Concert of the Farmington High School Band and Glee Club, which is given at the home of Henry C. Wright of Ten Mile Road, turned out to be a luncheon, at which Edna Stone was presented with an old-fashioned corsage of handkerchiefs of every hue.

Mrs. Lisle Arnold and Mrs. Lyle Smith assisted the hostess and Mrs. C. U. Applegate poured. Others attending were Mrs. James Little, Mrs. Fred Benstein, Mrs. Floyd Neely, Mrs. Alfred LaPrise, Mrs. Ben Watkins, Mrs. Carl Hastings, Mrs. Roy Senatmacker, Mrs. Athanasius Brown, Mrs. Al Siefert, Mrs. John Bobb, Mrs. George McIntyre, Mrs. Carl Werder, Mrs. Marsh Erickson and two tiny tots, Joan Siefert and Maricle Erickson.

Mrs. Stone will be greatly missed from the Red Cross circle, for she has been a faithful worker and a willing helper in all the group's undertakings.

Blue Star Mothers To Hold Bake Sale
The Farmington Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America are holding a baked goods sale Saturday, May 6, at Pauline's Market. This is an excellent opportunity to get your weekend supply of freshly baked cakes, pies and other home made treats for the family. Make your purchases early while there is still a good assortment.

Sunshine Party Is Highly Successful
The annual Sunshine Party of the ladies of the Salem Evangelical Church was given Wednesday at the church, with an excellent attendance. Following the luncheon there was a special program and a lovely display of handwork was offered for sale. The beautiful blanket was won by Pae. Packard of Greening Boulevard.

Motion Pictures Shown At Kiwanis Meeting
A representative of the A.A.A. showed pictures at the meeting of the Farmington Kiwanis Club Wednesday evening, following the usual dinner at the Salem Evangelical Church. Among the pictures shown were a reel on the Holland Tulip Festival.

LA James M. Tase managing editor of the Enterprise is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

DETROIT MOTORIST CRASHES INTO POLICE CAR

The Farmington Police Department is not a "mechanized unit" these days, following an accident which occurred Saturday night. The police car was parked on the curb on Grand River Avenue in front of the City Hall, when a car crashed into the rear end of it, driving it up over the curb and wrecking the back end of the police car, as well as the front end of the car which crashed into it. The driver of the car which did the damage was David Hector, assistant manager of the Tuller Hotel, Detroit. He was arraigned in Court Monday morning on charges of drunk driving. He pleaded not guilty and was released on bond of \$200.00. Mr. Hector will appear for trial on Friday, May 12.

STUDENTS URGED TO BOOST BOND PURCHASES

With the school year drawing to a close, students are reminded to show their patriotism by pushing the bond and stamp sale up a little higher. Stamps will not be sold the last week of school, because of examination schedules.

According to the records of Franklin Ryan, who has had charge of the bond and stamp sale at Farmington Schools, cash value of bonds and stamps sold during this semester is \$11,769.56. Mr. Strobel's room has led this semester with \$94.17 per person. Miss Bailey's room is second with \$49.33 per person.

In the grade school Mrs. Pavey's sixth grade is leading with \$40.05. Miss Thomas' room is second with \$24.50.

The maturity value of bonds and stamps purchased during the Fourth War Loan amounted to \$19,500.00, for which the school received a letter of congratulatory from the chairman of the Michigan War Finance Board, Mr. Frank N. Isbey, for this fine achievement.

RED CROSS UNIT ENTERTAINS FOR MRS. STONE

When it became known that Mr. Frank N. Isbey, chairman of the Red Cross Unit, was moving back to Detroit to resume residence there, the members of Red Cross Unit 63 of which Mrs. Stone was a member, decided to shower her with handkerchiefs. The last meeting of the unit, held at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Wright of Ten Mile Road, turned out to be a luncheon, at which Edna Stone was presented with an old-fashioned corsage of handkerchiefs of every hue.

Mrs. Lisle Arnold and Mrs. Lyle Smith assisted the hostess and Mrs. C. U. Applegate poured. Others attending were Mrs. James Little, Mrs. Fred Benstein, Mrs. Floyd Neely, Mrs. Alfred LaPrise, Mrs. Ben Watkins, Mrs. Carl Hastings, Mrs. Roy Senatmacker, Mrs. Athanasius Brown, Mrs. Al Siefert, Mrs. John Bobb, Mrs. George McIntyre, Mrs. Carl Werder, Mrs. Marsh Erickson and two tiny tots, Joan Siefert and Maricle Erickson.

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Honor Roll To Be Enlarged

The Honor Roll of the City and Township of Farmington will be brought up to date, and two new boards will be added to the present board before Memorial Day. It is the intention of the American Legion, who sponsored the board as a civic project, to have this work all completed before the observance of Memorial Day.

Over two hundred names will be added to those already appearing on the board.

It is hoped to bring the board completely up to date with this work. Names that have already been submitted are ready to go on the board now, as soon as the board is added on, and anyone who may have some names to add that have not yet turned them in, is asked to please do so at once.

The honor roll is a fine tribute to our young men and women. It is a real tribute to having it complete—the name of every man and woman from the City and Township in the armed forces during the present war.

DOREEN BOTHWELL MARRIED TO ARMY SERGEANT

The St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Redford was the scene of a very pretty wedding Saturday evening at seven o'clock when Miss Doreen Bothwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Aubill, became the bride of Staff Sergeant Neil McKenzie Hills of Westbrook Avenue, Redford. Rev. Donald W. Crawford performed the ceremony.

The bride was gowned in ivory satin, with flowing veil and carried white satin prayer book. The matron of honor, Mrs. William Wood, sister of the groom, wore pink marquisette and the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Jane Smith of Farmington, was gowned in blue marquisette. Best man, Sergeant Robert Willoughby of Redford attended the groom and William Robb, uncle of the bride and Mr. Louis Meade, brother-in-law of the groom were ushers.

Dinner and reception for one hundred guests was held in Fordale.

Sergeant Hills, who is a gunner in the air corps, has just completed thirty missions and is home on furlough from his base in England.

He will leave, accompanied by Mrs. Hills, for Atlantic City on May 6.

LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FROM STATE

The Farmington City and Township Library received a check today for \$141.10. Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian, announced. This check is the first half of a grant from the State Aid to Public Libraries Fund for which the library has qualified this year.

These grants to our library are made possible through the appropriation by the Legislature of \$300,000 for the 1943-44 year. The 1944 Special Session has renewed the grant for the fiscal year 1944-45, which will provide much needed funds to meet libraries' increased war-time costs.

This bonus is paid to our public library because the local tax support is being maintained. If the local tax support drops, the library is disqualified for this grant.

Once a grant is received its use is entirely up to the library board which allows the projects to be designed to fit this community. Only capital expenditures are allowed.

Blue Star Mothers Will Sponsor Party

The Farmington Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America will hold a luncheon and busco party on Wednesday, May 17, at the American Legion Hall on Grand River Avenue.

This party is for all women of the community, and it is hoped a good attendance will come to enjoy the afternoon.

George Nickolas Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Gould, of Farmington, will be in the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois. Gould is the brother of Don B. Gould, also a member of the Navy.

AERIAL GUNNER



FLIGHT OFFICER AUBILL

Flight Officer George Parks Aubill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Aubill, 2574 Grand River, Farmington, was among the ten highest aerial gunners of the class of fighter pilots graduated at the AAF Training Command School located at Luke Field, Arizona, on April 15.

Along with his commission as a Second Lieutenant and pilot's wings, he received an individual gunnery trophy.

Flight Officer Aubill's class was outstanding in aerial gunnery, 98.1 per cent of the members receiving gunnery instruction qualifying as expert marksmen, sharpshooters or marksmen.

Senior Girls To Attend P.T.A.

The High School seniors will be the guests of honor at the last Parent Teachers Association meeting of the year to be held in the High School Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock. All seniors and older high school girls who plan to work this summer will be particularly interested in the subject of "Vocational Opportunities for Girls."

The speaker will be Ann Little Brandes, a National authority on women in industry. Parents of high school girls will have the rare privilege of getting advice from an expert on a subject of grave importance to them, and to their daughters. Should we encourage our daughter to work? What jobs will give best post-war opportunities to my daughter? What moral, as well as technical standards, should she be prepared to meet?

The senior girls themselves will find this an excellent opportunity to get a preview of what they are facing in their new jobs. What will my new employer expect of me and what do I have a right to expect from him? Shall I quit school and get a job? Are women and girls critically needed at this time? Shall I work in a factory? What is social security, and how will it apply to me?

All high school girls who are interested in a career or who are most welcome to avail themselves of this grand chance to get first hand information from a women's employment expert.

REV. STONE SPEAKS BEFORE EXCHANGEITES

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, of First Methodist Church, Farmington, in charge of the program at Wednesday's meeting of Farmington Exchange Club, spoke most interestingly on the subject, "Laugh Loud In War Time."

Rev. Stone gave an excellent talk, pointing out the ability of the American people to see the humorous side of almost any situation, no matter how serious it may actually be. This very quality has been a constant source of surprise to our allies, and has saved many a situation during the course of this war.

Legion Auxiliary Meets Next Monday

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday evening, May 8, at the Legion Home on Grand River Avenue. Following the business meeting, members will enjoy refreshments and a social hour.

Mineral Extraction

In the last 40 years the world has extracted more minerals from the earth than in all preceding history.

Farmington High School Remains On Approved List

DEGREE OF MASTER MASON CONFERRED ON SIX

Members and guests of Farmington Masonic Lodge enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner Monday night, served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Following the dinner, six members of the lodge were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, with Walter Russell, Worshipful Master, presiding. He was assisted by several Past Masters.

Visitors were present from Dearborn, Detroit, Berkley, Redford, Ohio and Minnesota.

STAFF SERGEANT HOWARD RUELE IS COMMENDED

Staff Sgt. Howard A. Ruele, 74th Squadron aerial engineer, received the commendation of Col. L. Ponton de Arc, Commanding Officer and Major Hugh E. Wild, Wing Flight Operations Officer, Headquarters, Caribbean Wing, A.T.C., for his "diligent care" as engineer on a trip from India.

Major Wild's letter to the Commanding Officer stated that Staff Sergeant Ruele, who had just ferried a B-25 in which they were returning was being overhauled and Staff Sergeant Ruele speeded the "via commission date."

Working nights while the rest of the crew slept he was able to keep the ship in excellent condition, and the return trip to the United States was made in six days. Staff Sergeant Ruele's expert knowledge of the ship, his hard work, engineering ability, devotion to duty, splendid character and personality were also praised.

Col. Ponton de Arc's endorsement added "Your attention to duty, long hours of work and expert supervision in the above cited instance has brought much credit upon yourself, as well as upon this group."

"SKY-HIGH GIRL" FEATURED AT EDGEWATER

Edgewater Park, on 7 Mile Road, near Grand River, is now operating at full speed. Its 20 thrill rides, concessions, penny arcade and great free attractions far surpass those of any previous season.

This week's feature is the original "Sky-High Girl" who performs upon a 12-foot swing pole, climbing her act with a thrilling slide to earth while hanging by her teeth. Sunday, May 7, will see the opening of the Atonos, the "All White Aerial Sensation" which has performed many times in Europe and is now touring for daring from King Oscar of Sweden.

Among the twenty rides are the Jeoper, Rocket, Bomber, Lindy Loop, Octopus, Tilt-A-Whirl, Dodge Em, etc. The Fun House, The House that Jack Built, the Penny Arcade and the mid-way concessions offer thrills to those who prefer their fun on the ground. In addition there is a baseball field, a giant roller-skating rink and strength testers.

"The World of Fun" is well equipped for family outings with a special Kiddieland with its small sized replicas of the big rides and a special picnic grounds complete with tables and stores with free gas for cooking.

Livonia Scouts Make Week-End Trip

Members of Scout Troop, L.V. No. 2 attended a week-end camp at the Rubritus estate, north of Welland, Ontario.

The boys passed the cooking test and several won prizes for races. The Panther Patrol won the contest for the best dogs and cleanup men. They attended church in Welland Lake and returned Sunday afternoon very tired and happy.

Private Francis X. Jarvis of Fort Knox, Kentucky, spent the week-end at home.

Series Of Articles Will Picture School System

In a communication received this week from Dr. Edgar G. Johnston, chairman of the Michigan State Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Farmington High School was notified that it had received "Unqualified Approval" as a North Central School. This means that Farmington High School maintains standards equal to those of the other high ranking schools in the United States. Students who are graduated from Farmington High School with a good average in their class work and the required subjects, may enroll in colleges who are members of this association without taking entrance examinations. Farmington High School has been approved by the North Central Association continuously since 1927, and is also credited by the University of Michigan.

Farmington may justly be proud of its schools and in order that never residents of the community may become more familiar with the growth and progress of the school and its operations, a series of articles will appear in the Farmington Enterprise, giving many interesting and factual details on its growth and services.

Area Included

The Farmington School District, in general, is bounded on the north by Eleven and One-Half Mile Road, on the East by Orchard Lake Road and Tuck Road, on the South by Eight and One-Half Mile Road and Eight Mile Road and on the west by Civil Road. It covers approximately five and one quarter square miles, or one and one-half square miles of which lies within the city limits of Farmington. Although the district itself is relatively small, it covers a wide area on the high school level.

There are eight school districts in Farmington Township, two in Novi Township, three in Southfield Township and one in Livonia Township, sending one or more high school students to this national community center. The Bond district with 68 students, and the Noble district with 31 students enrolled, are the largest sending districts.

The instructional program is carried on in four buildings—the gymnasium and auditorium, the elementary building, the high school building, and the vocal and instrumental music building.

During this year there has been an average membership of 731 in grades, kindergarten through the sixth. Of this enrollment 26 are non-residents, most of whom originally started in the Farmington schools and have continued through the grades. The seventh and eighth grades, which are divided into four sections, have an average membership of 116. The high school enrollment has shown a drop of about 40 in average membership this year, due to many of the boys being drafted and some leaving school to fill good jobs in industry. The high school grades show an average membership of 384, at this time.

Growth Of District

Farmington school district has shown an appreciable growth during the last ten years, although that growth has been as great as in some of the surrounding districts. The greatest increase in enrollments has been in common with other schools in Michigan in the early elementary grades. The school census has increased approximately 200 in a ten-year period. The total membership has increased from 473 in 1934 to 835 in 1944, about one half of this increase attributed to the increase in non-resident high school students who are attracted to Farmington High School because of the program it can offer. Inasmuch as the state allows the school district \$106.50 per year for each non-

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Jack Raymond Thirey, 18, son of Mrs. Charlotte Thirey, 35300 Oakland Avenue, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois.