Around The Block

THERE'S NO MISTAKING . . . that feeling of fall in the air. The evenings are crisp and cool, and just ideal for a short, brisk walk before turning in and calling it a day. It seems pretty early to be so cool, but perhaps there is a long period of "Indian Summer" in store for us this year — one of the loveliest times of the year it is, too.

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VACATIONS . . . are over for almost everyone now and working people have returned to their positions for another year. Vacations are over, too, for the youngsters, for Farmington Schools open next week, and the boys and girls will be back at their desks for another year. It will seem good to see the city filled with laughing, happy boys and girls. We always miss them when school is first out in the spring and it seems so quiet and unnatural.

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TEDDY . . . was more than just the pet dog of Fred and Mary Lenz, for practically everyone in Farmington knew the friendly collie and shepherd dog, and at some time or another the greatest percentage of Farmingtonites had opened the door to let him dash up the stairs. And that is why many of us are feeling a little sad to think that Teddy died last Sunday. He died of old age, for Teddy had passed his 15th birthday, which is a ripe old age in dogdom. And now he rests in peace beneath an old apple tree. Though we'll not see him again, nor hear his joyful bark, we'll not soon forget him either.

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THE ENTERPRISE . . . has received word that solicitors for a suburban paper have been working in the Farmington Township area, securing subscriptions for a paper purported to carry Farmington Township news. A number of persons have subscribed to this paper, in the belief that it was The Farmington Enterprise. The Enterprise has no solicitors in the field, and is the only official newspaper of Farmington City and Township.

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AMONG THOSE INCIDENTS . . . that create an uncommon amount of embarrassment one might well include the time that horn on the automobile chooses to get stuck. One can't help but chuckle a little to see the poor motorist look confused for a moment or two, and then hop out of the car, hurriedly lift the hood and try to disconnect something or other so that the "consarned thing" will hush up. Sometimes he is successful in locating the trouble, and sometimes it blows on and on, making him redder by the minute. Just one of those times when you would sell the old buggy for a nickel.

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BOWLING . . . has certainly been the hour recently in Farmington, but it is about to move over a bit to allow room for football. With the high school lads now practicing and the opening of the season a matter of only days, everyone is showing interest in what the Falcons will put forth. Better try to take in a game or so this year, and get in the spirit of the season.

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YOU GARDENERS . . . want to go over the fruits and vegetables — and the flowers — carefully, for the Fall Flower Festival is just a little over a week away — September 14 is the exact date. Don't forget to enter your prize specimens in the show, and if you are among those artistic individuals who thoroughly enjoy working with flowers, you'll undoubtedly find several classes which will interest you, and you'll want to enter exhibits in these, too. It promises to be a really fine show, and the whole town ought to turn out to see it.

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LAST MONDAY . . . was a holiday. It was Labor Day. However, with only the flags flying to indicate this fact, it seemed less like a holiday in Farmington than any other holiday we can recall. Maybe it was because it was unseasonably cold, or maybe it was some other reason, but almost everyone seemed to go on about their business as usual, and whether it was the family wash, or some routine job at home, the work was turned out just as if it had not been a holiday at all.

Big Squad At Pre-School Drill

With four days of pre-school practice over the 1946 gridders of Farmington High look well on the way toward a season of top notch football with one of the fastest squads in several years.

Eighty boys turned out for the first fall workout last Sunday and an average of sixty have turned out each day since to the morning and afternoon drills. Most of this week's activity has been centered around the fundamentals of blocking, tackling, passing, running and kicking with very few contact scrimmages.

Fred McLeaf, brother of 1945 captain Bob McLean, is expected to hold down quarterback duties with veterans Don Kobman and Jerry Fisher in the halfback slots and George Isley and Chuck Horvath switching in at fullback. Tom Goers and Elbridge Dunckel are dividing a good share of the center duties with Harold Lawton and Bob Aulgur at the first string guard positions. Bob Chesley, veteran tackle of the '45 squad, should handle one of the tackles with Dutch Doll, Bob Redner, Howard Packard, Bill Packard and Harvey Barnes in the race for the other tackle slot. Ernie Tyler, Jack Heller, Junior Fendt, Jim Burton and Jim Miller appear to be the top pass receivers in this first week of drills but later developments will tell the tale.

Bob Wesner and Duane Delling will also see their share of action in the Falcon backfield in this season gridiron wars. Jim Grech, a holdover from last year's eleven, reported for practice last Tuesday and will prove a great asset to the backfield.

As a whole Coach Robert Hutton seems to be pleased with his speedy squad who play their first tilt on September 20 when they meet the Plymouth Rocks at Plymouth.

Engagement Announced

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Aldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Aldridge of Wayne, Michigan, and Harry Esch, son of the Ernest F. Eschs of Farmington.

No date has been set for the wedding.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Plans have been completed for the opening of St. Paul's Christian Day School at Middlebelt and Eight Mile Road on Monday, September 9. Operated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, it is the only Protestant Church School in this section.

All parents who desire a distinctly Christian education and training for their children may apply to enroll their children. Present indications are for a capacity enrollment again this year.

The school faculty will consist of Mr. W. T. Graf, principal and instructor in the upper grades, and Miss Rosalind Dzeer, primary teacher. Both have good recommendations as teachers of high ideals and ability. Mr. Graf has a Bachelor of Science degree, and eighteen years of experience.

V.F.W. Aids Servicemen In Filing Claims

Commander Tardy of Farmington Post 4033, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has recently appointed three special service officers to aid the returning veterans in making out their applications for terminal leave pay. The Veterans of Foreign Wars have printed a limited supply of the forms and as long as they last, they may be had at:

George McDonald
Center Furniture Store
33308 Grand River

William Fairley
Auto Electric Company
29590 Grand River

Fred G. Mehke
Super Service Station
28728 Grand River

There is no cost for the above service, so don't delay in sending in your application; your original service record, or better still, a certified photostatic copy of same must be attached to the application when it is mailed.

Golden Rule Circle Meets At Bradley Home

The Golden Rule Circle of the Farmington Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Bradley, 33125 Grand River Avenue.

Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

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Fire Destroys Garage And Chicken Coop

Tractor And Chickens Lost In Blaze

Flames at the home of George Kudla, of 20876 Sunnyside caused approximately $1,000 damage early Wednesday afternoon as they swept through a garage and newly constructed chicken house destroying both completely and blistering a back portion of the house.

According to Bernard Kudla, eldest son, he had been taking paint off the garage with a blow torch and when the time came to eat lunch he took a bucket of water and threw it over the spots he had been working on, then put out the torch and went in the house. While eating dinner, he happened to look out the window and noticed the garage smoking. He immediately phoned the Fire Department who arrived shortly after only to find the building engulfed in flames. With the help of neighbors they managed to save three dogs and some chickens but a tractor, bicycle, garden tools, table radio, two automobile tires and 35 or 40 chickens were destroyed by the blaze.

Tractor gas which was kept in the garage eliminated the building rapidly and was well on the way toward destroying the house when the Farmington firemen arrived to halt further damage.

The garage, which is located south of Eight Mile Road, was completely insured.

BIG FESTIVAL PLANNED AT SOUTH LYON

A Farmer's Festival will be held on the streets of South Lyon on Saturday, September 21, and the event promises to be one of the biggest affairs ever held in our neighboring community.

The Festival will open with a big parade at 11:00 a.m. with everyone invited to participate. At noon there will be a barbecue, with lots of good things to eat. During the afternoon there will be such features as band music, with Farmington and Northville bands participating, a horse pulling contest, games of all kinds with prizes, entertainment in the big tent, airplane rides, and an elephant and horse show. In addition, both Kim Sigler and Murray D. Van Wagoner will speak during the afternoon.

Drawing will be held in the evening at 9:00 p.m. for six big prizes which will be given away.

Everyone will want to attend the Farmer's Festival at South Lyon on Saturday, September 21.

Date For V.F.W. Encampment Set

Sunday, September 15, is the date set for the fifth district encampment at Monroe for the V.F.W. and the Farmington Post is expected to have a large group to represent them. The big day begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 6:00 p.m. with a large parade including three bands. A dinner is being served by the Monroe Auxiliary and Commander Tardy is desirous to have all members attend in uniform if possible.

Rural Box System Working Well

Postmaster Norman Lee stated this week that the number of rural mail patrons, using the new system of box numbers, is increasing every day. The system is working out very well, according to Mr. Lee, and it is proving to be quite a time saver for the rural mail carriers in sorting the mail.

As yet it has not been ascertained what percentage of the rural mail patrons are employing the use of the box numbers, but it is apparent that the new system is being widely used, and residents are cooperating with postal employees in successfully carrying out the new arrangement.

Once again it is time to send out those packages for service men and women who are overseas. Mr. Lee stated that regulations are not as essential this year as they have been for the past several years, for almost all restrictions on overseas mailing have been lifted. It is no longer necessary to have a request in order to mail packages, and parcels up to 70 pounds in weight may be sent. However, if Christmas gift packages are to reach their destination in time for the holidays, they should be mailed between now and October 15. Although the volume of Christmas packages overseas will be far less this year, shipping facilities are no speedier than they have been, and as much time should be allowed this year as in former years. It is well to observe such rules as carefully packing all articles, and putting food stuffs in tin boxes, well sealed, for the boxes may be shuffled around considerably and packed pretty tightly in transporting them overseas. Pack them well if you wish them to be in good condition when they reach the addressee.

Legion Nine Lose Twin Bill

The Groves-Walker Post American Legion Senior Nine dropped two tilts last Monday in a twin bill at the Farmington diamond.

The Farmington lads lost the opener to the Keego Harbor Merchants as the visitors lined out nine hits including a four bagger with two men aboard in the third for second baseman Walter and a total of 7 runs.

Farmington equalled the Keego batsmen in hits but failed to send an equal amount of talleys across the plate.

Domas went the distance for the merchants, fanning nine men, while Pauline downed six by route of strikes.

Coming from behind in the eighth inning of the nightcap the Detroit Lubrication Nine nabbed a 13-10 victory from the Legion boys as they smashed out 14 hits and held the hometown sluggers to 8 safe ones. Evers and Herbert divided mound duties for the visitors while Coach Bob Werschin sent three hurlers, Bill Mitchell, Jim Mitchell and Dick Pauline, against the Lubricators.

Harvey, Detroit catcher, led his team at the plate with 4 hits in six trips to the plate, while Stafford, a Farmington outfielder who played for the Detroit lads, came through with two singles.

Arnold Werschin topped the Farmington hitters with 3 hits in 5 trips to the plate.

This ends the 1946 season for the Groves-Walker boys as far as baseball is concerned but plans are rapidly developing to organize a basketball squad and bowling begins for the veterans this Wednesday as they open their winter season at the Farmington Recreation.

Blue Star Mothers Plan Monthly Party

The Blue Star Mothers will give their birthday luncheon and bunco party on Wednesday, September 11, at the American Legion Home on Grand River Avenue. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

Mrs. Fay McConchie is chairman for the August Mothers, and Mrs. Alice Filoot is chairman for the September Mothers.

Articles for their Bazaar will be received at this time, also.

BOY SCOUTS WILL PICK UP PAPER THIS SATURDAY

The Boy Scouts of Troop 35 will have a paper pick-up on Saturday, September 7. They will not make a house-to-house canvass, but those residents wishing to have the Scouts call for paper may telephone 1034-M or 0710, and the papers will be called for. The Scouts will also pick up any rags that residents may wish to dispose of.

Please place your call early, and help the Scouts complete their plans for the collection.

Restaurant Broken Into

Last Friday night, August 30, Bucks Victory Restaurant, on Grand River across from the Farmington State Bank was entered and robbed of $73.50.

The robbery evidently occurred some time after the restaurant was closed on Friday evening. According to police, the entry was made by smashing one of the rear windows. Apparently the thief, after breaking and entering went straight to the cash register behind the bar and took the $73.50 in change. Two other cash registers, one in the restaurant and one in the kitchen, apparently were not looted.

Two large pieces of window glass had been taken out of the broken window and placed beside the rear door. Detective Van Lannegan of the State Police took fingerprints from the glass. A thorough investigation is being made by Farmington Police and State Police.

The break-in was reported to the Farmington Police early Saturday.

Car Stolen

Sometime after 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31, an automobile owned by Mr. Meyfarth, Detroit, was stolen from in front of the La Salle Winery, 31505 Grand River, and as yet has not been recovered. The car, a 1946 green Chevrolet, with license number 24-96-CG, was parked near the winery around 4:00 p.m. and when Meyfarth returned the vehicle was gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Taylor, children, Joy and Henry, have returned home after spending two weeks at Tawas, Michigan.

"Take It Easy", Farmington Motorists Warned - It's Back To School Time

The season — the weather spells just one thing to a very important part of Farmington's population these days. It's "back to school" for Farmington's children. Every morning and every afternoon starting September 9, the streets will be crowded with school children.

That in itself should serve as a warning to all automobile drivers, to "take it easy". However a special warning is being issued this week by local police and state and national safety organizations, to be doubly careful these first few months of school.

Traffic on Grand River, through Farmington constitutes a particular hazard as far as school children are concerned. In spite of guarded crossings at School Street and at Farmington Road, motorists must be alert if Farmington is to maintain its safety record.

Farmington police and school officials this week put out an urgent plea to all automobile drivers to observe the school safety zones, to drive slowly, and to watch carefully for school children crossing the street.

According to Harold R. Danford, educational director of the National Conservation Bureau, of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, "Unless an added emphasis is placed on traffic safety education we have every right to expect that at least 8,000 school age youngsters will lose their lives due to traffic accidents during the next year." He pointed out that, "This coming year will be a more hazardous one than any of the past four or five due to the return of many more vehicles to the streets and highways, resumption of higher speeds and the run down condition of many vehicles.

Here are some simple rules for saving the lives of our school children:

FOR THE CHILD . . .

1. Always cross the street under the supervision of the officer or teacher if one is present; always observe the traffic lights; always look both ways before crossing the street; always cross at crosswalks or intersections.
2. Do not run into the street without first making sure that there are no moving automobiles close by; never run from between parked cars.
3. Do not annoy drivers by darting in and out of the street, or by running along the side of their cars.

FOR THE MOTORIST . . .

1. Beginning today, observe all school safety signs.
2. Children, especially young children, are liable to do the unexpected; they act first and think afterward. When you are driving near a school or where children are — slow down.
3. Be especially observant of parked cars. They may dart out in front of you.

GUY DURGAN MADE CHAIRMAN OF ZONING BOARD

Members of the Farmington Township Zoning Board met with Township officials in a special meeting last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing the Zoning Board and beginning the actual zoning work.

Guy Durgan was named chairman of the Zoning Board and Mrs. Clarence Billing is the secretary. Other members are Thomas Tardy and Frazer Hults.

The group discussed procedure, and several helpful suggestions were made.

It is expected that the Board will continue their work now, and as soon as they have progressed far enough, a public meeting will be held in order to keep Township residents informed.

School Bus Routes Given

Schedules for the seven school buses of the Farmington Township School District have been announced by Superintendent Orville E. Dunckel. The times the various buses will leave the school, and the routes they will take, are as follows.

Bus No. 1, driven by Mrs. Lester Evert, leaves on Trip 1 at 7:45 a.m. traveling on Nine Mile Road, to Gill Road, to Eight Mile Road, to Haggerty, to Nine Mile, to Halsted to Grand River (Fairview School Kindergarten) to School Street. On Trip 2 the bus takes School Street, Power Road, Twelve Mile Road, Orchard Lake Road, Grand River to School Street.

Bus No. 2 is driven by E. S. Howard, and starts the first trip at 7:40 a.m. from Halsted Road to Thirteen Mile Road, to Haggerty, to Twelve Mile, to Halsted Road, to Howard Road, to Twelve Mile Road, to Drake Road, and to Thirteen Mile Road (Bond School.) High School students from grades 7 to 12, picked up before reaching Howard Road will transfer at that point to Bus 6, until Bus 7 is available. Trip 2 leaves at 3:15 a.m. Thirteen Mile Road, to Greening, to Twelve Mile, to Orchard Lake, to Thirteen Mile (Bond School), to Farmington Road, to Fourteen Mile to Orchard Lake (Bond School), to Grand River and School Street. Only elementary pupils will be picked up on this trip north of Thirteen Mile Road. On Trip 3 at 11:00 a.m. Kindergarten children will be taken care of, Orchard Lake Road to Fourteen Mile to Farmington Road to Thirteen Mile to Drake Road, to Twelve Mile, to Haggerty and return to Halsted Road, to Twelve Mile.

Bus No. 3, driven by Maurice Brown and Isaac Snell, leaves on Trip 1 at 7:40 a.m. going from School Street to Grand River, to Orchard Lake, to Shiawassee, to Oxford, to Independence, to Middlebelt, to Nine Mile, to Inkster, to Ten Mile, to Miller Road, to Grand River and to School Street. After bus 7 is available this trip will start at 8:00 a.m. Trip 2, leaving at 8:40 a.m. is from School Street, to Grand River, to Nine Mile, to Tuck Road, to Grand River and to School Street.

Bus No. 4, with Howard Jacobs, driver, leaves on Trip 1 at 7:55 a.m. from Shiawassee (William Grace School), Nine Mile Road, to Floral, to Shiawassee, to Miller, to Elm, to Hanes, to Ten Mile, to Orchard Lake, to Ten Mile, to Inkster, to Ten Mile, to Middlebelt (North) to Middlebelt (Noble School) to Shiawassee, the William Grace School. Trip 2, starting at 8:30 a.m. is from the William Grace School to Adams, to Nine Mile, to Inkster, to Shiawassee, to St. Francis, to Independence, to Grand River, to Colgate, to Liberty, to Middlebelt, to Shiawassee, to William Grace School and Middlebelt (Noble School). Trip 3 at 12:25 is for the kindergarten session at William Grace School. From the school on Shiawassee to Adams, to Nine Mile, to Inkster, to Shiawassee, to Ontago, to Independence, to Middlebelt, to Grand River, to Colgate, to Liberty, to Middlebelt, to Shiawassee, to Miller, to Ten Mile, to Inkster, to Middlebelt (North), to William Grace School on Shiawassee.

Bus No. 5, Emil Pyorala, driver, leaves on Trip 1 at 7:45 a.m. going from Alice Kaye to Twelve Mile, to Middlebelt, to Wellington Drive, to Northwestern, to Inkster, to Eleven Mile, to Middlebelt, to Nine Mile, to Grand River, and School Street. Only students in grades 7 to 12 inclusive will be

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Taxpayers To Vote Monday In Special School Election

Civic Association To Have Annual Picnic

The Farmington Township Civic Association will hold its annual picnic this Sunday, September 8, at the City picnic grounds behind the Farmington High School.

There will be games and prizes of all kinds. Bring all your friends and have a gala day. Mark the date on the calendar now, and make sure you're on hand Sunday.

Flower Show Is Open To All

Now that the schedules for the Fall Flower Festival, to be given under the sponsorship of the Farmington Garden Club at Farmington Town Hall, on Saturday, September 14, have been released, interest in the show is spreading like a cloud from an atom bomb explosion.

The Garden Club members want particularly to tell all the men, whose hard labors are so often the real reason behind the beautiful flowers and grade A vegetables, that they are invited to enter any of the classes that may appeal to them. A complete schedule of the various classes appeared in last week's Enterprise, and any Garden Club member will gladly furnish an extra copy of the show schedule to anyone who may wish one.

Notice is also given to Juniors entering the show that a workroom will be located at the Town Hall, and all arrangements by juniors must be completed at the workroom between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on the day of the show.

The Fall Flower Festival will be open between the hours of 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. and everyone in the community is invited to not only visit the show, but also to enter any of the various groups. Exhibitors may have only one entry in any one class, but they may enter as many classes as they wish. Classes have been arranged for specimen blooms, and fruits and vegetables, American Victorian arrangements, Arrangements for desks, arrangements in various types of containers, Miniature Arrangements, Table arrangements, and three groups are arranged for Junior exhibitors. In addition to ribbon awards, cash prizes will be awarded for high score in each of the six junior classes.

Mrs. Harry H. Farmer is general show chairman, and for judging the Garden Club has been most fortunate to secure Miss Clara L. Snow, Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Clarence McBride and Mrs. Albert Allmayer.

Band Entertains At Boys' Republic

The boys at Boys' Republic greatly enjoyed an outdoor concert on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. The concert was given by a 35-piece band from Patterson, New Jersey, and came to the Republic through arrangements by the Letter Carriers' Convention which has been in session in Detroit.

Maccabees Guard Team Meets On Thursday

The Guard team of the Maccabees of Liberty Tent Hive will meet at the Farmington High School cafeteria on Thursday, September 12, at 8:00 p.m. All members are requested to please attend this meeting.

Sam Prisk To Sing Solo At Salem Church

Sam Prisk will be guest soloist at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church on Sunday morning, September 8. He will sing the tenor solo, "Oh Lord Most Holy" by Franck.

Polls Open From 10 A.M. To 8 P.M. In High School Gym

Taxpayers of the Farmington Township School District will go to the polls Monday, September 9 for the purpose of voting on two proposals concerning the critical classroom shortage in the Farmington Schools.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Farmington high school gymnasium building. Only qualified taxpaying electors are entitled to vote in this election.

The two proposals to be voted upon Monday are:

1. "To authorize the Board of Education to transfer from the general fund into the Building and Site Fund, the sum of $20,000."
2. "To authorize the Board of Education to rent additional quarters for classroom purposes."

According to the Board the General Fund has a total of $56,000, while the Building and Site Fund has only $7,245 in it at the present time. The transfer of $20,000 from the General Fund to the Building and Site Fund would enable immediate construction on the new proposed two classroom school building to be erected adjacent to the present gymnasium building. It will be necessary, however, to find additional classroom space to handle students until the new building can be completed.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel pointed out that based on the new school census, two additional classrooms are absolutely necessary for the normal operation of the schools this year. He added that unless funds are made available for additional classrooms it will be necessary to put the school system on half-day sessions. It was emphasized that the two proposals to be voted on do not require any additional expenditure of money on the part of the taxpayers, it only involves a transfer of funds.

The Civilian Production Administration has already approved the construction for the new classroom building, and an architect has been working on complete plans for the construction.

Approximately 20 qualified tax paying electors registered during the period August 21 to August 31. Taxpayers who had previously registered were not required to re-register.

SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL TO SHOW NOTED FILMS

The Salem Sunday School teachers announce the presentation of The Art of Living Series and the splendid Cathedral films, which have been shown in the most progressive church schools in the country. The films will be shown after class periods, in closing assembly service, and a cordial invitation is extended to all by the Sunday School teachers.

The schedule for these films is as follows:

September 8, You and Your Family.

September 15, Luckiest People on Earth.

September 29, You and Your Friends.

October 13, America Prays.

October 27, Story of the Prodigal Son.

November 10, Who Is My Neighbor?

November 24, King of Sports.

December 8, Challenge to Crime.

December 15, Child of Bethlehem.

No charge will be made for admission.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Davis of Power Avenue announce the birth of a baby daughter, Karen Louise on Sunday, August 18, at the Northwestern Branch of Grace Hospital in Detroit.

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