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## Around The Block

**THERE WASN'T A PERSON . . .**
in our whole community who didn't feel badly to think that we had to have rain every night but one during the time the American Legion Gala Days was scheduled to run. The weather is one thing that we sometimes almost have to have in order for an affair to be completely successful, and it is one thing that we just have to take a chance on. The rain did not dampen anyone's spirits, anyway, and everyone turned out to enjoy the fine Labor Day Parade.

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**LABOR DAY . . .**
has come and gone, and with it, the carefree, leisurely days of summer. "Let's Get Back To Work" seems to be the theme of things — and surely everyone is in the mood to do just that. Once again we find everything on a stepped-up schedule, the streets are crowded with laughing, happy children — and so are all the restaurants when the noon hour comes, as the business people who eat lunch "out" every day have discovered. The teachers are back — some of them desperately in need of a place to live, so if you know of one, please call Superintendent Dunckel up at the school.

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**THE DATE . . .**
of the annual Fall Flower Show is September 13 — that is just a week from this Saturday, and drawing alarmingly near. Alarming, that is, if you still hope to groom a few particularly nice blooms, or a fine specimen of vegetable or fruit, for entrance in some of the various classifications outlined by the flower show committee in the schedules. It is not a bit alarming, however, if you have already decided what you are going to enter, and you are ready to make up the particular design or arrangement you have selected. There is lots of interest and enthusiasm in the show this year, and it promises to be quite an event. Don't delay another minute — plan your entries, and arrange to attend the show.

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**THIS COMMUNITY . . .**
is going to be the horsiest community you have seen in a long, long time come this week, for indications are that horses will be brought in from all over the country — yes, even from Canada — to enter the Autumn Horse Show, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Farmington Post 4033, and the Farmington Valley Saddle Club. There are to be two shows on Saturday and two on Sunday. Better get a program and decide which events will interest you, so you'll not miss the very things you like best. We hear there is to be some very choice horse flesh on exhibit — it's a show really worth seeing, so get your tickets now.

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**PERIODIC WARNINGS . . .**
keep coming over the radio that we only have so many more days in which to shop before Christmas — we're down to 95 right now. The theory is that people will begin to think about buying gifts now, so there won't be such a mad stampede when the final few weeks before Christmas arrive. However, it doesn't seem to work that way, and although we vow we are going to do our shopping early, somehow or another the time speeds by, and we find ourselves with our good intentions still, but no further along than we ever were. About the time they say only 12 more shopping days until Christmas we begin to see the seriousness of the situation, and we wind the shopping up in a hurry. We don't mind being reminded about it, however, and perhaps some day the warning will sink in and do some good.

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**THE DOG DAYS . . .**
of summer seem to be over — and we sincerely hope they are. None of us would care about two more weeks of intensely hot weather and certainly not our pets. Better keep your dog at home, though — the police report some strays about town again, and a few cases of dog bites have recently been reported. To avoid any trouble, keep your pet right in his own yard. With the youngsters trooping back to school, Fido has a strong urge to tag along, so watch him particularly close in the morning, and again at noon.

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**DRIVE CAREFULLY . . .**
was the caution we all heard before Labor Day week end, but statistics show that Michigan motorists did not heed the warning well. A record amount of traffic was reported through Farmington — particularly on the Cut-Off, where motorists wishing to cross that highway found they had to sit and wait many minutes before they could find an opening to dash through. We are still hoping State Highway officials will "snap to" and get a light at the Cut-Off and Farmington Road. With Labor Day as an example there can be no argument concerning the need for a traffic signal. A few collisions and near-accidents marred the safety record in Farmington, but none was serious.

## Heavy Rains Mar Local Celebration

The annual Gala Days and Homecoming, sponsored by Groves-Walker Post No. 346, the American Legion, came to a close Monday evening, with the drawing for the grand prizes.

Although the celebration was scheduled to run from Wednesday, August 27, through Labor Day, rainy weather prevented the carnival from operating for the greatest portion of the time. The Legionnaires worked enthusiastically, however, and were able to realize some profit, for the crowds were good during the time the midway and rides were open.

Mrs. Henry Otis, 32716 Grand River, won the deep freeze unit, and Mrs. Russell Gaston, 26445 Drake Road, won the electric stove.

A great deal of interest was shown in the parade held Labor Day afternoon. The procession was led by a color guard of the Legion Post, with the Farmington High School Band directly following. The pet and doll section attracted a great deal of comment. Some of the little boys and girls were gaily costumed, and doll buggies and wagons were decorated with flowers and paper streamers. Pets were led along or rode in improvised cages.

Also very colorful were the horses and riders marching in the parade. A large delegation was present from several of the riding stables and clubs nearby.

Mrs. Myron Carrier was chairman of the Pet and Doll Parade, with Mrs. William Carpenter serving as co-chairman. Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Kenneth Loomis, and Mrs. W. Allen Nelson judged the entries and prizes were awarded the winners.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members extend their sincere thanks for the cooperation and assistance given them in support of the Gala Days and Homecoming. The proceeds have been added to the Memorial Home Fund.

At the present time work is progressing very satisfactorily on the new home. About ten men are employed on the building, and are laying block. The building is fast taking shape and a great deal has been accomplished this week.

## KIWANIS CLUB NAMES DELEGATES TO STATE MEET

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington will be represented at the 1947 convention of the Michigan Kiwanis district to be held September 14 to September 16 at Lansing, it was announced today by Trace Conroy, president.

Three delegates will be sent from the Kiwanis Club of Farmington and three alternates will be selected. The delegates appointed are Trace Conroy, president; Ray Eichler, first vice-president and Kenn Loomis. Conroy stated that the alternates have not been named as yet.

The three day meeting will feature addresses by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church; Rev. Philip E. Auer, Galion, O., past Kiwanis International vice-president; and Donald T. Forsythe, Carthage, Illinois, member of the board of trustees of Kiwanis International.

Election of officers and presentation of the 1948 objectives of Kiwanis International will be additional highlights of the convention. Ninety-three clubs in this district are expected to send delegates to the annual meeting.

Hon. Max C. Hamlin, Manistee, governor of the Michigan Kiwanis district, will preside at the various sessions. In this connection, Howard G. Ingerson, president of the Kiwanis Club of Lansing, announced that plans had been completed for a governor's banquet and ball, district golf tournament and luncheon and style show for the ladies.

Long active in civic and public affairs in Illinois, Forsythe will represent Kiwanis International at the convention. He is the owner of a newspaper publishing house and director of Marine Trust Company of Carthage.

Past International President Ben Dean of Grand Rapids will also play a prominent part in the proceedings.

The John Yuills of 33722 Macomb entertained Mrs. Yuill's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beech, and baby daughter, Judith Ann from Hillsdale.

## City Officials Confer On Sewage Problem

### State Asks Definite Commitment

City Commissioners Roy Miller and Howard Otis, and City Clerk Harry Moore, were in Lansing last Wednesday to confer with officials of the Michigan Stream Control Commission regarding alleged pollution of the Rouge River, and plans of the City of Farmington for a sewage disposal plant.

At the present time plans for a disposal plant are being made by L. N. Hayden, consulting engineer, at the request of the city commission.

Milton P. Adams, engineer-secretary of the Stream Control Commission, indicated that the state is well aware of the community's problems. Also, they realize that it would be of no value for the City to establish a disposal plant to treat city sewage, when all along the Rouge River other communities are polluting the stream.

Mr. Adams agreed that the ideal solution to the sewage disposal problem would be for all the interested units to establish a permanent committee or board, this group to outline the means whereby a central sewage disposal plant might be established, serving the entire area. This would be a completely satisfactory answer to the problem, and would not be as costly to any of the governmental units. This would require a great deal of work and research study, however, before all of the areas affected would cooperate on such a plan.

The state is very anxious to have some definite commitment from the City, and Mr. Adams has asked that this be done. The state feels that pollution of the Rouge River is a hazard to health and to fish life, and steps should be taken just as rapidly as possible to eliminate this condition.

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OPENS FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK

The fall term will open at Our Lady of Sorrows Parochial School, Grand River Avenue, near Lakeway, on Friday morning, September 5, at 9:00 a.m. The school buses will be operating on their usual schedules.

Sisters of St. Dominic, teachers at the school, estimate that the enrollment will be approximately the same as last year, when 280 students were enrolled, grades one through eight, inclusive.

Work is now going on at the new school site, on the property directly behind the present church. Steam shovels moved in, and men were working on the new school all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt have returned home from New York City where they attended the National convention of the American Legion, and participated in the parade.

## Dr. Curtice And Champion Walker

Shown above is Dr. A. B. Curtice, who will enter a walking horse in the Horse Show. The horse pictured is Rythmic Red Bird, the first walking horse shown north of the Ohio River, a winner nine years ago.

## Horse Show Set To Open Saturday

Some of the finest horses in the state of Michigan will arrive in Farmington this week end to take part in the Second Annual Autumn Horse Show presented by the Farmington Valley Saddle Club and sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Farmington Post No. 4033.

According to Mrs. Ray Eichler, secretary of the Saddle Club and chairman of the entry committee, entries have been received from all parts of the state, including Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Battle Creek, Flint and Romeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. DeWitt of Grand Rapids, Michigan will enter their 11 year old daughter, Marie Joe, it was announced Tuesday. She won the reserve Grand Championship at Wisconsin State Fair in horsemanship. She has also placed first in all horsemanship classes in the state of Michigan except one, in that she placed second.

Among the horses taking part in this two-day event are Golden Master, Grand Champion Palomino Stallion, owned by the Hel-Roy Stables of Romeo and Grand Champion Palomino Mare Hawthorne Polly, owned by Allen Parrish of Birmingham. Both these horses were awarded their Grand Championships at the Richmond Horse Show on August 28, 29 and 30.

Nine events have been scheduled in the Hunter and Jumper Classes which should prove to be one of the outstanding attractions of the show since some of the finest horses in the state are entered.

The Western events will add much color and action as they compete for honors in the bending race, working stock horse and many others including the $250 Western Championship Stake.

Aside from the competitive events the crowd will be entertained by George Crooks and his trick horses and Lee Clutter's Rambling Ranchers.

## SATURDAY LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AT CLARENCEVILLE

According to a spokesman for the Clarenceville Board of Education, registration for the special school election has been very slow with only 20 new registrations having been recorded to date.

Saturday, September 6, has been designated by the Board as the last day of registration. Residents of the Clarenceville School District comprising parts of Farmington, Livonia and Redford Townships, may register Friday, September 5, at the Clarenceville High School during school hours. On Saturday, September 6, registrations will be taken from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road South of Eight Mile Road. Registrations will also be taken at the home of any Board member up to and including September 6.

The special election will be held on Monday, September 6, at the Clarenceville High school. The purpose of the election is to determine whether or not the residents of the District want a new Gymnasium

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## Falcons Begin Football Practice

Over 100 candidates for the 1947 Farmington High School football team reported Monday for the first practice session of the season, Coach Robert Hutton announced Wednesday.

An estimated 125 are expected to be working out by the end of the week. Of this number, 13 are lettermen reporting back from last year's team. In addition, Hutton stated that several new players, who were lettermen at other schools, have also reported.

Practice will continue from now until the opening game of the season which will be played Friday, September 19, on the Farmington gridiron against Plymouth. An eight game schedule will be played this year with the season closing November 14. Two of the eight games will be night games, one against Birmingham and one against Walled Lake.

The following lettermen are back again from last year: Jerry Fisher, center and captain of this year's team; Ernie Tyler, end; Tom Bertin, end; Howard Packard, tackle; Tom Quisenberry, guard; Bob Kahrl, tackle; Lee Lathrup, end; George Isley, back; Bob Weaver, back; Fred McLean, back; John Grecu, back; Tom Taggert, back; and Gene Schoeffer, tackle. New in school this year is George Dirmeyer, a veteran backfield man. Hutton stated that he also had a number of very promising players in nearly every position. Most of them have had some experience on last year's teams. Hutton stated that 12 lettermen were lost last year due to graduation.

Assisting coach Hutton this year will be James Davis, who will have charge of the line and Ernie McBride, who fill coach ends and have the Freshman team. Hutton will coach the backfield.

The 1947 football schedule is as follows:

Sept. 19, Plymouth - Home.
Sept. 26, Birmingham - away (n)
Oct. 3, Keego Harbor - away.
Oct. 10, Open.
Oct. 17, Milford - home.
Oct. 24, Northville - home.
Oct. 31, Walled Lake - away (n).
Nov. 7, Clarenceville - home.
Nov. 14, Redford Union - away

## Winner Picked At Jaycee 'Fun Bowl'

Sharon White is shown drawing the winning ticket from the box held by Robert Motz, at the Jaycee Fun Bowl. Dick Pressley is holding the radio alarm, which was won by Ted Smith of Farmington.

## Two Robberies Occur This Week

One hold-up and one case of breaking and entering have been reported in the Farmington area this week.

The hold-up occurred early Tuesday morning, about 1:00 a.m., at Johnston's Farm Produce, located on Grand River at Middlebelt Road. Mr. Hubert Johnston, the proprietor, was in his market at the time. Three men drove up in a maroon colored Ford or Chevrolet, two getting out and the third remaining in the car.

The men first asked Mr. Johnston for cigarettes, and then, threatening him with a gun, told him they wanted his money. They took an amount Mr. Johnston estimated to be between $700 and $750. They left in the car, driving south on Middlebelt Road.

The hold-up was reported to the Michigan State Police.

**Tool Company Entered**

Detroit Grooving Tool Company, located at Nine Mile and Tuck Roads, was broken into Tuesday night. Entrance was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the building.

The burglars escaped, taking carbide tips and diamond cutting tools valued at $10,000, two typewriters, a comptometer, and adding machine and two Swedish gauges. The tools were in a green steel cabinet, 18x36 Anyone seeing such a cabinet which may have been discarded, is asked to contact the police immediately. Farmington Police and the Michigan State Police are investigating the burglary.

## CUBBING PROGRAM RESUMED AFTER SUMMER RECESS

The fall program for Cubs will start during the week of September 8, according to an announcement made this week by D. J. Bowman, cubmaster. All boys between the ages of 9 and 11, who are interested, may contact any of the following den mothers for further information.

Mrs. F. Fisher, 23935 Farmington Road, den meeting on Wednesday.
Mrs. J. Wynn, 21412 Randall Road, den meeting on Tuesday.
Mrs. N. Dickerson, 37650 Howard Road, den meeting on Friday.
Mrs. C. Scott, 21609 Middlebelt, den meeting on Thursday.
Mrs. R. Phelps, 29201 Glenn, den meeting on Tuesday.
Mrs. D. Pressley, 22594 Brookdale, den meeting on Tuesday.

During May and June, Cubbing got off to a good start in Farmington, and now the leaders are ready to continue this fine program of interest to the boys.

## TIMELY SPEAKER TO BE FEATURED AT MENS' CLUB

The Mens' Club of the Farmington Methodist Church will hold their first fall meeting on Tuesday evening, September 9, President Houghton Stuckey, 23700 Warner Avenue, has announced.

Principal speaker for the evening will be Garrett E. Burgess of Detroit, who will discuss "The Trend". Mr. Burgess has a reputation for a wide knowledge of current events, and he will discuss the inroads made in our form of government. Questions and discussion will follow his talk. All men of the community are invited to attend the Mens' Club meetings, whether they are members of the church or not.

President Stuckey stated that a well rounded program for the coming year has been completed under the chairmanship of Richard Gaul, 34020 Oakland Avenue. Outstanding speaking and entertaining talent has been secured for the coming meetings.

The Mens' Club, after a successful year of organization, is primarily interested in promoting fellowship among its members by offering the opportunity to get better acquainted, and provide educational and recreational entertainment at regular monthly meetings.

The meeting on September 9 will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m.

## Alice McDonald Circle Launches Fall Work

The Alice A. McDonald Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 11 in the First Baptist Church to begin their fall work. A pot luck lunch is to be served at noon and the program is scheduled to begin at 1:30. All the women of the church and congregation are invited to attend and participate in the circle activities.

## Farmington School Enrollment Shows Increase Over Last Year

### Lloyd Gullen Awarded Service Certificate

Lloyd Gullen, local realtor, is in receipt of a Certificate of Distinctive service, awarded to him by the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission, of which Howard M. Warner is chairman.

The certificate commends Mr. Gullen for a quarter century of service to the public, as a real estate broker. Only realtors or real estate firms who have operated for twenty five years with an unblemished record are eligible to receive the awards.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Gullen by his many Farmington friends.

## Legion Nine Downs Redford

Farmington's Senior Legion nine won their second straight game in a row in the Red and White Division play-offs Monday, Labor Day, as they downed the Redford V.F.W. baseball team 4 to 2 on the Farmington diamond.

The game was marked with errors as Redford was charged with six boots to Farmington's three. Redford's errors cost them the game as they outhit Farmington 6 hits to 5.

Farmington jumped on Redford for two runs in the first inning to take an early lead which they held throughout the game. Three of Farmington's four runs, which came in the third inning were unearned. Byers went all the way on the mound for Farmington, allowing 2 runs on six hits while striking out six Redford batters. Sonnenberg was behind the plate.

Morrell opened the last half of the first inning by getting to first on an error by the Redford third sacker. Sonnenberg, next up, ripped a sharp single through the infield. Lahr and Werschin struck out, but Dwyer, Legion third baseman, drove out a long triple scoring both Morrell and Sonnenberg. Dwyer was out at home on the play trying to stretch it into a home run. Two runs on two hits as Farmington jumped off to an early lead.

Redford leaned on the offerings of Byers for one run in their half of the second. Schultz, first up, went out pitcher to first. Galle tagged on to a long one driving out a two bagger. Delich kept the rally going with a single scoring Galle from 2nd, Dunckel, however, went out second to first and Toher ended the inning by flying out to left field leaving Delich on the bases.

The Senior Legion team added two more runs in the third to clinch the victory. Morrell struck out to open the inning. Sonnenberg got on on a base on balls and went to second on a wild pitch. Lahr got to first on a boot by the Redford second baseman and Werschin also got on the basepaths on an error by the first sacker. Sonnenberg scoring on the play. Dwyer struck out but Conroy got to first on an error by the Redford third baseman, Lahr scoring. The inning was over when Conroy was called out trying to steal second.

Redford got one more run in the fourth inning when Schultz opened the inning with a single. Galle

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### Clarenceville Prepares For Football Opener

Clarenceville High School's football team began preparation this week for the 1947 season with the first practice session Monday, Coach Lloyd Samuels announced.

Practice will continue throughout the week and until the first game September 19. Stress is being placed on fundamentals this week, Samuels stated. More concentrated practice and drill will get underway next week, he added.

The first game will be played against Big Beaver on Friday, September 19, at Clarenceville. Samuels stated that a full tentative schedule has been arranged and will be announced next week.

### Methodist Church Rooms Ease Crowded Conditions

An increase in enrollment in the schools of Farmington Township School District was reported by Superintendent O. E. Dunckel Wednesday afternoon at the close of the first day.

All the schools of the District reported increases over last year. Dunckel pointed out that these first reports are not final. Enrollment will continue to grow through the first month, he stated. Final figures can not be made until the end of September.

A total of 1577 students reported for classes Wednesday, September 3, the first day of school. This, as compared to a final enrollment figure of 1558 at the highest point last year. The increase represented by these two figures is not too great, but Dunckel pointed out that this is a first day preliminary check as compared to a final last year figure.

**Elementary Increase**

First reports from the elementary schools indicate large increases. Farmington elementary school leads in enrollment in the District with 404 students. Bond school is next with 172 reported the first day. A total of 119 students are reported attending William Grace school and 107 at Noble school. An increase was also reported in the kindergarten enrollment with a total of 148 children starting the first day. Fairview school has 83 children and German school 65.

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District will be held Thursday evening, September 4 at the Farmington High school. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss with Mr. Frederick D. Madison, school architect, preliminary studies on a long range building program for the Farmington Schools.

In the Farmington High School 627 students reported the first day. The senior class has a total of 98 students. Last year's graduating class totaled 75 students.

**Using New Addition**

Dunckel stated that the new four classroom addition to the Gymnasium was put in use for the first time Wednesday morning. Two of the 40 pupil classrooms are being used for sixth grade and two for high school classes. In addition to the new classrooms, two rooms are being used again this year in the Methodist Church.

## SQUIRT GUNS PROVIDE BOYS WITH NEW WEAPON

Another menace and nuisance has appeared in Farmington recently, with the advent of the squirt gun — and beyond that, the fire extinguisher.

Several complaints were registered with the Farmington Police Department last week that pedestrians had been squirted with the water pistols by boys who were riding about in automobiles.

Being sprayed with water is bad enough, but the youthful troublemakers have gone farther than that, and filled the squirt guns with pop and ginger ale. A cleaning bill or complete ruination of clothing might result from a generous spraying of this liquid.

Police apprehended one automobile from which boys were shooting squirt guns, and found a pyrene type fire extinguisher, which they had filled with water and used to squirt passers-by. The extinguisher is now at the police station.

## Legion Auxiliary To Meet On Monday

The regular meeting of The Auxiliary of Groves-Walker Post 346, American Legion, will be held Monday evening, September 8, at 8:00 p.m., at the Legion Home on Grand River Avenue.

Officers and chairmen are requested to bring their yearly reports to this meeting.

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