

## Around The Block

NOTHING IS MUCH WORSE... about this time of the year than the weather. Not that it is actually so bad. We have had a low storm stretch of weather than that of the past week, but it's so mean. Just when we got out of those days when it feels like spring is right here, the buds are popping, the birds singing, and bingo — old man winter has got to stick his foot in the door again. At least we are sure of one thing, it won't be too long in spite of the tough job, and it always gives us something to talk about.

**BIKE SEASON**... got into full swing last Saturday morning with the Joycee Scotch-Lite A-Bike Program. All the boys and girls were out in numbers. The whole idea is to make it a little safer for Farmington's children. The reflecting tape will help but it takes more. Every driver, every parent and every child must remember not to forget. The season when boys and girls will be out-of-doors is at hand. This is the danger season — save a life, remember — it may be your own!

**WE MISSED SOMETHING**... but it wasn't intentional. Last week, that is from April 1 to 8, was National Laugh Week. Now it wasn't that we forgot to laugh, it was just that we forgot to tell you about it. And that is almost an unpardonable sin. Of course we don't know why it should be confined to just one week. It should be a daily habit. There is nothing like a laugh to put things back right side up again. If we knew a good joke we would spill it right now, but we don't so just take this as a reminder to give out with a little chuckle. You will be surprised how much better things look.

**ANOTHER WEEK**... worth thinking a little bit about is World Fellowship Week which begins next Monday. There isn't anything we can think of that is more important right now than this world fellowship. If by some stroke all the chips on all the shoulders in all the world were blown off tomorrow morning, what a beautiful morning it would be. But understanding unfortunately is not borne on a wind, it is borne in the hearts of men. And too many hearts are so busy just pumping life that they have forgotten their soul.

**IT'S BATTER UP**... and play ball time again. If you're an early bird and never miss the openers don't forget to jot down Friday, April 16, on your calendar, because it's opening day at Farmington. So be down at the high school on Friday afternoon and watch the Farmington Falcons and the Clarenceville Trojans start things off with a bang. (Not if the pitchers can help it). It may be a little chilly, but it's baseball, the great American game, and that is what counts.

**DON'T FORGET**... to get yourself down to the Farmington Town Hall this evening, Thursday, for the Town Club Card Party and Fashion Show. The proceeds from this affair are to be given to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, for their use in providing a recreation program for the community. The card party begins at 8:00 p.m., and the fashion show is to start at 8:15 — with refreshments to follow. You'll find it a most enjoyable affair — and it's for a very good cause.

**EVERYONE**... who possibly can should attend the Farmington Parent Teachers Association meeting next Tuesday evening, April 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Why? Because Mr. Lynn Rodney will be at that meeting, and he is a representative of the National Recreation Association. He has had a great deal of experience in the field of community recreation and he will be able to give you some good ideas, but he will be able to give you the answers to your questions. Both the Bond School Club and the Noble P.T.A. will be out — and they are so anxious to have everyone there that they are even going to provide transportation. If you do not have any way to get to the meeting, call a member of the P.T.A. board in your area — he will see that you have transportation.

**HOUSE CLEANING TIME**... is at hand — indeed some of these ambitious souls already have theirs all done, and now they can relax and enjoy the beautiful spring weather. Cleaning — cleaning — cleaning — Anybody who has ever cleaned the attic or you don't even have to get that far, for you may find a lot of things about the house that are tired of dusting, or tired of moving from one spot to another — when you come across those things put them on one side until you get them all collected, and then call Mr. Smith at 445, Mr. Miller at 421, Mr. Jones at 401. They will be glad to pick them up, and store them away until the Town Club Attic C-2's which will be held in the fall. You'll be glad to get rid of them, and they will be glad to have them!

## Music Students Win Recognition

Three students of the Farmington School System participated in the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival held last Saturday, April 10, at Michigan State College in East Lansing. The festival is a contest held each year to promote and encourage talented musicians throughout the state. In order to qualify for the State Festival, these students had participated in the local District Festival which was held this year at Royal Oak High School on February 21. It was necessary for them to earn either a Rating I or II, in order to compete at Lansing last Saturday.

June Toth, a Farmington High School Senior, Charles Gronlund, a Junior, and Bob Roberts, a seventh grade student, entered the state competition. June Toth and Charles Gronlund were both rated in Division I, superior. June was one of the two students in the entire state given a superior rating, from a field of entries, for her piano solo.

Bob Roberts was rated in Division III, good. Two other Farmington students competed at Royal Oak, but failed to qualify for the State Festival. Kenneth Siler, ninth grade, cornet, earned a Division III, as did Irene Romanek, eleventh grade, saxophone. Ratings run from I through V.

The Trumpet Trio from Clarenceville High School, consisting of Fred Grose, a Junior, John Shurtz, a Sophomore, and Maureen Waack, a Junior High Student, received a Class III plus rating in the state finals. Fred Grose also participated in the District Festival, and was a Division II rating in piano and a Division III rating on the trumpet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Case, Jr., are the parents of a son, born April 9, at the home of the baby's grandparents, on Chalmers Avenue in Detroit.

## RECREATION TALK SCHEDULED BY JOINT P.T.A. GROUPS

Plans are now complete for the recreation meeting jointly sponsored by the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association, the Noble Parent-Teachers Association and the Bond Parents Club, to be held Tuesday evening, April 20, at the Farmington Town Hall. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. and will feature a talk by Lynn Rodney, representative of the National Recreation Association, who will be the guest speaker. He will discuss recreation programs that are being carried out in other communities. Rodney recently addressed the Farmington Area Recreation Commission and is assisting them in the formation of a program for Farmington.

Following Rodney's talk, Austin Grant will lead a discussion on the topic, "What We Would Like Our Community To Be." Members of the Parents' groups, young people and the general public are invited to attend and participate in the program. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the talk and group discussion.

## ALL INVITED TO MACCABEE DANCE AND CARD PARTY

The Maccabees, Liberty Tent No. 1027 of Farmington, is sponsoring a card party and dance to be held on Saturday evening, April 17, at the Farmington Town Hall. Card games will begin at 8:00 p.m. and dancing will start at 9:30 p.m. Several different card games will be played during the evening, and there is sure to be some game for everyone. Prizes will be awarded for high scores. Both modern and old time dancing is planned, and there will be square dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is extended a most cordial invitation to attend this party. Mr. C. L. Cook flew to Chicago to attend the funeral of his brother in Pekin, Illinois.

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## School Board Acts To Speed Up Building Program

Group Seeks Change In School Bus Stop

Action was taken Monday night at the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District to speed the starting date for the construction of the proposed school building program.

The Board approved a motion to take up the option on the new Noble-William Grace School site at 10 Mile and Middlebelt Road subject to the clearance by the school attorney. An option to purchase this 10 acre site was secured by the Board early in March. The Board wishes to clear the property now so that drilling of a well can be started. The well is necessary before construction on the school can begin.

Mayor Delos Hamlin and Mr. W. N. Hayden, city engineer, discussed sewer and water connections to the new city school site. Water and sewer trunk lines run to the edge of the property, which is located between 10 Mile and Shawanawest of Powers Road. It was decided that as far as sewage was concerned that the cheapest plan would be to put in septic tanks and a disposal field. Septic tanks would be more economical than an extension of the sewer pipe by the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of an existing easement leading into the school property from Powers Avenue. The site officials stated that if an easement existed they would extend the water trunk line up Powers to the easement.

**PROTEST BUS STOP**

For the second time in recent months a delegation of parents from Randall Road appeared before the Board to protest the change in the school bus stop on the Cut-Off from Randall Road to the top and bottom of the hill. The parents stated that the stop made it necessary for the children to walk on the Cut-Off, which, in their opinion, was extremely dangerous.

The stop was changed last Fall after another group of parents from Randall Road protested against the bus stop at Randall. The Board made the change after they had considered some of the situation. According to the Board members, a bus stopped at Randall Road could not be properly seen by on-coming traffic on the Cut-Off, thus creating a dangerous condition.

The Board instructed Superintendent O. E. Danckel to contact the Traffic Safety Council and see whether or not they will conduct a safety survey of this situation. If not the Board instructed Danckel to secure a preference from each person having children in school and using the bus on Randall Road for a safety opinion.

**SEEK SCHOOL USE**

Harry McCracken and Don Buton, representing the West Farmington Farm Bureau appeared before the Board.

The Byron Oliver family on Orchard Street are convalescing from an unpleasant case of mumps, which disease seems to have visited many homes here in town the past month.

## Cancer Drive Funds To Be Solicited

Solicitors will start to make a canvass of the Farmington area this week, to collect funds for the drive to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The drive is being held throughout the month of April, not only in the Farmington area, but throughout the nation.

In response to an inquiry, H. O. Kriegerbocker, president of The Farmington State Bank, made the following answer to the question, "What does the American Cancer Society do with its local share of contributions?"

Mr. Kriegerbocker said: "We have checked, and in our opinion the answer is as follows: 'Education — alerting the people by the free distribution of pamphlets for the lay person on cancer control. An option to purchase this 10 acre site was secured by the Board early in March. The Board wishes to clear the property now so that drilling of a well can be started. The well is necessary before construction on the school can begin.'

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"Patients Aid — Cancer dressings made and given free of charge to cancer patients."

"Items of comfort and cheer from a Loan Closet, for the cancer patient, such as hospital beds, crutches, bed jackets, cotton, cleansers, toilet tissue, etc."

"Detection Centers — Provided both for education and service to give physical examinations for apparently well people, free of charge."

"Research — Right in this area, located in Detroit will be an outstanding Institute of Research. While the Institute is incorporated it is supported by the American Cancer Society."

In concluding Mr. Kriegerbocker said, "These are only a few of the reasons why everyone should take an interest in the American Cancer Society. They will welcome a visit to their offices, to learn more about the program — to see what your contribution is doing."

If anyone is missed in the collection for funds, and they wish to contribute, a telephone call to Mr. Wendell Greene at Farmington 0509-32, will bring someone to call upon them. Canisters are in the various stores in Farmington, and your contributions may be dropped in them.

A collection is also planned to be taken at the Civic Theatre for three days on April 25, 26 and 27.

**Farmington To Meet Clarenceville In Baseball Opener Friday**

The Farmington Falcons and Clarenceville Trojans baseball teams will open their 1948 season this Friday at 4:00 when they meet on the Farmington High School field.

The proposed starting line-up for both teams is as follows:

Pos.	Farm.	Pos.	Clarenceville
Catcher	Robertson	Catcher	Robertson
1st	Hansen	1st	Rutledge
2nd	Hansen	2nd	Rutledge
3rd	Stinson	3rd	Stinson
LF	Albers	LF	Albers
CF	Step	CF	Step
RF	Grimm	RF	Grimm

**JCC SCOTCHLITE PROGRAM CALLED HUGE SUCCESS**

Approximately 200 boys and girls took advantage of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce "Scotch-Lite-A-Bike" program last Saturday morning, Ray Oldham, chairman of the project announced.

All the bikes were decorated with the new reflecting tape. The purpose of the Scotch-Lite is to make the bicycles safer at night. When a beam of light strikes the tape it gives off a glow which aids oncoming motorists to see the bicycle.

In addition to the decorating of the bikes with Scotch-Lite, all the boys and girls were invited to a movie which was held in the High School Gymnasium. A safety film was shown in addition to cartoons and features.

Oldham stated that the program was a big success and it is hoped that the project will add to the safety of Farmington children on our streets, particularly at night. The program was assisted by Police Chief Joe DeVriendt, school officials and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

**The Mothers Club To Meet At Stuckey Home**

The Mothers Club of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Houghton Steiner, 23700 Warner, on Wednesday evening, April 15, at 8:00 p.m. Guestesses will be Mrs. Jack Heinke, Mrs. Austin Habermehl, Mrs. William Gannham and Mrs. George MacDonald.

Mrs. Joseph D. Wades will be the speaker of the evening. She will give some highlights and demonstrations on puppetry, and will be assisted by Mrs. George Kohls.

## BAND LEADER



CLARK BUNN

White clouds will blow away, and strains of music float out on the night air when the Farmington Senior Frolics are held Saturday evening, April 17, at 9:00 o'clock at the Farmington High School Gymnasium. Dancing down an "Ethical Lane" to the rhythm of Clark Bunn and his orchestra, couples will find themselves caught up in a world of pastels and white.

To carry out this unique theme, the seniors will set up a circular refreshment bar where punch and cookies are to be served to the dancers.

## CLARENCEVILLE P.T.A. TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the Clarenceville Parent Teachers Association will be elected at the regular P.T.A. meeting on Tuesday evening, April 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road.

Candidates have been named as follows: President, Mr. Vernon Woodcock; Teacher Vice President, Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Divine; Mother Vice President, Mrs. Clayton Frey and Mrs. Chester Fleming; Father Vice President, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Kroll; Secretary, Mrs. Troutman and Mr. Croft; Treasurer, Mr. Dorman and Mr. Dennis. Opportunity will be given to place other nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Troutman, Mrs. Earle and Mrs. Woodcock will attend the State Parent Teachers Association Convention to be held in Bay City later in the month, as delegates from the Clarenceville group.

## SPEECH CONTEST TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, April 15, a speech contest will be given at 10:00 a.m., the Sunday School Hour, at the Methodist Church in Farmington, under the auspices of the Farmington Woman's Church Temperance Union. Five young people all about 12 years of age, will compete for a silver medal.

Three judges will decide who shall be the winner, and while they are making their decision, Miss Pat Every will read "The Rock of Gibraltar". The contestants are Barbara Bratton, Joan Seitz, June Turner, Myrna Hurkett and Barbara Westlake. The judges are Mrs. Farrel E. Weber, Mr. Carl Every and Mr. Dallas Forts.

Mr. Gerald Domes, Sunday School superintendent, will present the medal on behalf of the W.C.T.U. All interested friends are urged to be present and lend encouragement to the contestants.

## MAY CARD PARTY RESERVATIONS BEING TAKEN NOW

The Annual Spring Card Party, given by the Farmington Garden Club each year is a highlight of the spring social season. This year's plans promise the party will be as gay and lovely as ever.

The High School Auditorium has been reserved for Saturday afternoon, May 8. One hundred and twenty five card tables will be set for your choice of card games, and there will be a prize for each table. There are quantities of prizes, as valuable and interesting as prizes always.

Make your table reservations soon with any Garden Club member, or call Mrs. John Grant, Farmington 1548, and plan to be at the auditorium at one o'clock sharp, on Saturday, May 8, for dessert, cards, and a very pleasant afternoon.

## New Ordinance To Regulate Traffic Is Enacted By City Commission

### AMERICANISM CONTEST WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

For the tenth year in succession, the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, Auxiliary has sponsored the Americanism Essay Contest. Students throughout the Farmington area participated in the contest writing on the subject, "Our Great American Heritage, Liberty."

Winners in the Junior High Division are Patricia Pihle, first, and Rita Christian, second. Winners in the High School Division are Dorothy Howard, first; Robert Kinsley, second and Katherine Kinsley, third.

Judges this year were Mrs. Mahlon Bradley, Mrs. Betty Goodrich and Mrs. Grace Conroy.

The committee in charge of the contest wishes to thank Mr. Harrison, and the teachers, for their splendid cooperation, and the help they gave the students.

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## ENGINEER REPORTS

City Engineer William Hayden was present at Wednesday evening's meeting. He briefly reviewed the progress of providing water and sewer facilities for the new Farmington School District site, and the results of a meeting with the Board of Education on Monday evening. Mr. Hayden stated that he was making a survey of the State Street area to see what could be done to improve drainage in that section of the City. He will report to the Commission following his survey.

Glenn H. Leland, city auditor, reviewed the financial statement for the city. It was reported that the collection of city taxes was the highest ever recorded, 98 per cent, with only one and one-half per cent being returned delinquent.

A request to drop handbills from the air over Farmington, announcing the opening of the Blue Lantern Ballroom was granted.

The Commission approved renewal applications for Class C liquor licenses within the City for Mr. Ormes and Mr. Martindale of The Buffet, and Mr. Wasserman of Mr. Gelber's Back Cafe. Also approved was a dance permit for the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.

The Commission voted to follow the same schedule regarding change of time to Daylight Savings. (Continued on Page Twelve)

## P.T.A. GROUPS INVITED TO BOND CLUB

An interesting speaker on mother and child psychology has been obtained for the Bond School Club meeting next Monday evening, April 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Bond School.

Dr. J. Clark Maloney, president of Cornelean Corner Organization, or one of his co-workers, will speak on "Better Mother and Child Relationship". The Cornelean Corner organization is the group that is advocating that babies remain with their mothers from the time of birth to the time of weaning.

The Farmington and Noble Parent Teachers Associations are extended a special invitation to hear this interesting lecture. Refreshments will be served.

## RECREATION PLAN ENDORSED BY CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Resolutions were adopted by both the Farmington City Commission and the Board of Education at their regular meetings, pledging cooperation to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

On Monday night the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District passed a resolution offering cooperation to the Recreation Commission in making available school facilities for the promotion of leisure time activities throughout the District, provided it does not conflict with prior commitments. All the members of the Board voiced their approval of the movement and pledged their cooperation.

The City Commission also adopted a resolution in cooperation at its regular meeting Wednesday night. The City Commission, through the resolution, agreed to cooperate in the program so far as its legal counsel allowed.

Dr. M. E. Whitcomb, president of the Recreation Commission, appeared before both the City Commission and School Board to explain the functions of the group and answer questions.

Members of the Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church are doing a roller skating party on Friday evening, April 9, at Riverside Roller Skating Rink in Plymouth.

## Largest Collection Of City Taxes Is Reported

A new Farmington City Ordinance was passed upon, and given its first and second reading at the regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission held Wednesday evening at the Municipal Building.

The new ordinance is titled "An Ordinance to regulate the operation of vehicles on streets and highways of the City of Farmington; providing for traffic signs and signals; defining the power of the Police Department of the City of Farmington to enforce this Ordinance and the rules and regulations contained herein; providing for the enforcement of this Ordinance and for penalties for violation thereof; and to repeal Ordinance Number C-24-1 of the City of Farmington."

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## Teachers To Get Salary Raises At Clarenceville

New pay raises to teachers of the Clarenceville School District were adopted Monday night by the Board of Education at their regular meeting held at the Clarenceville High School.

The Board voted to give all teachers in the District the regular annual increment of \$100 per year. In addition they approved a \$100 per year cost of living index increase. The annual increment is set up in the Clarenceville School District salary schedule approved last year.

It is based on experience plus training. The cost of living index is designed to help meet the increase of cost of living.

Two additional teachers are to be hired in the Clarenceville High school for next year. As soon as the new teachers are hired, addition is completed two elementary teachers will be added to the staff. The Board engaged the services of the school architects to draw up plans for a new building and a new heating plant to be installed in the Edgewood school. Bids for the installation are expected to be taken in the near future. The present building is expected to be moved from the old Eight Mile School. A modern hot water system is being planned to replace the present old forced air system.

In addition, plans are for installing a new ventilation system in the school to improve the ventilating system.

The application for permission to sell school bonds to finance the construction of the new Middlebelt School is expected to be filed with the Michigan Finance Commission this week. Approval of the application must be granted by the Commission before the sale can begin.

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