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Around The Block

BATTER UP . . .
will be the cry around these parts next Tuesday as the Farmington and Clarenceville baseball teams open their 1950 season. It is a little hard to believe that it's baseball time again already, especially in view of the shyness of spring. Anyway, they will be winding 'er up down at the Clarenceville diamond next Tuesday afternoon, so make it a point to start the spring right by supporting your favorite team. You will have a lot of fun doing it and it will give the boys on the field a big boost, too.

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LAST SUNDAY . . .
wasn't exactly Easter Parade weather but we Americans are hardy souls and what is the difference — those new spring clothes are what count anyway. There were plenty of mighty purty spring hats, dresses, coats and suits on the street. People seemed to have the spring spirit even though the weather didn't contain balmy breezes. That's one nice thing about the Easter Parade — it gives you a big lift and sort of a prosperous feeling.

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LIKE TO DANCE . . .
do you? Well, there will be plenty of opportunity Friday evening. The Farmington Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Farmington Get-Together featuring modern and old-time dancing at the high school gym. It is a swell opportunity for everyone, young and old, to get together for some real fun. The whole idea is to get you and your neighbor a little better acquainted. Then there will also be a dance out at the Glen Oaks Country Club Friday night sponsored by the Floral Park Association. This is another chance for residents of the Floral Park area to get together for some pleasure and relaxation. So if you like to dance, we got plenty of it.

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THE TALK ABOUT THE STOVE . . .
is switching from "what we did last summer", to "what we are going to do this summer." A sure sign of spring if you ever heard one. Fishing, baseball and traveling are fast becoming the subject of conversation. The fishing tackle is beginning to find its way out of closets and chests and the road maps are popping up all over the place. Although that vacation may be quite a ways off yet, it is being talked about. They say the planning and expectation is as important as the vacation itself, so a lot of folks are miles away already.

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BOY! HAVE WE GOT WEEKS . . .
right now. In fact, we got so many that if there wasn't a calendar around we don't know how we would ever get straightened out. Just listen to this — between April 14 and 17, we have Coin Week, Doughnut Week, Want Ad Week and Noise Abatement Week. The idea of Coin Week, we guess, is to save 'em, and that isn't too easy a job these days. Besides filling the piggy bank, we must eat an extra special helping of doughnuts and run a bunch of want ads, in The Farmington Enterprise of course, and talk in a whisper all week long. It's quite an order, we know, but that is what the calendar says.

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FARMINGTON'S MAIN CORNER . . .
took on the appearance of a garage Tuesday as a Greyhound bus got a major overhaul right out in the cold wind. The bus evidently conked out on the main corner and they went to work on it right on the spot. Just to make things seem a little worse, while the big bus was up on chains, a 1920 something model Ford went putting by just as nice as could be. Guess they don't make 'em like they used to.

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WE FIND NOW . . .
that it isn't just our imagination that tells us the Skinned Knee and Loose Tooth set don't play marbles any more. Talking to our esteemed hard goods merchant the other day, we learned that youngsters no longer care for express wagons or roller skates either. Why? Maybe television. At any rate, the nut and bolt huckster says he just doesn't sell those items like he used to. Time was when the marbles would go by the bushel. No more. Time was when express wagons were in great demand. No more. Not even roller skates any more. We have no doubts but what a good sociologist could find some deep disturbances in modern youth stemming from this trend. Or vice versa.

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LOOKS LIKE . . .
special elections will become quite popular this season. We're having one May 8 on the night football field, and another one this Monday on the Building Code. Might be a good idea to drop over to the polls on those days. Especially Monday. The idea of the referendum petitions was to get the concensus of opinion from the whole township about the Building Code, but we're willing to wager that not more than 30% of the registered voters will make an appearance. Then compare the percentage of registered voters to the number of people who are entitled to the vote, and you'd have even a smaller minority to dictate the future of the township.

Building Code Comes Up For Vote Monday

Estimate 3000 Voters Eligible

Voters in Farmington Township will decide this Monday whether or not to accept the building ordinance approved by the Township Board and later invalidated by referendum petitions. Township Clerk Harry McCracken estimates that "around 3000" people will be eligible to vote in the contest.

The ordinance, prime conversational topic in the township, calls for inspection of new construction and remodeling. Exterior walls, rafters, and foundation walls are covered by descriptive specifications in the code, and plumbing and wiring are made subject to inspection. Construction permits and fees are also established by the code.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. Residents in Precinct One will vote at the Town Hall and persons in Precinct Two will cast their ballots at the Maccabee Hall on St. Francis.

Civic associations in the township have busied themselves with the code. The Southeast Farmington Township Civic Association was instrumental in its passage, and the Farmington Township Civic Association, Incorporated, circulated petitions for the referendum election. Both groups have been campaigning heavily, the Southeast group for, and the Incorporated group against.

Public meetings have been held by both organizations, and handbills and posters circulated. In this edition of The Farmington Enterprise, spokesmen for each group give their reasons for voting each way on the ordinance. (See Page Four, Section II.)

CONFIDENT OF DEFEAT

The Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., opponents of the

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Police Car Tries Its Voice

Police got a chance to warn motorists the easy way last week end when a public address system was installed on the city's police cruiser. The device, similar to that used on Farmington school buses to control passengers, is being tried out experimentally by the city. Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt says the device hasn't been used long enough to determine its merits. However, the chief says when handling large crowds or directing traffic, police would be assisted by the speaker system.

School Board Sets May 8 For Vote On Field Lighting

Mechanic Loses Two Cars When One Crashes

Richard King, mechanic at James E. Layn's Garage, turned over his car and thereby destroyed two automobiles Monday night. King's car, a 1937 Chevrolet, was one he had rebuilt, using two automobiles of the same make and model to provide parts for one good car.

King doesn't know what caused the accident. He said he was driving down the Cut-Off at 45 miles per hour on his way home from a roller skating party when the accident occurred. "Maybe the front end broke loose — all I know is that I went into the ditch and turned over", King says. The car was a total loss.

Asked whether or not he was going to buy two more cars to build one, King said he had decided to buy one new car.

To Ask One Mil For Two Years To Finance Illuminated Field

The Farmington Township School District Board of Education Monday night selected May 8 as the date of the special election to determine whether or not voters want to tax themselves one mill for two years to finance a night football field. Voting on the May 8 date came after much discussion of the date and the football field project generally. Board President D. Gerald Domes cast the only dissenting vote.

President Domes told the Board the election should be held at the same time as the regular school board election, June 12, to save expenses of the special voting. He also pointed out that the issues and details of the field itself were not yet clear-cut.

Treasurer Ray Eichler then stated that "We'll have to see if the folks want to spend the money before we can work out details." Trustee Curt Hall added that no firms would make bids on the job of erecting lights and constructing the field until there was a positive knowledge that the board would build the field. He also stated that delaying the election by one month would mean a delay in completing the field. "And if we expect to use this field next year, there's a lot of difference between getting it done September first and getting it done Ocober first," he said. "As it is, if it's decided to build the field, the boys will probably have to play in sand this year," Hall added.

Domes also questioned the propriety of asking voters to approve a millage like before knowing exact cost of the field, claiming the board was asking them to approve the field, then send them the bill. Hall answered by saying estimates were based on comparative installations, and that the $20,000 to be raised by the levy would be adequate.

SITE NOT DETERMINED

Actual determination of the site for the proposed field has not been made, pending action of the Farmington City Commission. Secretary Rolfe Smith was instructed to write an appeal to the city commission to ask for a lease on a site in the triangle of land formed by the Cut-Off and Gill and Nine-Mile Roads. Members of the school board planned to appear at the City Commission meeting Wednesday night to ask action by the board. School attorney Archie Leonard has informed the board that the city has the right to lease the land to the school district.

Hall stated that he had previously informally contacted members of the city commission, and thought that approval of a rent-free lease would be granted.

PASS BUDGET

At its meeting Monday night, the Board also decided to present a budget of $395,785.00 to the County Tax Allocation Board. This is an increase of nearly $35,000 over the amount requested for last year.

State aid including Sales Tax diversion will amount to $259,205 of receipts, according to budget requests. Local taxation will account for only $109,558 of the budget, with non-budget tax money for debt service to bring in about $129,800. The debt service taxes are a total of 10 mills voted for debts after 1932, and one mil for debt prior to 1932.

SETTLE BOUNDARIES

Boundaries of the school district, including the transfer of the Woodland subdivision from the Clarenceville to the Farmington School District, will be settled May 8, date of the next school board meeting and date of the special election on the football field.

At that time, members of the County Board of Education, the Farmington City Commission, and the Board will consider straightening the boundaries of the school district to conform with the township lines, and transferring the Woodland subdivision.

De-Rusters Start Working Again

Roy Miller, Farmington City's water commissioner, announced Tuesday night that the pumps used to inject rust stain removing chemicals into the city's water supply were being installed and that operation of the de-rusters is expected to begin sometime this week end.

Miller said that workmen still have to complete installation, including electrical wiring of the equipped, and proportions of the the iron particles causing rust stains in Farmington's water. Miller added, however, that probably two weeks of operation would be needed before the effects of the de-rusters would be noticed in the water coming from the taps.

Some reduction in the stains left by the water was noticed when lighter equipment was tried several months ago. At that time, only one of the city's two wells was quipped, and proportions of the de-rust chemicals were not proper.

According to Sci-Eff-Ics Laboratories, manufacturers of the chemical to be injected into the city water supply, the rust removing action won't change the hardness of the water or similarly effect its composition. The chemical only changes the composition of the iron particles causing rust. The firm also states addition of the chemical is not expected to harm pipes or plumbing fixtures.

High School Gets Commendation

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of schools of the Farmington Township School District, announced this week that Farmington High School has again received approval for accreditation by the University of Michigan for a three-year period beginning July 1, 1950.

G. V. Harrison, principal of the Farmington High School, stated Tuesday that the high school has been accredited by the University continuously since 1920 and by the North Central Association since 1927.

In a letter to Dunckel from Fred G. Stevenson, professor in the Extension Division of the University, the visiting official complimented the District on the improvements that have been made in the past three years. He commented particularly on the remodeling of the study hall and the library. Stevenson also made particular mention of the "Student Handbook" prepared by the student council and the work of the student court.

Expansion of shop and mechanical drawing programs, the physical education programs for both boys and girls, the art instruction and the addition of vocal music to the curriculum all received high commendation from Stevenson.

"You are to be congratulated on the improvements in the school plant; the new rooms, the new fluorescent lighting, the good staff you have assembled, the expansion of the curriculum and the responsiveness of the pupils," Stevenson stated in his letter to Dunckel.

Red Cross Still Short Of Quota

Farmington's Red Cross Drive will officially close Wednesday, April 19, according to Pierre Delmontier, Farmington chairman.

There is a possibility that the drive will be extended further due to impassable roads and inclement weather, but the closing date thus far is April 19. The drive was to have closed March 31, but was extended because of the bad roads. Delmontier stated that even with the extension a number of areas in the Township still have not been covered by volunteer solicitors.

The chairman stated that up to Wednesday morning a total of $1,201.58 has been turned in. The Farmington quota is $2,997. The inability of solicitors to get to isolated areas in the Township is mainly responsible for the slowdown, Delmontier stated. The response has been very good where volunteers have been able to get through to residents of the area, he added.

Delmontier stated that Farmington is still above the percentage collected in the majority of areas in the county. One of the most active collection points in the area has been the booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. The booth has been in operation daily since the opening of the drive with collections running far ahead of previous years.

Falcon - Trojan Contest Tuesday To Open 1950 Baseball Season

Farmington and Clarenceville will meet on the Trojan diamond Tuesday afternoon, April 18, in the opening baseball game of the season for both schools.

Both the Falcons and Trojans will put veteran teams on the field in an effort to get off to a winning start. Coach Bill Nuse stated this week that his probable starting line-up will consist largely of seniors and veterans. Harry McKittrick, Trojan coach, will have two Juniors and seven Seniors in his tentative starting line-up.

The Falcons have been able to work outside only a few days since practice sessions began several weeks ago. Preliminary workouts have been held mostly in the Farmington gym. Nuse stated he hoped that the weather would permit outdoor practice this week. McKittrick stated that due to mud and wet grounds no practice sessions have been held outdoors thus far at Clarenceville.

It was announced this week that if the Clarenceville diamond is not in shape by game time Tuesday that game may be transferred to the Farmington diamond. Farmington and Clarenceville play a second game the end of the season and this can be scheduled at Clarenceville if the Tuesday game is played at Farmington.

Unless the weather clears to allow regular outdoor practice the latter part of the week, neither team will be in too good shape for the opener. They will have an opportunity to meet again, however, at the close of an active schedule for both teams.

Nuse announced Tuesday the tentative opening line-up for Farmington for the first game. Art Olson or Jerry Plum will have the starting mound duties with Dick Tupper behind the plate. Smokey AschenBrenner will be at first base, Dick Alexander or Art Olson will play second base; Don Bunge at shortstop and Markham will be on third. In the outfield, Jim Bates will be in center field, Captain Lee Tyler will play left field and Doug Thompson, Jerry Ditchfield or George Hayes in right field.

The opening tentative line-up for Clarenceville, according to McKittrick, will be; Don Grose, pitcher and Hank Albers behind the plate. Don Rutila will be at first base with Bob Riggs at second, Bob Rousseaux at short and Charles Westberg at third base. In the outfield will be Roy Nelson, left field; Marvin Kobman, right field; and Eugene Derrick in center field.

Budget Increased At Clarenceville

An increased tentative budget for the coming year was approved by the Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The budget calls for an increase of about 6% over last year. Most of the increase is due to the additional enrollment in the Clarenceville school system. As a result of the increased enrollment four new teachers will be added to the staff next year. The salaries of these additional teachers accounts for most of the increase.

A number of decreases are also included in the tentative budget. These include capital outlay, maintenance, and general administration. A thorough discussion of the items of the budget was held before approval. The budget will form a basis for operation during the 1950-51 school year.

The Board also took action on increasing the insurance on the Clarenceville high school property. The increase is due to the new gymnasium - classroom addition. A survey of the high school buildings and equipment will be made prior to the renewal of the present insurance policies.

FALCON THINCLADS TO TAKE PART IN MEET AT U. OF M.

Fourteen Farmington Falcon track men will participate in the River Rouge Invitational meet at Yost Field House on the University of Michigan campus this Saturday, Coach Don Hossler announced this week.

Time trials were held on the Farmington athletic field Wednesday to select the trackmen who will represent Farmington in the annual meet. This is the first competition for the Farmington trackmen this season. Weather and mud have held down practice sessions. Most of the training work has been confined to indoor training and workouts.

Only one entry is allowed in each contest. The meet is an all day event beginning Saturday morning and running through the day. Schools from all over this section of the state will be represented. The Falcons will be represented in the following events: Low and high hurdles, 60 yard dash, shot put, high jump, pole vault, 880 yard relay and medley relay.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cloutier spent Easter with his family, the Isador Cloutiers on Tuck Road.

Quaker Valley Residents Repair Their Own Road

Residents of the Quaker Valley subdivision, located off Farmington Road between 11 and 12 Mile Roads, and people living on Farmington Road between those limits have taken the mud situation into their own hands — they have bought and paid for a new road.

The residents contributed enough money to obtain crushed limestone to fill all the holes on Farmington Road between 11 and 12 Mile Roads. E. S. Mather of Farmington hauled all other operations to get the crushed stone on the job, and the Oakland County Road Commission sent a road grader and a diesel-powered shovel to place the stone. Since last Friday, the road has been open between 11 and 12 Mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fendt and children spent Easter Sunday with their parents, the Louis Fendts on Gill Road.

NEW JITNEY SERVICE BEGINS THIS WEEK

Farmington's new bus-jitney service began operation Monday morning on a regular set schedule on two routes in the City and Township.

According to Jack Schweler, owner of the new bus service, activity throughout the first week has been encouraging. The purpose of the bus-jitney is to enable residents of the Township to get into the city more easily. Schweler, who is also owner of the Farmington City Cab Company, stated that cabs are being used at the present time.

The present schedule calls for two loops, one from Grand River and Farmington Road north on Farmington Road to Shiawassee and along Shiawassee to Lakeway and down Lakeway to Grand River, then east to Orchard Lake Road and north on Orchard Lake Road to Shiawassee, Shiawassee to Springbrook, Springbrook north to 10 Mile Road, 10 Mile to Powers, Powers to Shiawassee and return to the main intersection of Farmington. The southern route runs south on Farmington Road from Grand River to Nine Mile Road, Nine Mile Road to Gill Road, Gill Road south to Eight Mile Road, Eight Mile Road to Farmington Road and then north to Grand River in Farmington.

The service is running on 30 minute schedules from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Red Cross Motor Unit Organized

Eight drivers and six volunteers are already at work as members of the newly formed Farmington Red Cross Motor Unit, Mrs. Farrel Weber, chairman, announced this week.

Mrs. Weber stated that the unit has made a number of calls since their formation several weeks ago. Since the initial announcement for volunteers, the membership has continually grown. Eight drivers are now available for calls and six volunteers, without cars, assisting. They are all taking special Red Cross first aid courses as well as motor mechanics.

The Unit has been formed for the purpose of transporting children and adults who need special treatment outside of the area. The unit is also available for emergency calls or in case of disaster. Thus far members of the newly formed Motor Corp have made one run to the eye clinic at St. Joseph's Clinic in Pontiac and two runs to the Children's Clinic in Pontiac.

Mrs. Weber stated that because of bad roads the meeting originally scheduled for March 28 will be held April 25 at her home at 27541 Stansbury. She added that anyone interested in joining the unit is urged to attend the meeting. Persons who have a car available for this work are particularly needed.

Kiwanis Dance To Be Held This Friday

This Friday evening is the date set for the Farmington Kiwanis Get-Together Dance to be held in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Music will be furnished by the Torrid Five. Both modern and old-time dancing will be featured during the evening. The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the dance in an effort to get residents of the community together for an evening of entertainment.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

GIRLS TAKE SHOP, BOYS TRY COOKING AT CLARENCEVILLE

Exchange units between the Industrial Arts and Homemaking Departments of Clarenceville High School are nearing a close, following a most successful five week unit.

Fifty boys from the Senior High School and fifty girls of the same grades traded places. They are receiving instruction along the same lines as the students with whom they exchanged places.

The boys have had a varied program consisting of work in the following areas: Personal grooming, care and buying of clothing, manners, keeping fit, and best of all, cooking.

The daily chant until cooking began was, "when do we get out the pans?" The exploration into the culinary arts was planned by each group of 5 boys. They have made cakes, pies, candy, cream-puffs, fish and chips, cheeseburgers, chili, cookies and a complete breakfast and luncheon.

The girls on the other hand have been learning the art of wielding a hammer, saw, chisel, screw driver, and the most fun of all, running the jig saw. The girls have done excellent work. They have much more pride in the quality of work than do the boys. For the most part the girls have been enjoying themselves. They have learned the nomenclature of many of the tools and how to use them. Projects have been limited to a choice of a knick-knack shelf, end table, or magazine rack. Many variations of these have been developed. The girls have proven themselves very capable of designing. Some of the designs being very intricate.

Both instructors, Mrs. Mummery and Mr. Makl have indicated they thoroughly enjoyed the new experience, and will be looking forward to an exchange in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook on Oakland, attended the Tre-Ore services held in the Fisher theater in Detroit on Good Friday.

Neighbors Use Tractor To Get Appendicitis Victim To Hospital

William Knapp, 29, of 38324 13 Mile Road, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy at Northville's Sessions Hospital today, thanks to the quick action and cooperation of his neighbors.

Knapp ate his supper last Thursday night, and then started out to work, even though he had a slight pain in his abdomen which he attributed to indigestion. A few minutes later, he was back in the house, doubled up with pain. A doctor was summoned. Neighbor Jack Lasich, hearing of Knapp's illness, went to the corner of 13 Mile Road and Halsted and met the doctor.

Leaving his car, the doctor, with stretcher in one hand and satchel in the other, climbed aboard Lasichs' tractor and started out to the Knapp home, bucking the heavy mud that made the road impassable.

After rendering first aid to the sick man, the doctor wanted to get him to the hospital for surgery immediately. Then started a wild ride through the mud.

A trailer was hitched to the back of Lasich's tractor and neighbors sitting in the trailer held Knapp's stretcher, thereby saving him some of the buffeting of the road.

Spencer Heeney's ambulance was waiting for the caravan at 13 Mile Road, and took the sick man to the hospital. Heeney said "If you could have seen that rig, with two dim little lights, and heard the tractor popping as it slipped and slid and you didn't know whether or not it would get through, you would have thought we were back in the horse and buggy days."

But Knapp made it to the hospital all right. His appendix was removed at 11 p.m. that night. Doctors said another five minutes delay might have ruptured the appendix.

Don't Vote, but DON'T CRY

EITHER. In Russia, 90% of the people vote, but have no voice in their government. In Farmington Township, everybody can have his say — but less than 700 people vote. Change that record. On MONDAY, April 17, get out and

VOTE

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their regular business meeting in the Town Hall Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m. Election of delegates to the Department of Michigan convention, to be held in the Hotel Bancroft at Saginaw, will be part of the program.

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