



EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE . . .
and a lot of Farmington people were lined up along the curbs Tuesday morning to see the Annual Memorial Day Parade go by. It was one of the largest parades Farmington has ever had. We were particularly glad to see the large number of flags displayed along the line of march. Thanks to the Jaycees, nearly every youngster carried a small flag and most of the merchants displayed large flags in front of their business places. It was a fitting tribute to the many young men in this community who gave their lives in two world wars. It is significant that while only last week communist youth leagues marched, we in Farmington marched Tuesday in honor and memory of those who gave their lives to beat down such oppression. We, too, can march — we, too, are proud to display our flag — we do it not to destroy but to dedicate ourselves to peace and the strengthening of free people everywhere.

ANOTHER KIND OF PARADE . . .
also showed itself in Farmington over the holiday week end. The parade of cars, with trailers, boats and vacation-seeking people. Fortunately Farmington escaped the finger of death as Michigan's traffic toll skyrocketed on the first summer holiday. The beautiful summer weather helped to jam the highways. Alert state and local police helped to warn drivers that speed and carelessness kill. There will be lots of traffic from now on, holiday or just a week end, so take it easy, be careful and stay alive.

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH . . .
and that means drinking plenty of milk, eating lots of ice cream and using plenty of dairy products. That won't be very hard to do, will it? You not only will be helping yourself to better health and better eating but you will be helping the many Michigan farmers whose job it is to produce the milk and cream that goes into these vital food products. And we don't want to forget the men who turn these raw materials into delicious treats for our table. So buy dairy products this month, help our farmers, our dairymen, and ourselves to better living.

PAINTING UP . . .
the order of business last week in the Farmington business district. The workmen were at their task of putting little white lines on the pavement to make it easier for you. Parking areas were laid out and crosswalks marked. So there shouldn't be any reason for jay-walking or improper parking now. It is all for your safety anyway, so heed the lines.

A NEW DRIVE-IN . . .
is about to open in Farmington. According to the sign on the new building located at Lakeview and Grand River, the Lakeview Drive-In will open on or about June 1. Thus another addition will be made to Farmington's business district. It is fast spreading out into a real shopping area. Few of us can comprehend now the future growth of the Farmington area except that it is growing and fast.

ON TELEVISION . . .
last Wednesday were two women from the Methodist Mother's Club of Farmington. They appeared at the request of WKYZ-TV with Mrs. Mary Gillen, who will present her famous doll collection at the Doll Show Tea sponsored by the Methodist Mothers' Club this Saturday, June 3. The two women were Mrs. Henry Trombley and Mrs. Herbert Gibbs. They appeared with Mrs. Gillen on the "Pat and Johnny Show".

THIS SATURDAY . . .
June 3, is the last day for registration at both the Farmington and Clarencville High Schools for the coming annual school elections. If you are not already registered be sure and do so on Saturday so that you can join your neighbors in voting your opinion — so that you can practice democracy where it counts the most — right in your own backyard. Be a good citizen — register June 2 and Vote June 12.

THE POPPY KIDS . . .
were out in force over the week end collecting needed contributions from Farmington area for the veterans in hospitals throughout the country. From the number of bright red American Legion and V. F. W. poppies on lapels and dresses it seems they did a very thorough job. We want to take our hat off to Mrs. Maggie Cantner who was out there all the first day working like a Trojan. It isn't the easiest job in the world anyway, and when you're 77 years old it is downright remarkable.

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE . . .
that graduation days are behind us here for seniors of both the Farmington and Clarencville High Schools. It won't be very long before the round of busy activity begins. Graduation is a time for congratulations and celebration, but it is a time, too, for some serious thought. It is the close of one phase of education and the beginning of another. We wish to congratulate all of the graduates on the completion of their high school training. Your energy, courage, and determination is needed for the job ahead, the job of helping to make this a better world for you and your neighbors to live in.

Trojans Defeated By Northville 2 - 1

By BOB RIGGS
The Clarencville Trojans dropped their third game of the season last Tuesday afternoon, losing a close 2 - 1 decision to the Northville Mustangs. Don Grosse was the loser, Tom Shrike the winner. Grosse allowed five hits and struck out nine Mustangs. Shrike fanned ten Trojans and allowed only two hits. Clarencville scored the first run of the game in the second inning and held this one-run lead until the fifth inning. Riggs, leading off, singled to the infield, and took second on a wild pitch. Derrick was safe on an infield error. Riggs taking third where he scored on a wild pitch a moment later. Northville threatened in the second when Robinson singled, but was erased on an unassisted double play. The Trojans put on a mild threat in both the fourth and fifth innings. Riggs, first up in the fourth, fanned first after being struck with a pitched ball, but was stranded as Nelson, Derrick and Westberg fanned to end the inning. Bob Rousseau walked to open the fifth and Grose hit him into a double play. Elmer Rousseau walked and Rutula singled to left, but Albers went out second to first. Northville tied the ball game in the fifth as Jennings walked, stole second, took third on a pass ball, and scored on Edwin's single to left. The Trojans' last threat came in the top half of the sixth as Riggs walked and reached third with Derick and Westberg struck out and Grose fanned to end the game.

ST. PAULS SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday, June 2, students of the St. Paul's Lutheran School will present "Rip Van Winkle", a three act play, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. The play, written by Washington Irving, is a story of the early Dutch settlers living in the Hudson River Valley. Waldemar T. Graf will direct the play, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Leading characters in the play include: Rip Van Winkle, Frederick Claiborne; Dame Van Winkle, Betty Branson; and Judith Van Winkle, (as a little girl), Shirley Kohnke and Judith Van Winkle (grown up) Janet Millick. Other members of the cast are: Apple Woman, Marilyn Sheldon; Anna the Maid, Janet Claiborne; Village Lady, Ilean Garchow; Derick, (Continued on Page Seven)

ANNOUNCE JUDGES FOR SADDLE CLUB JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

Harry Farmer, chairman, has announced the names of the judges for the Farmington Valley Saddle Club's Junior Horse Show. Judges for the show, which will be held June 11 at the Saddle Club held at the US 16 Cat-O-Mat and Gill Rende, will be Miss Violet Hopkins of Bloomfield, and Glen Ellis, of Clarkston. The show will feature youngsters who are being ridden under the supervision of Saddle Club instructors. A class for young horsemen has been conducted this year by the Saddle Club under the supervision of Charles Hernandez, Austin Grant, and Harry Farmer. Leo Fendt, Jr., will be ringmaster and Austin Grant will be announcer at the show. Mrs. Austin Grant, Rutula and Higer will be the only two Trojans to hit safely in the contest.

High School Seniors Start Graduation Week

Baccalaureate Set For Sunday, June 11

High School seniors in the Farmington and Clarencville class of 1950 will start their graduation exercises Sunday, to be climaxed Thursday evening, June 15, when 159 graduates from both schools will receive their diplomas. Farmington's record size graduating class of 103 seniors will attend Baccalaureate services the same day and the same hour at the Farmington High School gym. Rev. Fred Fisher of the Farmington Baptist Church will give the address at the Farmington services.

Music will be provided by the Vocal Music department, according to G. V. Harrison, principal, and directed by J. W. Henderson, head of the department.

Seniors will be graduated from Clarencville High School this year in the first graduation exercises to be held in the school's new gymnasium. Exercises will begin Sunday, June 11, when the gym will be the scene of the Baccalaureate. Rev. Walter Rutkowski of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will give the address.

Music for the Clarencville Baccalaureate will be provided by the high school chorus under the direction of Mr. Leo Larvure. The exercise will be held at 8 p.m.

Commencement exercises at both schools will be held June 15. Presentation of the diplomas will climax four years of high school and a week of senior activities. The Senior Swingout, a program in which the Farmington High School seniors will wear their caps and gowns for the first time, will be held June 8. The seniors in their caps and gowns will appear at a student assembly.

Completed High School seniors completed the Annual Senior Trip Monday when they left Washington, D.C. to return to school. Fifty-three class members accompanied by faculty members visited the nation's capital, leaving Farmington (Continued on Page Twelve)

Town Club To Hear Book Review June 1

Mrs. Bess Allen will present a book review at the regular meeting of the Town Club to be held June 1 at 8 p.m. at the home of Cora Cook, 3925 Grand River. Morris Henderson left in haste for the evening. She will be assisted by co-hostesses Nadine Erdmann, Irene West, and Barbara Schultz. The meeting is confined to members only.

Participate In All - Girl Concert



Jane Rutula, Audrey Kennard, and Barbara McLean, Farmington residents, will provide a clarinet trio at the Fifth Annual Concert of the 55 piece Musical Belles all-girl orchestra June 2.

Fifty-five girls, ranging in age from 14 to 29 years, will present their fifth annual concert under the direction of Mr. Manuel Freed, director and originator of the group. At the busy High School auditorium, Fenkel and Hubbard avenues, Friday at 8:15 p.m. The Musical Belles, an all girl orchestra, comprise all instruments necessary to a full orchestra. The girls will wear their pastel formal and will appear against a natural floral background illuminated by special subdued lighting. Among the features offered at the concert will be a clarinet trio by Jane Rutula, Audrey Kennard, and Barbara McLean. They will play two selections, "Grandfather's Clock" and "Wandering One". The concert will provide nearly two hours of musical entertainment.

'Possum Invade (South) Farmington



Although sweet magnolias don't blossom around everybody's door, folks in Farmington can keep eating 'possum 'til they can't hold any more, according to Farmington Police Sergeant Floyd Sallow, who was offering free opossum to any takers last week end. Sallow shot the 'possum he's holding after it had been hit by a car on State Street in Farmington. Sallow says more of the animals inhabit nearby woods. The animal Sallow shot was carrying four young ones in its kangaroo-like pouch.

Tax Assessor, Safety Bureaus Look Into Proposed Night Field

Arthur Lamb, city tax assessor, stated last week that the one mill tax increase being asked for a night athletic field for the Farmington School District would amount to more than one mill on assessment if it shows up on a tax bill.

Lamb stated that the "valuation as equalized" is greater than the "valuation as assessed" in Farmington. A copy of the report submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Committee on Equalization bears out Lamb's statements.

The report shows Farmington city to be assessed at \$2,911,555. However, the "equalized valuation" is \$4,368,877, nearly 150% of the assessment figure. Lamb stated that the difference in the "equalized valuation" and the "valuation as assessed" was responsible for the confusion resulting after the

special assessment for new school buildings raised taxes by 10 mills and taxpayers apparently were billed for a greater increase. According to these figures, city property assessed at \$3000 would be "equalized" to a valuation of \$4500. A one mill tax on this figure would be \$4.50, which is 1.5 mills on the \$3000 assessment. Farmington Township's "equalized valuation" is much closer to its assessment, the Committee on Equalization's report shows. The township was assessed at \$8,140,535. The valuation as equalized is \$8,756,513, which is roughly 108% of the valuation as assessed.

The "equalization" is done by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors' Committee on Evaluation as recommended by the Michigan State Tax Commission. Lamb says the State Department tells the County how much it thinks Oakland County should be worth, then the equalization figure is arrived at to coincide. He also said that the city increase was greater than the township increase because of the improvements present in the city (Continued on Page Seven)

CLARENCVILLE'S SUMMER PROGRAM OPENS JUNE 26

Clarencville's recreation program will open June 26, Mrs. Russell Bennett, secretary of the Clarencville Recreation Commission, announced Tuesday. The program will run from the June date to August 4. Summer band, athletics, and swimming instruction will be included in the program.

The program will be held only at the Clarencville High School, where youngsters will gather during the day and may have planned activities for two evenings each week.

Again this year, swimming instruction at Kent Lake will be provided by the Oakland County Red Cross. Transportation to and from the lake, as well as on the six tentatively slated, will be provided by school bus. Coach McKittrick and music director Markell will have charge of the youngsters while at the high school. In addition to the athletic program planned, summer band practice and baton twirling will also be provided. Finances for the Clarencville program come from the school board, Farmington and Livonia Township Boards, and the Farmington United Fund in addition to the Commission's winter activities. Members of the Clarencville Recreation Commission are James Nicholson, president; Mr. Richard Priebe, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Bennett, secretary; and Mrs. Bessie Hodgins, treasurer.

School Registration Deadline Set For This Saturday

CITY ANNOUNCES DATE OF PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

A public hearing on the Annual Budget for the City of Farmington for the coming year will be held Wednesday evening, June 7, at the City Hall, it was announced this week by Kathryn D. Cotter, acting city clerk.

The City Commission will be present at the meeting for the purpose of discussing the details of the budget for the year 1950-51. Mayor Delos Hamilton stated that residents and taxpayers of the City are urged to attend the meeting and offer any suggestions in regard to the items contained in the budget.

Four Named To Boys' State

Four boys from Clarencville and Farmington High Schools will attend Wolverine Boys State June 15 at Michigan State College at East Lansing. The boys are sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, Farmington City, Farmington Township, the Kiwanis Club, and the Exchange Club.

The four boys are Don Grosse, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grosse of 21160 Truck Road; Foster Aschenbrenner, 17, son of Mrs. Mary Aschenbrenner of 2249 Power; Gerald Plunk, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Plunk of 33115 Shilawassee; James Keck, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bescoe of 2375 Orchard Lake Road; and Vincent Stock, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stock of 27548 Edgemore. All of the boys are high school juniors. The boys will spend the week of June 15 to June 23 at East Lansing, where they will set up a mythical "49th state", electing governor and state officers, and city, township and county officials. The boys will also take over the duties of Governor G. Mennen Williams and other Michigan officers for one day. Sunday, June 18, is visitors' day at the American-Legion sponsored Boys' State, when parents and friends can visit the teenage government. A recreation and athletic program is also being set up for the junior officials, who will present their reports to their sponsoring organizations on their return.

Doll Show Tea Set For Saturday

"If only she she could talk!" That's how Mrs. Mary Gillen of Watkins Lake feels about the oldest doll in her collection, "Mary Todd Lincoln". Dressed in the original gown and bonnet she wore during Civil War Days, the china headed doll wears a gold luster snood characteristic of Mrs. Lincoln. During her long exciting lifetime she could tell of many things, the Chicago fire when she was six, seeing Edison's wonderful incandescent lamp and photograph eight years later, and then the telephone.

Garden Club Hears Mrs. Clarence Johnson

"Protecting Our Highways from Roadside Blight" will be the subject of the talk by Mrs. Clarence Johnson when she addresses the Farmington Garden Club June 5 at the Town Hall. The club will meet for a dessert at 12 noon Monday. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Paul Schreiber, chairman, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Gardner, Mrs. Walter Bowden, and Mrs. Howard Westphal.

O. E. S. BANQUET

Farmington Chapter 239, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a Faithful and Sun banquet Tuesday evening, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Reservations are being made at Farmington 0193 and Kibwood 1-8255.

Appears At Methodist Mothers' Tea

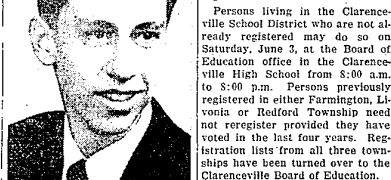


Mrs. Mary Gillen and a few of the 200-odd dolls in her collection.

Voters To Visit Polls In Annual School Elections June 12

Saturday, June 3, is the last day of registration for the Annual School Elections to be held June 12 in both the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts. Persons not already registered in the Farmington Township School District may register at the office of the Superintendent of Schools on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Those qualified electors who have previously registered need not re-register, provided that they voted in at least one election in the past four years.

Registration lists from both the Township and City of Farmington have been turned over to the Farmington Township School District in accordance with the new state law. Under the law persons registered in the Township or City are automatically registered in the School District and need not re-register. Persons living in the Clarencville School District who are not already registered may do so on Saturday, June 3, at the Board of Education office in the Clarencville High School from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Persons previously registered in either Farmington, Livonia or Redford Township need not re-register provided they have voted in the last four years. Registration lists from all three townships have been turned over to the Clarencville Board of Education.



RICHARD E. SCHREIBER

Richard E. Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schreiber of 34024 Oakland, was one of 20 boys in the State of Michigan to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$200 given by the American Legion. It was announced this week. Selections were made through the Guy M. Wilson Scholarship committee of the Legion.

Richard has selected the University of Michigan and will major in the field of chemistry. As part of its Americanism program the Legion annually makes presentations to deserving boys in order to assist them with their college endeavors. Those selected must have a good scholastic standing as one of the prime factors in the determination.

Funds for the program are contributed by every member of the American Legion in Michigan. A total of 80 applications were received this year. Richard's application was sponsored by Groves-Walker Post 346, Farmington.

POLLS OPEN

Elections of the Farmington Township School District will vote in the Farmington High School gymnasium where the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12. The annual meeting (Continued on Page Twelve)

VanAlstine Boy Dies Of Burns

Funeral services for Sidney Van Alstine, 3, will be held Friday morning at St. Charles Church in Cheboygan, Michigan. Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl VanAlstine of 20355 Euterpie, died Tuesday morning at a University Hospital, Ann Arbor, when an attempted kiss grat sent the youngster into a condition of shock. Shock and other internal complications caused the boy's death. Sidney and his brother, Patrick, 2, were seriously burned April 24 when they approached a gas flame with a gasoline can. The boys' father, Earl, is a blind veteran of World War II.

Both boys were taken to University Hospital at Ann Arbor, where doctors said they will recover. Patrick is already home from the hospital. Sidney is survived by his parents; brothers Patrick, 2, Robert, 4, and Francis, 7; and sister Gloria, five months.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, Cheboygan. The body rested at Thayer Funeral Home Wednesday.

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