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AROUND THE BLOCK

IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR . . .
that lies before us. None of us know what it may hold. We may at last find world peace or we may be plunged into war. We may find a cure for one of our dreaded diseases or we may be hit by an epidemic. We may find a new basis for prosperity or we may continue on the road to inflation. We may achieve a new spirit of community cooperation and understanding, or we may fall backward under the weight of indifference and personal hatred. The answers are up to us, we who make up the heart of America. We may seem small and insignificant, and yet in a democracy our voice, added to the voices of others, sets the course of community and world events. Let's never forget this. Individual thoughts, actions and efforts make our history. It is you your neighbors and your countrymen who are writing the history of this nation and this world.

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A GREAT NUMBER . . .
of people are reluctant to reveal when they are performing a valuable service to humanity. This is especially true of the Michaelsen family on Twelve Mile Road, who were at first reluctant to release further information of their adoption of a child through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children. They are giving a little girl a chance and they are doing it out of a deep conviction in their own hearts. Their hope is that other people will become foster parents through the plan, so that other children may have the chance they deserve. Persons become foster parents only of children who are ill or need medical care, Mrs. Michaelsen reports. It isn't "pocket money" that is contributed, it is a real home. The address of the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc., is 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, 18.

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THE MOST POPULAR . . .
spots in town over the Christmas holidays were the skating and hockey rink on Shiawassee Street and the Farmington High School gym. No youngster in this area could say there was nothing to do. The weatherman was more than cooperative during the holiday, giving the boys and girls plenty of fine ice for skating. Thanks to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, there was plenty going on at the Farmington gym, too. We sincerely hope that this will set a pattern of things to come. We, as a community, can perform no greater service than to furnish wholesome recreational activities for our boys and girls. It's a wonderful way to start off a bright new year.

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YOU CAN HELP . . .
fight polio now, by placing your contribution in the March of Dimes canisters at your favorite store. Farmington's March of Dimes campaign is now under way and the job this year is greater than ever before. Polio has left its mark right here in our community. More money has been expended in an effort to help local polio victims than has been collected. As a result the local and county chapters are operating on borrowed funds. None of us can afford to lose this fight against polio. Thanks to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, great strides are being made in the treatment of polio patients. It must not be slowed or handicapped because we failed to live up to our obligations. Polio knows no mercy — it can strike you! Give now and give often.

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FARMINGTON'S NEWEST . . .
business establishment is the Gambles Store located on Grand River next to the Oak Pharmacy. A new bright green sign was erected on the store last week symbolizing the opening. James Boomer, the store manager, urges all Farmington area residents to watch for the Grand Opening. The new store features housewares, appliances, sporting goods, hardware, auto parts, tools and garden tools, just to mention a few items. So the next time you are down town, stop in and take a look around. Don't wait for the Grand Opening to get acquainted. The Enterprise wants to add its welcome to Gambles and Mr. Boomer. We wish you the very best of luck and congratulations on your fine new store. It is a valuable addition to Farmington's growing business district.

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IT'S INSTALLATION WEEK . . .
again for many of Farmington's civic and service organizations. We want to congratulate all of the new officers of the various organizations and wish them well during their tenure of office. Farmington's civic and service clubs have a tremendous challenge. The community is growing and it needs the help, advice and cooperation of every organized group. Through intelligent and vigorous leadership, the progress of the community can be advanced at a much more rapid and constructive pace. All of our organizations have a basic purpose in being, it is to make our community a better place in which to live. This is the charge being placed in the hands of the new officers. May they make the challenge a living reality.

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IT'S BACK TO THE BOOKS . . .
again for students of the Farmington and Clarenceville schools. Like all good things the Christmas vacation must come to an end, but is all part of the game. Now the boys and girls can look forward to spring vacation. In the meantime, there are a lot of activities on tap to add pleasant variety to the regular classroom routine. And while we are talking about those extra activities don't forget to follow your favorite basketball team. There are a lot of big games ahead as well as a lot of pleasant evenings for you fans. Give the boys a real hand, they will appreciate your interest and support.

SEEK BIDS ON SOUTH FARMINGTON ROAD RESURFACING

Farmington Road To Get Face Lifting

South Farmington Road is to get a face lifting according to word received this week from the State Highway Department. This is a driver's eye view of Farmington Road looking south from Orchard Street in the City of Farmington. South Farmington Road narrows at Orchard Street and continues to Eight Mile Road where it widens again at the Wayne County line. According to the legal notice of the highway department, the road is to be widened and a new surface applied to the two-lane pavement. Bids will be opened January 8 on the construction work. The project is to be completed by July 31, 1952.

March Of Dimes Chapter Opens Annual Campaign This Week

Farmington, Clarenceville And Novi Launch Drive For Funds To Aid Polio Victims

Pierre Delmontier, chairman of the Southwestern Oakland County March of Dimes Chapter, announced that the 1952 campaign for funds opens this week in Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi.

The annual March of Dimes drive will continue through the month of January in all three communities. Delmontier stated that Mrs. Warren Joy, 30735 Grand River, will head the Farmington Drive. Mrs. Margaret Allan, 19420 Parkville, has been selected as chairman of the Clarenceville campaign and Mrs. Dorothy MacRoberts, 45881 Grand River, will head the Novi March of Dimes Campaign.

Delmontier stated that the drive is being conducted simultaneously throughout Oakland County during the month. The objective of this year's drive is to put the fight against polio on a "pay-as-you-go" basis", Delmontier added. For four successive years the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has gone into debt fighting the only epidemic disease still on the increase in America.

March of Dimes canisters are now being distributed in Farmington stores and business places by the local committee, Delmontier stated. In addition, cards are being sent to former contributors throughout the county. The chairman added that more volunteers are needed in the fight against polio. Persons desiring to help are requested to contact Delmontier at Farmington 1421 or March of Dimes Headquarters, FEderal 2-3361.

The Farmington area chapter aided 98 victims of polio during

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ADULT RECREATION PROGRAM TO OPEN AT CLARENCEVILLE

The adult recreation program sponsored by the Clarenceville Recreation commission will open Wednesday evening, January 9, at the Clarenceville High School gymnasium, Joe Markell, director, announced Saturday.

Markell added that the program will be conducted from 8:00 to 10:15 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday of each week during the winter season. The program will be supervised by qualified physical education instructors. Mr. Arthur McDonald will be in charge of the men's program and Miss Margaret Barnes will handle the women's program.

The men's activities will be held on Thursday evenings with the women's activities scheduled for

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Snow Stops Work On New Schools

Snow and inclement weather has pretty much halted construction operations on the new school units being constructed in the Farmington Township School District, O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, announced Monday.

Dunckel stated that snow has prevented any activity at the new ten room classrom elementary school being built on Ten Mile Road during the past two weeks. He added that the footings and foundation are in at the Ten Mile School and preparations have been made to begin the exterior walls.

Walter J. Howard and Sons, general contractors for all three school units, have moved equipment on the grounds of the Bond School in preparation for the starting of construction work on the school addition. Dunckel stated that work is expected to begin at the Bond School as soon as weather permits.

It is expected that work will begin on the Middlebelt School addition located on Middlebelt Road just north of Ten Mile Road. Priorities of scarce materials have been granted for all three elementary units as well as the proposed 22 classroom high school unit.

Detailed plans and specifications of the proposed high school building are expected to be ready for Board study around January 19. The new high school is to be built on the north side of Shiawassee Street between Orchard Lake Road and Prospect.

State Approves Building Plans For Clarenceville

Authorize Architect To Draft Final Plans

Approval of preliminary plans for the three school buildings to be built in the Clarenceville School District has been granted by the State Department of Public Instruction, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

Schmidt stated that the letter of approval was received late last week from Lansing. The letter also authorized Eberle Smith, Associates, school architects, to proceed with detailed plans and specifications on all three proposed units. The units include a 13 classroom elementary school, a seven classroom grade school building and an addition to the present Clarenceville High School.

The superintendent stated that a priority has been given by the Board to the 13 classroom elementary school which is to be constructed in the southeast section of the school district. The architect has been requested to give preference to the plans and specifications for the 13 classroom building.

APPLICATION FILED

An application for permission to sell $700,000 worth of bonds to finance the school building program has been filed with the Michigan Finance Commission. As soon as approval has been granted on the application, steps will be taken to advertise for the sale of the bond issue. The bonds can not be sold until approval has been granted by the state.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SGT. FOX TO BE HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Tn. Sgt. Francis F. Fox, killed in November when a C-82 "Flying Boxcar" crashed in France, will be held Monday, January 7, under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, at 2 p.m. in the Thayer Funeral Home.

Sgt. Fox, son of Mrs. Mary Fox of 21645 Jefferson Street, was a flight mechanic aboard the ill-fated plane which crashed into a mountain side November 14. Thirty-five other men aboard were killed in the crash.

Sgt. Fox had been in the Army since 1941. For the past three years he had been stationed in Rhine Maine, Germany.

Survivors besides his mother are two sisters, Mrs. Effie Silver of Farmington and Mrs. Mildred Hixson of Pennsylvania, and two brothers, Richard of California and Ernest of Detroit.

Burial will be in the National Memorial Gardens, Plymouth Road and Telegraph.

Area Civil Defense Council To Meet January 15

Invite Organizations To Participate

Charles Layton, civil defense director for the Farmington area, announced Monday that a special meeting of the defense council will be held Tuesday, January 15, at the Farmington Town Hall.

Layton stated that cards are being mailed to all organizations in the Township and City requesting that they have a representative at the meeting. The director added that any individual interested in the defense program for the community is invited to attend the meeting, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Efforts will be made to outline plans for a definite program of civil defense in the area. Layton emphasized that this includes both the Township and City. Both governmental bodies have selected Layton to direct the program. Tentative plans call for a type of block system set up during the last war as protection against any emergency. Layton added that this type of program requires the full cooperation of all of the people. He pointed out that the civil defense organization can serve the community in any emergency whether it be enemy attack or some kind of local disaster.

Layton, James Tennant, assistant City Manager, and James Tarr, defense council representative, will attend a state defense meeting in Detroit January 10. The meeting is being called to give out information to local civil defense organizations on the program of matching local funds with state money. The Farmington organization has some money which has been transferred from the civil defense organization which was in operation during World War II.

Judge Lamb Dies In Cadillac

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31, for Judge Fred S. Lamb, former superintendent of schools in Farmington and former Circuit Judge of the 28th District, at the Congregational Church in Cadillac, Michigan.

Judge Lamb was born in St. Johns, Michigan, September 10, 1864. He came to Farmington with his parents in 1865 and attended the Farmington schools. At the age of 18, he entered M.A.C. at East Lansing and two years later entered Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, graduating in 1886. The next two years he spent in the Taft and Smith Law office in Pontiac and was admitted to the bar in 1888.

He was superintendent of schools in Farmington for two years. In 1891 he moved to Cadillac, forming a partnership with Clyde Chittenden for the practice of law. He served as Cadillac City Attorney for two years as well as Wexford

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Highway Department To Open Bids On Road Project January 9

Sealed bids on the widening and resurfacing of South Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road north to Grand River will be opened January 9, 1952, in Lansing, Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, announced this week.

According to the advertisement for bids released by the Highway Department, the project will contain 1.632 miles of aggregate widening and two lane bituminous concrete surface on Farmington Road. This section from Orchard Street north to the main intersection of Farmington Road and Grand River is wider at the present time than the section south to Eight Mile Road. The sealed bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Lansing on January 9.

Specifications call for the completion of the project by July 31, 1952. No specified starting date was stipulated in the legal notice. The work will consist of aggregate base widening; variable width bituminous concrete, Class I. The Highway Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SURVEY MADE

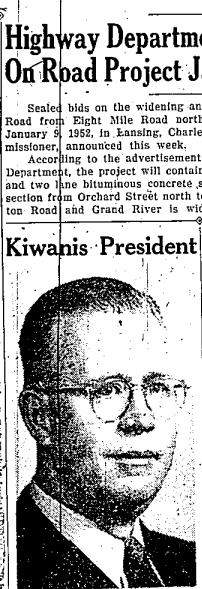
Last spring a survey was made of South Farmington Road by members of the Oakland County Road Commission. The survey, along with a recommendation calling for the widening and resurfacing of the road, was filed with the State Highway Department. The section of South Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road south to Plymouth Road in Wayne County was resurfaced last summer. Shortage of funds and the details of scheduling the project has resulted in the delay on the widening and resurfacing of Farmington Road north of Eight Mile Road.

Completion of the project will afford motorists improved highway all the way from the center of Farmington to Plymouth Road.

As a part of the over-all road improvement program in the Farmington area, the Township Board, at its last regular meeting, discussed the possibility of establishing a definite long-range plan for the improvement of Township roads. Most of the members expressed agreement with the plan suggested by Justice Ward Eagle. Under this proposal all Township roads would be brought up to county specifications and turned over to the County for maintenance. In the meantime, a survey is being made by the Township to determine the worst sections of road so emergency repair work can be started.

The City Council recently approved a resolution requesting the State Highway Department to make the necessary surveys to determine the possibility and the practicability of assuming control of the Ten Mile Road as a State Highway trunk line 23.36 at its junction with U.S. 23 in Lake St. Clair. The resolution was also adopted by other communities adjacent to the Ten Mile Road.

Kiwanis President



CARL WHEATON

Newly elected officers of the Farmington Kiwanis Club for the year 1952 will be officially installed at the annual Installation Banquet to be held Wednesday evening, January 9, at Botsford Inn.

Frank Staiger, secretary of the Michigan District, will be the installing officer at the banquet. Staiger, former mayor of Port Huron, will also give the principal address. George McLaughlin, chairman of the program, stated that special music will be furnished by Lloyd Smith.

Carl Wheaton is the new president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. Other officers include George McLaughlin, first vice-president; Leo Gillemeister, second vice-president; George Nahstoll, secretary; and Ralph Altemus, treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are Clarence Applegate, Don Degroot, A. L. Ross, Pierre Delmontier, Lloyd Smith, Gus Tarr and Louis Schmidt.

The retiring president of the club is Nate Mihay.

Set Zoning Election Date

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced Wednesday noon that the special election on the proposed Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held February 18.

The last day of registration for the special election has been set for Friday, January 18. Registrations are now being taken at the Farmington Township offices in the Town Hall and at the home of Harry McCracken, 35720 12 Mile Road.

History Of Farmington In 1951 Told In Enterprise Headlines

The news and events of 1951 are now history, but they will live forever as a permanent record through the headlines of The Farmington Enterprise.

Let's take a moment to review the outstanding accomplishments and activities that have been written into the history of our community during the busy year just past. These headlines of 1951 were written by you and your neighbors. They stand as a mirror of the week-to-week events of our community and they cast a shadow into the history and experience of the new year just begun.

January 4 — Only 162 Vote In City Charter Commission Election Tuesday. January 11 — Architect Submits First School Building Estimates at Farmington. January 16 — Commission Selects Manager Plan For New City Charter. January 25 — City Commission Plans Formation Of Civil Defense Group.

February 1 — Fifteen Candidates File For Township Election. February 8 — Plane Spotters Prepare For Second Test of Air Ground Observation Corps. February 15 — Draft of Proposed Township Zoning Ordinance Completed. February 22 — Light Vote Cast In Township Primary Election.

March 1 — Farmington Ties with Walled Lake for Inter-Lakes Basketball Crown. March 8 — Farmington Red Cross Workers Open 1951 House to House Drive. March 15 — Mobile Blood Bank To Visit Farmington Tuesday. March 22 — Suggest Sites for New Township Fire Stations. March 29 — Farmington School Board To See Sketches Of Proposed New School Buildings Friday.

April 5 — Voters Approve City Manager Charter 411 to 252. April 12 — Farmington Civil Defense Council Holds Initial Organization Meeting. April 19 — City OK's Limited Water Extension To Outside Users. April 26 — Farmington School Board Approves Selection of Elementary Principals.

May 3—Ten Candidates Nominated for City Council Race. May 10—Grand River to be Resurfaced From Farmington Road To Redford. May 17 — Loomis and Conroy Lead Field Of Candidates For City Council. May 24 — Five Injured In Week End Traffic Accidents. May 31 — Farmington School Board

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Trojans Re-Open Cage Season Fri.

Clarenceville High School's basketball team will resume their season schedule this Friday evening, January 4, with a game against Inkster Roosevelt in the Inkster gym.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m. Coach Bob Sielke's Trojan five will be seeking their first victory of the season against the Inkster team. They have lost four contests in a row. However, three of Clarenceville's four losses were by narrow margins. They were defeated by South Lyon in the opener 41 to 40 and then bowed to Clarkston 35 to 32 and Garden City 43 to 40. In the fourth game they were trounced by a strong Milford team 50 to 28.

The Clarenceville team has the bulk of its schedule yet to play. There are ten games left on the full winter schedule. Four of the ten games will be return contests against teams they met during 1951. Only three of the ten games will be played on the Clarenceville floor. Clarenceville will meet Inkster Roosevelt, Holly and Northville in home and home contests and will play return games with South Lyon, Clarkston, Garden City and Milford.

Answer Fire Alarm

Farmington City firemen answered an alarm at 33201 Orchard Street Friday morning when the motor on a furnace began to smoke. A spokesman for the fire department reported residents of the building had the situation under control when the fire department arrived. The spokesman added apparently only minor smoke damage was caused to the dwelling.

CITY ROAD CREWS WORK OVERTIME TO CLEAR SNOW

City road crews got a valuable assist from the sun and warmer weather over the week end in their fight to clear the streets of the record snow which fell during the past two weeks.

Road crews have worked almost around the clock during the past two weeks in an effort to keep the streets open. Extra personnel has been added to the regular force during the first heavy snow fall. Crews worked during the early morning hours and late at night clearing the main streets.

During recent weeks Floyd Sallow has been acting as public works foreman. He is on loan to the public works department from the police department where he is a sergeant. James Tennant, new assistant city manager, has also been out with the crews assisting in the removal operation.

Kenn Loomis, Mayor and Acting City Manager, stated that all of the city streets were kept open during the height of the storm.

Falcon Reserve Cagers Down Bentley 40-32

Farmington's Junior Varsity basketball team racked up a commanding victory over Bentley's Junior Varsity team, 40 to 32, in a game played last Friday evening at the Farmington gym.

The Falcons held a six point lead at the end of the first half and were never threatened as they scored an impressive victory. The score at halftime was Farmington 22 - Bentley 16.

Spaller was top scorer for the Farmington Junior Varsity with 11 points to his credit.

Give Monthly Financial Aid

Farmington Couple "Adopt" Dutch Girl Through Foster Parents Plan

The heartstrings of a Farmington couple have traveled across lands and waters to entwine a little eleven year old girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A Michaelsen of 34516 Twelve Mile Road have "adopted" Adriana Petronella Marie Van Asten, a Dutch child, through Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc. The information was announced recently by Plan headquarters at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City.

Andriana's family suffered all the hardships endured under the German occupation, the Plan announcement stated. In 1944 her father was sent to a compulsory labor camp in Germany and while there was seriously injured.

He was returned home and spent a year in a hospital before doctors gave up all hope for recovery. Andriana's mother nursed him for seven months longer before he died.

The expense of the long illness exhausted the family savings and there was, in addition, the necessity of extra food for Andriana, who has never been strong and well. Andriana, her mother and thirteen year old sister Ria live in a four room house with few comforts. Bedding is scarce and blankets are needed for the cold weather, the announcement continued.

Now celebrating its Fifteenth Anniversary, Foster Parents' Plan has cared for more than 70,000 European War Children. It is now operating in Belgium, England France, Greece, Holland, Italy and is helping unfortunate and impoverished children of fourteen different nationalities without regard to race or creed.

Foster Parents' Plan for War Children does not do mass relief.

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ADRIANA VAN ASTEN

Falcons Drop Fourth Straight

By NORMAN RAUPP

Farmington High School's basketball team again couldn't tame the opposing cagers as they fell victim to Bentley High School by the score of 38 to 20 in a game on the Farmington floor last Friday evening.

The loss was the fourth straight for the Falcons since the opening of the season. One of the losses, that against Berkley, was in Inter-Lakes Conference competition. The Falcons have two victories to their credit.

The game started off at a fast pace with Bentley taking a sizeable lead by the end of the period 13 to 6. The Falcons fell further behind in the second quarter as Bentley scored nine points while Farmington was accounting for only two points. The halftime score stood 22 to 8 in favor of Bentley.

Bentley continued to outscore the Falcons in the third period. The visitors racked up 11 points while Farmington was scoring five points. The Falcons managed to dampen Bentley's scoring spree in the final period but were unable to close the

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