



AROUND THE BLOCK

There was a feeling... of Spring in the air for a few days. We doubt if it means anything in particular because Spring is still far out of reach, but it is on the way. In spite of the sharp wind the past few days and the snow that has fallen, there has been a feeling of a new season in the air. Advertisements about Spring dresses, suits and hats help to build up our anxiety. There are news of the opening of Spring baseball practice down in the sunny south and of the drawing of a close of the basketball season up here in chilly Michigan. Yes, all of the signs point to Spring, and we are hoping that there is still a lot more winter between now and the balmy breezes which are on the way.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VOTERS

of Farmington Township. They have, in our opinion, taken an important step toward the formation of a better community for the people to live. We feel sorry for the some 55% of the registered voters who either forgot or didn't care enough to cast their ballot Monday. They not only lost another opportunity to practice democracy right before their eyes, but they let themselves down by failing to fulfill their individual responsibility. Among those who voted the answer was conclusive. It is a tribute to the excellent work done by the Zoning Board plus the growing recognition that a community without planning and order is never a progressive community.

THIS FRIDAY

is, among other things, the birthday of one of our greatest Americans, George Washington. He was more than the first President of the United States, yes, he was even more than the Father of our Country. He was a sincere and fervent believer in the basic principles of individual dignity and responsibility. Washington was a living example of a principal and an ideal. He was a man with vision plus the ability and the courage to make a dream a reality. We might all do well to stop for a moment and re-examine not only the individual character of Washington but the changes he faced him in the early days of this nation, and also the challenges he left for you and me to conquer.

ROAD BLOCKS

were up on South Farmington Road this week between Eight Mile and Nine Mile Roads as work has begun preparatory to the base widening and resurfacing of the highway. We ventured beyond the road blocks Tuesday morning and found the workers preparing a new culvert under the road just south of Nine Mile Road. So it looks as though things are moving along nicely. Department several weeks ago, Farmington drivers should be rolling on nice, smooth pavement by July 31. According to letters we have received plus comments from residents along South Farmington Road, it won't be a bit too soon, either. Things are beginning to move, anyway — and that's very encouraging.

IT'S OUT IN THE OPEN

again this Sunday for Farmington's air spotters. From all reports they have a very busy three hours looking upward for passing airplanes. The design is to check the efficiency of Farmington's Ground Observation Station. In this test is like the many others that have already been held, Farmington will come out with flying colors. Few residents realize the importance of this phase of civil defense or why they should be concerned by a few of them. The sacrifice in time and effort is not too great when you consider that the air spotters in Farmington upon whose shoulders rest a grave responsibility should an enemy attack ever come.

THAT FIRE SIREN

has been working overtime the past week, not to speak of the volunteers who have been chipping up and down the township, mostly on grass fire calls. This sort of thing is generally reserved for April or May but it has come early this year. We don't know whether this has any significance or not, except that residents should be particularly alert when the siren blares. Remember, a permit is required if you are going to burn brush or grass, and you can get the permit from Fire Chief Leo Hendryx. Be careful of fire, you not only endanger life and property when you are careless, but you needlessly waste your tax money, and a grave responsibility should an enemy attack ever come.

FARMINGTON HIT

the television screen last week in the person of Paul Caultkins, president-elect of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. He was on "The News" on a TV show conducted Sunday, at which time members of the press question a guest on his particular field. Caultkins lives at 23230 Power Avenue in Farmington and will take over his new duties on July 7. We want to congratulate Mr. Caultkins on his election to the presidency of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. It is always a pleasure to see one of our neighbors receive recognition for his ability and effort.

Trojans Dropped By Holly 51 - 32

Clarenceville's Trojan basketball team dropped their fifth league game of the season last Friday evening, 51 to 32 at the Holly gym.

WILLIAM BURKE HEADS FLORAL PARK CIVIC GROUP

William L. Burke was elected president of the Floral Park Civic Association at the annual meeting and election of officers held February 5, at the American Legion.

Clarenceville's Trojan basketball team dropped their fifth league game of the season last Friday evening, 51 to 32 at the Holly gym. The teams played an even game during the first period with each scoring 13 points. Clarenceville trailed throughout. Clarenceville was successful in tying it up only four seconds to go. Holly surged ahead in the second period, scoring eight points while holding Clarenceville to one point. The score at halftime was 23 to 15 in favor of Holly.

REGISTRANTS NEEDED FOR CLARENCEVILLE ADULT CLASS

Approximately seven persons are needed before the first Friday evening class can be started at Clarenceville, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

CUB SCOUTS PLAN ADULT HANDICRAFT CLASS SERIES

Pack 45 of the Farmington Cub Scouts will conduct a series of three handicraft classes on February 28, March 6 and March 13 at the Farmington Methodist Church. Cub Scout officials stated this week.

Clarenceville defeated Holly 49 to 43 in a game played earlier in the season. The Trojans will close their regular 1951-52 season on Friday, February 22, when they meet Northville in a league game in the Clarenceville gym. Northville seeded up the Wayne - Oakland County League championship last week.

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VOTERS APPROVE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

Board Adds Two Voting Precincts In Township

New Plan To Be Ready For Fall Primary

Two additional voting precincts were added to Farmington Township by unanimous action of the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Under the plan Precinct One will cover the territory south of Ten Mile Road and west of Orchard Lake Road, exclusive of the City of Farmington. Precinct Two will include the area between Eight and Nine Mile Roads and between Orchard Lake and Inkster Roads. Precinct Three will cover the territory west of Orchard Lake Road and north of Ten Mile Road. Precinct Four will be that area north of Nine Mile Road and east of Orchard Lake Road.

Debaters Leave For Tournament



Members of the Farmington High School debate team step into Coach Lloyd Smith's car preparatory to the trip to Albion and participation in the District Elimination Tournament. Debates will be conducted all day Thursday, February 21, at the Albion High School. A total of ten schools are participating in the tournament. The winners in the District Elimination Tournament will participate in the Semi-Finals to be held early in March. Members of the Farmington debate team (left to right) are Lee Barshel and Charles Tull, negative team, and Lou Dowling and June Turner, affirmative team.

Farmington Debate Team Travels To Albion For District Tournament

Ten Schools Compete In Tourney Thursday

Farmington High School's debate team left early Thursday morning for Albion to compete with nine other Michigan high schools in the Annual District Elimination Tournament.

The four-member team, along with coach Lloyd Smith, participated in the drawing of team opponents at 9:30 a.m. at Albion High School. Members of the Farmington affirmative team are Lou Dowling and June Turner. Charles Tull and Lee Barshel make up the Farmington negative team.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY FOR TEACHERS MEETING

Schools in both Farmington and Clarenceville will be closed this Friday for the Annual Oakland County Teachers' Institute. Teachers from both districts will attend conferences in either Royal Oak or Pontiac. Sessions at both places. Morning sessions at Royal Oak will be held at Pontiac in the afternoon and the morning session at Pontiac will be conducted at Royal Oak in the afternoon.

Plans To Add New Teachers Figure At Farmington Schools Show Population Expanding At Rapid Rate

The grade school population, pushing the total to 1733. To handle the increased number of students, five additional teachers are expected to be added to the grade school teaching staff of 48, bringing it up to 53. Junior and senior high school enrollment figures, went up 24%, slightly over 8% per year for the three year period from January, 1949, to January, 1952. Population increased the next year's increase, Superintendent Dunckel said, "We'll lose 7% in the senior class this year but 200 students from the sixth grade will come in next year."

City Begins Work On Installation Of Parking Meters

Plan To Have Meters Ready By Next Week

Work was started Wednesday on the marking and drilling of holes for the installation of parking meters throughout the Farmington business area.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the meters are expected to be ready for operation sometime next week. Michael Ferrante, Farmington contractor, has been awarded the contract for the installation of the posts by the Park-O-Meter Company.

Expect To Have Grade Schools Open This Fall

Work is being stepped up on the construction of the new Ten Mile Elementary School and the addition of classrooms to the Bond and Middlebelt Schools in the Farmington Township School District, O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, stated Tuesday.

Grass Fires Keep Firemen Busy

A near record number of grass fires in Farmington City and Township this week has caused Fire Chief Leo Hendryx to caution residents about burning rubbish and grass and brush areas.

Station To Be Manned From 2 p.m. To 5 p.m.

A special test of Farmington's Ground Observation Station will be held this Sunday, February 24, Thomas Farly, director of the post, announced this week.

Day Of Prayer Services Set For February 29

Farmington churches will mark World Day of Prayer Friday, February 29, with a community service in the Farmington Methodist Church beginning at 11:30 p.m.

Proposal Passes By Overwhelming Majority At Special Vote Monday

Voters of Farmington Township overwhelmingly approved the zoning ordinance at the special election held Monday.

Work Stopped Up On Farmington School Buildings

Construction is now underway on the Bond and Middlebelt Schools in the Farmington Township School District, O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, stated Tuesday.

Falcons Defeat Waterford 32 - 27

Farmington High School's basketball team broke into the win column last Friday night by defeating Waterford High School 32 to 27 in a four fought game on the Farmington floor.

Cub Scouts Display Handicraft

Scouts from Den 3 and Den 8, Pack 6-11, along with their Den Mothers, went all-out to celebrate Scout Week, February 6 to 12, as this attractive display in the window of the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company will testify.

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