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SOOPY, SOOPY... sappy, that's the weather summary for the past few days. It's about the best word we can think of to describe the stuff we have been wandering around in lately. Sunday it was snow, Monday it was rain and Tuesday it was a bit of the rain and snow of gray. That this March in Michigan and anything can happen, and usually does. Nor is the soopy, soopy, sappy confined to just the clouds overhead. It applies to the conditions under foot, too. So just as a suggestion, watch the ground as well as the clouds and don't get too far out on the beaten path or you may find yourself mired. It seems to be the price we have to pay for the joyful thoughts of the coming of spring.

CONGRATULATIONS... this week to the Farmington and Clarenceville basketball teams. Maybe their season's records weren't too impressive, maybe they didn't get very far in the State Basketball Tournaments, but they were right in there trying all the way. They not only turned in commendable performances but they upheld the finest traditions of sportsmanship and fair play. This, coupled with the experience that teaches how to better meet the big problems ahead in the game of life. Residents of both the Farmington and Clarenceville areas can be proud of their teams this year. They never quit trying to get something out of the season. It seems to be their true record, regardless of the figures in the win and loss columns.

ANSWER THE CALL... Give to the Farmington Area Red Cross Drive! Farmington has a big job to do in the next two weeks, and it needs your help if it is going to get it done. Even more important, an American in Korea, an American in Kansas or an American in Farmington needs your help. You can lead a helping hand by contributing a few minutes and a dollar to the American Red Cross. This community has been asked to give \$3,558 to help the Red Cross help others who need it desperately. Are you going to let them down? No, don't think so!

NEW SIGNS... are going up along Farmington's main streets this week and they aren't just for decoration, either. The signs being erected by the city to help motorists to keep out of trouble. If they are followed, they should go a long way towards keeping drivers out of fenders and possibly residents out of the hospitals. The most important signs being erected on Grand River say: "No U-Turn". We hope everyone will heed them - they haven't always in the past. It's just plain common sense in following signs. Both when you are trying to get somewhere and when you are trying to get there safely. You wouldn't ignore a sign that told you which road to take to get where you are going - why ignore one that tells you how to get there in one piece?

TRAINING ISN'T CONFINED... to foot boxers and baseball players. If you doubt it just go out some Sunday and watch the new volunteers of the Northeast Township Fire Department in action. They aren't ready to go out on live fire calls, but they are ready to be trained. According to Chief Roy Bell, they are training, and they are going to know what to do and how to do it when they start answering fire calls. The interesting thing about it is that a lot of residents up that way are getting in on the practice program just to learn how to protect their own home and family in case a fire should strike. It might also serve as a ready manpower pool if the occasion should ever warrant it. This kind of community interest is mighty reassuring in addition to being good, solid production.

MAKE A NOTE... there is a mobile blood bank coming to Farmington next month. It may seem like a long ways away, but the dates will be here before you know it. Just to be sure you don't forget, we'll put news of the details of the blood bank visit in The Enterprise, but it might be a good idea to make yourself a note right now, so you will keep the dates clear. A service man in Korea is counting on you to keep that date. It is up to you! Remember there is no substitute for human blood!

THERE'S A STORY... in the right hand corner of the front page behind that picture of a man in a military uniform. It's the story of a week's issue. No, it wasn't taken from a buzzing airplane, or from the top of a waving flag pole. However, in order for us to get this picture of the new construction of the Ten Mile Elementary School, we had to scale two walls and either a ladder or a ladder, we reached the top of the present Ten Mile School. After climbing one wall and pulling up the ladder to scale a second wall, and as you see we got the picture. One good thing about it was that while on the roof we recovered a football and two basketballs which can again be put back in use.

Wilson Resigns At Clarenceville

Thomas C. Wilson, secretary of the Clarenceville Board of Education, submitted his resignation, effective March 31, to the Board at its regular meeting held Monday evening. Wilson, in submitting his resignation, stated that he is now engaged in a new line of work which will require a considerable amount of time in the next few months and he would be unable to properly carry on his work on the Board. The matter of his resignation for the balance of the school year was discussed, but in view of the fact that his resignation is effective March 31, it would be unfair, in view of the many problems that will confront the Board regarding the building program, to continue.

Farmington Recreation Group To Meet March 19

The annual meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will be held Thursday, March 19, at the Farmington High School library. Mrs. Chester Downing, secretary, announced this week. According to the announcement the meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year. Representatives of the various organizations who are serving on the commission are invited to be present at the meeting.

BOARD APPROVES FINAL PLANS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL



A HELPING HAND... is being extended by L. L. Ross, (left) of 22329 Power as he makes his contribution to the Farmington Area Red Cross Drive at the special booth set up in Mrs. Myron Carver (right) of 30870 Eight Mile Road, one of the many volunteer Red Cross

Plans For New Southeast Fire Hall Approved By Township Board

Plans for the proposed Township Fire Hall, to be constructed in the Clarenceville area, were approved by the Township Board at their regular meeting Tuesday evening. The Board also passed a resolution authorizing L. J. Heenan, architect, to proceed with detailed specifications on the building and to take care of the advertising for construction bids. H. W. Best, representing Heenan, appeared before the Board to submit plans of the building. He was directed to inform Heenan of the action of the Board.

U. OF M. CHORALE TO PRESENT CONCERT APRIL 2

The University of Michigan Arts Chorale, a choir of nearly 100 voices, will present a special concert in the Farmington High School gym on Wednesday, April 2, Lee S. Paul, president of the Farmington Teachers' Club, announced this week. The program, sponsored by the Teachers' Club, will be open to all Farmington area residents at no charge. Doors of the gym will open at 7:30 p.m. the evening of the concert and the program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. A relatively new campus musical organization, the Arts Chorale is composed of members from all departments in the University. It is directed by the nationally famous Dr. Maynard Klein, head of choir music at the University. For the past several summers, he has directed groups at Interlachen.

Falcon And Trojan Cagers Defeated In Early Round Of District Tourney

Both the Farmington Falcon and the Clarenceville Trojan basketball teams were eliminated in the early round of the District cage tournament held last week end at Bentley High School, Livonia. Clarenceville was defeated by a score of 12 to 34 in the first round of the tournament held Thursday evening. Farmington lost to Plymouth in a close contest Friday evening 24 to 23. The Clarenceville team was the only one scheduled in the first round on Thursday. The Clarenceville Trojans took an early lead in their game against Bentley and held it throughout the first half. Bentley piled up a five point lead in the first few minutes of the game, but Clarenceville came roaring back to take over. The score at the end of the first period was Clarenceville 11 - Bentley 10. Clarenceville increased their lead in the second period to five points. The score at the half was Clarenceville 18 - Bentley 13. The two teams battled on even

Mobile Blood Bank To Visit City April 14 And 15

Plans are now being made for the visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank which is scheduled to be in Farmington on April 14 and 15. Mrs. Farrel Weber announced Tuesday. Mrs. Weber stated that efforts are now being made to set up an organization to handle the preliminary registrations and details during the visit of the blood bank. She added that the location has not been definitely set as yet, although several suggestions have been offered. Additional information on the program will be announced in the next few weeks.

Blaze Destroys Barn Saturday

A spectacular fire early Saturday evening completely destroyed a storage barn and 50 tons of hay located on Eleven Mile Road about a half mile east of Middlebelt. The Farmington Fire Department arrived at about 7:45 p.m. and started to build it. Firemen stood by for nearly four hours protecting nearby buildings. Firemen were slowed in reaching the barn by the large number of people who flocked to the scene. Police aided in clearing the road so that the truck could get up to the barn. Flames and sparks lighted the sky so that the fire could be seen for miles.

ACT WITHIN WEEK TO SEE FILMS OF '500' MILE RACE

The Board stated that action would be taken within a week on the various bids submitted. A special meeting will be called as soon as the analysis of the bids has been completed. Representatives of both the Farmington P. T. A. TO SEE FILMS OF '500' MILE RACE

New Ten Mile School Takes Shape

Taking shape is the new Ten Mile Elementary school being constructed adjacent to the present elementary school. The new building will contain ten classrooms as well as kitchen facilities, background and Ten Mile Road in the upper left hand corner. The new Ten Mile School, as well as the additions to the Board and Middlebelt Schools, is expected to be completed in time for the beginning of school this fall. The Board School in addition will contain six classrooms and kitchen facilities and the Middlebelt School will include eight classrooms plus kitchen facilities.

Twenty-Two Classroom Building To Be Built On Shawwassee Street

Members of the Board of Education for the Farmington Township School District approved final plans for the new high school building at a regular meeting of the Board held Monday night. L. H. Wright, a representative of Eberhart, Smith, Associates, school architects, appeared before the Board and outlined the high school plans to the members. The school architect had some over the plans and different department heads in the school last week and several minor changes were made in the original plans which were included in the drawings submitted to the Board.

Delay Action On New School Construction Bids

Clarenceville Board To Make Cost Analysis... All of the bids received by the Clarenceville Board of Education on the proposed elementary school and high school addition were taken under advisement, it was announced at a special meeting of the Board held Tuesday evening. A total of five general contractors' bids were received, plus six mechanical contractors' bids and seven electrical contractors' bids. The other five general contractors' bids covered both buildings; the others were on one or the other of the buildings. Most of the mechanical and electrical bids were for the schools.

City To Discuss Meter Hours

Parliament meter hours will be one of the main topics of discussion at the regular meeting of the City Council. The meeting will be held Monday evening, James Tennant, City Manager, stated this week. Numerous complaints have been received about the \$2.00 a month to \$3.00 p.m. effective hours now in force. It is being suggested that the closing hour for the meters be set at 6:00 p.m., except on Friday. A petition is being circulated among the mechanics calling for a change in the present hours. Those advocating the lifting of the restriction at 6:00 p.m. point out that most other nearby communities follow this practice. According to city officials, the hour was set at 6:00 p.m. as a result of a petition on the streets, which is particularly heavy until late in the evening. The meters have been installed on the city on a trial basis. According to the contract between the City and the Park-O-Meter Company, they can be changed or removed at the expense and desire of the community.

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Advertisement for V. F. W. AUXILIARY ANNOUNCE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST. Includes details about the contest, prizes, and submission information.

Advertisement for Farmington Recreation Group. Includes details about the group's activities, membership, and contact information.