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AROUND THE BLOCK

OFF WITH THE COATS . . .
hats and snow suits was the call ringing from the rafters last Monday and Tuesday as March went out like a lamb and April came trailing after. There was plenty of real spring in the air, what with the "peepers" singing in the low ground and the human beings singing on the high ground. The kids were the first to catch the spirit, with mothers having a hard time convincing them that spring might not be here to stay just yet. But the adults weren't too far behind as they shed heavy coats to get a little more in the spirit of things. You notice we are putting all this in the past tense just in case — because you never know in Michigan, and we don't want our neck out too far, especially without a scarf around it.

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OUT OF BLOOD . . .
are members of the Farmington Mobile Blood Bank Committee and they are looking for plenty of it. To date only about half of the hoped for registrations are in. That means that in the next few days a lot of cooperation will be needed if we are to fill our obligations as individuals and as a community. Farmington has set its sights for 400 pints of blood and it is up to every one of us to see that the goal is reached. Why? Because it is urgently needed now in Korea if American lives are to be saved. What more need be said — what more can be said, except get your name on the registration form and give that others might live!

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DID YOU GET . . .
an April Fool pulled on you? If you did maybe it was our fault — we didn't have a chance to remind you about it last week. We didn't happen to see any nurses with strings attached laying around, either, maybe the practical joker is a thing of the past. But there is one joker or maybe more that the city would like to get hold of. He is known as the lantern snatcher, and he doesn't confine his activities to April Fools Day either. Those red warning lanterns have been disappearing with regularity from city road repair barricades. It not only creates a dangerous situation at the barricade, but doesn't do the supply any good, either. They must be replaced and that means tax dollars.

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DON'T FORGET . . .
the annual meeting of Farmington Township to be held next Monday afternoon at 1:00 in the Township Offices. Because of the hour, a great many voters can not make it, but if you can, be there. A number of important matters are brought up every year for action by the citizens present and it is a responsibility to participate if at all possible. It seems to be necessary from time to time to remind all citizens that meetings of the Township Board, City Council and School Boards are open to the public. Persons are invited to make suggestions or ask questions at any of these meetings. It is of the utmost importance that residents display an active interest in their government if we are to strengthen our community and our way of life.

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THE FIRE SIREN . . .
got another good workout again last Monday as the balmy breezes dried out the fields, making them easy targets for a match. Farmington's firemen got a good workout, too, trying to keep every fire under control. As a result, another plea is being issued to residents to please be careful and not let fires get out of hand. Remember, every time that siren blows it costs Farmington taxpayers money. The money that could be used for more constructive projects. If you are planning to burn brush or open fields get a permit before you do, and take the necessary precautions to keep it under control. Don't take a chance on destroying property or possibly lives through carelessness.

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COMING DOWN . . .
is the old building behind Hatton's Hardware. Wreckers are removing the landmark at the request of the State Fire Marshal. It will seem unusual to see the building gone after so many years, but apparently it has seen its better days. Clearing the area behind the stores will allow space for either new storage or badly needed parking areas. We have been told at least that the building once stood on Grand River and was moved back to make way for progress. Now it is being removed as further proof of the changing times.

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WE WERE OUT . . .
last Friday looking over the road situation and we didn't have too much trouble getting to the bottom of it — the road, that is. Actually the majority of the roads seem to be holding up very well with only a few soft spots here and there. However, there are some areas that really have their problems. The last few days of warm sun and brisk breezes has enabled them to get up to their houses, but the situation may be a little different when the April showers begin. The warning we issued last week is still pretty sound advice, don't stray too far off the beaten path and take a good look before you plow in or it may take a plow to get you out!

Trojans Announce Baseball Schedule

Clarenceville High School's baseball team will open a 12-game schedule on April 18 when they meet Farmington in the initial game of the 1952 Trojan season.

Eight of the 12 games scheduled will be against Wayne - Oakland League competition. The Trojans will meet four other teams of the league, Northville, Milford, Clarkston and Holly in a home-and-home series of two games each. The other games will be against Farmington and Inkster - Roosevelt in a home-and-home series.

The Trojans have a large turnout of candidates for this year's varsity baseball team. Pitchers and catchers as well as infielders have had two weeks work-out to date in the high school gym.

The 1952 Trojan baseball schedule is as follows:

April 18, Farmington, there.
April 22, Inkster-Roosevelt, here.
April 24, Inkster-Roosevelt, there.
April 28, Northville, here.
May 1, Holly, here.
May 5, Clarkston, there.
May 12, Milford, here.
May 15, Northville, there.
May 19, Holly, here.
May 22, Clarkston, here.
May 26, Farmington, here.
May 29, Milford, there.

Kiwanis Club To Sponsor Card Party April 5

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will present a spring card party Saturday evening, April 5, at 8:00 in the Farmington Town Hall for the benefit of its crippled children's fund.

Tickets for the party may be secured from any member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. All of the proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Crippled Children's Fund. Coffee and dessert will be furnished by the club. Howard Richards is chairman of the party.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO HONOR ZONING BOARD

The four members of the Farmington Township Zoning Board will be honored guests at a testimonial dinner to be given Friday, April 25, at Devon Gables restaurant.

Although the North Farmington District Civic Association is sponsor of the dinner, an invitation to attend is being extended to all persons who appreciate the fact that property values in the Township are now for the first time stabilized, an association spokesman stated. The only requirement is that reservations be sent in time.

The four men to be honored are Edward Moseman, retiring chairman of the Board; Leo Kelly, Edward Schmid and George McLaughlin. These men, the Civic Association points out, have never received any pay for their two years of work which resulted in the completion of the zoning ordinance and subsequent approval by a three to one majority at the polls.

For information about reservations phone Chet Downing at MAyfair 6-3940.

Rickert Named To Fill Vacancy On School Board

Robert F. Rickert was appointed and sworn in as a trustee of the Clarenceville Board of Education Tuesday night to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Wilson.

Rickert has lived in the Clarenceville School District for approximately 18 years and he has two children. He lives at 19327 Lathers. Wilson resigned from the Board two weeks ago, effective March 31, because of a change in employment.

William Lawrason was elected to serve as secretary of the Board for the balance of the fiscal year. Wilson was secretary of the Board.

CITY STUDIES POSSIBLE CREATION OF PLANNING GROUP

Board To Review Final Fire Hall Plans This Week

Expect Early Start On New Station

Final plans and specifications on the new Farmington Township Fire Hall to be constructed in the Clarenceville area are expected to be reviewed by the Board at a special meeting either Thursday or Friday, Ernest Blanchard, Township supervisor, stated Tuesday.

L. J. Heenan, Pontiac architect, who has been employed by the Board for the planning of the new fire hall, is expected to be present at the meeting to go over the details with the Board. Initial plans were aproved by the Board last month.

Once the final plans and specifications have been approved, advertising for construction bids can be started. Heenan has agreed to take care of the advertising and securing of bids. Awarding of the construction contracts will be taken care of by the Township Board. The Board has indicated that they would like to start construction as soon as possible now that more desirable weather is here.

VOTING BOOTH

The new fire hall is to be built on Wheeler Street just north of Grand River. Wheeler Street is the first block east of Middlebelt Road. Plans call for a two-stall fire hall with a special voting room, garage, office, boiler room and storage room for water system equipment.

This will be the second volunteer fire unit to be set up in the past year and will give the Township three fire stations.

Annual Township Meeting Set For Monday At 1 P.M.

Only a small crowd is expected for the annual meeting of Farmington Township to be held Monday afternoon at the Township offices in the Town Hall.

Because of the time of the meeting, which is set by law for 1:00 p.m., only a few Township residents are able to attend the annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the annual financial report of the Township, set salaries of the Board members and appropriate such other moneys which may be approved by the majority of those present.

All registered voters of the township are invited to attend the meeting and to propose any such business which may lawfully come before the meeting.

Sure Sign Of Spring — Roads Go Out

This is the intersection of Flanders and Rhonswood Streets in the Tarabusi Roseland Gardens Subdivision, between Eight and Nine Mile Roads and just west of Farmington Road. Last Tuesday a large group of residents from the area appeared at the regular meeting of the Township Board to seek action on the rebuilding of roads in the subdivision. The Board agreed to stand half of the expense in bringing the roads up to county specifications provided the property owners could raise the balance. This is one of approximately five subdivisions in the township whose roads are not acceptable by the county for repair and maintenance.

Blood Bank Registrations Reach Half-Way Mark With 10 Days Left

Bank To Be Set Up In Town Hall April 14, 15

Registrations are continuing to come in for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank which will visit the Farmington Town Hall on Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15, Mrs. Farrel Weber, coordinator, announced this week.

Up to Tuesday afternoon 207 registrations had been taken by members of the Farmington committee. Mrs. Weber stated that this is just a little over half of the actual number that can be handled during the two-day visit. This means that in the next 12 days a lot of Farmington area residents must register if we are to meet the goal we have set, Mrs. Weber added. Approximately 400 persons can be taken in the two days.

BLOOD NEEDED

There are two primary objectives of the blood bank visit this year. One is to make life saving blood available immediately for use in Korea. The other is to establish a "credit bank" for the Farmington community where blood can be drawn in case of emergency by anyone in Farmington without cost. Persons who wish to have their blood credited to the Farmington bank are asked to so designate when they give. Then all of the blood so credited is placed in a special bank and can be drawn by anyone in the community who needs it. Persons are asked to replenish the blood whenever possible.

Farmington residents may register at the following places for the blood bank: Farmington Hills Market, Zehnder's Market, Civic Theatre, Farmington Enterprise and the Farmington State Bank. Persons may also register by calling Mrs. Fred Lenz, phone 0423 or Mrs. Weber, phone 1669. Reg-

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Add Work Crews At New Schools

Masonry crews have been increased at all the new buildings now under construction in the Farmington Township School District in a move to speed up completion of the units, O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, stated Tuesday.

Present plans call for the completion of the new Ten Mile elementary school and the additions at the Bond and Middlebelt schools in time for use this September. Dunckel stated that barring any unexpected delays, the schools will be ready.

Dunckel added that he had just completed a survey of the buildings and work at all three is progressing on schedule. Improved weather conditions should enable workmen to speed up the construction considerably.

Forms for the second floor are now ready at the Bond School. It is expected that the re-inforced concrete will be poured either this week or next. Cross walls are partly up at the new Ten Mile School and workmen expect to start steel erection about April 7. At the Middlebelt School additional bricklayers have begun work on the walls up to the first floor level.

FARMINGTON P.T.A. NAMES NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Mrs. Clarence Berini has been elected president of the Farmington Parent Teachers Association for the coming year, it was announced this week by P. T. A. officials.

Other newly elected officers include Dr. Harold Soderquist, father vice-president, Mrs. Leo Gildemeister and Mrs. Al Benson, high school mother vice-presidents; Mrs. Fernandez, high school teacher vice-president; Mrs. Sovgreign and Mrs. Meredith, elementary school mother vice-presidents; Mrs. Barnes, elementary teacher vice-president Mrs. Clarence Hoofnagle, secretary; Mr. Carl Matz, treasurer, and Mr. Byron Runde, historian.

The April 15 meeting of the Farmington P. T. A. will be held in the Ten Mile School kindergarten room.

Collection Nearly Completed In Red Cross Drive

Total Still Far Short Of Community Goal

Farmington's 1952 Red Cross Drive officially ended last Monday evening with approximately $1,400 turned in to date, Charles Stuart, chairman, announced Tuesday.

The chairman stated that there are still a few streets in the township which have not been covered as yet by volunteers. He added that efforts will be made to finish up the canvass of these areas in the next week. Contributions are still needed to meet the increased demands made on the Red Cross. Persons who have not already contributed are asked to mail their donation to the "American Red Cross, Farmington Chapter, Farmington, Michigan.

WAIT FINAL REPORT

Stuart stated that final figures on the 1952 Farmington Drive would not be compiled for several weeks because of the continuance of the canvass in some sections. The total collected to date is less than 50% of the Farmington quota of $3,558. It is hoped, however, that this total will be swelled by mail contributions and final reports from volunteer solicitors.

Stuart emphasized that recent floods here in Michigan have placed new demands on the Red Cross since the current drive opened. This is in addition to the regular services performed by the Red Cross both here in Oakland County and throughout the nation.

A pot luck luncheon for all volunteer solicitors will be held this Thursday afternoon at 12:30 at the Farmington Town Hall. Stuart added that the luncheon will formally close the drive.

Blood Type Clinic Returns To School

A blood typing team will visit Clarenceville schools Wednesday, April 9, to complete the typing program started several weeks ago, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated Tuesday.

The team will start at the high school at 8:30 a.m. to type those students who were unable to participate in the earlier program. Upon completion of the high school group, which will be at approximately 10:15, the team will move to the Central Grade School. They will remain at Central until they have completed the typing of those youngsters who come to school only in the afternoon. It is anticipated that they will complete the typing of that group by 2:00 or 2:30 p.m.

The blood typing program is under the supervision of the office of Civil Defense, City of Livonia. The team is being called back to Clarenceville to complete the blood typing of youngsters who were unable to be typed before. Because of the large number of youngsters who participated in the first visit, there was not sufficient time to handle them all at that time.

Investigate Planning Procedures Followed In Other Communities

Although it was not on the agenda, future community planning came in for some discussion at a special meeting of the Farmington City Council held last Saturday afternoon in the Municipal Building.

Such subjects as a possible Master Plan for the city and creation of a planning commission was discussed by the members. Although no action was taken, the Council indicated that they would like to study the problems and secure more information in the procedures followed in other communities regarding planning. The subject of community planning has been mentioned at several Council meetings lately, but this is the first indication that a study of the problem will be made.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to adopt a new resolution regarding the establishment of Social Security for city employees. A previous resolution was approved, but certain changes necessitated a new resolution which was adopted at the meeting. The exclusion of certain types of employees was written into the new resolution in accordance with the law. Those excluded are part-time employees, those working on a fee basis, agricultural labor, student services and elected officials. In the previous resolution only elected officials were excluded.

The Council originally planned to extend the program back to 1951, the time when the legislature enacted the law. However, it was found that this was not possible and the resolution was changed to make the effective date January 1, 1952.

RECEIVE ESTIMATE

Owen Fisher, road contractor, submitted an estimate to the Council for curb gutter and drainage for Grove and Orchard Streets. He also submitted recommendations for the development of drainage and installing gutters, catch basins and manholes throughout the city. The estimate as well as the recommendations were taken under advisement by the Council for future study. This is one type of project that might be included in a Master Plan if such a plan were adopted by the city.

It was also suggested at the meeting that No U-Turn signs be erected on South Farmington Road from Grand River to Orchard Street. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that signs would be secured and installed. Tennant also reported that work has begun on a fill at the corner of Power Road and Shiawassee in preparation for the changing of the job at the intersection into a wide curve.

Tennant reported that excavation work on Lilac, Violet and Astor Streets has been completed and a new road fill is being added.

Resolution Eases Sewage Problem For New Schools

Livonia Plans Action In Clarenceville Area

A resolution of intention approved this week by the City of Livonia to install sewage lines in the northeast section of the city may clear the way for the construction of the new Clarenceville elementary school and high school addition.

The resolution was approved following a series of conferences between School, County and City officials. Construction of the new schools has been delayed by the Wayne County Health Department because of sewage problems. The State Department of Public Instruction, upon the recommendation of the Wayne County Health Department, has refused to approve the plans for the elementary school and high school addition.

BOARD RESOLUTION

In a resolution approved by the Clarenceville School Board last week, petitioning the City Council of Livonia to take action to provide adequate sewage, it was pointed out that the school district planned to construct sewage disposal systems, which have not been acceptable to the Health Department, at a cost of $9,700 at the elementary school and $9,500 at the high school. The resolution continues, that the Board is willing to pay to the proper City of Livonia agency the above mentioned sums to assist financially in defraying the cost of the necessary sewage disposal systems.

The Health Department has informed the Board of Education

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Floral Park Tree Spray Project To Start April 7

Final plans have been completed for the spraying of trees in the Floral Park section of the city, civic association officials stated Monday.

Spraying operations are expected to begin on April 7 or the first satisfactory day after that date. Weather conditions must be right in order for the spraying work to be effective. The project was initiated by the Floral Park residents and is being financed by them.

Residents are requested not to park their cars along the street during the spraying operations.

Bands To Present Concert April 3

Two hundred and fifteen boys and girls are polishing up their horns in anticipation of Farmington Public Schools annual Spring Band Concert to be held this Thursday evening in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Four bands will participate in the concert which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. The beginning song flute band will open the program. This band is composed of 105 boys and girls from grades four through six. The Intermediate Grade Band will then perform three numbers, followed by the Junior Band. The high school band will complete the program with several selections including 'On The Trail" from Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite" and Jean Sibelius's noted "Finlandia".

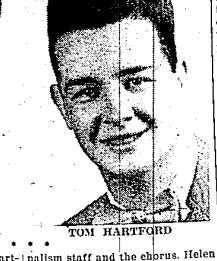
Several soloists will make their appearance on the program, including the first division winners in the recent solo and ensemble festival. First division winners are Ruth Jones, piano; Alice Annette, flute; Dean Bradley, saxaphone; and John Clark, trombone. These students will travel to Jackson Saturday to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Accompanists are Ruth Jones, Margaret Altemus, Bonnie Sovergign and Lou Dowding. There will be no charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses of the instrumental music department.

Seniors Honored

Clarenceville Announces Selection Of Valedictorian And Salutatorian

HELEN BARNES



TOM HARTFORD

Helen Barnes and Tom Hartford, seniors at Clarenceville high school, have been selected as Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively, for the class of 1952, it was announced this week by Max Millerd, Clarenceville High School principal.

Helen has compiled a scholastic record of 3.97 out of a possible 4.00 during her high school career. In addition to her outstanding scholastic work, she was treasurer of the class during her sophomore year, student council representative, editor of the year book and student director of the senior play.

She has also been a member of the library staff, office staff, journalism staff and the chorus. Helen plans to attend either Michigan State College or the University of California.

Tom has acquired a scholastic average of 3.76 during four years of high school. He has been a member of the football squad, member of the Speech Club, a debater, and a student council representative. He was awarded a citizenship honor to Wolverine Boys State at the completion of his third year of high school. Tom was a transfer student from Decatur, Illinois, in his junior year.

He has won a scholarship to Lawrence Institute of Technology, which he plans to enter this fall.

F. A. R. C. Officers Plan Program

Newly elected officers of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission gather in the library of the Farmington High School for a brief conference. The group is now beginning plans for the summer recreation program which will open late in June. The new officers (left to right) are: Mrs. James Shaughnessy, secretary; V. O. Bates, president; Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, vice-president and Samuel Kosmensky, treasurer. The annual election of officers was held Wednesday, March 23.

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