

AROUND THE BLOCK.

ALL OF A SUDDEN ... or is it? The balmy breezes are blowing as we start out on this week's trip "Around the Block", however, we don't know just how they will be blowing by the time you get to read this. In Michigan you just can't afford to second-guess about the weather. The weekend was just about perfect for the purpose, but it was one crabbing up a rake or shovel and making a bee-line for the garden. Those that weren't heading for the garden were heading for the lakes and country. Traffic was especially heavy on Grand River as the city folks took off for the wide-open spaces. Yes, in Michigan things are just around the corner. It's winter in the summer, then probably spring. But it's interesting anyway, isn't it?

WE WERE DISAPPOINTED ... as we know some others good at the small turn-out at the opening house. The first of the afternoon. At 7 o'clock a lot of people missed a nice game between Farmington and Clarenceville. Both teams were right in there all the way giving the fans plenty of good watching. We realize that many Farmington and Clarenceville fans can't get to a ball game on a week day afternoon, but we are sure that many more could. For instance, if there weren't even too many students on hand, which is a little hard to figure out. Get behind your favorite team, give them a boost and have a whole of a lot of fun yourself. Farmington's next home game is this Friday against Walled Lake and Clarenceville meets Northville at home next Monday afternoon.

ALL PAINTED UP ... for spring is the pavement along Grand River and South Farmington Road through the business area. Last week we had the county by the big County Board Commission street work. We have the paint-out. But the idea is not to make the street more beautiful — it is to help make the city safer. The bright yellow lines along the curbs denote the parking area and new cross walk lines will be added, marking the safety area for pedestrians. These lines are for the protection of the everyday driver and not for beauty. For your own sake and the sake of others observe them.

SOME FANCY DOING ... was necessary Tuesday morning by a horse rolling down Grand River. The small frame house was being carried on a moving truck. We say that just so you won't think the heat has gotten us or something, and everything was going fine until they crossed the main intersection bridge. That is where the doing had to be because the traffic light hung up on the chimney. However, that didn't bother the movers long, they just backed off, jockeyed around and they were on their way again. As we said before, you just never know what you are going to see when you look up at busy Grand River. The next best thing is to take a diversion from the everyday routine and a little rest, too, as they paused to watch the maneuver.

IT'S INTERESTING ... and inspiring to review the work done by Farmington area residents in behalf of the Red Cross Blood Bank that started the community last week. Too few, and that includes us, realize the amount of hours involved behind the scenes in making the blood bank the success it was. Approximately 32 volunteers worked for over a month on the project. Unfortunately there is no efficient space allowed to the project and no other organizations who contributed so much. However, a quick glance at the list makes you proud to belong to a community such as ours. These people gave of their time and effort in the interest of helping others. What fine contribution can any of us make? We want to thank them on behalf of the community for a job well done.

THE CITY PARK ... is already. Over the past week end the goodly number of persons found the surroundings to be likable. A doggy to which the park is used is evident in the City's plan to extend the facilities across the river. Another proposal, which will meet with a great deal of approval, is the moving of the rest room facilities from the street back near the road. This is a fine idea for the improvement of the buildings. This should go a long way toward reducing the vandalism which has been a headache to city officials for some time.

Falcon Thinclads Win Opening Meet ... Farmington High School's thinclads defeated Clarenceville's track squad 77 to 32 in a dual meet at the Farmington field on Saturday afternoon. The Falcons won both squads. The Falcon squad, coached by Harold Humble, grabbed off nine first place spots while Bud Proffan got four. Depend on the events added the Falcons, Clarenceville's versatile Joe Whyte was the outstanding performer for the afternoon, getting three of his ten total hits.

School To Hold Annual Arts Exhibit May 2 ... The Third Annual Farmington High School Arts Exhibit will be presented on Friday, May 2, at the high school gym, officials announced this week. Boxes of the gym will open at 7:30 p.m. for the exhibit. The home economics, industrial shop, mechanical drawing and art departments will furnish the displays as well as the art department. The room and the cafeteria. There will be no admission charge and the entire community is invited to see the work being done by Farmington High School students.

Annual March Of Dimes Dinner Set For April 30 ... Farmington residents are invited to attend the Annual Dinner of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be held April 30 at 8:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall of Christ Church, Cranbrook. Pierre Delmonder, Farmington chairman, announced Monday. Annual reports of financial activities will be given at the dinner. Officers of the chapter will be given. Election of officers for the coming year will be held and the final report of the 1952 March of Dimes Drive will be presented. Persons may make reservations for the dinner by calling Delmonder at Farmington 1421 not later than Saturday, April 26.

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BOARD APPROVES FINAL PLANS FOR NEW FIRE HALL



HITTING THE DIRT is Evan Staley, Farmington right fielder, as he scores his first hit for Farmington spelled the difference in the score. Farmington got 11 hits, six for extra bases, while Clarenceville got 10 hits, all of them singles. Both teams played exceptionally good ball in an opening game. It was the first contest for both teams as they open an active month and a half season.

City Adopts New Resolution On Sewage Disposal

The City Council, at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, approved a new resolution intended to establish some type of acceptable sewage treatment for the City of Farmington. A previous resolution of intention, passed by the Council about a year ago, was rescinded. This was necessary because of new requirements and because of deadlines set up in the previous resolution. Under the new resolution plans must be filed with the state by March of 1953 and the project must be completed by June of 1954. City Manager James Tennant and City Attorney Paul Pare, who made a trip to Lansing to discuss the problem with State officials, pointed out that some action would have to be taken soon as the city was notified a number of years ago that pollution existed. It was emphasized that this is not a new situation and regardless of the time taken for the project, action would have to be taken.

Set Tuesday, May 27, As Deadline For Filing Construction Bids

Final plans and specifications for the new Township fire station to be constructed in the Clarenceville area were approved by the Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. L. J. Heenan, architect, appeared before the Board to discuss the plans for the new building. A number of minor changes were made in the plans. The Board then authorized Heenan to proceed with the advertising for construction bids for the station. The architect stated that he would have detailed specifications as well as bid forms available at the Township office for prospective bidders by this Friday afternoon. The Board set Tuesday, May 27, at 8:00 p.m., as the deadline for the filing of construction bids on the project. Opening and consideration of the sealed bids by the Board will take place May 27 following the 11 a.m. deadline. The Board indicated that efforts will be made to award contracts as soon as possible so that work can begin early this summer.

City Proposes Record \$137,840 Budget For 1952-53 Fiscal Year

Public Hearing On Proposed City Budget To Be Held May 5 At Municipal Building James Tennant, City Manager, presented a proposed budget of \$137,840 to the City Council at their regular meeting held Monday evening in the Municipal Building. The record estimated budget is approximately \$16,000 over last year's budget. According to the City Charter the proposed budget must be presented at the regular April meeting; a public hearing will be held with final approval of the budget by the Council completed at the regular May meeting. The Council set Monday, May 5, as the date of the public hearing and authorized the publishing of the proposed budget in the April 24 issue of The Enterprise. Tennant listed property taxes, the principal source of revenue, at \$60,000, an increase of approximately \$5,000 over last year. Sales tax diversion funds are estimated at \$13,500, an increase of approximately \$500. Estimated funds from parking meters is listed at \$7,500, however, Tennant explained that half of the revenue must be returned to the Park-N-Ride Company in payment for the meters. A total estimate of \$8,000 is listed as revenue from the State Highway Department under the Highway Act of 1951. These funds were previously listed under gas and weight tax refunds and represent about a \$2,500 increase.

Farmington Nine Defeats Trojans 6-2 In Opener

Hitting By Both Teams Highlights Friday Game Farmington High School's baseball team got off to a flying start last Friday afternoon when they defeated Clarenceville 6 to 2 in the opening game of the season for both teams. In spite of the loss, Clarenceville nearly matched the Falcons' scoring in the sixth. Six of the Falcons' ten hits were for extra bases, however, while the ten Trojans hits were all singles. Clarenceville was charged with three errors while the Falcons made two mistakes. Wayne Dryden and Larry Pink made out the battery for Farmington. Pat Killeen started on the mound for Clarenceville and was relieved in the fifth inning by Glen Evans. Elmer Rousseaux was in the ninth. Dryden was the winning pitcher. Killeen, who allowed six runs and ten hits, was the loser. TROJANS SCORE FIRST Farmington drove the first run across the plate, getting two tallies in the first half of the third inning. Rutta singled to right, Killen hit out to Killeen, Meyers walked, Robitaille and Whyte struck out but Rousseaux came through with a single, scoring Rutta and Killeen to put the Trojans out in front. Farmington came right back in their half of the third inning to tie it up. Evan Staley tripled to set up the first score. Dan Killeen drove a fly to the outfield, Staley scoring after the catch. Jack Covart doubled and came in.

Final Red Cross Total Hits \$2653

The final total in the 1952 Farmington Area Red Cross Drive is \$2,653.27, Charles Stuart, chairman, announced this week. This is approximately \$200 over the \$2,448.72 quota set for the Farmington area. The annual drive officially closed March 27, but several weeks were allowed to close out the door-to-door canvases in certain areas and get final reports in. This year's total collection was approximately \$700 over last year's total. Stuart pointed out that about 72 volunteer workers assisted in this year's drive. "These workers were assigned to work with the following chairmen: Mrs. Fred Lenz, assistant chairman; Mrs. Mel Stoen, residential chairman; Mrs. F. J. Buttermore, treasurer chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Burt, book chairman; Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, secretary.

Name Judges In V.F.W. Auxiliary Essay Contest

Judges are now selecting the winners in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. The judges of this year's contest are Mrs. Carl Schultz, Judge Allen Ingle and William Prisk. Subject of the essay contest is "America Is Everybody's Business". A total of 25 students from Farmington High School entered essays in the contest. Awards will be presented by Marjorie Prisk, essay chairman, at the Annual Award Day held at the high school. The winning Farmington essay will be forwarded for judging at the state contest.

Hosler Named F.A.R.C. Director

Don Hosler, principal of the Ten Mile Elementary School, was appointed as the new director of the Farmington summer recreation program at a meeting of the Farmington Recreation Commission held Tuesday at the high school. The Commission also established a new policy regarding the appointment of a director. Consideration will be given to the selection of a summer or winter director each year with first consideration going to the director of the previous year provided his work has been satisfactory. Superintendent O. E. Dunkel appeared before the Commission to explain the new policy. Consideration work at the Bond School playground facilities will not be available at the school this summer. The Commission approved a motion to assist the Farmington Girl Scouts by furnishing transportation for the girls participating in the Day Camp program.

Registrations For School Elections Now Handled By Township And City

When the list has been converted to separate registration cards, each person whose name appears on the card will be requested to sign the first election in which he votes. Changes have also been made in the procedure regarding nomination petitions for candidates seeking offices in school board elections. Petitions must be signed by not less than 50 nor more than 75 qualified electors. A person may not sign petitions for more than the number of offices to be filled. In the past, nominating petitions may be obtained from the secretaries of the respective school boards. In Farmington the secretary is Samuel Turner. William G. Lawson is secretary of the Clarenceville Board. Deadline for the filing of nomination petitions in both districts has been set for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10. The terms of two members of the Farmington School Board expire this summer. They are Curt Hall, president of the Board, and Samuel Turner, secretary. The term of one member of the Clarenceville Board expires. He is R. Rickert, who was appointed to fill out the term of Thom as Wilson.

TWO CITY POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Several promotions have been made in the City Police Department as part of the re-organization program. James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week. Al Vandell has been promoted to lieutenant and will be assistant police chief. He will have charge of the police district from midnight to 8 a.m. Jay Harrison has been promoted to sergeant and will have charge of the day detail. He will also be responsible for the maintenance of equipment. Another phase of the re-organization, the weekly training program, is continuing. Tennant stated. This week will be devoted to practice on the recently completed target range. This is the sixth training session under the new program. Other sessions have been devoted to traffic violations, use of equipment, first aid and target practice.

Spring Uncovers Roadside Debris



With the retreat of the winter snow, this is the scene that meets the eye along most of the roads in Farmington Township. Along with the green grass are boxes, bags and cartons of rubbish, dumped along the roadside. This photo was taken on Middlebelt Road just north of Eleven Mile Road, and is typical of the road-sides in the area. Nor is the debris always confined to rubbish, according to some reports garbage is often dumped along the roads. Police officials are making a special effort to eliminate this situation. The several cases heavy fines have been levied against violators. Police are asking all citizens to report immediately any person seen dumping rubbish along the roadways, and to get the car or truck license number if possible.

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