



AROUND THE BLOCK

IF YOU WERE LOOKING... for variety in the weather, Michigan was a pretty good spot to find it last week. We didn't have snow, but that is about all we didn't have. We had mist and rain and sunshine and just plain cloudy. We also had humidity and cold air masses for good measure. California may have its mountains and its ocean, its emerald valleys and deserts, but we've got weather. You name it, we'll dish it out for you. Don't get us wrong, we like variety. We were born in Michigan and wouldn't live anywhere else. Besides, how would we get this column off to a running start every week if we didn't have something new in the weather line to talk about!

THEY ARE PAINTING THE TOWN

again, those city fellows, and it looks like they don't know where to stop. They started with the bright yellow on the curbs, then white on the cross-walks, but that wasn't quite enough, they had to move over to McGee Hill on North Farmington Road and paint that all up, too. Seriously, the city is to be commended for the safety job they have done. If every driver and every pedestrian follows the markings on the pavements of the City of Farmington there will be no accidents. Although the paint may help to brighten up a few corners... this is secondary. They are there for your safety! Do what they say and you will be around to read this column next week!

ACTIVITY IS STILL

pretty much on the inactive side down on South Farmington Road. Every once in a while big things begin to happen and we get all excited and get all excited and then... that is, it ends. We don't mean to be critical, but Farmington residents have hopefully waited a long time for this project to even get to the planning stage. Then when bids were advertised and the contract awarded, our hopes really bounced off the ceiling. Since that time, which was back in February, utilities poles have been moved and more drains installed, some concrete patch work has been done and trees have been removed. These are all encouraging signs that are being watched eagerly by Farmington residents. The only fear is that winter is coming!

A SECOND BUSY WEEK END

was had by the Farmington City Police and the Justice Court. We mention it more as a warning than as news. The city was plagued once again with a swarm of drinking and driving cases of liquor charges. Some were clocked driving 70 and 80 miles per hour in the city, endangering not only their own lives but the lives of others. They are finding out the hard way that it is not a profitable venture. Neither the police nor the courts enjoy handling out summons and fines, they have many things to do and are constructive to do. But their job is to protect the lives of citizens, and brother, they have a job on their hands. For your sake and the sake of others, if you drink, don't drive!

THAT LITTLE RED HOUSE

at the northwest corner of the Grand River and Farmington Road intersection isn't a peanut stand or a police call box, it's a modern 1952 version of a Bell Telephone pay station. Instead of the old fashioned olive green, it is bright red with a little grey mixed in for contrast. Real fancy, wouldn't you say? It is a little house, but so remember the next time you want to make a call, look for the little red house, step in, give the number, drop that dime (it's 10c now) in the slot and you are all set. Or if you don't want to make a call, but have some time to spare, just go over and take a look. It is much easier on the eyes than the old fashioned model.

THE RINGING OF SAWS

and the pounding of hammers in our classrooms will soon be replaced with the happy (?) voices of children. The new school is to be completed by the next session about to begin and final plans are now well under way to meet the expected avalanche of students. But everything is not as dismal as it seems, kids! While classroom planning is going on, coaches are dreaming up new games and activities to fill the halls. The school is to be a place of fun, music and marching formations to impress you and other entertainment activities are being organized. So you see, things aren't half as bad as they really seem, after all!

ANOTHER VISIT

by the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will be made in Farmington on October 13 and 14. This may seem like a long way away, but it was to advise you early so that you will be sure and be there. Besides, putting on a successful campaign of this type takes a lot of organization plus a lot of work. The Red Cross Blood Bank will be in Farmington for two days, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each day. It is expected that the store will remain open one or two evenings, but the exact dates have not been set as yet.

School Book Store Opens August 20

The Farmington School District book store, located in the basement of the high school building, will officially open next Wednesday, August 20, and will remain open through Friday, August 23. G. V. Harrison, principal, announced the opening of the store.

MISSING TOWNSHIP FRUIT GROWER RETURNS HOME

Howard McCracken, prominent Farmington fruit grower who has been missing since he disappeared Wednesday, 27, came home last Wednesday. According to reports, McCracken was found suffering from amnesia. His wife, Eleanor, and his brother, Donald McCracken, went to Milwaukee last week after hearing he was there, and took him home and brought him home. McCracken was located after he made a series of phone calls to his wife. Although he seemed confused, his wife was able to arrange a time and place of meeting in Milwaukee. McCracken disappeared last February after taking a load of apples to the market in Detroit. His truck was recovered several days later at Eastern Market. The window of the truck had been smashed and McCracken's empty billfold was found inside.

AMERICAN LEGION PLANS FESTIVAL FOR OCTOBER 3, 4

The Groves - Walker Post of the American Legion will hold a Harvest Festival and Homecoming on October 3, 4 and 5, Legion officials announced. The festival will be held at the homecoming a little later in the season than previous years. A big fish-ry is being planned for Friday evening, October 2. There will be a band tour show on Saturday evening followed by a dance. On Sunday afternoon a chicken dinner will be served and the fish-ry will be conducted. There will be no carnival this year. Displays of new automobiles and farm equipment will be presented. The show will be held at the Legion. Displays of new automobiles and farm equipment will be presented. The show will be held at the Legion. Displays of new automobiles and farm equipment will be presented. The show will be held at the Legion.

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FILE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TOWNSHIP ZONING



THIS IS A NOTE to drivers, written out in bold letters on the pavement leading down to the narrow bridge at the base of McGee Hill on North Farmington Road. This and many other notes of warning were painted on the dangerous hill last week by City employees. In addition to the road paintings the

bridge was given a coat of white as were a number of trees close to the pavement. A portion of the bridge can be seen in the background of the picture. Warning signs have also been purchased by the city and will be installed at various points on both sides of the hill.

Farmington School Board Reviews Complete Insurance Program

Appraisal on Cost of Buildings To Be Made To Determine If Fire Coverage Is Adequate

A complete review of the insurance carried by the Farmington Township School District on all property and equipment was made at the regular meeting of the Board held Monday evening. Kenneth Loomis, Insurance Agent of Record for the School District, and Carl Harris, representative of the Hartford Insurance Company, were present at the meeting to discuss the program. Loomis stated that he felt the District was sufficiently covered with the possible exception of fire insurance. The school carries liability, boiler, fire, money and securities, special equipment and Workman's Compensation insurance. Superintendent O. E. Denckel was asked to have an appraisal of the cost of properties covered by fire insurance and submit the figures at the next meeting in order to determine adequate coverage. School Attorney A. G. Leonard read a legal opinion on liability which may influence the Board to purchase a comprehensive general liability policy. A change in trend in court rulings regarding the liability of school districts in certain cases is the reason for a re-examination of the situation. Final action will be made at a later meeting.

AWARD CONTRACTS

The Campbell Plumbing and Heating Company was awarded the contract for changing the old combination in the high school on a bid of \$1,595. The Campbell bid was the lowest of four received. Bayard Tupper proposed a motion to award the contract to the Downing, but the board accepted the bid of Detroit Calking and Weatherproof concern of \$665 for repair of the roof on the old portion of Bond School. The other board members agreed.

MEMBERS VOTED TO GIVE \$350 TO THE FARMINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE WHENEVER THE COMMISSION NEEDS IT

Members voted to give \$350 to the Farmington Recreation Commission which will be available whenever the commission needs it. The money will be held in a special fund.

WE GIVE IN, TOO!

Like most of the weekly and daily newspapers in this section, we, too, find it necessary to increase the price of the counter sales copies of The Farmington Enterprise. As news as we can determine, this is the first price increase of single copies of The Enterprise since 1920. Everyone is too well familiar with what has happened since then. Costs of newspaper supplies and production have skyrocketed. Thus if we are to continue improving your newspaper we are no alternative but to make this increase. Effective with the September 4 issue, single copies of The Farmington Enterprise will be seven cents. The yearly subscription price of \$2.50 for readers in Oakland and Wayne Counties and \$3.00 outside of this area will remain the same.

Farmington Man Killed In Auto Accident Monday

One Farmington resident was killed and six persons, including the wife and children of Detroit Tiger Manager Fred Hutchinson were injured in auto accidents in this area during the past week. Hoyt (Doc) R. McConnell, of 29305 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, was killed in a two-car accident on Middlebelt near Michigan Avenue at 4 p.m. Monday. The accident also took the life of Mrs. James Haslam, Sr., of 29051 Henepia, Garden City, and critically injured her husband, James Haslam, Sr.

Six Injured In Area Traffic Accidents

Archie Hutchinson, wife of Tiger Manager Fred Hutchinson, and children, Frederick, Jr., 7, and Patty Jo, 4, were injured in an accident at Northwestern and Middlebelt at 1:30 p.m. Monday when their car and a milk truck driven by Glenn Portus of 32673 Clairview, Farmington, collided at the intersection. State Police reported. All three of the Hutchinsons were treated at Bedford Receiving Hospital for lacerations and released. Portus was treated at Pontiac General Hospital for bruises and released. According to State Police, Mrs. Hutchinson was driving north on Middlebelt and Portus was going east on Northwestern.

Monkey Rests Up After Wild Spree

Farmington isn't exactly the heart of the jungle, but to one ring-limbed feline it was pretty good while it lasted. The monkey, a pet of Richard Pressley of 22954 Brookdale, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pressley, broke away Friday and had a big time romping over fields and through the trees until he was captured Monday afternoon. Apparently toward the end his newfound freedom wasn't quite so rosy, not after a rather chilly Sunday night and a damp Monday.

BLOOD BANK SETS DATES FOR VISIT TO FARMINGTON

The American Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will visit Farmington on Monday and Tuesday, October 13 and 14. It was announced this week by Oakland County Red Cross officials.

Playday To Close Summer Program

A record number of boys and girls from the Clarenceville playgrounds are expected to gather at the high school Thursday for the Annual Playday and picnic which officially closes the summer recreation program.

A Bountiful Brigade

Bountiful Blueberry Patch On Edge of City Attracts Eager Pickers From Far And Wide

Almost any summer afternoon or evening you will see swarms of people heading for a field of tall bushes just north of Grand River on the edge of Farmington. The bushes are a variety of the blueberry patch owned by Frederick Searle, former superintendent of the Henry Ford Trade School and a nationally known grower, whose comfortable home rests on a high hill overlooking the fertile field. The blueberry patch covers nearly one acre and was set out in 1941 with three-year-old plants. The berry bushes are five feet apart in a row with the rows about nine feet apart, which are kept well worn by the many pickers. Searle has approximately 750 plants of four different varieties in the patch. The plants started bearing a good crop the third year. In 1949 a total of 2,300 quarts were taken; in 1950 the yield jumped to 4,000 quarts and in 1951 it had risen to 4,800 quarts. So far this year a total of 3,200 quarts has been picked. Searle pointed out that a good yield is considered to be 3,000 quarts per acre.

OPTIMIST CLUB ORGANIZED IN CLARENCEVILLE

Last Wednesday, August 6, the new Clarenceville Optimist Club was formally organized with the assistance of W. Collins of Optimist International and members of the Southfield Club at a meeting held at Huck's Redford Inn. Charter officers of the club are: Maxwell Smith, president; John Van, vice-president; Walter Headrick, vice-president; and Ralph Stanifer, treasurer. Trustees elected for two year terms are John Jackson, Fred Bailey and Glen Koonsey. Trustees elected for one year terms are...

Schroeder Road Group Requests To Be Included In Ordinance

A petition signed by property owners of the Schroeder Road subdivision requesting inclusion in the Township Zoning Ordinance was submitted to the Township Board at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

City To Discuss Planning Group Next Monday

The possible formation of a City Planning Commission is expected to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held next Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

Placed On Agenda For Regular Meeting

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that it would be placed on the Council agenda for consideration. The planning commission question was stated for discussion at the last regular meeting, but because of the large volume of business before the Council it was delayed.

OPEN BIDS

Two bids on the Oxford Street road improvement project were received and opened by the Board Tuesday evening at 5:00 o'clock was the deadline for the receiving of bids. The Detroit Concrete Products Company of Detroit and the Oxford County Road Commission of Detroit were the two bidders. The Board accepted the bids and Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, agreed to file them to the Oxford County Road Commission for review. The county set up the specifications for the project and will supervise the work.

Deadline On City Taxes Set For September 1

Approximately 50% of the summer taxes have been paid with a little over two weeks remaining. Kay Cotter, City Treasurer, announced this week. Mrs. Cotter stated that the bulk of the remaining tax bills are expected to be paid in the last week. The deadline for payment without penalty is September 1. From September 1 to November 1 a 2% penalty will be charged. A 4% penalty is levied on taxes paid between November 1 and March 1, 1953. After March 1 taxes must be paid at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac.

Two Teams Share League Title

The Farmington State Bank Tigers put on a terrific last-week drive to tie the Farmington Dairy Yanks for first place in the Farmington Little League as the season officially closed last Thursday.

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