



## AROUND THE BLOCK

**VACATIONS ARE OVER . . .**  
If you are looking for proof, just look at Farmington's business section one of these Friday evenings. Folks seemed to be awarming all over the place last Friday night. It might be just contrast from the normal summer let-down, but it seemed to us that though there were more shoppers around than ever before. Not that it makes any of us mad, in fact, it is wonderful. Really, there is still room for plenty more. There are two big parking lots plus several store lots available for your convenience, so come on down. Shopping in your home community is a habit that pays off. You not only help your merchants, you help yourself. Building a better community is everybody's business.

**WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED . . .**  
So we are reminding you that an emergency iron lung is available at the Farmington Hospital. The lung is located in the fire hall building. So let yourself a note and post it in a prominent place around the house. It might be very important to you someday. The Farmington Hospital has been donated to the community by the Farmington Lions Club for emergency polio cases or other illness or accident cases. It may save a life, so don't forget it is there!

**MOST PARENTS . . .**  
are presently settling down to normal again, now that school is pretty well under way. Clarenceville's grade schools opened last Thursday with Farmington youngsters getting back to classrooms on Monday. We have heard a lot of stories from breathless parents quite an experience, from all reports, but it only happens once in a lifetime for most little tykes, and think of that poor teacher who has to go through the procedure year in and year out. That break from home to school is pretty big stuff to the little people and it isn't exactly little stuff to Mother, either. If you doubt it, just ask her!

**"FLYING SAUCERS" . . .**  
are back in the news, again. This is about the third report we have had, with two of them coming from members of the Farmington Air Spotter Club. So, as we have mentioned a number of times before, get on that observers' list and help yourself to some excitement. The air spotters have a wonderful vantage point for scanning the skies, and many more eyes are needed. In addition to looking for flying saucers, the club is also a valuable service to your community and your nation. At the present time a very small group of conscientious citizens are carrying the ball for all of us. Let's show our gratitude by getting in there and giving them a hand.

**CONGRATULATIONS . . .**  
to the Farmington Garden Club on an extremely successful Flower Show. We had an opportunity to visit the show and to overhear some of the comments. Everyone was very much impressed with the colorful and unusual displays. The committee and the individuals who entered displays. Fortunately, they were far from wasted as approximately 600 persons visited the show which featured more entries than ever before. Farmington is indeed fortunate in having an opportunity to enjoy this type of entertainment. If you saw the displays, we know you will agree!

**IT HAPPENED . . .**  
in spite of the warnings on the pavement and the warnings along the side of the road. We are referring to McGee Hill and the truck which did a flip into the river Monday afternoon. This seems to happen every once in a while, but we had hopes that the markings might put an end to the procedure. It will be a happier day when this hazard is eliminated. The warnings along the side of the road are a good thing, but they are not enough. We are adding for your protection. While we were taking pictures of the road markings several weeks ago, a number of cars whizzed and skidded as they charged down the steep incline in spite of the fact that this point was hardly the best place for an excellent example of what can happen. . . did happen Monday. Fortunately no one was hurt in the accident, but that was just plain luck. You might not be so lucky. . . so follow the warning signs. It's smart to stay alive!

**IN ANSWER . . .**  
to numerous requests, we will repeat that maps of Farmington Township are available at the Town Hall. In fact, there are two different kinds of maps on hand for your selection. One map with the various street names included, plus an excellent index is available for 25¢ at the Township office. A second map, which contains the various zoning areas and other zoning information, is available free of charge. So if you are looking for a map, head straight for the Township office in the Town Hall and take your choice.

## Air Spotter Sees "Flying Saucer"

The second report of a "flying saucer" as seen by a member of the Farmington Garden Observation Corps, was issued this week by air spotter Mr. J. T. MacKay, 51845 Fourteen Mile Road. Mrs. MacKay spotted the "flying saucer" while on duty Thursday evening, September 4, at the Farmington Post located in the tower of the Leading Engine Company. This is the second report by a member of the Farmington Air Spotter Club regarding the spotting of "flying saucers".

According to Mrs. MacKay, who was on duty alone, the object first appeared in the northeast, traveling at a fairly rapid speed north-west to southeast. It looked concave and flat and glistered in the late afternoon sun. Mrs. MacKay (Continued on Page Ten)

## Plans Nearly Completed For Legion Festival

Plans are now being completed for the Groves - Walker Post American Legion Harvest Festival and Homecoming to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 2, 3 and 4, at the Legion Home. Registrations for the amateur show, to be held Saturday and Sunday evening, should be made by calling Fordan Niles at Southfield 2000 after 6:00 p.m. The preliminaries in the amateur show will be held Saturday evening with the finals Sunday evening.

In addition to the amateur show there will be a big fish fry on Friday evening plus many other exciting activities. The Festival will be held in the Legion Memorial Home. The exception of some farm equipment displays which will be set up on the grounds outside the building.

## LITTLE LEAGUES TO BE HONORED AT BANQUET

A special banquet honoring members of the Farmington Little League will be held Monday evening, September 15, at the American Legion Memorial Home. Ted Chapman, president of the League, announced this week.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Members of the four regular teams will be present. Each player has been asked to invite one guest. Umpires and other adult participants will also be present. The wives of the various officials are preparing the banquet dinner.

Trophies will be awarded to the individual players of the champion Farmington Dairy Yanks team and the Farmington State Bank Tigers team. Medals will be presented to all 12-year-old boys in the League. Trophies will also be awarded to the leading pitcher and leading batter of the League.

## Friends Of Library To Meet Wednesday

Farmington Friends of the Library will hold a formal organizational meeting to elect a board of directors, adopt a budget and select charter members Wednesday, September 17, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High School auditorium. W. Allen Nelson, temporary chairman, announced this week.

The meeting is open to all persons interested in the Farmington City and Township library.

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## BOARD APPROVES SALE OF \$71,000 IN SCHOOL NOTES

### Proposed Changes In Zoning Filed With Township

Offer 3 Suggestions For Consideration

Three suggested changes in the Township Zoning Ordinance were presented Tuesday evening to the Farmington Township Board for their consideration by Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board. The Board moved to table the recommendations for further study. The first suggestion is a substitution in Section VIII pertaining to front yards in commercial zones. It reads as follows: "In a Commercial Zone there shall be on every lot a front yard. On lots of 100 feet or less in depth, the front yard shall be not less than twenty (20) feet from the lot line; on lots 100 to 150 feet in depth the front yard shall be not less than thirty (30) feet; on lots 150 to 200 feet in depth the front yard shall be not less than forty (40) feet; and on lots of 200 feet or more in depth the front yard shall be not less than fifty (50) feet; but any building subsequently erected on that side of the street in that block shall not be less and need not be greater than the average depth of the front yards of such existing buildings."

The second recommendation is as follows: "In a Light Industrial Zone there shall be on every lot a front yard. On lots 100 feet or less in depth the front yard shall be twenty (20) feet from the street property line; on lots 100 to 150 feet, thirty (30) feet; on lots 150 to 200 feet, forty (40) feet; and on lots of 200 feet or more in depth, fifty (50) feet." (Continued on Page Ten)

### MAN INJURED IN THREE-CAR CRASH SUNDAY

One person was injured Sunday morning in an accident on Grand River and a truck came to rest in the creek at the bottom of McGee Hill Monday afternoon, according to City Police.

Donald Whalen, 31000 Fargo, Livonia, suffered from shock and bruises as a result of a three-car crash on Grand River near Lakeview about 11:30 Sunday morning. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Green's Ambulance.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Joseph Audet, 31818 Grand River, and one driven by Mark Coon, 22900 Lakeway, prepared to make a left turn from Grand River. The Coon car was struck in the rear by the car driven by Whalen, and the Coon car in turn was driven into the Audet car.

A truck driven by Willie R. Richardson, 17426 Lumpkin, Detroit, struck the bridge at the base of McGee Hill on North Farmington Road Monday afternoon and overturned into the river. Richardson was not injured in the accident which occurred about 5:20 p.m. Monday.

### Special Guest Visits Flower Show

Miss Laura Osborne, chairman of the United Nations Committee for Greater Detroit and Associate Professor at Wayne University, was special guest of honor at the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show held last Friday at the Methodist Church. Here Miss Osborne discusses one of the attractive arrangement displays with Mrs. Tracy Conroy, left, chairman of this year's show, and Mrs. John Grant, right, president of the Farmington Garden Club.

### Schools Report Record Opening Day Enrollment

Expect Added Growth For Several Weeks

Record opening week enrollments have been recorded in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School District, it was announced Monday by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel. Dunkel pointed out to the Board that requests from school districts for state aid total \$3,000,000 while only \$1,000,000 is available for distribution. Each school district has received one third of the amount of money requested from the state. Farmington requested \$600,000 and received \$200,000. Dunkel stated that the shortage in the school district is due primarily to the tremendous increase in enrollment. The district operates on state funds based on the per capita of the previous year. This state aid received this year is figured on last year's enrollment, Dunkel stated.

### Many Awards Given Garden Club Flower Show Attracts Record Crowd At Methodist Church

Horticultural Exhibits Top Entry List At Show

The Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show held last Friday at the First Methodist Church has been labeled a huge success both by show officials and the many residents who admired the record number of entries on display. Officials stated that a total of 254 specimens were entered in this year's show, which featured the United Nations theme. Of this total 161 received awards for their entries. Last year only 213 entries were made with 142 ribbons being awarded. The most popular classification was the horticultural section with 138 entries and 115 awards. In the arrangement classes a total of 65 specimens were entered with 45 awards being issued. The Junior Gardeners' section, which was set up in the church basement, had 115 entries with 73 receiving awards.

### Falcon Scrimmers Hold Sizzlers

Emphasis is being placed on offense this week as the Farmington Falcon football team prepares for its season opener against Rochester High School next Friday afternoon, September 19, on the Farmington gridiron. Coach William Nuse stated that a lot of work is being devoted to the offensive this week. Emphasis is being placed on running plays as well as a passing attack. However, Nuse stated that the fundamentals of blocking and tackling are not being overlooked in the practice schedule. One game per day is being held this week.

### Can You Top This One?

Last Saturday evening candidates for the Farmington team journeyed to Plymouth to participate in a game under the lights. Nuse stated that it was a rough and rugged practice session. He added that the team looked fairly good for the short practice session held. It was not a regulation game and no score was kept. Nuse stated that several Farmington touchdowns were scored on passes from Larry Pink to Jack Covart.

### Building To Begin In Warner Farms Sub Next Month

Home building operations are expected to begin about October 1 in the new Warner Farm subdivision, Harry S. Wolfe, president of the Farmington Development Corporation, announced this week. Improvements are now being installed on Mayfield Avenue, the first street to be developed in the subdivision. Mayfield is just west of Maple and runs between Grand River and the extension of Cloverdale. Work is now going on in connection with the construction of the street and work on the sewer line was begun Wednesday.

All of the streets in the Warner Farm development will be paved with curbs, water mains, sewer lines and sidewalks. Shade trees will also be planted along the streets. The minimum lot width in the subdivision will be 80 feet in the building and 115 feet back from the street. The property has (Continued on Page Ten)

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### Farmington P.T.A. To Meet Next Tuesday

Mrs. George McCordell, district chairman of the National P. T. A., will be the guest speaker at the first fall meeting of the Farmington Parent - Teachers Association to be held Tuesday evening, September 16, at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

### Secure Gas Heating Bids, For Township, City Halls

Prices on the conversion of the present heating plants in the Municipal Building and Town Hall to gas were presented to the City Council at the special meeting Wednesday afternoon.

### Begin Registration For Blood Bank

Registration for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, which will visit Farmington October 13 and 14, will begin next Monday, September 15, it was announced this week.

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### Farmington District To Borrow Sum For Emergency Operation Expenses

Because of a shortage of state aid money available to school districts, the Farmington Board of Education Monday evening approved the floating of \$71,000 in tax notes to meet operational expenses.

The tax notes are designed to take care of the present emergency only. It was decided to set a 3% interest rate on the notes which would be dated October 1, 1952 and would run to April 1, 1953. During this period sufficient tax funds are expected to be collected by the state to meet specific obligations. The money needed now for operational expenses, principally teachers' salaries, Superintendent O. E. Dunkel pointed out to the Board that requests from school districts for state aid total \$3,000,000 while only \$1,000,000 is available for distribution.

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