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AROUND THE BLOCK

EVEN THE WEATHERMAN . . .
is beginning to capture the spirit of the coming Christmas season. After a week of springlike weather, including some junior size floods and gusty winds, the weatherman has turned on the cold air vents. Although we are still far behind last year's schedule as far as winter is concerned, there is still a lot of time left. According to our file, we had had several pretty good snow falls by this time a year ago, as well as some pretty snappy weather. So don't let these April showers fool you. It is really November with December just around the corner. Just keep that overcoat and boots handy . . . you'll have use for them mighty soon!

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ANOTHER NEAR RECORD . . .
crowd jammed the City Council chambers Monday evening to participate in the discussion of several controversial questions. Interest on the part of the citizens in the affairs of their city is vitally important. Constructive suggestions and criticisms should be a great help to city officials in determining the desires of the people. Out of this type of participation come many ideas which could well be the starting point for additional progress. More wide-spread interest and more frequent participation are important if these objectives are to be accomplished. Building a better community is a never-ending process in which all of the citizens have a vital part and obligation.

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THE PIGSKIN . . .
helmets, shoulder pads and cleats have been stored away for another year and the basketballs, shorts and sleeveless jerseys have been hauled out of the moth balls. But the laurels are still being handed out to the heroes of the 1952 gridiron season. Last Wednesday Falcon Co-Captain Ed Klees accepted in behalf of the Farmington football team, the 1952 Inter-Lakes Conference champions, a beautiful trophy presented by the Farmington Kiwanis Club. The trophy is befitting of the outstanding record compiled by Coach Bill Nuse's Farmington team. Congratulations, fellows, for your fine record and your example of true sportsmanship!

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SOMETHING NEW . . .
has been added in the Town Hall park . . . something you should see and watch with interest and pride. The something is a torch-shaped barometer which will record the progress of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest Drive, now in its second week. You can keep the red indicator rising by contributing to the Farmington United Fund volunteer when she calls at your home. We have a job to do and it is exemplified right there on that little barometer in the Town Hall park. We have to push that red indicator to the $8,603 mark if our goal is to be realized. Let's show every citizen and every passer-by that Farmington meets its obligations. Let's keep that barometer rising!

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IT'S A FIRST . . .
for the Women's Auxiliary of the New Trinity Episcopal Mission and for that reason particularly we hope it will be a first big success. The first is a Holiday Benefit Tea to be held Wednesday, December 3, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Universalist Church. According to the plans, which have been worked out by the committee headed by Mrs. Howard Richards, it should be a wonderful chance to catch some of that first Christmas spirit. There will be holiday greens, candle boards for making your own table, mantle arrangements, Swedish Christmas tree balls, hand made Madonnas and a number of other unusual Christmas arrangements. This is all in addition to the tea and social get-together. So why not jot the date down on your calendar right now and plan on being there.

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HAVE YOU TOURED . . .
the Farmington area lately? If you haven't you're in for a big surprise because almost every place you turn things are happening. We thought Farmington was growing before, but after a brief turn around the area last week we are convinced it was only a minor jump. Everywhere we turned there were new houses, new business places and new real estate developments. Just along Grand River the stores and business places seem to be sprouting up like tulips in a warm spring rain. And from all reports this is just the beginning. There have been lots of notices, trends and signs that this was going to happen, but it takes the real thing right there before your eyes to convince you.

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GO TO CHURCH . . .
this week and give thanks for the privilege of being an American. Join your friends and neighbors in prayer on this Thanksgiving for the rich harvest . . . for the constructive progress we in this nation enjoy. And let us not forget that belief in Him has made it so.

TB Seals Mailed, Says Howard Otis

The Double-barred Christmas Seals, which provide the opportunity for the people of the nation to have a part in the program to control tuberculosis, have again been mailed to families in this community, stated Mr. Howard Otis, local representative of the TB drive, yesterday.

The fine response to last year's Christmas Seal Sale indicates that the people of this area realize the need to carry on the fight against the most costly and the most widespread of all of the "catching" diseases.

"Some of the services which Christmas Seals have helped to provide are chest x-ray clinics in Royal Oak and Pontiac for all residents of the county; promotion and arrangements for Michigan Department of Health mobile x-ray surveys for the public and industries in this community; rehabilitation department at the Sanatorium; education about the disease in schools and public groups, and research to provide better methods of treatment and rehabilitation for the many people who annually contract the disease, said Mr. Otis, local member of the Board of Trustees of the Oakland

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Little League To Elect Officers At Annual Meet

The Farmington Little League Baseball organization will hold its annual meeting next Monday, December 1, at 8:15 p.m. at the Blakeslee Chevrolet Sales and Service.

Ted Chapman, president of the Little League, stated that the meeting is being called for the purpose of reviewing last year's program, electing new officers and making plans for the 1953 season. A final report on the 1952 season will be given by the present officers.

All parents interested in the Little League program are invited to attend the annual meeting.

FORMER MAYOR OF ROYAL OAK KILLED BY CRANE

A Royal Oak City Commissioner and former Mayor, Evert M. Bangham, was fatally injured Thursday near Eight Mile and Grand River when he was crushed by a crane doing excavation work.

According to Irvin Yakes, Township Police Officer, Bangham was struck by the cab as it revolved and was pinned against the tractor treads. He was rushed to Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital but died shortly after arrival. Yakes stated that workmen shouted a warning to Louis Kevorkian of Pontiac, operator of the crane, but because of the noise he was unable to hear.

Bangham, a civil engineer, was employed by the Oakland County Drain Commission as a surveyor. He was apparently checking a new gas main being installed in the area when the accident occurred. Bangham was 71 years old. He is survived by his wife, Esther, and three children: John of Clawson, Philip of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Charlotte Wubbe of Huntington Woods.

ADULT CLASSES IN UPHOLSTERING, SEWING RE-OFFERED

New classes in both sewing and upholstery will begin next week under the Farmington School District adult education program, James Read, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Both of the new classes are being started by request, Read added. The regular fall term sewing and upholstery classes ended last week, but because of the demand new classes will begin at once.

Read stated that persons interested in enrolling in either the sewing or upholstery class should contact the superintendent's office in the Farmington High School either Wednesday afternoon or Monday. In the case of the upholstery class, some of the persons enrolled in the fall term will continue in the new class. However, both classes are open to new enrollees, Read stated.

CITY BEGINS FINAL DRAFT OF PLANNING ORDINANCE

A Prayer of THANKSGIVING

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the blessings of freedom that we may this day humbly and openly bow our heads in this prayer of Thanksgiving!

We thank Thee for the leadership, courage and progress which Thy guiding hand has given us through the years. We thank Thee for Thy beacon light that marks the way to an even brighter future. And we pledge this Thanksgiving Day to follow Thy word and example as true disciples in the crusade for peace, spiritual richness, and greater human understanding.

Amen.

Expect Action This Week On School Request For Transfer Of Debt Fund

Farmington Seeks Permission From State To Transfer Surplus To Building And Site Fund

The application of the Farmington Township School District to the Municipal Finance Commission requesting permission to transfer the $47,865 surplus in the 1948 Bond Retirement Fund to the Building and Site Fund is expected to be acted upon this week.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the application was filed with the Commission last Friday. The request to transfer the money is being made to provide necessary funds for the equipping of the new high school building. Dunckel emphasized that the $47,000 will not cover the expected cost of the equipment. However, this plus $17,000 in the present Building and Site Fund and some additional money secured from the budget will meet the cost.

Under the new law all transfers or debt retirement moneys must first be approved by the Municipal Finance Commission. Prior to the new law such transfers of debt retirement moneys people within the school district. The decision of the Commission is expected to be announced next week.

COSTS INCREASE

Because of the increased cost of construction there is an insufficient amount in the present Building and Site Fund to purchase the necessary equipment. Dunckel stated that rather than reduce the number of rooms, which are vitally necessary, the Board decided several months ago to attempt to find other means of securing money for the equipment.

At the present time there is a total of $121,485 in the 1948 Debt Retirement Fund. The final payment of interest and bonds totaling $73,620 is due on April 15, leaving a surplus of $47,865. Only 6½% of the 10% was levied in 1951 and none in 1952. Dunckel stated that the surplus is due to new building and increased valuation in the District.

City Studies Plan To Enlarge Council

Serious consideration is being given by the city to a suggestion that the present City Council be increased from the present five-man group to a seven-man body.

The proposal was discussed briefly at the regular meeting of the Council held Monday evening. The purpose behind the proposal is to afford greater representation of the people on the Council. It was pointed out that as the city grows this need will become even more necessary. The larger Council would also facilitate the conduct of meetings from a quorum standpoint.

Any such proposal would require a change in the present City Charter and thus a vote by the people. The Council indicated that the proposal could be voted upon at the annual city election to be held on the first Monday in April. Under the present charter three Councilmen are elected at each regular election. The two receiving the highest number of votes are elected for a term of four years and the one receiving the third highest vote is elected

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Churches Plan Special Services For Thanksgiving

United Service Set For Wednesday Night

Citizens of Farmington and the surrounding area will have ample opportunity to attend church services on Thanksgiving Day.

Special services for the day of gratitude have been planned by many churches of various faiths.

According to custom, Grace Lutheran Church will hold divine services beginning at 9:00 a.m. and special music will be presented by the senior choir.

Father Thomas Beahan, pastor of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, has announced that Holy Masses will be held at 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., rather than the regular 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. services.

Pastor Rutkowsky of the St. Paul Lutheran Church has announced the sermon topic for his 10:00 a.m. service will be "Extolling The Lord". Special music for the service will be provided by the senior choir.

The first annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Farmington Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Baptist program will include Gospel singing, special musical numbers, a period of Thanksgiving testimonies, and a special Thanksgiving message by Dr. Northrop entitled, "The Grace of Gratitude".

Special services will be held at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church on Wednesday, November 26, at 8:00 p.m. Rev. Russell Sursaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will deliver the main sermon. Rev. Schultz of the home church and Rev. Guinan of the Farmington Trinity Episcopal Church will take part in the services. Special music has been arranged by the Salem choir.

Members of the Christian Science Society may attend a testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the congregation of Clarenceville Methodist Church may attend a prayer service at the church on Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

SPONSOR TEN WEEK DANCING COURSE AT CLARENCEVILLE

The first of a series of community dancing classes under the sponsorship of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission was held Monday at the Clarenceville High School.

The program, which consists of tap, ballet and ballroom dancing instruction, is under the direction of Mrs. Betty Johnson. Anyone from three years of age and up is eligible to participate in the program with the exception of the ballroom dancing which is for those over ten years of age.

Classes will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 8:30 in the high school.

On November 29 the Commission will hold its first square dance of the season. Mr. Bill Picken, member of the Michigan Square Dance Leaders Association, will be the instructor and caller. Present plans call for a square dance each Saturday evening for the next ten weeks. The instructions are to be progressive.

Men Wanted:

Issue Urgent Plea For Air Spotters To Operate Farmington Station

A lot of type has been cast and a lot of news ink spread around in an effort to bring additional help to those few conscientious citizens who are keeping the important Farmington Ground Observation Station in operation.

It isn't an easy job, especially at 3:00 a.m. on a damp, cold morning, but it is vitally important to the safety and protection of our nation. As one civilian defense official stated the other day, too many of us have already forgotten "Pearl Harbor". We can be very grateful here in Farmington for those few who have not forgotten.

The latest plea has come from Arthur Bassette, who has taken over the duties of George McLaughlin, chief spotter, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago while on duty at the post. Bassette stated that men volunteers are urgently needed now. This plea is emphasized by State Ground observer officials who, incidentally, list Farmington as one of the most efficient posts in Michigan. Bassette pointed out that during the past week the Farmington Post was unmanned during 14 three-hour shifts. He emphasises that in spite of this the station had an 86% efficiency record.

But what about those 42 hours when no one was on duty? What if an enemy attack had occurred . . . how efficient would the program be? The post wasn't manned because there are not enough spotters to cover the around-the-clock schedule. Men volunteers are needed to fill the gaps during the period from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Women volunteers are handling the post during the day with almost perfect efficiency. At the present time three-hour shifts are being followed, but it is the hope of Thomas Tardy, director of the post, to get the program down to a two-hour schedule. Again additional personnel must be secured if this is to be accomplished.

The importance of the entire Ground Observer Corps organization has been emphasized over and over again by Civilian Defense and Military authorities. The fact that Farmington is located so close to Detroit does not minimize its importance as enemy planes traveling over this area might be destined for other key targets far from Detroit.

Persons interested in volunteering as air spotters are asked to call either Arthur Bassette at Farmington 2507-J or Thomas Tardy at MAyfair 6-3059 at once. Your help is urgently needed!

New School Bids Due December 18 At Clarenceville

Seek New Proposals On Osmus School

New construction bids on the Osmus Street Elementary School will be received and opened by the Clarenceville School Board at a meeting to be held December 18 at the high school.

This is the second meeting on the opening of bids for the new school building. The Board rejected all bids received several weeks ago because the lowest composite proposals exceeded the amount of money available to the District.

Under the revised plan, the size of the new school has been reduced from seven rooms to five rooms with an alternate of one additional room and a second alternate of two additional rooms. The new bids will be based on these newly revised plans. It is expected that the revised plans will bring the cost down to the amount of money available. The previous total low bids ran approximately $32,000 more than the available funds.

PLANS APPROVED

The new Osmus Street School is to be built with the aid of Federal Funds, thus the revised plans had to first be approved by the various governmental agencies involved. A total of $191,587 has been earmarked for the new school. This total includes the construction as well as architect fees and other preliminary work.

OFFICER SCHRIBER ASSUMES ROLE OF "BIG GAME" HUNTER

Thomas Schriber of the Farmington Police Department turned "big game hunter" last Thursday as he snared a muskrat from a window well at the home of Mahlon Bradley, 33926 Oakland.

The safari started when Mrs. Bradley called the city police about 12:10 p.m. Thursday to tell them about the animal. Officer Schriber was dispatched to the Bradley home equipped with a dog snare. In no time at all Schriber had bagged his prey alive and kicking.

Schriber stated that apparently the muskrat had wandered into town and got trapped in the window well. He was brought back to the police station where he hungrily consumed some grass and then started in on a big apple.

The story ends with a little different twist. Instead of carting the prize off to a zoo, the police quietly took the muskrat out to a likely looking swamp and let him loose to ponder his wild experience in the city.

Tentative Proposal On Truck Weight Restrictions Studied By Council

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the City Attorney to go ahead with the final draft on a proposed ordinance to establish a City Planning Commission.

Paul A. Pare', City Attorney, indicated that he would have the final draft ready for the next regular meeting of the Council. The action followed the reading by Pare' of a rough draft of a proposed planning ordinance. According to the proposal, a planning commission would be set up consisting of nine members. These would include the Mayor, City Manager, one Council member and six persons named by the City Council. One of the six would be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Commission would serve without compensation and would be required to hold at least one meeting a month. Funds for the operation of the Commission would be allocated by the Council, which would have the power to select and remove Commission members. The group would be advisory only, with the final authority resting with the Council. The Commission would be charged with the responsibility of developing a master plan for the city.

TRUCK RESTRICTIONS

A tentative draft of an ordinance setting up weight limits on trucks using city streets was read and discussed at length by the Council. Prior to the reading of the draft, citizens of the community were given an opportunity to express themselves on the problem, which has been under discussion for the past several months.

Walter Krueter, representing a group of Farmington citizens, read a letter to the Council in which he stated that five months ago the group requested the city to take action on restricting heavy trucking in order to protect the lives and property of citizens as well as the maintenance of roads. He added that their action was not directed at one firm, in spite of the fact that such intimation has been made by the Mayor and the Council. The letter stated that the group is charging the Mayor and Council with the responsibility of protecting the citizens without regard for special interests or minority groups.

E. S. Mather, Jr., representing the Mather Trucking Company, stated that the firm has never had an accident on Shiawassee and that they have made every effort to hold traffic down on that street. A number of other citizens expressed their opinions both for and

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United Fund Total Hits 35% Mark In Second Week

Collections Running Ahead Of Last Year

Farmington's 1952 United Fund and Community Chest Drive neared the 35% mark according to unofficial returns gathered by Vern Willard, campaign chairman, over the week end.

The total figure announced by Willard on Monday was $3025. This represents the amount collected by volunteer solicitors during the first ten days of the drive. Willard stated that the report is based on figures supplied by the solicitors and not actual cash on hand. He added also that not all solicitors were able to be contacted.

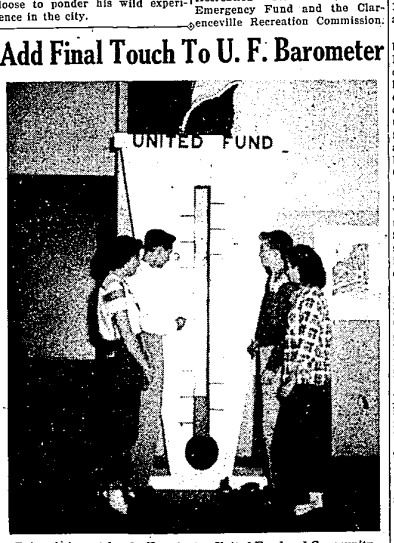
Of the $3,000 total, $1,676 is reported from business and industrial places and the balance from city and township residential. Willard stated that because of the number of contacts, residential areas require more time to cover and thus collections are slower. The chairman added that the amount collected in residential areas is expected to climb sharply in the next few days. He issued a special plea to volunteers to get their money in to their respective captains or the campaign treasurer as soon as possible so that a more accurate check of the progress of the drive can be made.

WELL SATISFIED

Willard stated that the campaign is progressing very satisfactorily, thanks to the excellent cooperation of the many volunteers and the community. The drive is expected to continue until all of the area has been covered and until all residents have had an opportunity to contribute.

Funds collected during the drive go to support 33 agencies of the State and County United Fund as well as six community chest agencies. The local groups include Farmington Boy Scouts, Visiting Nurse Service, Farmington Girl Scouts, Farmington Area Recreation Commission, Local Emergency Fund and the Clarenceville Recreation Commission.

Add Final Touch To U. F. Barometer



Doing their part for the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest Drive are Mike Stanek, John Fawcett, Sue Andrews and Alice Frazer, Farmington High School art students, as they add the final touches to the giant torch barometer now set up in the Town Hall park. The students painted the torch and added the numbers along the side of the barometer. The barometer will record the progress of the annual fund campaign now in its second week.

Goodfellows Plan Annual Paper Sale

The Annual Farmington Goodfellows paper sale will be held Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, Fred Menke, President, announced this week.

This year's Goodfellow Sale will be sponsored jointly by all of the Farmington area service clubs. All of the groups will cooperate by having members on the streets during the two-day sale. A special issue of The Farmington Enterprise will be used by the Goodfellows. The sale will take place at key locations in the Farmington business area, at Eight Mile and Grand River and in Novi.

In addition to the annual paper sale, special canned goods shows will be conducted in the Farmington and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools. Special movies will be shown at the various school buildings with admission being canned or packaged food.

Money collected during the paper sale will be used by the Goodfellows to purchase food for the Christmas baskets which will be distributed to needy families in the Farmington area. The canned and packaged goods will also be placed in the baskets.

A list of needy families is now being compiled by the Goodfellows. Anyone knowing of such a family is urged to contact Fred Menke at Farmington 1256-J.

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