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AROUND THE BLOCK

FROM THE LOOKS . . .
of the front page this week, the snow on the ground and the bright new window arrangements in a number of our Farmington stores, it would appear that Christmas is really on its way. In fact, there are only 17 more shopping days to Christmas, so if you haven't started yet, you had better get going! And remember you can save yourself a lot of time and trouble by doing your shopping right here in your home community. Besides that you will be doing your part toward making it a real Merry Christmas for your neighborhood merchants. Remember, when you help your home community, you help yourself. Shop in the Farmington area this Christmas!

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IN THE BIG RUSH . . .
of things don't forget to make your contribution to the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest. Your help is badly needed in this campaign to make Farmington a better place to live. At the present time approximately 50% of the quota is in, which means that we still have quite a way to go. We can't afford to let our boys and girls down. The continuance of recreational activities of Boy Scout and Girl Scout work is dependent to a large extent on the Farmington Community Chest. It is our responsibility to see that they have these opportunities. No one will or should do it for us . . . it's our job, let's do it!

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BASKETBALL IS SHOOTING . . .
into the headlines this week. Clarenceville held their opener against Bentley Tuesday and will play host to South Lyon this Friday. Farmington will open its season against Wayne next Tuesday evening on the Falcon floor. A quick glance at the schedules shows that both teams have a fast and full schedule ahead. So, you basketball fans, pick up a schedule and make your plans now. Get behind your favorite team and follow them all the way. That kind of support means everything to a team and besides you will have a lot of fun doing it.

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NEW SCHOOL CLASSROOMS . . .
are popping up all over the place but no sooner do they appear than they are filled. Thus it will be with the 14 new classrooms which will be opened Monday at the Bond and Middlebelt Schools. However, the main thing is that full day sessions will once again return to the Farmington scene. This will be good news to mothers, even though the youngsters may not look too favorably on the whole idea. If you have a chance, look over the new school additions and classrooms . . . they are really worth seeing. Farmington's schools belong to you . . . take pride in them.

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THINGS ARE PICKING UP . . .
at the Farmington Post Office these days, but this is just the beginning. From now until the last few days before Christmas the tempo will increase, and the stacks of incoming and outgoing mail and packages will get higher and higher. You can help reduce the load by doing your Christmas mailing early. Unless you particularly enjoy standing in line, it might be a good idea to purchase what stamps you are going to need right now, because there will be lines in a few weeks, that's for sure. So jot down "Post Office" on your must list and do your mailing early!

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JUST IN CASE . . .
you have forgotten what happened on the 7th of December 11 years ago, the Novi Amvets have a reminder for you. It was on that date that the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor. In commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day, the Amvets will hold special memorial services Sunday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Novi Community Building. Pearl Harbor Day is particularly significant this year in view of present world conditions. We promised ourselves 11 years ago that we would never forget Pearl Harbor. Yet today our defense effort . . . our pleas for volunteer air spotters . . . our attempts to arouse citizens to the need for vigilance, are bogged down in a fog of complacency. Let's remember Pearl Harbor this December 7 and all the days to follow . . . let's stay alert so that it may never happen again!

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THE BIG BLOW . . .
last Wednesday, that was the one before the big snow, had plenty of people in the Farmington area jumping. Not only did it raise havoc with a lot of television aerials and telephone lines, but it did a pretty good job of raising a few roofs, too. Down here, around the business section, we got quite accustomed to seeing large pieces of roofing paper, shingles and metal signs sailing by.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Township Offers Aid To Residents In Building Road

Will Pay Half The Cost If Owners Pay Share

A large group of property owners from the Cass Avenue - Gill Road section appeared before the Township Board last Tuesday requesting information and assistance on the construction of Cass from Eight-and-One -Half to Nine Mile Road.

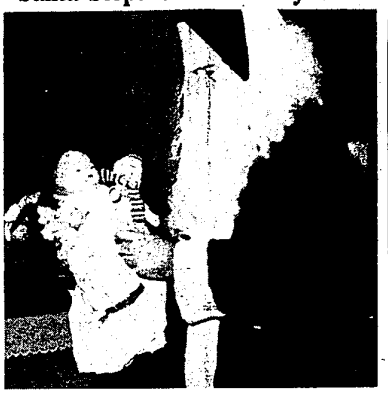
The Board informed the property owners that it would pay half the cost of the project if they, in turn, would dedicate 30 feet of land on each side of the road to public use and pay the other half of the construction. Under the proposal the road would be brought up to county specifications.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that all of the property owners would have to dedicate their portion of the land and file their half of the money before the project could be started. Some release forms were handed out Tuesday evening. Some discussion was also held on the question of establishing a supervisor's plat in the section, which is located in the southwest portion of the township.

A REQUEST IS BEING filed by the Township Board with the City Council asking for an extension of fire protection to an area 300 feet outside the city. This is being done to afford slightly lower fire insurance rates to those township property owners living within close range of city fire hydrants. The new area, if approved, would be set up by the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

Mr. Douglas Hammial and Mr. Kirk, representing the Ridgewood Subdivision, appeared before the Board seeking information on roads and protection from rubbish dumping.

Santa Stops Off For Early Visit



Santa Claus stopped off in Farmington last week just long enough for us to get a quick picture before he dashed back to the North Pole to get set for Christmas. Before Santa left, he reminded us that he would be back on Saturday, December 6, to visit kiddies at the Middlebelt School. He will be at the Noble F. T. A. Fair from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Fair will open at 1:00 p.m. and continue to 10:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, Christmas articles, treasure chest, fish pond, clothing and gifts. According to Santa, he will be making a number of visits to Farmington before Christmas so he can talk to as many boys and girls as possible.

City Continues Work On Truck Limit Proposal

Secure Information From Road Commission

Information on recommended weight restrictions for various types of streets and highways has been secured from the Oakland County Road Commission, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

Tennant was directed at last Monday's meeting of the Council to secure the information from the county. The details are now being studied by Paul Pare', City Attorney, pending the draft of a proposed weight restriction ordinance. Tennant indicated that the actual limits will not be determined until a more thorough examination of the recommendations has been made.

IT IS EXPECTED that the draft of the proposed ordinance will be ready for consideration by the Council at the next regular meeting set for December 15. A tentative draft was read by Pare' at last Monday's Council meeting. The only restrictions mentioned at that time were those established by State Law.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to place truck weight restrictions on secondary residential streets in order to protect the lives and property of citizens and to reduce the damage to city streets caused by heavy trucking. The initial request for such an ordinance was made about five months ago to the City Council by a group of residents in the Floral Park section. In the meantime citizens from other sections of the city have spoken both for and against such an ordinance at various Council meetings.

Board Must Set Aside Debt Fund Balance Before Surplus Can Be Used

Tentative approval has been granted to the Farmington Township School District by the Municipal Finance Commission for the transfer of $47,865 surplus in the 1948 Debt Retirement Fund to the present Building and Site Fund.

The decision of the Commission was contained in a letter received by the Farmington School Board late last week. Action was taken on the School District's application at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Lansing last Tuesday. The request had been filed the week prior to the meeting.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the Commission was willing to grant the approval on the transfer provided that the $73,620 needed to retire the balance of the 1948 issue be either paid in full or that the amount due be placed in escrow with the paying agent. The actual order of approval will not be filed by the Commission until one or the other of these procedures is completed.

Action is expected to be taken by the Board at its regular meeting next Monday on what steps to follow. Dunckel stated that the money to cover the balance is available now in the Debt Retirement Fund. The final payment on the 1948 Bond issue is due and payable on April 15, 1953. Only 6½ of the 10% was levied in 1951 and none in 1952. At the present time there is a total of $121,485 in the 1948 Bond Retirement Fund with obligations amounting to $73,620. This leaves a surplus of $47,865 in the fund.

THE APPLICATION requesting permission to transfer the surplus to the Building and Site Fund was prompted by a shortage of money for classroom equipment in the new high school. Dunckel explained that there is now a total of $17,000 in the fund. This, coupled with the $47,865 from the 1948 Debt Fund plus some money from the 1953 budget would be sufficient to equip the new building. The Board had a choice several months ago between reducing the number of classrooms in the new school or seeking other means of securing the money for the equipment. Because of the acute shortage of classrooms, it was decided to go ahead with the original building plans.

The tentative approval of the transfer of funds will now give the Board an opportunity to proceed with the details of planning, selecting and securing the new equipment.

New Farmington School Additions To Open Monday

All Elementary Grades To Go On Full Schedule

Administrative plans have been completed for the opening of the new Bond and Middlebelt School additions next Monday morning, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel announced this week.

Dunckel stated that there is still some work to be done by the contractor in getting the classrooms ready for use, but it is anticipated that this will be completed later this week. New classroom equipment will be moved into the additions during the week end, the Superintendent added. Dunckel stated that a close check is being kept of the progress, so that moving of equipment can be started as quickly as possible.

THE ADDITIONS will provide 14 new elementary classrooms in the District, six at the Bond School and eight at the Middlebelt School. The additional classrooms will allow all elementary grades to go on full day sessions. All classes were on half day sessions at the beginning of the school year with students in the Ten Mile Road area going on full days with the opening of the new addition early in November.

Dunckel stated that revised bus schedules have been set up and parents are being notified of the changes.

Extend United Fund Drive Deadline As Collections Reach 50% Mark

Continue 1952 Campaign For Funds To Provide More Time For Coverage Of Farmington Area

Vern Willard, chairman of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest Drive, announced this week that the annual campaign has been extended to allow more time for solicitation.

The drive, which opened on November 14, was to have run through the month of November. Willard stated that not all sections of the city and township have been covered as yet, and thus the drive is being extended to afford everyone an opportunity to contribute. It is expected that the campaign will continue until the house to house canvass of the community has been completed.

Willard stated that as of Monday a total of $4,330 had been collected in the 1952 campaign. This represents approximately 50% of the $8,663 quota set for this year's drive. The chairman emphasized that the total refers only to money actually collected. Willard stated that the total is probably larger than is indicated as a number of the solicitors could not be reached for a report.

A MARKED INCREASE in collections will be necessary in the next few weeks if the quota is to be reached, Willard stated. This money is urgently needed by the various local agencies as well as the State and County groups if they are to carry on the important work they are doing. In addition to the 33 State and County agencies, the drive includes the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions, the Farmington Boy and Girl Scouts, the Visiting Nurses Service and the local emergency fund. These groups are largely dependent upon the annual Community Chest campaign for financial assistance.

NOVI AMVET POST TO COMMEMORATE PEARL HARBOR DAY

Commander William Gregory of the Amvet Perry Kenner Post 76 of Novi has announced that the group will observe Pearl Harbor Day at special services on Sunday, December 7.

A breakfast meeting will be held at Novi School at 9:00 a.m. for members and their wives.

The group will then move to the veteran memorial in front of the community building in Novi for a short memorial service, which is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. This service will commemorate the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Commander Gregory says that the public is cordially invited to attend the service.

City Urges Early Return Of Water Meter Cards

City residents are requested to return December water meter reading cards as soon as possible so that they won't get delayed in the expected heavy rush of Christmas mail.

The cards are left at homes where water department employes were unable to gain entrance to read the meter.

Re-Elect Chapman League President

Harvey E. Chapman was re-elected president of the Farmington Little League baseball organization at the annual meeting held Monday evening at Blakeslee's Garage.

Other officers re-elected are Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, vice-president, and Harry Lapham, treasurer. Robert Hug was elected secretary of the Little League for the coming year. Chapman indicated that he would re-appoint the committeemen who served so successfully last year.

Harry Lapham, treasurer, reported that a total of $2,137.64 was collected last year for the Little League. Of this amount $2,086.82 was expended, leaving a balance of $50.82. Ray Fendt, chairman of the finance committee, stated that plans are now being made to raise money for next summer's program.

Dr. Gadbaw reported on the progress being made on the improvement of the Little League diamond and grounds. The main diamond is being turned around and a second diamond is being built. He added that the city has volunteered to do the work. They have also agreed to fix up the rest room facilities as well as the drinking fountain.

The group discussed plans for setting up a more complete farm club system, under the direction of the vice-president. Regular minor team clubs will be organized with a full schedule of games. Discussion was also held on the possible hiring of a paid grounds attendant.

Seek New School Equipment Bids

Requests for sealed bids on new science room equipment to be installed in the Clarenceville High School have gone out to all prospective bidders in this section of the country, Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated Monday.

All bids must be received not later than 3:00 p.m. on December 18. The bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the School Board to be held at 8:00 p.m. December 18. The equipment is for the new chemistry, physics and biology laboratories which will be housed in the addition.

The letter which accompanied the specifications stated that officials do not anticipate opening the chemistry - physics laboratory for pupil use prior to September, 1953. It is being pointed out, however, that this should not be construed to mean that delivery and installation would not be required prior to that date. Blueprints of the room arrangement are available at both the Clarenceville High School and at Eberle Smith, Associates, 321 E. Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Sealed bids on the construction work for the new Osmus Street Elementary School will also be opened and read at the December 18 meeting.

NEW ADULT CLASS TO BEGIN MONDAY AT FARMINGTON

A new class in leathercraft will open Monday, December 8, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Adult Education program, James Read, assistant superintendent, stated Tuesday.

This is the second term for the leathercraft class, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Alvera Runde. The class will meet in Room 22 at the Farmington High School. It will be open to beginners as well as advanced students.

Read stated that there are also openings for students in the new upholstery and art classes. Persons interested in any of these courses are requested to call the Board of Education office, Farmington 0073, for registration information.

AMATEUR GROUP TO PRESENT COMEDY AS FIRST PLAY

A group of people interested in dramatics met at the home of Richard Stuntz Friday evening, November 21, to develop further plans for a Players' Group for Farmington under the sponsorship of the Arts Committee of the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The play, "The Torchbearers", a hilarious comedy, has been selected as the ideal one to launch a players' group since it is a take-off on the Little Theatre movement.

Try-outs will be held the evenings of Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12 in the library of the high school. The public will be welcome to come either or both nights. Stage experience is not necessary, only an interest in acting, staging, costuming, make-up or directing. The group is particularly anxious to contact those who were in the former Farmington Players Group.

Rehearsals for the play will not start until after the holidays.

J.C.C. TO SPONSOR ANNUAL VISIT OF SANTA CLAUS

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce received word this week from the North Pole that Santa Claus will visit Farmington on Saturday afternoon, December 20.

According to Cecil Roberts, chairman of the arrangements committee, Santa will arrive in Farmington about 1:30 p.m. He will make a brief tour of the city on his special sleigh before stopping at the Farmington Town Hall. Santa will remain at the Town Hall until he has had a chance to talk with every boy and girl who wishes to visit with him. He will also have a special treat for all of the kiddies.

The Jaycees are working on a truck float in which Santa will ride into the city. Members of the Jaycees will meet Santa at the edge of the city and escort him to the Town Hall. A special throne is being built for Santa in the Town Hall building.

Falcons, Trojans Eye Cage Season

The Farmington High School basketball team will play its first game of the 1952-53 season with Wayne on December 9. The game will be played on the home court.

Although the Falcons have been practicing for two weeks, a definite starting line-up has not been named.

Coach Don Burtch states that he may start Dick Tyler and Larry Pink at forward positions, Wayne Dryden and Bob Mansfield at the guard slots and Jerry Rice at center. Coach Burtch adds that the list is only tentative and that changes might still be made.

The Clarenceville Trojans opened their basketball season on Tuesday, December 2, by traveling to Bentley and bowing to the Bentley Bulldogs by a score of 42 to 27.

Tom Rutila, Glenn Evans and Bob Townsley, at guard, forward and center positions respectively, are the only returning veterans on Coach Robert Selke's team.

The game will be played following the junior varsity contest, which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Goodfellows Set For Paper Sale

Plans have been completed for the Annual Farmington Goodfellows Paper Sale to be held Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, Fred Menke, president, announced Tuesday.

The street sales will probably begin Friday evening and continue through Saturday, Menke stated. A special edition of The Farmington Enterprise will be used by the Goodfellows. The sales will be conducted through the Farmington business area, in Clarenceville and in Novi.

Special Goodfellow shows will be held in both the Farmington Public Schools and Our Lady of Sorrows School, the chairman added. Admission to the shows will be canned or packaged goods. Proceeds from the paper sale as well as the food items collected at the various shows will be used to make up Christmas baskets for needy families in the Farmington area.

Persons who wish to make private contributions to the Farmington Goodfellows may do so by contacting either Harry Moore or Kathryn Cotter at the Municipal Building or Floyd Nichols, treasurer of the Goodfellows. The Township Board has allocated $200 to the Goodfellows and the City Council $50.

Illustrated Talk

Authority To Discuss Library Planning At Public Meeting Tuesday

"Education Unlimited" will be the topic of a public lecture to be given Tuesday evening, December 9, at the Farmington Town Hall by Ralph A. Ulveling, Detroit librarian and nationally known consultant on community library problems.

The lecture, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., is being sponsored by the newly organized Farmington Friends of the Library, Inc. Ulveling, a former president of the American Library Association, will discuss the place occupied by the library in the modern educational system. His address will point out the need for continuing one's education after leaving school to show that a good library provides adults with a convenient and specialized facility for study.

The Farmington Friends of the Library recently completed a study which shows that the present public library must be greatly expanded if it is to keep step with the growing cultural needs of the township and city. Ulveling is expected to analyze the available figures to outline a tentative goal for the community and to suggest steps toward attaining it.

Ulveling's talk will be illustrated with color slides. The speaker's special capabilities in the field of library design are emphasized with the publication this week of the Architectural Record for December, which contains an article on library planning of which he is the co-author. A few copies of this article are expected to be available for study Tuesday evening.

Special invitations to the lecture have been mailed to numerous leaders of civic and parent-teacher organizations by the Friends of the Library. The new library organization is keeping its charter membership rolls open until January 1 to stimulate interest in the improvement of the Farmington library.

Three Mail Routes To Go To Livonia

Three men from the Farmington Post Office will possibly be moved this week along with their routes to the newly opened post office in Livonia.

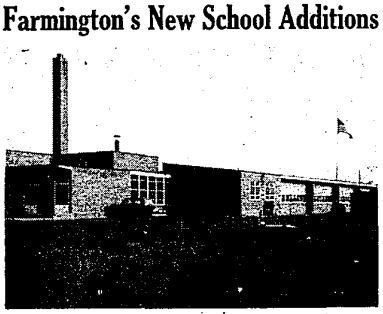
The new office opened on December 1 as a branch of the Detroit, post office. However, Detroit Postmaster Frank C. Middel stated that the fast-growing community may eventually have an independent office of its own.

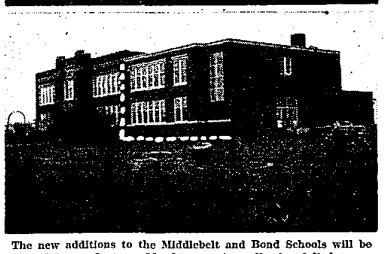
Named to be transferred to the new office are Harvey Chapman, Kenneth Jones and Howard Miller.

According to Farmington Postmaster Charles Habermehl there will be confusion for some time and a shuttle service between the two offices will be necessary.

The new office in Livonia is presently set up with temporary equipment.

Farmington's New School Additions





The new additions to the Middlebelt and Bond Schools will be opened for student use Monday morning, allowing full day sessions in the elementary grades for the first time in a number of years. Pictured in the top photo is the addition to the Middlebelt School. The eight classrooms have been added to the south side of the former building. Only the addition is shown in this photo. The bottom picture shows the newly-enlarged Bond School. The new addition includes that portion to the right of the dotted line on the picture and includes six classrooms.

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