

Big Game Hunting In Farmington



This big fellow was an unhappy ending last Friday afternoon at the Rainbow Park Motel at Grand River, but not before he gave several people a pretty good scare. Donald Cox, a resident of the Motel, holds up the seven foot snake which has been identified as a boa constrictor by two herpetologists. Cox attempted to capture the snake but it fought so savagely that he was forced to kill it.

Seven Foot Snake Causes Excitement Plus In Farmington Area Friday

Reptile Identified As Boa Constrictor

The seven foot, ten pound snake that caused quite a stir down at the Rainbow Park Motel last Friday evening has been identified as a boa constrictor, according to Vance Kefgen, owner of the motel.

Alvin Grant, 20110 Farmington Road, an employee of the motel, discovered the huge snake late Friday afternoon near the side of one of the cabins. She immediately called Donald Cox, a resident of the motel, who attempted to capture the snake. However, Cox was forced to kill the snake when it put up a bitter struggle. Several herpetologists have identified the snake from photos. Two have listed it as a boa constrictor and one as a fox snake. Kefgen stated that the snake may have escaped from one of the motel's cages and that they hesitated to report it for fear of causing a panic. Farmington police were called to the motel after the snake was killed.

Town Club Plans Annual Square Dance October 24

The Farmington Town Club will hold their annual square dance on Saturday, October 24 at the high school gym.

A three-piece orchestra will furnish the music for the dance which is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. and continue to 12 midnight. David Krings will be the caller.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE CALENDAR . . . is really loaded with meetings and activities this week and we don't want to slight anyone, but there is one particular get-together that Township residents should not miss. It's next Monday evening, 8:30 p.m. at the West Bloomfield Township Hall on Orchard Lake Road, and it concerns the coming Township hunting ban election. The meeting will be a public forum open to all residents of the Township. Both sides of the issue will be discussed by individuals who have lots of facts and figures at their fingertips. So make it a point to be there. You will have a chance to ask questions and present your views. Let us know the facts, have your say and then vote at the special election on October 2.

BACK TO NATURE . . . is the thing around Farmington these days. Last Friday we were called out in a rush to get a picture of a seven foot boa constrictor which had taken up residence in the township. Then Tuesday morning Mrs. Don E. Prior of 26550 Nine Mile Road called to report that her gardener had seen a bear slightly larger than the family Balmation feeding along a row of grapes. The bear was spotted at approximately 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Prior also reported that she saw bear tracks on the property. We hate to think what may wander into the area next, but we wouldn't be surprised at anything. This is getting to be a wild country . . . and we have the facts to prove it.

THERE ARE PHONE BILLS . . . and then there are other phone bills, but the kind Bob Patterson, owner of the Lakeway Drive-In, received recently is far us. It came out to exactly nothing! What happened was this . . . the amount of revenue taken in on local toll calls exactly equalled the amount of rental charges for the month. Bell Telephone officials in Farmington reported that they had never heard of this happening before. Well there is always a first for everything . . . maybe it will happen again. If you have a pay phone you can hope, but don't hold your breath while you are waiting.

CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCES NEW HEALTH ORDINANCES

Propose Changes In Township Health Ordinance

Designed To Increase Enforcement Of Law

Several proposed changes in the Township Health Ordinance were suggested by local and county health officials at the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening.

Dr. Joseph Gudbaw and Dr. Theodore Ling, Township Health Officers and Mr. Goldman, representative of the County Health Department, were present at the meeting to discuss the ordinance. One of the principal suggestions concerned the appointment of an agent for the Board of Health who would have similar powers to the health officers. This would facilitate the enforcement of the ordinance. Another suggestion was that more than 24 hours be allowed for the citation of an unsanitary condition. Officials pointed out that this doesn't allow sufficient time in many cases.

HEALTH OFFICIALS pointed out that the ordinance as written is entirely satisfactory but more strict enforcement is required. They emphasized that there are many conditions in the Township which can and must be corrected. A second meeting is being scheduled between the health officers, the Township Attorney and the Township Board to work out the legal aspects of the proposed changes. Three new plans were approved. (Continued on Page Five)

Plan New Offices At Clarenceville

Moving of the Clarenceville Board of Education offices from the high school building to the newly remodeled homecoming house is expected to be completed this week end, officials announced.

Work on the new vault in the homecoming house has been completed and detailed work is being cleaned up in preparation for moving operations. The new office building adjacent to the high school building, will include the offices of the superintendent as well as the assistant superintendent and administrative clerks. The high school principal will take over the present Board of Education offices.

New equipment and supplies are being installed in the cafeteria at the Clarenceville High School. The equipment includes stoves, steam tables, refrigerator, mixer, vegetable peeler, work tables and serving supplies. It is expected that installation will require about two weeks to complete. As soon as the equipment has been set up a daily lunch program will be initiated in the high school.

CITY POLICE SEEK WOMAN INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

City police are attempting to locate a woman whose car was struck by a girl on a bicycle at the corner of Farmington Road and State Street on Monday.

The incident occurred about 3:40 p.m. on Monday. The woman, who lives in the Farmington area, is requested to report to the police station in the fire hall building on Liberty Street.

Farmington's Oldest

Universalist Church To Observe 100th Anniversary With Week-Long Celebration Beginning Sunday

The Farmington Universalist Church, oldest house of worship in the community, will observe its 100th anniversary with a week-long celebration beginning this Sunday.

Scores of Universalists from all parts of Michigan and many from distant regions of America will be visitors in the city.

On the last three days of the week the Farmington Church will be host to the Universalist Convention of Michigan. The high point of the week's celebration will be a centennial banquet at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, in the American Legion Hall, at which 250 guests are expected.

Dr. Frank D. Adams, who is retiring as the Farmington pastor, after more than half a century in the ministry, will be especially honored throughout the week as a patriarch of the denomination. He will preach at the church service that will open the celebration at 11:00 a.m. this Sunday.

At 4:00 p.m. Sunday a Dedication Organ Recital, played by Mr. James Hunt of Detroit, and open to the public, will be held. Mr. Hunt is well known through his previous recital here, which was widely acclaimed. After the recital, which is free, a reception and tea will be held in Adams Hall of the church.

On the date of the recital, and

Little Leaguer Meets Big Leaguer



Everybody was happy at the Annual Little League Banquet held Monday evening at the Salem Evangelical Church. Probably the happiest, at this moment at least, was that member of the Farmington State Bank "Tigers," as he receives a champion trophy from Bob Miller, new Detroit Tiger pitcher. Standing behind him is Harvey Chapman, president of the Farmington Little League, who is assisting in the trophy presentation. Seated at the table on the right is James Warner, chief umpire of the Little League and president of the Little League League.

Defense Meeting Set For Monday

Civil defense officials are looking for another record turnout for the next meeting of the group to be held next Monday evening at the Legion Memorial Home.

Charles Layton, director, stated that efforts will be made at the meeting to organize as many sections as possible throughout the city and township. He added that those sections having a warden will begin as soon as possible on a program of preparedness and training. One of the first steps will be a survey of personnel and existing facilities in each section of the township and city.

A meeting of all division heads was held Friday evening. Discussion on the establishment of a central control center and a future master plan for disaster was held. A report on the results of the Friday night meeting will be presented to the entire group on Monday.

COMMUNITY HOUSE DISCUSSION GROUP TO MEET MONDAY

Confirmation of proposed candidates to the Board of Trustees will be the main subject of business at the next meeting of the Farmington Community House Committee, scheduled for Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

George Weyhing, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, stated that a list of candidates have been selected by the committee for presentation to the entire group on Monday.

City To Appear October 9 In Sewage Case

State Seeks Decree To Abate Pollution

The City of Farmington has been ordered to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court on Friday, October 9, to answer a bill of complaint issued by the State Water Resources Commission in regard to sewage disposal.

Paul Pore, City Attorney, stated that the appearance has been set for 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Pontiac. The summons naming the city as defendant on the bill of complaint was issued on June 18 and served on June 26. It was signed by Nicholas V. Odo.

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NEW PATROLMAN ADDED TO STAFF OF CITY POLICE

Farmington City Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt announced this week that Norman H. Dehnke has been added to the city police force as a patrolman.

Dehnke replaces former officer Arthur Holmes, who resigned to take another position.

Dehnke, who is married and has two children, resides at 23081 Tulane.

He formerly served in the accident prevention bureau of the Detroit Police Department. Dehnke served the Detroit Police for 5 1/2 years and was with the U. S. Navy during World War II.

School Enrollment Continues To Set New Records

Report New Increase During Second Week

Enrollment in the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts continued to show a slight increase during the second week of classes, officials reported Monday.

Farmington school officials stated that the total enrollment in the District reached 3,076 at the close of classes last week. This represents an increase of 17 students over the previous week's report. Elementary enrollment now totals 2,066 students with 1,010 registered in the junior and senior high schools. It is expected that enrollment will continue to increase for the next few weeks.

ENROLLMENT in the Clarenceville School District rose to 1,575 students as of Friday afternoon. This is an increase of 30 students over the total reported at the close of school last week. The largest increase was in the elementary grades with 25 new students enrolled. Five new students were enrolled in the junior-senior high school.

It is expected that registration in the Farmington schools will reach the 3,100 mark before the enrollment is stabilized. Clarenceville school officials predict that enrollment will hit 1,500 in the next few weeks.

Zoning Hearing Set For Oct. 7

A public hearing on three proposed changes in the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Wednesday, October 7, at the Farmington Town Hall, Leo Kelly, chairman of the zoning board, announced Tuesday.

The meeting is being called to afford residents, affected by the changes, an opportunity to express themselves either for or against the proposals.

The three proposals involve the Suburban Farm Subdivision, a plot of land at the corner of Farmington Road and Nine Mile Road and the property on the south side of the Cut-Off between Drake and Gill Roads. Both the Schroeder Farms Subdivision and the property on the south side of the Cut-Off are unzoned at this time. The new proposal would include the two areas in the zoning ordinance.

Other officers elected were: Mary Lenz, secretary; Hazel Stevens, treasurer; and Hazel Stevens, public relations. Community chairman for the campaign are: Francis Burtmore, Farmington city chairman; Helen Kudsk, chairman of the Mothers' March; Clara Hawley, chairman of the Clarenceville area; and Mrs. Frazier Staman, chairman of the Novi area. Various chairmen will be named at a later date.

Hunt Ban Forum Set For Monday

The question of whether hunting should be banned in Farmington should be discussed at a public meeting Monday, September 28, starting at 8:00 p.m. in the West Bloomfield Town Hall.

Both sides of the question will be discussed at the meeting. Edward Nosenman will present the views of township residents who consider hunting with firearms increasingly hazardous in this growing community. Frank E. Burch, executive secretary of the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, will explain the opinions of law abiding sportsmen who are interested in keeping hunting grounds open.

The meeting is sponsored by the North Farmington Township District Civic Association in the interest of promoting good citizenship. The public meeting is also designed to stimulate interest in the coming special hunting ban election to be held October 5 in Farmington Township.

Officials of the Association emphasized that this meeting is an open forum designed to present both sides of the issue. Persons attending the meeting will be invited to ask questions. The West Bloomfield Township Hall is located at 4100 Orchard Lake Road.

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Adopt Amendment Setting Up New Traffic Regulations On City Streets

Five new ordinances were introduced and one resolution approved by the City Council Monday evening in one of the longest sessions of the year.

The five ordinances cover a wide variety of subjects including: preservation of public health, provisions for the adoption of health regulations, regulations for the prevention of fires, abatement and prevention of nuisances and penalty for sale or possession of knives having mechanical opening devices. The Council also adopted a resolution to revise the traffic ordinance. The meeting opened at 8:10 p.m. and continued until 1:15 a.m. Tuesday.

All five of the ordinances introduced will come up for action at the regular October Council meeting. The proposed ordinance

Orchard Lake Rd. Project Extended To Grand River

Includes Widening Strip Only On South Portion

Orchard Lake Road is to be widened the entire distance from Fourteen Mile Road to Grand River this fall, Leon Belknap, Oakland County Road Commissioner, announced Tuesday.

The original project called for the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Fourteen Mile Road south to Eleven Mile Road. Belknap stated that there is now sufficient money available to extend the widening south to Grand River. This portion will be widened now and resurfaced at a later date.

THE CONTRACT for the Eleven Mile to Grand River widening has been awarded to Max Frisinger at a cost of \$37,750. The widening will consist of a concrete strip six feet wide giving a 22-foot street. The project is to be completed by October 31.

Belknap stated that the concrete strip will be layered along the present road and will not affect the present course. The job just north of Grand River will be widened out with the strip on the east side of the road, then crossing to the west side.

THE FIFTH ordinance makes it unlawful to sell or have in possession a knife having a mechanical opening device. The penalty for violation of this ordinance would be \$500 or 90 days in jail or both. The ordinance was introduced at the request of the police department which has confiscated many of these knives in recent months.

The revision of schedules in the traffic ordinance approved by the Council will become effective immediately following publication. The new regulations prohibit parking at any time on either side of Shawanawee between Lakeway (Continued on Page Eight)

ELEANOR LILLIE ELECTED TO HEAD 1953 POLIO DRIVE

An organization meeting of the South Oakland County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was held Tuesday afternoon at the Town Hall.

Eleanor Lillie was elected campaign director of the annual March of Dimes campaign. Other officers elected were: Mary Lenz, secretary; Hazel Stevens, treasurer; and Hazel Stevens, public relations. Community chairman for the campaign are: Francis Burtmore, Farmington city chairman; Helen Kudsk, chairman of the Mothers' March; Clara Hawley, chairman of the Clarenceville area; and Mrs. Frazier Staman, chairman of the Novi area. Various chairmen will be named at a later date.

The South Oakland County Chapter includes the city and township of Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, and a portion of Westland. The newly elected officers will begin immediately drafting plans for the annual March of Dimes campaign.

The Mayor's proclamation is as follows: "Whereas the citizens of Farmington are vitally interested in our youth and recognize the importance of adult participation in matters pertaining to the welfare of our children; Whereas one of the principal tasks facing our nation and our community today is (Continued on Page Eight)

Schools To Offer Variety Of Classes For Adults Starting October 5

Now that dad and mother have gotten the children started back to school again for another year, they are beginning to think about taking up a few courses themselves, and they won't have too long to wait.

According to James Reed, director of adult education in Farmington, classes will begin during the week of October 5. A total of eight courses have been scheduled so far. All adult education classes will be held at the new Farmington high school building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A beginning sewing class will start on Monday, October 5, in Room 103-A of the new high school building. Mrs. Russell will be the instructor. Other classes starting on October 5 include: Typing in Room 115-B with Elsie Barnard as instructor; Blueprint reading in Room 103-A with Ted Bleckel as instructor; and one art class in Room 101-A with Keith Whitmore as instructor.

An advance sewing class will be given on October 7 in Room 103-A at the new high school building. Possible courses now available to adults include: driver training, sewing, shop, bookkeeping, shorthand and salesmanship.