

In 1954 the birth rate in Michigan broke all previous records with 27 babies being born for every thousand persons in the state. The total number of births for the year in Michigan is estimated at 382,000, about 18,000 more than in 1953. October set an all-time monthly record with 17,406 registered births, followed closely by the 17,126 births recorded in August.

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Airman Johnston Now At Shepard Field, Texas.
Airman 3rd Class Norman L. Johnston has been transferred from Sampson Air Force Base to Shepard Field, Texas. It was disclosed this week.
He reported to Shepard field after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Johnston, in Farmington. He is now studying hydraulic mechanics at his new duty station.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Farmington Woman's Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Cook, 33721 Oakland Avenue, on Wednesday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m.
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Along the Creek in Woodcreek

Marguerite Kreider reports that members of her troop of 25 Intermediate Girl Scouts are working very diligently on a marionette program. The figures are cut from wood, 16 inches high, with cardboard arms and legs. The girls are working hard to get them strung and clothed.

Mrs. Kreider also reports that Cubes of Den 7, Troop P-11, are working on a railroad project. Each of the six boys is building an engine out of wood, an oatmeal box, a cardboard wheat box, spools, jar rings and corks. The boys will take a trip on a train Saturday, January 29. They will leave from Birmingham and travel through the tunnel under the Detroit River to Canada, where they will tour through a railroad yard, have lunch and return.

Farmington school children are getting excited about seeing the Shrine Circus with "Uncle Dick" Norwalk again this week. "Uncle Dick" is taking about 120 of the children during the week of February 4. They will enjoy hot dogs, ice cream and cotton candy through the generosity of the Woodcreek men and "Uncle Dick." The Norwalks acquired a daughter of their own this last week. Dick's niece, Inez Motkus, has come to make her home with them. Her mother, Joseph Motkus, passed away in Detroit last week. Her mother and Dick's sister, Edith Motkus, passed away three years ago. Inez is 17 years old and a student at McKeesville High School.

The Norwalks entertained their club Thursday, January 20, with the Walter Smiths, the Rog Overmyers, the Paschedas, the Weighmans, the Thursons, and the McCarthys enjoying the evening.

Shirley Smith tells us her two canaries died last week because of fumes from a faulty furnace pipe. The fumes were so strong it gave the whole family a difficult time for a while and was too much for the birds. The Smiths lost two birds about losing their little singers that they went right out and bought two more canaries who are already singing lustily in their new home.

We understand Theresa McKay is also the delighted owner of a new bird that has completely captured her affections.

Don't forget the Franklin Din-

ner Dance next Friday night, January 28, at the Bonnie Brook Golf Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Perc Darnell returned last week from a four-week vacation in Florida. They spent their time in Palm Beach and reported that while the weather was sunny, it was not warm enough for them to enjoy much swimming.

Speaking of Palm Beach, Mildred and Al Hammer report all is well at their home on Crest Road in Palm Beach and their doors are waiting to welcome in all their friends from Woodcreek when they come down to the sunny South.

We understand Fred and Zella Misaal have grown more conservative in their taste in cars -- from "coral pink," they have gone to "fire-engine red" in their 1955 Mercury.

Townline News Mrs. Frazer Hults

The Jolly Eight Pedro Club met with Mrs. Jack Hetrick Thursday afternoon for a round of cards. Honors went to Mrs. Don Jones, Mrs. Eunice Morris and Mrs. James Vanbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Miller, Sr., of Schroeder Road, honored their son, Robert, Jr., Saturday on his thirteenth birthday by inviting twelve of his young friends for an afternoon of ice skating, dancing, and games. A birthday luncheon was served by his parents.

Alfred Scallion was called to Ripley, Tennessee, on Saturday by the serious illness of his father.

Residents of this area are invited to the 1955 County Fair Bureau Institute to be held at the Community Center in Clarkston on Monday, January 31. The meeting will run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A complimentary dinner will be served at noon by the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The afternoon will be devoted primarily to a discussion of how to improve the county organization.

Bobby, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kane of Mayfield Avenue, has recovered from an illness which kept his indoors over last week end.

Springbrook Area Briefs Mrs. Howard Legg Phone 2265-W

Mr. and Mrs. George Lord of 24577 Springbrook Drive proudly announce the birth of a baby daughter, Elizabeth Kaye, born January 12.

David Melner, young son of Mr. and Mrs. David Melner, Sr., suffered a broken nose in an unfortunate accident recently. The Melners make their home on Springbrook Drive.

Twelve neighborhood children gathered at the St. James home on Springbrook Drive last Saturday to honor young Marilyn on her sixth birthday. A grand time was reported playing games.

Mrs. Margaret Zehner is back at her home in the neighborhood, convalescing from a recent operation.

While playing in an abandoned barn on Shawassee Road last week young Robert Burns slipped on a weakened board and fell, breaking his foot. Robert hopes to be recovered sufficiently by next week to resume studies at the Middlebelt School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burns.

On Sunday, January 23, little Wayne Johnston celebrated his seventh birthday. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnston of 23146 Springbrook Drive.

Mrs. John Redson has been confined to her home with the flu.

Mrs. Charles Taylor spent a few days recently visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Rene Whitehouse, in Toledo for a few days.

Young Gary Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lee Hill, has been confined to his Springbrook Drive home due to illness.

A thank you has been extended by James McBride, 30598 LaMar, to all of his neighbors of this area for their fine cooperation and support at the water meeting held in the past few months.

About 150 were present at a water meeting held Friday, and most everyone from this area attended, he stated. Since it is estimated that there is a total of 250 homes in the dry areas of township, attendance at the meetings cannot be considered good. However, McBride pointed out, he concluded that everyone's support is needed.

Looking Ahead By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

(Continued from Page 2A) and optician-maker expand.

And so FBI Agent Boyle's message to Prosecutor Hamilton was that the FBI had decided to end the splendid service of one of its vitally important counterespionage witnesses against Braden. On Saturday a 41-year-old brunet seamstress, Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, gave testimony in the Braden trial that shocked Louisville. Braden, she said, was an active Communist leader in Louisville. He had recruited her into the Red conspiracy. He collected dues for the Red cell to which they both belonged. She had been with him, and his wife, in the Red underground in Louisville since 1931 -- and all the while she was an FBI counterespionage! Braden was convicted, sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

Prosecutor Hamilton has secured indictments against wife Anna Braden and four other persons, all connected with the "Wade Defense Committee." Mrs. Ahearn identified the ring-leaders as Communists. And in addition, she further shocked Louisville by identifying as a Communist Mrs. Beatrice Pearson, chief statistician of the Louisville City-County Health Department. The FBI has lost a courageous undercover agent, but Louisville is wiser, and a clever, influential Communist propagandist in a strategic position as a newspaperman has been silenced for a time.

Obituary



Lyman Farrand, formerly of 18th Street in Farmington, died Wednesday, January 19, at Tarpon Springs, Florida, following an illness of several years.

Farrand, 79, was born July 13, 1875, at Inkster, Michigan, the son of Augustus Farrand and Emma Lyons. In 1890 he moved to Plymouth, going west as a young man. In 1915 he returned to Michigan and took up residence in Farmington, where he worked as a carpenter until he retired to Florida.

Surviving besides his wife, Amelia, are step-children Mr. Gwen Lancaster, Farmington; Mr. Irving Lancaster, Milford; and Mrs. Dorothy Wilhoit of South Haven, Michigan.

Funeral services were held on January 24 from the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Melbourne L. Johnson, D.D., officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

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