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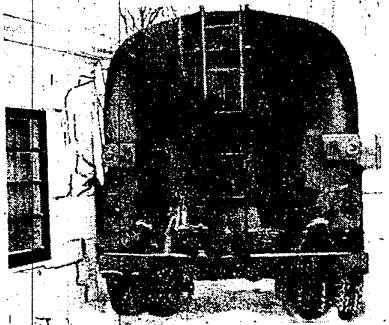
Unwelcomed Guest Pays A Visit



A most unexpected guest, a semi oil carrier truck, paid an unwelcomed visit to the Otis C. Allen residence at 29910 Middlebelt Road early last Friday evening. Storming through the yard and knocking down a utility pole on the way, the guest smashed into the side of the house, splintered a fence, and caused considerable damage to a car in the driveway before coming to rest. Here the truck remained, nestled near the house where it was snapped early Saturday morning. The cracks in the wall have been outlined on the photo in pencil for identification.

Oil Truck Smashes Into Home Near Middlebelt, Northwestern Highway

Semi Causes Considerable Property Damage After Collision With Another Truck

An accident involving two trucks at the intersection of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road early last Friday evening caused considerable property damage though no personal injuries were suffered.

The accident ccurred when a semi oil carrier truck, proceeding toward Detroit on Northwestern, was struck by another truck crossing on Middlebelt at the intersection. The impact of the crash threw the oil carrier, being driven by Joseph Buono of Silverwood, Michigan, out of control. Leaving the road, the semi snapped off a utility pole and continued across the lawn of the Otis C. Allen residence at the southeast corner of the intersection. The truck came to rest after smashing into the house.

APPROXIMATELY $500 worth of damage was done to an auto parked in the driveway, besides a damaged fence, house and lawn. No accurate estimate of the total damage could be given.

The second truck involved in the crash, driven by Able F. Cook of Louisville, Kentucky, was damaged only slightly. Cook pleaded guilty to charges of reckless driving. He has been released on $50 bond pending the outcome of a trial to be held on March 4.

BOY SCOUTS PLAN SCRAP PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY

Members of Farmington Boy Scout Troop 45 will conduct a scrap paper drive this Saturday, February 19, with proceeds earmarked for various Troop activities.

The collection point will be the public parking lot on South Farmington Road adjacent to the Post Office Building.

City Plans Action On Heating Code

Final action is expected to be taken by the Council at its regular meeting next Monday evening regarding the possible adoption of a heating code for the City of Farmington.

The Council last week declared its intent to adopt by reference the City of Detroit Official Gas and Oil Burner Code. Adoption of the Detroit Code will place Farmington among the municipalities participating in the reciprocal heating arrangement. The code will provide for the licensing of heating contractors doing work in the city and will set up procedures for inspection of heating installations.

It is expected that the Code, if approved, will be classified as emergency legislation and will take effect immediately upon passage.

Final action is also expected to be taken by the Council on a resolution to vacate an alley running south from Ten Mile Road and west of Orchard Lake Road

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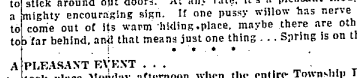
AROUND THE BLOCK



SPRING IS COMING . . .

for sure, a little pussy willow told us. We will have to admit we didn't actually see it with our own eyes, but we have the word of Mrs. Ralph Benton, 25203 Inkster Road, to back us up. The pussy willow was seen peeking about Mrs. Benton's back yard last week. We imagine peeking is the correct word, in view of the frigid blasts that descended upon us over the week end. Even such a crazy, mixed-up pussy willow as this one must have found it a bit too chilly to stick around out doors. At any rate, it's a pleasant thought and a mighty encouraging sign. If one pussy willow has nerve enough to come out of its warm hiding place, maybe there are others not too far behind, and that means just one thing . . . Spring is on the way!

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A PLEASANT EVENT . . .

took place Monday afternoon when the entire Township Board and City Council sat down around the table to discuss the possible disposition of the Town Hall. This is the first time in many years that the two governmental bodies have gotten together as a while to discuss a common problem. The multitude of individual problems plus the rapid development of both the city and township have pretty well occupied both groups independently. The meeting brought out one very important point, namely that better cooperation and understanding can be achieved by joint discussion. We sincerely hope, for the benefit of the entire community, that more of these meetings will be held in the future.

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THERE'S A SAYING . . .

that every dog has his day, and for quite a number of the canine population "the day" was last Sunday. They gathered in force at the Clarenceville Fire Hall to have a vaccination shot and talk over the big events in the dog world. According to witnesses, there were all kinds from short and fat to tall and thin, and almost every one of them had something to talk about, or maybe we should say bark about. At any rate, it was a mighty busy afternoon for everyone concerned. We haven't received any comments from our canine friends . . . but from the sound of things Sunday, the clinic was definitely a howling success.

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HERE'S ANOTHER . . .

reminder to vote this Monday in the Biennial Township Primary! Let's keep those voting machines really hopping. Don't count on George to do the job . . . he may be counting on you!

EXPECT HEAVY VOTE IN TOWNSHIP PRIMARY MONDAY

School Bus Route Policy Remains Unanswered

Residents Protest Latest Board Action

Demands for special school bus service by a small group of residents again blocked efforts by the Farmington Township School Board to set a definite bus route policy for the School District at a regular Board meeting Monday night.

A recommended policy, offered by a special transportation committee of Board Members, worked out in close conjunction with school administrative officials, was contested by residents of Schroeder Road present at the meeting. It was their view that special consideration should be given to individual cases rather than following a set policy.

SCHROEDER ROAD parents pointed out to the Board that "extremely hazardous" conditions existed in their neighborhood and that for this reason a bus should be run down the dead-end road to pick up children in the lower grades. Poor lighting on the street, deep, waterfilled ditches along the roadside, and an abund-

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Woodbine To Elect Water Officials

Arrangements have been completed for the conduct of a special election on Friday, February 25, to name members to the Water Commission of the Woodbine Subdivision.

Details for the vote have been worked out cooperatively between the subdivision and the Township Clerk. Only registered voters in the Subdivision Water District will be eligible to participate in the election. A total of five Water Commissioners are to be elected.

The voting will take place at the Middlebelt School on Middlebelt Road north of Ten Mile. The school was selected because it lies in the same voting precinct as the subdivision. Officials stated that the polls will remain open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the special election day.

This Friday, February 18, has been set as the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions by candidates seeking election to the Water Commission.

TOWNSHIP SETS FEBRUARY 28 AS TAX DEADLINE

Monday, February 28, has been set as the deadline for the payment of county and school taxes in Farmington Township, Clayton Goers, Treasurer, announced this week.

Taxes paid on or after March 1 must be taken care of at the Oakland County Treasurer's office in Pontiac and are subject to a penalty. Goers stated that the Township Office will be open Friday, February 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. for the convenience of taxpayers. Dog licenses will also be handled during the special hours, provided the application is accompanied by a vaccination certificate secured within the last year.

Adventure Series

Travelog To Feature 'Pacific Coast'

"The Pacific Coast," from Los Angeles to Alaska, will be the subject of the next Kiwanis-sponsored World Travel lecture to be held this Saturday evening, February 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Farmington High School Auditorium.

Host on the Pacific Coast trip will be Julian Gromer, outstanding photographer and lecturer. Gromer, the "Richard Haliburton of the 1950's," presented one of the top programs of last year's series and has appeared on lecture platforms throughout the United States.

The Pacific Coast adventure will begin in sunny Southern California and will extend north to the land of the totem poles. The lecture will feature the new Zoom camera lens which records the blossoming of flowers 20,000 times faster than normal, as well as the hi-fidelity musical background and sparkling humor which is a trade-mark of every Gromer presentation. The tour opens in Los Angeles and proceeds north to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey, the Redwoods and picturesque San Francisco.

An interesting sidelight will be a boat trip on beautiful Spirit Lake, at the foot of Mt. St. Helens. Majestic Mt. Rainier with its abundance of wildlife and flowers

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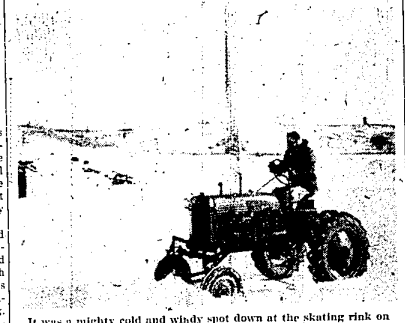
JULIAN GROMER

A Cold Job On A Winter's Morning



It was a mighty cold and windy spot down at the skating rink on Shiawassee Street last Saturday morning as Richard Goulet, 23020 Warner, can testify. Protected by a scarf around his face and a heavy coat, Goulet is engaged in the task of removing the latest fall of snow from the rink. Last week end not only brought the heaviest snowfall of the season, but the lowest temperatures as well.

Township Advises City Of Intent To Construct New Office Building

Board Voices Approval During Joint Session Of Plan To Move Offices From Town Hall

Members of the Township Board stated during a joint meeting with the City Council Monday afternoon that they were unanimously in favor of moving the township offices from the Town Hall to a new centrally located site in the township.

The expression of opinion came during an informal poll of the Board members. The joint meeting was called at the request of the City Council to determine if the township would be interested in purchasing the city's interest in the Town Hall property. The meeting was the result of a series of contacts between the two governmental units regarding the possible disposition of the Hall.

Tracy Conroy, Acting Mayor, opened the discussion by suggesting that the city offer its interest in the Town Hall to the Board for township use, with the provision that its interest be reverted back to the city upon termination of use for township business. Conroy added that he personally would like to see the offices remain in their present location.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Board stated that they felt the majority of the township residents

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PLAN TO DISCUSS U.S. 16 PROJECT WITH STATE

James Tennant, City Manager, along with officials from four other municipalities in Oakland County, will confer with Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, on Thursday regarding proposed highway construction in this section of the state.

The conference will include a discussion of plans on the widening and relocation of U. S. 16 from Farmington to Brighton, as well as the over-all program of highway construction in southern Oakland County. Tennant stated that the city is vitally interested in the U.S. 16 project because it will have a direct bearing on future planning in the area.

The City Manager is expected to file a report on the conference with the City Council shortly after the meeting.

Clinic Processes Over 380 Dogs

A total of 382 dogs received rabies vaccinations during the special clinic held Sunday afternoon at the Clarenceville Fire Hall, County Health Department officials announced this week.

The four-man veterinarian team, headed by Dr. Herbert Houghton, Farmington, worked from 1 to 4 p.m. handling the record number of dog vaccinations. Township officials stated that at one time the waiting line extended from the Fire Hall to Grand River, about half a block.

A Health Department spokesman stated that because of the large number of dogs, and previous commitments by the veterinarian team, the clinic was unable to take care of everyone. Officials added that dog owners in the Farmington area can be served this Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. at the special clinic being provided at Walled Lake. The clinic will be set up in the J. A. Taylor Garage, 142 East Walled Lake Drive.

P.T.A. VARIETY SHOW SET FOR THURSDAY AT CLARENCEVILLE

Plans have been completed for the Annual Clarenceville P. T. A. "Variety Show," to be presented this Thursday evening, February 17, at the high school gymnasium on Middlebelt Road south of Eight Mile.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., will feature selections by Mrs. Glen Ranstaldér, violin; Mrs. Ardis Land and Mrs. Wynemah Barnes Hartom, vocalists; Faculty Men's Barber Shop Quartet; Judy Dowdy and the Burkins in tap specialties; Rev Foster, accordian; Herb Neeley, magician; and Carolyn Smith, guitar.

A new and novel feature of this year's show will be the presentation of an old-fashioned melodrama by members of the High School Teachers Cub. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Parent Teachers Association or at the door the evening of the show.

NICHOLS SERVICE STATION ROBBED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Nichols Sinclair Service Station at the intersection of Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road was broken into and robbed sometime Saturday night.

According to a state police report, the thieves made off with 25 cartons of assorted brands of cigarettes and a box of candy bars. No cash or other merchandise was reported as taken.

Entry was made by breaking out windows on the east side of the garage.

Township Hears Legal Opinion On Building Proposal

Board Must Select Specific Office Site

A legal opinion regarding the procedures involved in the securing of a site and the construction of a new office building was presented to the Township Board by A. G. Leonard, Attorney, during an informal meeting Monday afternoon.

Leonard stated that any proposal would have to include a specific site as well as an established sum of money for purchase. The Board is now in the process of considering two proposed sites for the location of the new office building. On the basis of this opinion, the Board is expected to select one of the two sites for presentation to the electors. The exact location of the sites has not been released for publication pending the securing of options on the property.

THE ATTORNEY also indicated that the question of purchasing a site could be legally processed through an election or through the Annual Township Meeting, which will be held April 4. The Board has not indicated which procedure will be followed. In either case, sufficient notice must be given to the electors to allow them an opportunity to vote on the proposal. Township officials stated last week that there was sufficient money available to purchase the site without a voted tax.

Since the meeting Monday afternoon was entirely devoted to discussion, formal action on the questions and procedures will have to be taken care of at a later meeting.

Planners To Study Parking Needs

The Farmington City Planning Commission Wednesday evening accepted a request from the Council to conduct a survey on off-street parking needs in the business district.

The first step in the survey will be a determination of need both for the present and future. It is expected that the Commission will follow up the survey with recommended locations and the scope of necessary facilities. As soon as the work has been completed it will be forwarded to the Council for final action.

The Commission also recommended that the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish property on Grand River east of Lakeway be rezoned to a depth of 600 feet from residential to commercial. The property is now commercial for a depth of 200 feet. The frontage covers a distance of approximately 335 feet.

Action was also taken clarifying the recommendation on the rezoning of a parcel of land east of Farmington Road between Nine Mile and the Cut-Off from suburban to light industrial. The Commission reaffirmed its recommendation in favor of the rezoning. There was a question raised at the last Council meeting regarding the exact location of the property involved in the recom-

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NEW WARNER FARM IMPROVEMENT ASSN. ELECTS OFFICERS

An organizational meeting of the Warner Farms Improvement Association was held last Wednesday, February 9, at the Town Hall with approximately 50 in attendance.

Officers were lected with Goddard Smith being named president; F. A. Downham, senior vice-president; Terrell Huston, junior vice-president; Mrs. Florence Volpel, treasurer; and Mrs. Leon Robinson, secretary. Standing membership and restriction committees were also formed.

Procedures for setting up a non-profit organization were discussed with an attorney. By-laws for the organization are now being drafted.

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Four Republican Contests Stimulate Interest In Biennial Election

A record number of votes for a local election are expected to be cast next Monday, February 21, in the Biennial Farmington Township Primary, officials predicted this week.

The prediction is based on the unusually high number of new registrations added to the books, plus the interest being displayed in the large field of candidates seeking nomination. Officials have completed arrangements at all four voting precincts for the expected heavy turn-out. It is suggested that, wherever possible, persons vote during the day in order to avoid waiting in line during the evening hours.

The polls will open at 7:00 p.m. on Monday and remain open at a place at all four of the regular election precincts in the township. Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Town Hall, while Precinct Two electors will vote at the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street. Precinct Three voters will cast their ballots at the Middlebelt School and Precinct Four Electors will vote at the Bond School.

A TOTAL of 25 candidates are seeking nomination to various township offices on the Republican Ticket. No Democrat candidates have filed for the Primary, thus nomination will be practically equivalent to election. There are contests in four of the nine offices appearing on the ballot. The largest field of candidates is seeking nomination to the four positions as Board Trustee. The candidates are: Elise Avery, Ward Eagle, Earl D. Marks, Ross S. Patterson, Edward Shafer, John H. Spaller, Thomas Tardy, Fred Westlake, Howard Wiest and Helen Willard.

Five candidates are seeking nomination to the office of Township Clerk. They include: Floyd Cairns, Howard E. Eldredge, Edward J. Jarvis, Harry McCrain and Robert H. Ridgway. In the race for the office of Township Supervisor, three candidates are seeking nomination. They are Ernest Blanchard, William Hines and Fred G. Menke. Alice C. Ingle and Margaret G. Schaffer are seeking nominations as Justice of the Peace, both short and long terms.

Clayton Goers is unopposed for the office of Township Treasurer on the Republican Ticket, as is John Spicer for membership on the Parks Commission. Three candidates are in the race for Constable with four to be elected. The candidates are Godfrey Gagnon, Thomas Schriber and Irving Yakes. No candidates filed for the lone vacancy on the Board of Review.

Board Considers New Addition To Botsford School

Proposed Subdivision To Boost Enrollment

The announcement of plans to develop the Dohany property on Eight Mile west of Angling Road has prompted the Clarenceville School Board to begin immediate planning on a proposed addition to the Botsford Elementary School, it was announced following a meeting of the Board Thursday evening.

Plans for the subdividing of the property were explained to the Board by representatives of Practical Home Builders, Inc., developers of the project. It is proposed that 248 homes will be built in the subdivision with the majority of them being completed by September of this year. The development will include sewers, water, sidewalks, and paved streets.

IN VIEW of the anticipated increase in school enrollment as a result of the development, the Board declared its intention to proceed with plans for the construction of an addition to the Botsford School. Funds for the proposed addition will come out of the $350,000 bond issue approved by the voters last year for buildings, sites and equipment.

The Board also approved a motion that Seventh Grade students be housed in the elementary schools for the 1955-56 year. The motion further provides that any

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Plan UNESCO Meeting Monday

A public meeting on the purpose and objectives of the UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan will be held Monday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the new Farmington High School cafeteria, Al Benson, chairman, announced this week.

Principal speaker of the evening will be Miss Muriel Jacobson, official from the UNESCO Headquarters in New York. She will explain the function of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and present the details of the Gift Coupon Plan. The Farmington meeting is being called at the request of the State Council for UNESCO.

The State Council is presently engaged in a number of special projects including the formation of educational centers in Mexico and Africa, a community center in Israel, the securing of scientific equipment for secondary schools in India, and emergency programs to aid Arab refugees and Korean civilians.

All residents of the Farmington area are invited to participate in the public meting.

Water Committee Reviews Survey

Members of the Farmington Township Citizens Water Committee met Monday evening to discuss the preliminary engineering survey on the proposed water district and to hear a report on sanitation presented by M. N. Goldman of the Oakland County Department of Health.

Final changes in the survey report are now being completed by Pate and Hirn, engineers. Contacts are also being made with various bonding firms regarding the salability of bonds to finance the proposed project.

Goldman reported to the Committee that a family lacking safe, potable and adequate water supply is taking chances with the health, safety and growth of its members. He added that shallow or dug wells, of which there are many in Farmington Township, rarely provide water which is safe for all household uses. It is the least satisfactory source of

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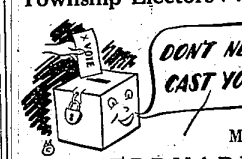
Township Electors . . . .



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 21

Voting is more than a privilege, it's a responsibility. If we are to continue to enjoy the pleasures of freedom, we must exercise the obligations of citizenship. That means voting on election day. Will you be a voter in the Township Primary this Monday?