

**West Farmington**

Mrs. I. Knapp — MA. 6-8383

The West Farmington Farm Bureau met Tuesday evening, October 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, which was decorated in old-time fashion with oil lamps for light and a fire place going for heat.

All 12 families attending came dressed in hard-time attire and joined in a variety of festivities and entertainments.

New Vice Chairman Grace Rexin conducted the meeting in the absence of Chairman Wendell Green.

Mrs. Otto Rexin gave a report on a recent board meeting as well as a women's committee meeting. This was followed by a discussion on Blue Cross and the sending of CARE packages. The Christmas party was also discussed and a committee appointed to make reservations for December 18.

A discussion on the topic, "Our Nation's Farm Problem, Where Do We Go From Here," was then held by new discussion leader Wallace Williams. The soil bank program, price supports and term contracts were discussed. Refreshments served at the close of the meeting. The November meeting will be held at the Howard's home.

The Walles Lake W.C.T.U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard Hetiker on Fourteen Mile Road on November 12.

It was reported this week that Mrs. Jack Hetrick is sick and under doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tamm had 23 guests for a week, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Micol of Lansing.

Mrs. Wendell Green has been called to the bedside of her father, George B. Moore, who is seriously ill at Mt. Carmel hospital.

Mrs. Evelyn See entertained several young women at a bridal shower for Grace Compton of Troy. Miss Compton will become the bride of Rodnie See in the near future.

**PUBLIC LETTER BOX**

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names and addresses expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

**Wants Details Of Early Master Planning**

Much has been said about the master plan for Farmington Township which has been developed by the planning committee and the paid consultants who were hired as a result of the planning committee's request. However, few specific details have been printed or made known to the general public.

Why can't the plan or portions which have been presented to the township board to date, be published in the Enterprise now, not after they have been adopted? It seems to me the people should know about these proposals which will affect their homes and property so vitally.

Some of those who have seen the proposed plans can't help wondering what is "ideal" about a master plan that takes no account of anything presently existing in the township—which designates as residential the entire Rouge River valley from Shawwassee to Haggerly Road, completely ignoring all the homes already located there (is this to be used for industrial or commercial purposes or for a public park, so that all the people who now come out from Detroit on Sunday for a day at Kensington Metropolitan Park can stop off for a picnic at Farmington instead?) — a plan which shows commercial zones located at Eleven Mile and Halsted Roads and at Thirteen Mile and Halsted, but none at Twelve Mile and Halsted, which is already partly commercial and situated on a main paved artery instead of at gravel roads, as are the other intersections mentioned.

The planning committee objected to zoning commercial a parcel of land across from a trailer court on Orchard Lake Road near Fourteen Mile Road, an area which adjoins a district already predominately commercial, namely the intersection of Northwestern Highway with Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile Roads! Instead, its master plan calls for a shopping center at Fourteen Mile Road and Farmington Road, apparently in the middle of Glenmuir Subdivision.

One cannot help wondering whether the planning consultants, to whom the township is paying some \$10,000, ever came out and looked at Farmington Township or just worked from a drawing board in their offices. When questions are raised concerning these and similar proposals, the planning committee's answer is that the plans are all "tentative"—nothing is definite yet. In this case, it is hard to understand why the planning committee is so insistent that the township board adopt their "tentative" plans. Shouldn't these "tentative" plans be revealed to the public before they are passed by the township board?

Could not at least the maps, one of the proposed commercial areas and one of the so-called "ideal" township layout, be published in the Enterprise BEFORE the township board is asked to adopt or approve these plans?

Very truly yours,  
A Farmington Resident

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Apparently several residents of the Township, like the writer of this letter, are considering the rough planning reports and sketches of the Township planning consultants as nearly finished products, ready to be acted upon by Township officials in the near future.

It should be pointed out that these reports, now being studied, are only the first phase of several phases of work which will go into the final development of a master plan for Farmington Township. The commercial land use plan presented recently to the Township Board and adopted by the planning consultants, was only an "ideal" proposal, and that little attention was paid to existing commercial development or other local conditions; which might affect the "ideal" plan.

The planning consultants have now begun work on the second phase of this plan, which will completely alter the "ideal" plan because of existing zoning, commercial development and other local conditions. It is more than likely that even third and fourth phases of development and changing will be necessary before any plans will be ready for hearings at which time objections can be voiced not only by Township officials, but by the public as well, it was indicated.

Since these first plans are so general in nature and subject to so

many changes before any type of action will be called for, we have felt it unwise to publish any details. To publish these details only to change and contradict them again and again, we fear, would be greatly confusing to our readers.

As soon as the plans are well enough formulated to give a general idea of what is being proposed, we will publish all the information possible and in ample time for residents to express their opinions before any action is taken.

Fellow across the desk from us says that he wishes his bookie would stop nagging him into bankruptcy.

**Attend Elks Initiation Program In Detroit**

In attendance from the Farmington Elks Club at the initiation of the Presidents' Class of 1956 at Detroit Lodge 34 for the South-east District last week were: Ruler, Pat Butterman, Leading Knight Al Tilden and Trustee Ron Spiedel.

Local candidate Bruce Read participated in the ceremony with other candidates from Plymouth, Dearborn, Jackson, Royal Oak, Monroe and Detroit.

President Robert A. Burns of Wakefield, Michigan, outlined the reorganized Elks program for scholarship, boys' guidance, physically handicapped work and veterans' hospital and community welfare committees.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Edward Jarvis of Farmington, Mrs. Arthur Schnell, and Mrs. Hazel Buck, all of Cincinnati and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan of San Diego, California. She also leaves nine grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

**Obituary**

Mrs. Minnie St. Clair, mother of Mrs. Edward Jarvis of 30817 Pearridge Road, Farmington Township, passed away on Wednesday evening, October 17, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 89. Mrs. St. Clair resided at the Thayer Funeral Home until Saturday at 2:00 p.m., when funeral services were held from the Temple of Memories in White Chapel Cemetery. Reverend Walter Kelton of First Universalist Church officiated.

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**Scouts To Collect Toys Hallowe'en**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 110 of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and sponsored by the church Men's Club will undertake a worthwhile rather than destructive course in celebration of Hallowe'en eve.

Boys of the troop will call door-to-door collecting broken and discarded toys regardless of their condition. They will then undertake the job of repairing these toys and distributing them to children's homes and hospitals in this area.

If the toy or toys which you wish to give are too large for the boy to carry, you are asked to give him your name and address and call Troop Leader Raymond Belcher at GR. 4-6228 to arrange for a pickup of the item or items.

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**Over 800 In Attendance At Jr. High Open House**

Over 800 persons were in attendance at the Junior High School open house, according to a report given Monday.

In charge of the open house was Principal Byron Oliver, who was assisted by Mrs. Don DeGroot and room mothers as hostesses.

A display of the physical education curricula was presented by students and the Junior High band and choir entertained. Cider and donuts were served those present from tables decorated for fall festivities.

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**Richard Sutton Now Training At Great Lakes**

Richard Sutton, who made his home with the Charles Suttons of 21700 Parker, has now entered the Navy and begun boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, it was disclosed this week.

Sutton is a 1956 graduate of Farmington High School.

If a dog can make friends, why can't you, without taking a course of lectures at \$25?

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# EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1

Broader Banking and Complete Trust Services through the merger of

FARMINGTON STATE BANK and NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT

Having been approved by the boards of directors and stockholders of both banks, the merger of The Farmington State Bank and National Bank of Detroit takes effect at the close of business on Wednesday, October 31, 1956. On November 1 the bank opens as the Farmington Office of National Bank of Detroit.

The same people will continue to serve you at the same location. The board of directors of The Farmington State Bank will become members of an advisory committee to help maintain the tradition of strong community service and friendly, personal attention which the bank's customers have long enjoyed.

**Broader banking services**

You'll find every banking service you need—right here under one roof—which means you can conveniently handle all your financial matters in one place at one time.

In addition to checking and savings accounts, the bank offers Savings Certificates that earn 2½% interest, mortgage loans, and low-cost Instalments (instalment loans) to help you finance a car purchase, home improvements, or personal needs. And loans for business expansion will now be more readily available because of our increased lending ability.

**Complete Trust Services, too**

You will be able to obtain complete Trust Services through this office. Our management personnel will gladly acquaint you with the Trust Services available.

**New banking hours**

The bank will extend services on Wednesdays until 3:00 p.m., and the Sidewalk Windows will open each morning at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. to permit the discontinuance of Saturday banking. The daily schedule of banking hours will be:

**In-bank Hours:**

Monday through Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Friday—9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Sidewalk Window Hours:**

Monday through Thursday—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday—8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**A warm welcome awaits you**

Our friendly staff is eager to help you, your family, your friends. Won't you come in and see us soon!

**Announces New Postal Rules**

Mailing procedures have been further simplified by some important changes. Postmaster Henry Trombley disclosed Monday.

Sealed parcels mailed at the third or fourth class rates will no longer require an endorsement authorizing opening for postal inspection, he indicated. This change is effective immediately.

He indicated that envelopes, wrappers or other covers enclosing publications at the second class rate of postage will also be accepted sealed. These sealed publications mailed at second class rates as well as sealed parcels mailed at third and fourth class rates will continue to be subject to postal inspection, however, he said.

If a mailer does not desire to have his mail opened by the postal service, Trombley suggests that they send it at the first class rate with similar endorsement and the payment of postage at this first class rate.

**Tips To Drivers, Walkers Given**

With the approach of winter drivers and pedestrians alike are cautioned that one-third of all pedestrian traffic deaths occur between 5 and 8 p.m.

Pedestrians are issued these cautions by driver safety authorities:

1. Remember that a driver can not see you as well as you can see his headlights.

2. Make yourself more visible by wearing light colors or reflectorized clothing. Carry a light to help you find your way and warn oncoming traffic.

3. Always walk on the sidewalk when there is one available. When no sidewalk is available, walk on the LEFT side of the road, facing ONCOMING traffic. Be ready to step off to the side whenever necessary.

4. Cross the street only at intersections — preferably in a lighted area and where traffic is controlled by signals. Never cross where you do not have a good view of traffic.

Drivers are reminded to:

1. Always slow down enough so you can stop WITHIN THE AREA illuminated by your headlights.

2. In a line-of-traffic, watch for pedestrians who may show up in the lights of the vehicles ahead of you.

3. SLOW DOWN in areas where there is likely to be heavy pedestrian traffic.

4. Have your lights checked regularly. Keep them clean and properly aimed.

5. Always carry a cloth to clean your windshield, inside and out. Driving at night with a dirty windshield is almost as foolish as driving without lights.

What can a man of sixty say to a girl of six that will make her smile?



The eye is not capable of straining itself into permanent damage, but muscles can and should you become too near sighted in eyeglasses which can ruin your vision, services and general appearance.