

# New A & P Store Grand Opening Festivities, Now in Progress

## Farmington High School News

Material for this column is prepared by members of the Farmington High School Journalism Class.

## Some Changes in Courses Proposed for Next Year

Some new changes in next year's courses have been proposed, approved by the faculty, and, in some cases, are now awaiting final approval by the school board.

Auto Mechanics will be called Power Mechanics and will include study of carburetors, outboard engines, and fractionation.

## Select Music Groups Will Do March Musicals

Farmington Senior High School music groups have been exceedingly busy with the beginning of 1960.

The Twelve Tones sang at the Monday night, February 8, meeting of the Middlebelt P.T.A.

The Women's Society Christian Service hosted the Falconers on Tuesday afternoon, February 9, at the Methodist Church. The Falconers sang "The Lord's Prayer," "Compassion," "Give Thanks," and "Wherever Shall I Come Before the Lord."

Last Wednesday evening the Falconers also sang at the Founder's Day celebration for The Shawnee Elementary School P.T.A.

The groups now plan to take a short rest and start rehearsing for a presentation of "The Great American Epic." The script, written by the Alto Falconers, tells the story of a boy who comes to the United States against his will. Nothing impresses him about this country, until he sees the people, their work, and their lives. The songs that represent their lives. The Twelve Tones, Swing Band, and Falconers are preparing to present "The Great American Epic" on February 16, in the Farmington High gymnasium. The film, which will also be presented on the musical at the O. E. Finkel and Farmington Junior High schools some time in mid-February.

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## New Radio Club Formed

The Farmington Senior High School's newly-formed radio club held its first meeting Wednesday, February 10.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform interested persons of the club and what it would do.

There will be three areas in which the group will work. They are ham radio, radio controls in planes and boats, and building hi-fi sets or FM radios.

Mr. Doug Michelson, teacher sponsor, said that the abilities of the members will be developed by listening to those who know nothing about radios and who want to learn to those who are quite acquainted in the field.

He also said that there may be small dues to help purchase equipment.

Right now the club is in the process of writing a constitution to be approved by the administration and the Student Council.

The nine boys who attended this first meeting are Bill Harlow, David Bush, Bill Walker, Bob Hutchinson, George Gifford, Chris Smith, Lewis Dave, Ben, and Jim Shipley.

## Fire Hazards

Members of every family should feel a "burning" need to keep the home premises free of fire hazards. An insurance company lists these important "do's": (1) Do dispose of the family trash from day to day. (2) Do insist on safe smoking habits. (3) Do keep electric appliances, cooking and heating equipment clean and working properly. (4) Do keep attic, basement, closets, other storage areas neat and orderly with overloading.

## Have Exceptional Produce, Meat Departments at A & P

Two main departments at the new A & P Store are the self-service meat department and the colorful produce department. The meat department is headed by Carl Hann, an experienced meat specialist.

Hann first started with the A & P food chain as a butcher in 1954 in the Gresham super market. After gaining initial experience as a butcher and cutter he was promoted to meat department head of the Ann Arbor Road store in Plymouth in 1957. Three months later he returned to the Gresham Avenue store as a meat department head where he remained until the store was closed.

A World War II veteran, Hann was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is married to the former Nancy Fabelius of England. They have two children, Nancy, 14, and Gillian, 13.

Hann states that he is firmly convinced that one of the basic reasons for the success of the A & P meat operations is the company policy which requires all of its meat, fish and poultry to be the "best available."

The policy of buying the best is the foundation stone which rests the quality of the meat department.

Hann's responsibility is to protect that original quality by seeing to it that cuts and trim are uniformly standardized. He must order and display wisely so that meat reaches the customer fresh and attractive.

All of our meats in the whole line are roasted to cold cuts are on display in these wonderful "open end" display cases," he says. This set-up is the home to obtain exactly the cut and weight the customer wants in a few moments."

Wesley M. Johnson heads the produce department. He comes to Farmington from the 1950 Fenkel Ave., Detroit, store where he has been since last March.

Johnson stated with A & P in March, 1958. He has also worked in other Detroit area stores. Some 100 fresh fruits and vegetables are produced in the store and also a full line of dried fruits and nut meats are stocked in Johnson's department.

The job of supplying top quality produce to A & P stores is handled by the National Produce Division. In a year A & P takes delivery on thousands of tons of farm and orchard produce.

In describing their operations, personnel tell of their central office in New York, which is linked with a series of terminal offices in the nation's major cities. It also is bound to scores of field offices which operate throughout a major crop area.

Commodities are bought in the field and shipped in carloads direct to A & P's strategically-placed warehouses. Produce is shipped direct from warehouse to nearby company stores.

By eliminating the handling costs of wholesalers, jobbers and other middlemen, A & P is able to pass along the resulting savings to both producers and consumers. This direct-line distribution produces a fresher product of better quality for the consumer.



CARL HANN  
Meat Manager

## Briar Hills

KATHY KINLEY  
MA. 6-5134

## Open to Public

## Russian Film On Education Set Feb. 16

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## Band Concert Set for 23rd

The Farmington High School Band will be presented Tuesday, February 23, in the auditorium. The concert will feature a variety of music, including "The Sound of Music," "The Most Unusual Day," and "Cuban Love Song." The band is directed by Mr. J. H. Smith.

## Jim Caris In Combat Tests

Army Specialist Four James Caris, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mummy, live at 2832 Zuck road, Farmington, Mich., recently participated in the Army's "Operation Bicycle," a field training exercise in Germany.

The exercise, conducted under realistic combat conditions, was designed to determine the group's ability to discover, locate and capture aggressive paratroopers carrying out their missions in the group's territory of defense.

Specialist Caris, a member of the group's 63rd Engineer Battalion, is scheduled to be in Germany in January and February.

The 19-year-old soldier was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 63rd Engineer Battalion, which is currently in Germany.

## Club Pack 162 Plans Blue-Gold Banquet

Club Pack 162 of the Shawnee Elementary School is planning a blue and gold banquet for its members and guests. The banquet will be held Tuesday, February 16, at the Farmington Senior High School.

The banquet is being held to raise funds for the school's athletic program. The menu will include a variety of foods, including a main course, dessert, and refreshments.

The banquet is open to all members of the club and their guests. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office.

## Really Proud Of Its Three Coffee Blends

A & P's traditional pride in its coffee increases with the new A & P Coffee Blends. The company is proud of its three coffee blends, which are made from the finest coffee beans available.

The first blend is a medium roast, which is made from a combination of Colombian and Brazilian beans. The second blend is a light roast, which is made from a combination of Colombian and Brazilian beans. The third blend is a dark roast, which is made from a combination of Colombian and Brazilian beans.

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## Join Army on 'Buddy Plan'

Two area youths recently enlisted in the United States Army under the "Buddy Plan." The plan allows a young man to enlist in the Army if he has a friend who is already in the Army.

The two youths are James Caris and John Smith. They both enlisted in the 63rd Engineer Battalion of the United States Army.

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THIS IS AN architect's sketch of the new Early American A & P Food Stores super market now open to serve the entire Farmington area. This is the seventh Early American type store to be constructed by A & P in the Detroit metropolitan area.

## New A & P Store Managed By Food Expert: M. Todd

What does it take to manage a modern super market? Talk to Melvin Todd, who heads the new A & P Food Store at 2535 Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington and you will find it requires a lot of knowledge in many fields of activity.

Todd has been pretty busy the past week directing stock clerks, compiling orders of perishable foods that must be made ready at the last minute to provide the customer with a complete line of food retailing.

To sell stock to consumers at the peak of its quality and freshness in accordance with A & P's low-price policy, is Todd's prime responsibility.

As for shopping trends, Todd believes present-day consumers are tending strongly to prepared and semi-prepared foods, such as prepackaged meats, fish and produce, frozen foods, brood-and-serve rolls and cake mixes. "Many of these items save the housewife a good deal of time and effort," he says.

Todd has had wide experience in food retailing. He first started with A & P in 1939 as a clerk and was promoted to manager in 1941. He left for military service in 1942 and returned in January 1946. Since then he has managed company stores on W. Nine Mile Road, Keweenaw Avenue in Grosse Pointe, and for the past four years has managed the N. Main Street store in Royal Oak.

Todd is married to the former Frances Woolley of Ypsilanti. They have five children—Charlotte, 22; Darlynn, 20; Diane, 17; Deborah, 14, and an infant baby girl.

## Visiting Nurse Pilot Study Is Underway

Two patients are already being cared for by the Visiting Nurse Association in a pilot study of home nursing care. The study is being conducted by the Visiting Nurse Association of the Detroit area.

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## Numerous Giveaways, Prizes Are Offered

Housewives enthusiastically endorsed A & P Stores' new Early American super market at yesterday's (Wednesday, Feb. 10) grand opening at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

A group of Detroit Unit officials headed by Vice President M. W. Aldridge attended the grand opening ceremonies. Included in the group were Sales Manager, Robert J. Murray; Operating Superintendent Howard Jaehning; Personnel Manager Earl Poyner; Supervisor J. H. Hornberger and Buyer J. A. McDonald.

Vice President Aldridge announced a special program of awards and giveaways has been planned by the food chain to celebrate the grand opening. Top awards include a 21" console TV, a boy and a girl's bicycle, a tricycle and other assorted prizes.

## Tea Led to Founding of 1st Food Chain

Tea, romantic brew of the ages, led directly to the founding of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, the nation's oldest food store chain.

More than 100 years ago, a man named George Huntington Hartford conceived an idea for the sale of tea which would reach the housewife in a convenient and efficient manner.

He realized the world's most efficient method of food distribution was in the tea trade.

In the pre-war days of 1859, tea came to America in the famed China Clippers ships. After the long voyage, tea still had a lot of traveling before it reached the housewife's table.

Bought and sold many times by middlemen, tea passed through the hands of brokers, wholesalers and jobbers. Each added to its cost of business and added a profit. The price went up and up. Few persons could afford to buy tea in retail stores.

George Huntington Hartford, founder of the A & P, had the idea that if he could bypass most of the intermediaries and simplify the complicated marketing procedure of those days and eliminate delays, he could sell quality tea at a lower price to more people.

Arrangements were made for the shipment of a clipper load of prime tea direct from China to the United States. The tea arrived at the New York wharf it was unloaded and moved straight to a little, gas-heated, red-fronted store on New Street in New York. The tea was put on sale at about one-third the usual price.

Soon hundreds of iron shelves and the kind of wages that were paid to the workers in the store, sparks from the cobblestones.

Town people and country people, surprised at being able to purchase this luxury at a price they could afford, crowded the store.

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