

## PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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### More Board of Education Nonsense?

To the Editor: When the Farmington Board of Education denies the use of public school buildings at a reduced fee to organizations such as the local DeMolay chapter, I wonder what kind of mind directed the people of the Farmington area elected to be their school representatives. Quoting the Board's reason, "that allowing a reduction of fees to this organization would open the door for similar requests from numerous other local organizations having working projects, the Board would make use of school facilities for."

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME that the people of this community had a right to use these school facilities for just operating costs? These are tax supported institutions, and certainly the Board will deny that the local people have supported the school board tax recommendations, the utmost, even though the school board already has a real "off beat" election so that with their own teacher and administrative groups along with their voting assures them a victory.

Would our educational administrators rather turn away these various worthwhile groups to have them stand outside the school at night and throw rocks thru the windows just for kicks, or do they feel that unless a rewarding profit is made to open a school building in the evening less than \$100.

My last contact with the school board for the rental of

The Junior high school for a Saturday night small group, less than 80 people for a community project, was \$55.00. The hours were from nine to midnight, the use of the gym was the only room needed plus the basement rest rooms. A custodian sat there after the school was opened and locked the door at midnight, the lights burned for four hours. Thirty five dollars for what? The custodian was paid no more than \$10.00 for his services, the light bill, maybe \$3.00, but the school board's program would cost the community in half of community people getting together for community enjoyment. Besides the \$55.00 fee took several days of preparation to the junior high school to make the arrangements and then a monthly visit to pay the bill.

I CAN'T HELP but feel sorry for the P.A.R.C. group because if they are successful in getting a tax mill grant on the ballot, and if it is voted in by the community they will still have to do business with the "real estate lords" that operate our school property.

The recent "sniper" cases, all kind you in Oakland County, should be reason enough to open all the schools in the evening for recreational purposes and meetings of all kinds to encourage groups like the DeMolay to "be our guests" pay only the actual operating expenses and perhaps we could curb some of this ruthless teen age brutality.

Mr. Anonymous

## Woodbine Sub. News

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The animals are not the only ones hibernating these days. Woodbiners seem to have a corner on the market at present. All are content to stay put and not battle the elements.

However, one Woodbiner, June Ely, defied the weather, braved the ski slopes a few weeks ago and ended up on crutches with a badly sprained ankle and wrenched knee that will keep her incapacitated for a few more weeks.

GARY ARNOLD is coming along nicely after his bout with the toboggan. After nearly a week's stay in New Grace Hospital, Gary returned home a week ago and it may be an other week before he is able to hobble off to school. Twenty or so teenagers got together and presented Gary with a huge car model, a gar bouquet of flowers, a pair of warm wool socks to cover his cold toes and a party pull-over wool sweater in sort of take the edge off the monotony of not being able to get up and go again with the rest of the kids.

The Founder's Day dinner held Feb. 4 at Middlefield School met with a whooping success. CHARLOTTE VAN WICKLIN and part of her committee who are from Woodbine did K. P. in the kitchen. With the tables beautifully decorated by Charlotte all sat down to a wonderful ham dinner with side dishes brought by P. T. A. members to pass.

Those attending from Woodbine were Nell and Bob Donovan, Dexter Van Wicklin, Jerry Evangelista, Julie and Holbrook, Connie Smith, Virginia Connors, Nadia Bowie, and Margaret Hilliard.

The chorale group of children from Dunck High School sang beautifully for the pleasure of the members and the informative talk given by Mr. D. I. McInerney on the subject of "What's ahead for your Teenagers."

On February 19 the annual Pre-Lenten card party was held in the social hall of Our Lady of Sorrows. The West

side pinocle group will be in full attendance, moving the regular meeting to the party. Several gals from Woodbine have volunteered to make pretty party sandwiches. Co-Chairman, Margaret Fody urges all guests of their cousin Barbara to come on out for a good time, a light luncheon and enjoy a furry fashion show. If anyone would like to take their group or even a foursome or two some out for an evening of cards and fun, why not call Connie Kopko at GR 4-6886 for tickets.

On February 2nd, Jim Arnold celebrated his 8th birthday with a bevy of boys. Bruce Stephen and David Halfey and Garry Gurizian, plus three boys returned home from school enjoyed a hearty luncheon prepared by Marilyn Arnold, who then whisked them off to enjoy a matinee at the movies.

OF SEVEN PEOPLE attending the new Civil Defense program at Farmington High, five were ladies from Woodbine. In the afternoon or evening would express an interest in this worthy course, it could be held here in Woodbine, either in the afternoon or evening and would be conducted by an instructor from the local Civil Defense Unit. It's not too late to join up right now for the evening course held each Mon-

day at Farmington High School from 8 to 10 in the evening. Gall and Barbara Brosch attended the Aunt Jemima Pancake Festival of the Redford Boys Club last Saturday as guests of their cousin Barbara. A second prize in a raffle — 6 months supply of Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix. Anyone for pancakes at the Brosch's?

Two weeks ago the committee for the annual Woodbine Improvement Association Card Party held their first meeting at the home of Chairman Nadia Bowie. Committee members, Mary J. McGaw, Pries, Martin, Nell Donovan and Lois Hoelscher were in attendance. The card party will be held on May 3, Wednesday evening commencing at 8:00 p.m. There will be seeds of prizes and delicious refreshments for a nominal cost.

The committee is in dire need of trading stamps of any for all kinds. How's about giving one of the committee members a call and giving what you can?

Have you picked your candidates that are running in the primaries? Hope so. Don't forget the election is next Monday, February 18. How's about getting out and proving it can be done 100 percent by Woodbiners.

## Spring Party Planning Set By Garden Club

A planning meeting for the Farmington Garden Club's spring card party was held on Wednesday, February 6, at the home of Mrs. George Hardy on Manning.

The theme of the show for this year will be "Spring Around the World" and will be held as usual at the Farmington Senior High School on Shawansee. The date will be Saturday, May 18, at 1 p.m.

THE CHAIRMEN will be Mrs. George Hardy and Mrs. James Read assisted by the following committee chairmen: Mrs. J. McGaw, Pries, Martin, Nell Donovan and Lois Hoelscher were in attendance. The card party will be held on May 3, Wednesday evening commencing at 8:00 p.m. There will be seeds of prizes and delicious refreshments for a nominal cost.

## Public Speaking Program at NFHS

North Farmington's advance public speaking program, Tuesday, February 19, at 8 p.m. The program, which was first presented to the North Farmington student body, met with great success and has been acclaimed outstanding.

The program will be held at North Farmington High School, located at the corner of 15 Mile and Farmington Road.

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(Ed. Pol. Adv.)



## Slate Soloist For '63 Cantata

Adana N. Hagelstein will sing the part of the Youth in the coming Seventh Annual Eastern Cantata which will be presented at the Farmington High School auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 2.

Mrs. Hagelstein, of 21341 Lakeside Drive will portray the part of the Youth, who as the story reads in the book of Kings, travels with Elijah as his servant. She is also a member of the large chorus which will perform Mendelssohn's Elijah oratorio accompanied by the Redford Symphony orchestra.

MRS. HAGELSTEIN, who is a member of the First Presbyterian Church Choir of Farmington, has been a member of the choir since she was a child. She is also a member of the Farmington High School choir.

## Dem. Club Hears Con-Con Talk

A leading Con-Con delegate told the Farmington Democratic Club that "the number one objective of the proposed Constitution is to head off improvement in the area of legislative representation now being made in the courts."

The statement was made by Attorney Harold Norris who served as a vice chairman of the Con-Con Committee on Rights, Elections and Suffrage. Norris was the featured speaker at the Farmington Democratic Club's monthly meeting which said the proposed Constitution would continue minority rule in both houses of the Michigan Legislature at a time when the nation's courts are striking down inequities in representation in a number of states.

He said that the proposal which will go before the voters on April 1 will permit 35 percent of the people to elect a majority in the Senate. "You don't get responsible and responsible government unless you get equality of representation," Norris said.

Norris was also critical of the proposed Constitution's judicial and taxation and finance sections. He said changes in the judicial article would permit name candidates to win judicial posts over qualified nominees.

## Girl Scout News

IF THE LITTLE GIRL in green missed you, you can still order cookies by calling Mrs. Charles P. Wissinger, GR 4-4087, chairman of cookie distribution for all twenty-five troops in Farmington Neighborhood.

Shirley Ford's troop 332 in intermediates, spent a wonderful week-end at Arrowhead Lodge in Kensington Park, January 18-20. Friday evening, slides were shown by the Troopers. Saturday was spent eating, bogganing, eating, sledding and singing. Each patrol provided entertainment Saturday night. Sunday the troop served fried chicken to twenty-eight persons, including guests and Margorie Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilburt and Mr. and Mrs. Z. Kowski, who chaperoned.

## Women of WSU Alumni Group Plans Meeting

"What's Ahead for Junior College in the Livonia and Farmington Area" will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Women of Wayne State University Alumni Club to be held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in room four of the Northwest YWCA, 3290 Grand River near Bech Daly road.

Dr. Gerald W. Boicourt, associate professor at Wayne State University and secretary of the Six County Community College Commission, will be the speaker. Since 1933, Dr. Boicourt has been involved in studies of community college needs in the counties of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

ONE COMMUNITY college, presently known as the Northwest Wayne County Community College, is slated to open in September 1964. It will be supported by a one-mill tax voted last summer in Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth and Clarksville school districts.

Dr. Boicourt said three similar colleges are proposed for Oakland County. The meeting is open to the public without charge. Mrs. Charles Schlosser, of Farmington, program chairman, invites all members to bring their friends along to the program. Refreshments will be served.

The Farmington Alumnae Club, which is associated with the central Women of Wayne group, now includes members who are residents of the suburban communities of Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Southfield and Redford.

Mrs. Joe Miller, of Farmington, is president. Mrs. Anna Tomko of 22776 Lilac Avenue, Farmington, Michigan passed away on Sunday afternoon February 10, in the Novi Convalescent Home.



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