



SO IT RAINED . . .
Sunday and Monday, and how it did rain! Not just a shower, but buckets full. It seemed more like spring than fall, what with the gutters full of water and the roads sort of soggy and slippery. At any rate, it gives us a foot in the door as far as the column is concerned. The fact really is that weather was the main topic of conversation around the block on Monday and that is something to write about, especially after the ups and downs of the autumn last Saturday.

WHEN THAT DOOR BELL RINGS . . .
We are sure and answer it, because it may be a volunteer solicitor from the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest. You will want to answer it, we know, because you are anxious to do your part. These solicitors are giving freely of their time in order that Farmington may reach its goal of \$7,500 this year. It is important that you give in Farmington so that your children may continue to receive the benefits of the recreation programs in the area as well as the Boy Scout and Girl Scout training they receive here at home. It is all money out of the old pocketbook, we know, but it is for a vital project so important to all of us. Give what you can, will you? We know you will!

OUTNUMBERED . . .
In the stands and right in our own back yard. According to reports, Walley Lake fans outnumbered rooters down at the football game last Friday afternoon. That hardly seems right! The team is doing a fine job this year. They are in there fighting all the way and they deserve your support. How about getting down this Friday afternoon for the Falcons for the Farmington High School football game with Keego Harbor taking on Farmington. Let's pack the stands and show the boys that Farmington is behind them 100%. That goes for you students, too!

THE SOUND OF GUNS . . .
Will be ringing in the air again in just a couple of days. But don't be too alarmed, it's hunting season again around Farmington! The swarm of hunters will converge on the startled game and they will head for the swamps. But remember to be a good sportsman. That's a word that has to be made every year about this time. Please be careful, don't shoot yourself or anyone else. It sounds silly but it happens every year. And don't forget to respect other people's property. If it's posted, stay out; don't tear down fences, track across crops or shoot up buildings. Every year we get floods of complaints about just such things. Have a good time . . . and be a good sportsman.

IT WOULD SEEM . . .
That the council-manager municipal system is gaining a little headway. The traditionally poor Farmington turnout was at least last Friday night, when the JayCees hired a speaker and a hall to tell about the proposed change, but those who came were mighty interested - sufficiently interested to organize a Citizens' Committee for Charter Revision and get to work. The committee is going to meet again this Thursday at the hall, and they won't turn away anyone who shows up and wants to help talk to the students about the change. However, it is probably safe to assume the hall won't be bulging with zealous citizens burning with inspiration and bursting with energy. To dredge up our favorite saying of Mark Twain, maybe city government is like the weather - everybody talks about it, but no one does anything about it. At any rate, the JayCees have presented the opportunity to do something. What happens is up to Farmington.

HOWEVER . . .
We notice the Township Zoning Board seldom has difficulty in obtaining a good audience. It seems there are so many inter-venturers in the township, perhaps - they're all either hotly for it, or hotly against it. We expect this open meeting of the Zoning Board, coming up next Tuesday will be thoroughly attended by an interested audience. That we can understand - we've never been at one of those meetings before. It is the study of the zoning laws, and there's a lot of folks who enjoy in quickly find out. See you Tuesday night at the town hall.

EVEN THOUGH . . .
Tomorrow is Friday, the 13th, when a great many folks will choose to stay in bed and let the Club will bravely brave superstition and undertake its yearly Attie Sale. Understand they're a goodly collection of loot from stores and closets this year, especially for youngsters. However, the need for such material is never quite filled. Therefore, the good women of the club are still asking for donations. There's a lot of cold weather ahead, and any usable articles, especially clothing, will come in mighty handy.

TIMES CHANGE . . .
In the horse, sometimes for the better! The Blue Star Southern collected over \$100 more from their Tag Days this year than they did last. There were few folks on the street without a tag last week, it's true. But with Korea what it is, and places like Formosa and Yugoslavia still on the map, it might be that the Blue Star Southern will collect more than that extra \$100, if they are going to keep up the good work they're doing for veterans.

Trojans Nose Out Inkster 7-6

Clarencville's Trojan gridgers came from behind in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter to defeat Inkster 7-6 in a rough contest.

The win gives Clarencville a record to date of two wins against one loss. Last Friday's game was the first home game of the season for the Trojans. Neither team scored in the first period of the contest Friday, although both racked up a number of first downs around midfield.

Inkster struck first, scoring a touchdown in the second period. The score was set up on a hand-off to the Inkster halfback, who dashed from the 50 yard line down to the Clarencville 25 yard line. They continued to gain ground against stubborn Trojan defense. Inkster racked up two first downs, carrying the ball to the 5 yard line. A penalty against the Trojans put the ball on the 2 1/2 yard line. Inkster finally went across on a short pass into the end zone. The important try for the extra point failed.

PUBLIC ZONING MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Tuesday, October 17, has been set as the date for the first public meeting on zoning in Farmington Township.

The meeting will be held in the Farmington Town Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m., according to Edward Moesman, chairman of the Farmington Township Zoning Board. All residents of Farmington Township are invited to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion. Moesman added that a large map will be available at the meeting to assist in pointing out specific areas that may be discussed.

City and School Board Delay Meetings A Week

Regular meetings of the Farmington City Commission and the Farmington Township School District Board of Education have been postponed a week, officials announced this week.

Farmington's 1950 United Fund Drive Opens Thursday

Kick-Off Meeting Held Wednesday Night

Farmington's 1950 United Fund Drive got under way officially on Wednesday evening with a kick-off meeting at the Farmington Town Hall.

A large number of volunteer solicitors were on hand to receive the campaign materials. Farmington's quota for the 1950 drive is \$7,500, which includes both United Fund agencies and the Farmington Community Chest. Efforts will be made to reach the quota in two weeks.

Volunteers will begin their house-to-house canvass of the Township and City Thursday morning. Farmington residents are urged to make a part of their contribution to the local fund, even though they may have to contribute outside of the community. The request is being issued in view of the large quota this year plus the fact that the local community chest agencies are dependent upon Farmington contributions.

These Community Chest agencies include the Farmington and Clarencville Recreation Commissions as well as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

30 AGENCIES

This year's United Fund Drive includes 30 state and Oakland County agencies. The largest are the Servicemen's Associated Services, which is similar to the U.S.O., and the St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. The Red Cross and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are not included in the Farmington campaign.

This year's quota of \$7,500 is almost double the total collected in Farmington last year. Five new agencies have been added to the United Fund Drive this year. In addition, Farmington Community Chest agencies have found it necessary to ask for more funds in order to operate their local programs.

A new local agency included in (Continued on Page Eight)

School Begins Formation Of Citizens Committee

Letters have gone out from the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District to various civic organizations requesting assistance in the formation of a Citizens' Committee on future school building.

The letters were sent out this week by Rolf Smith, secretary of the Board of Education. Each organization is being asked to name a member to serve on this Citizens' Committee and represent the group at future joint meetings with the Board and the architect. The purpose of the committee is to assist the Board in the planning of a long-range school building program in Farmington.

An architect is expected to be hired by the Board in the near future. As soon as this has been done, committee meetings will be called.

Start Crusade For Funds To Repair Methodist Church

The First Methodist Church of Farmington has started a campaign to raise \$10,000 to restore and renovate the church building and parsonage. The church was founded in 1829, 121 years ago. The first account of Methodist worship is that of a Methodist sermon preached by a Methodist circuit-riding in the Willets log tavern in Bloomfield Township. Later accounts tell of the Rev. John H. Baughman who held services in the home of Samuel Mansfield which was situated just east of what is now the main intersection. In 1829 the Methodists of Farmington were organized into a class, of which the present congregation is the successor. The fifteen charter members little dreamed that they had founded a church which would have the floors for the same, and other incidental improve-

Season's First Deer Show Up



Two Farmington bow and arrow hunters brought back their deer Sunday after a week of stalking near Houghton Lake. Nels Weighill of Conroy's Lumber Service, displays the head of the deer shot by Benjamin Bundo, Jr., of 2156 Middlebelt. Harold Sweeney of Beck Road brought down the other deer with one arrow. The hunters stalked the deer, coming within 50 yards by crawling on their hands and knees after they first saw the animals 150 yards away.

Organize Committee To Promote City Manager Government Plan

The answer to whether or not Farmington will revise its charter to make way for the city-manager type of municipal government was brought one step closer last Friday night when a Citizens Committee for Charter Revision was formed, following a Town Meeting.

City residents decided on the formation of the committee after hearing Mr. Marvin Tableman of the University of Michigan describe city manager government in comparison to the present commission system. Tableman brought with him 10 West German government officials who wanted to see the American town meeting in action. The public meeting on governmental affairs has never been a part of the German political system.

Elected as a steering committee for the citizens group were Charles Layton, Max Hulett, George Olt, William Garsman, Howard Richards, and City Commissioners Roy Miller and Emory Hatton. Chairman of the group is Ernest Hick, who presided at the meeting as JayCee chairman of Governmental Affairs.

The steering committee adopted two goals for the Citizens Committee for Charter Revision. One is to inform Farmington voters what city manager government is, and the other goal is to get Farmingtonites thinking about what should be included in the charter revision.

Town Club Gives Attic Sale Friday

The culmination of the Farmington Town Club's latest project, the annual fall Attie Sale, comes Friday, when the Town Hall doors will be opened at noon.

Presented for purchase at predetermined prices will be a collection of goods removed from Farmington's attics. The attic accumulations will be displayed about the Town Hall and Town Club members will act as clerks as residents select their purchases.

Included in the merchandise for this year's sale are quantities of children's clothes, dishes, bric-a-brac, and the diverse items that accumulate in attics. Last year's sale attracted many residents who purchased clothes (Continued on Page Eight)

Two Killed In Collision Of Car And Truck-Crane

VOTE REGISTRATION DEADLINE SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Farmington City and Township residents until next Wednesday, October 15, to register for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 7.

Only persons not already registered in the City or Township need to register. Township residents may register at the Township Offices in the Town Hall any week day except Monday and Saturday afternoon. They may register at any time at the home of Harry N. McCracken, Township Clerk, 35720 Twelve Mile Road. City residents may register at the City Hall any week day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On October 18, the last day of registration, Township residents may register at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. City residents may register at the City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 18.

Board Discusses School Expansion

School organization and planning was the main topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Clarencville School District Board of Education, held Monday evening at the high school.

Mr. Wilfred Clapp, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, attended the meeting and outlined various plans for procedure. Clapp spent the entire day in the District studying the local territory and problems. No action was taken by the Board, it was merely a discussion relative to the coming expansion of the District.

Members of the Board were entertained with a dinner at 5:00 p.m. arranged and prepared by the home-making department under the supervision of Mrs. Winifred Mumery, home-making instructor.

The Board renewed and increased the insurance on the high school buildings and the contents. The insurance was divided between two companies. It was placed on a 5 year basis, rather than the 3 year policy carried up to this time. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the new policy will aid the District in spreading the cost of insurance over 5 years instead of paying the entire amount every 3 years.

Mrs. Helen Sturm, high school mathematics teacher, has resigned. She is leaving the District to go to business with her husband in Ohio. Mr. Burton Davis has been hired by the District to replace Mrs. Sturm. He has an A.B. degree from Milton College, Wisconsin, and an M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. Davis has taught in Flint and Ovid, Michigan. He is married and has one child.

Board Receives Road Gravel Bids

Three bids have been received by the Township Board for the hauling and spreading of gravel on roads in Farmington Township. Ernest Blanchard, supervisor, announced Tuesday evening.

The deadline for bids was 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 10. The bids were accepted and placed on file pending final arrangements to be worked out between the Township Board and the County Road Commission. The advertisement requesting bids specified the hauling of gravel by the yard up to 500 yards or any fraction thereof and the spreading of the gravel on roads in Farmington Township. At the special meeting of the Board last week, \$5,000 was appropriated for approximately 5000 cubic feet of gravel to be hauled and spread. The gravel and a man to supervise the spreading of it will be furnished by the Oakland County Road Commission. The gravel will be used to repair roads already accepted by the Road Commission.

Exact location of road repairs will be worked out through a joint arrangement between the Township and the Road Commission. The contract will not be awarded until these arrangements have been completed.

Still Seek Hit-Run Driver After Death Of Girl, 6, September 29

A Detroit man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Courty of 5605 West Outer Drive, were killed shortly after noon Monday when the car they were driving collided with a heavy truck-crane a quarter mile west of 10 Mile Road on US-16.

The Courty's were driving east on Grand River and the truck proceeding west when the two collided. Police reports stated that apparently the automobile skidded on the wet pavement when the driver lost control, colliding with the left front side of the crane. However, no one other than the victims, who had been killed, was injured.

The driver of the crane, Clarence M. Fox of 13849 Fordham, Detroit, was not injured. Coroner Theodore Ling, M.D., pronounced the Courty's dead at the scene of the accident, after a tow car's winch had been used to pull the wreckage apart to allow removal of the victims. They were taken to the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville by the Casterline ambulance.

Services Thursday For Fred Bagnall

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Casterline Funeral Home, 1000 North Main Street, Farmington. The deceased was Fred W. Bagnall, former member of the Farmington City Commission.

Mr. Bagnall passed away Monday morning in Hart, Michigan. Services will be held at the home of his brother-in-law, Elmer B. Bagnall, in Hart with Rev. H. B. Oliver, of the Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in the Hart Cemetery.

Mr. Bagnall was born in Highland, Illinois, March 22, 1883. He was a graduate of Winona Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Ind. He went to work for the Detroit Edison Company in 1915 and remained with the company until his retirement in October, 1948. He became superintendent of overhead lines in 1932. Mr. Bagnall was a Registrar of the Michigan Bar.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, with Rev. H. B. Oliver officiating and interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

SEARCH CONTINUES

Police Tuesday were still seeking the car and driver responsible for the death of 6-year-old Barbara Jean Currell, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton N. Currell of 28708 Ten Mile Road. The girl's body was found in the south lane of the road, about 50 yards west of Middlebelt shortly after noon.

Witnesses report hearing the impact and seeing a "purplish blue" old coupe slow down, and then speed up and turn right. Police are continuing their efforts to locate the car and driver, but so far have found neither.

Falcons Gridders Win 4th Straight

Farmington High School's football team won their fourth straight game of the season last Friday afternoon, downing Walley Lake 12-0 in an inter-lake conference game on the Falcon gridiron.

The Falcons scored in every period but the third as they put down an inspired Walley Lake team. Over 400 students from Walley Lake followed the team to Farmington. The Walley Lake High School band paraded through the downtown district prior to the game.

Farmington drove deep into Walley Lake territory in the first half of the game. Aschenbrenner took a pass from Plum in the end zone but the play was nullified because of holding against Farmington. However, later in the period after a sustained Falcon drive, Jim Bates drove over from the five yard line for the first touchdown. The kick for the extra point was wide.

In the second period Farmington broke through to block a Walley Lake punt in the end zone and drove it for the second touchdown. The kick was blocked by Ditchfield with Hayes punching on it for the score. Again they try for the extra point but was no good and the score stood 12-0 in favor of the Falcons.

The Falcons scored again in the third period as Walley Lake got back in the air in an effort to get back into the game. But intercepting a Walley Lake pass over their 40 yard line and went all the way for the final touchdown. The kick for the extra point was blocked and the game ended with the score 18-0.

Farmington will play Keego Harbor this Friday on the Falcon field. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Keego Harbor has won 3 and lost 1 and is undefeated in Conference play.

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