

Around The Block

A LOT OF FOLKS . . .
 We know travel to the home of some relative to spend Thanksgiving and have themselves a big holiday dinner. This seems to be a long-standing American tradition, typical of a society which harbors a chronic wanderlust. And yet, we decided last year to be a little different. We decided that the family feels like going some where. There's something else behind it, and that something is what makes this nation what it is.

TO BEGIN WITH . . .
 The first thing to do when starting on a trip is to get together the things you'll need or want on your trip. Some clothes, a camera perhaps, and the other paraphernalia that goes with a trip over the week end, to say, Chicago. After we have our bags packed, we arrange transportation. We go by train, or bus, maybe a plane, or perhaps we drive our own car. At any rate, there isn't much difficulty in obtaining transportation which will assure us a comfortable trip. Along the way, we stop to eat. Perhaps it's an airport restaurant, the dining car of a train, or maybe just a dog wagon. But we get ourselves a satisfying meal. When we arrive at our destination, we go right to the home we plan to visit. There they take us in and we're shown to a guest room, or the sofa is opened up, or maybe we stay at a hotel. At any rate, we've arrived and found a welcome backed up by a place to stay.

NOW FOR A MINUTE . . .
 contrast this to the rigors of making such a trip somewhere else in the world — practically anywhere. If we want to make a trip, first we must get travel permission from the local government. Then we have to struggle with travel accommodations. Chances are we won't have to go to a hotel, or an already packed inn which threatens to deposit us anywhere along the route to our final destination. We don't know when we'll get there, because we don't know how long our conveyance will operate with us. We have to take our own food, and whatever else is available. When our trip is over, we go through the same problems: obtaining travel permission, arranging a ride, perhaps walking, and getting back to where we're going.

FIRST OFF . . .
 we go down to the police station and check in, registering there and letting the police know how long we'll be in town and where we'll be. Then we get about the business of arranging a place to stay. Chances are we'll have to take our own food, and whatever else is available. When our trip is over, we go through the same problems: obtaining travel permission, arranging a ride, perhaps walking, and getting back to where we're going.

NOW ALL THIS . . .
 may sound a little drastic and certainly exaggerated. It isn't. In France, a "free" country, it has been police policy for ages to record the arrivals and exits of travelers. In occupied Germany, or in any other European nation, for that matter, transportation is as scarce as sunflowers in a Michigan winter. Food isn't obtainable without a sheaf of coupons, tickets, and more papers. And what you can get for those tickets most Americans would prefer to feed to the dogs.

SO THIS YEAR . . .
 after that Thanksgiving visit to relatives, before you dive into that turkey and all the trimmings, just give a little thought to what we've said here. We aren't painting any black pictures of life behind the iron curtain. We're just telling you a little story of what things are like in most of the rest of the world. And that, includes the nations we take for granted as being "free." If you'll give the matter some thought, you'll come to the conclusion that we do. Regardless of whether we liked the outcome of the recent election, you must admit that we have the only nation in the world which allows the personal freedom we take for granted.

SO THIS YEAR . . .
 as you start contemplating that turkey, remember what we said. Thanksgiving was invented nearly three centuries ago, for one purpose — to give thanks for the blessings we have received. Things are different now than that first Thanksgiving celebrated to mark the end of the first good year in the new country. We have the only nation in the world which allows the personal freedom we take for granted. We have the only nation in the world which allows the personal freedom we take for granted.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT . . .
 a group of your neighbors who feel the same way about this nation of ours are going to gather at the Methodist Church to give thanks for the blessings we all share in this America. Why don't you join them in this United Thanksgiving service. Whether you attend church regularly or not, make it a point to attend this special service. This is America, where we walk where we want, say what we think, and pray in the church we believe in. Give thanks to God for the privilege of freedom, of opportunity of just being an American.

Trojan Cagers Open Practice

Thirty candidates for the 1950-51 Clarenceville High School basketball team began working out last Monday in preparation for the opening game of the season on December 7.

Coach Bob Selke, new Trojan basketball coach, stated that the week that three lettermen will be back from last year's team. They include Coach Ed Elmer Rousseau and Bob Rousseau. Also coming back from the last year's Junior Varsity team will be Jerry Albers, Joe White, Bill Robbins and John Falser.

The Trojans will open their season against Fitzgerald in the Clarenceville gym Thursday, December 7. The season will close Friday, February 16, against Bentley. The schedule includes several non-league games during the regular season.

- The 1950-51 Trojan cage schedule is as follows:
- December 7 — Fitzgerald (H)
 - December 12 — South Lyon (H)
 - December 15 — Northville (T)
 - December 18 — Milford (H)
 - January 9 — South Lyon (T)
 - January 12 — Clarkston (H)
 - January 16 — Inkster Roods (T)
 - January 20 — Northville (H)
 - January 26 — Fitzgerald (T)
 - January 30 — Clarkston (T)
 - February 2 — Bentley (H)
 - February 6 — Milford (T)
 - February 13 — Inkster Roods (H)
 - February 16 — Bentley (T)

Schools Close For Thanksgiving Holiday

Schools in the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will close at the end of the school day Wednesday, November 22, and remain closed until Monday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

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Set November 30 As Deadline For Charter Petitions

City To Elect Charter Commission January 2

Next Thursday, November 30, has been set as the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions for election to the special City Charter Revision Commission.

Nine candidates will be selected to the Charter Commission at the special election to be held January 2. According to Harry Moore, City Clerk, all nominating petitions must be in his hands not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. Petitions must bear signatures amounting to at least 2% and not more than 4% of the highest vote cast for any one candidate in the last election for City Commissioners. This means that nominating petitions must carry at least 11 signatures and not more than 20 signatures of registered voters in the city.

A number of petitions are now being circulated throughout the city. There is no limit to the number of persons running for the Charter Commission. In order to qualify for a post on the Commission, persons must have been residents of the city for at least three years. Residents of the Floral Park area are eligible to run if they lived in the area for at least three years or in some other section of the city for three years.

Last day of registration for the special city election has been set for Wednesday, December 13. City residents who are not already registered may register at the City Hall any week day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. On the last day of registration, books will be open at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CITY SETS DATE
 The special election January 2 was set by the City Commission at its regular meeting, Wednesday, November 16, following a canvass of the votes on the Charter Revision question at the election November 7. The voters of the city approved the revision of the Charter by a vote of 12 to 1.

Photo Class To Hear Eastman Kodak Lectures

"Practical Christmas Cards by Photography" and "Introduction to Picture Making" two illustrated lectures prepared by Eastman Kodak Company, will be presented to the Photography Class in Adult Education at Farmington High School on Wednesday, November 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bob Benjamin, instructor, said.

The class will not meet on November 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

High Winds Take Toll In City



The smokestack at the Farmington Dairy, buffeted by high winds last Thursday, yielded under the strain Thursday night to bend at a crazy angle. The stack was kept from falling by stout guy wires holding it in place. By Friday night, a giant crane had been moved into place to repair damage caused by the wind.

Local Turkey Sales Aren't Fazed By Quarantine Of Choleric Farm

Turkey sales in local stores here were not damaged by the "scare" resulting when the Michigan State Department of Agriculture quarantined the Gold Crest turkey farm on Inkster Road last week after finding infected birds on the premises.

The farm, operated by Kenneth Wehn, was closed November 11 by police action. The farm was quarantined while inspectors for the State Department of Agriculture, who found the diseased birds, track down the whereabouts of the remainder of the flock. To date, 3,000 of the 5,000 suspected fowl have been located. Wehn and his partner, Fred Cutney, have returned to Canada with the records of the farm. Wehn has pleaded guilty before Farmington Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte, Jr., to a count of operating an unsanitary slaughterhouse. Carl Williams, inspector for the Department of Agriculture, is seeking a warrant charging sale of unfit food, a light misdemeanor carrying a heavier penalty.

Dr. John A. Maloney, the Southfield Township health officer, said he inspected the farm some time ago, and made a report to the Southfield Township Board.

"Since the quarantine of the farm by the Department of Agriculture, turkey buyers have been wary. In the City of Farmington, food stores say their turkey business hasn't been damaged some say it has improved because of the smaller stores' regular customers' confidence."

Township stores, however, have been affected by the "scare," which Detroit Health Commissioner Dr. Joseph G. Holmer says won't affect Detroit stores, most of which obtain turkeys from northern Michigan and outside.

Turkey buyers in the township are being wary about their purchases. One store reported only its use of nationally advertised brands turkeys saved its market. Another reported a 50% drop in turkey orders. All the stores reported that customers were determining where the birds came from prior to purchase.

Farmington High School placed three players on the 1950 Inter-Lakes Conference All-Star team. It was announced last week end, William Nuse, Falcon grid coach. Gerald Ditchfield, Falcon tight tackle; Smokey Aachen-Brenner, right end; and Jim Bates, backfield man; were named to the first team. All three men are seniors this year. The Falcons also placed three men on the All-League second team. These include George Hayes, left guard; Jerry Plum, backfield; and Dick Alexander, backfield.

Honorable mention went to five other Farmington grid stars. These are Don Bunge, end; Al Hallman, tackle; Cliff Storey, tackle; Bob Slusser, tackle; and Jim Mechem, center. Berkley also placed three men on the Conference first team. Milford had two men selected with Keego Harbor, Walled Lake and Holly each getting one man on the team. All players are seniors with the exception of Walled Lake's selection, who is a junior.

The players are selected by the coaches of the various schools in the Inter-Lakes Conference at the annual meeting held at the close of the football season.

Churches Unite Wednesday For Thanksgiving Service

1951 LICENSE PLATES GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1

Sure sign of the passing of another year became evident this week when the Curt Hall Pontiac agency, local Department of State representatives, announced the sale of 1951 license plates would begin December 1.

Along with the announcement, the Michigan Department of State has made its plea for early replacement of lost titles, etc. Each year, the department's job of distributing license plates is made doubly difficult by last minute applications for titles.

Local license plates will be in the EB and EM series, according to John Ereen, of the local Pontiac agency. The agency distributed nearly 7000 plates of the 1950 vintage, he said, and even heavier sales are expected this year.

United Fund Drive Hits 58% Mark

Another \$272.38 has been added to the Farmington United Fund Drive total, it was announced this week by John Hunt, treasurer of the 10th campaign.

This brings the Farmington total to \$4,341.36 as of Monday, November 20. There are still a number of reports from sections throughout the township which have not been turned in as yet. The house-to-house canvass for funds ended Thursday, November 16. Members of the local United Fund Council have stated, however, that funds will still be accepted from persons not already contributed by volunteer solicitors.

Some follow-up calls will also be made in the business section. Farmington's 1950 United Fund Drive quota is \$7,500. The money thus far collected represents about 58% of the quota. This year's quota is nearly double that of last year.

Persons who have not already contributed to the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest drive may still do so by mailing their contributions to Mr. John Hunt, 37309 Oakland Avenue, or by leaving their contribution at The Enterprise office. Moppy from the local district to members of the United Fund and five Community Chest agencies on a percentage basis of the quota collected.

Post Office Plans For Holiday Rush

A new record volume of Christmas mail and packages is expected to begin pouring into the Farmington Post Office this week end, Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week.

Only a small amount of mail is anticipated during the first few weeks after Thanksgiving, but it will probably build up to record proportions just before Christmas. Lee stated that this backlog can be prevented if persons will mail their Christmas cards and gift packages early. The Postmaster added that very early mailings of cards and parcels pour in, taxing the regular and extra personnel to the limit to get them out.

Additional mail carriers and sorters will be added to the regular staff to handle the influx. It is expected that additional space will be secured to take care of the parcel post packages. This has been necessary for several years because of limited space in the post office building. Increased population in the area is the primary reason for the ever-increasing volume of mail, particularly at holiday times.

Lee issued a special plea to residents of the Farmington Post Office area to do their Christmas mailings early. "If you can mail your mail so that everyone gets their gifts and cards by Christmas," Lee added. This means, however, that all mail must be entered as early as possible.

Persons are also urged to carefully pack all gifts for mailing. Packages must be properly wrapped and tied before they will be placed on shelves. Items should be marked to insure careful handling. Addresses should be printed or written so that they can be easily read by mail sorters and carriers.

Falcons Open Cage Season Dec. 1

Basketball practices at Farmington High School moved into high gear this week, with coach Robert Hutton putting his candidates through drill in preparation for the opening of the Plymouth High School December 1.

Plymouth will be the first of a rugged 16 game schedule that will carry through until February 23. The first district tournament will be held the first part of March. Farmington will play 10 inter-Lakes Conference games and 6 non-conference games against St. Joseph, Detroit, Plymouth, Wayne, Rochester, Trenton and River Rouge in non-league games. Farmington will play River Rouge twice, once just prior to Christmas and a second game just before New Year's. Eight games will be played in the Farmington gym and eight games are scheduled away.

Farmington will have four lettermen back from last year's varsity team plus a number of outstanding candidates from the Junior Varsity team. The varsity lettermen back are Don Bunge, Smokey Aachen-Brenner, Art Olson and Jim Bates.

A total of 50 candidates reported for the first practice session held Monday, November 20, at the Farmington basketball gymnasium. The complete 1950-51 Farmington basketball schedule is as follows:

- December 1 — Plymouth (T)
- December 5 — Wayne (H)
- December 8 — Keego Harbor (T)
- December 12 — Rochester (T)
- December 15 — Holly (H)
- December 19 — Trenton (H)
- December 22 — River Rouge (T)
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- January 5 — Berkley (H)
- January 12 — Walled Lake (T)
- January 19 — Milford (H)
- January 26 — Keego Harbor (H)
- February 2 — Holly (T)
- February 9 — Berkley (T)
- February 16 — Walled Lake (H)
- February 23 — Milford (T)

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Bags 9-Pointer Opening Day—Home In Time For Lunch



The first deer taken by a Farmington hunter during the 1950 season, as far as The Enterprise Enterprise office, deer and all, about 10:30 a.m. to prove his claim. Donnelly stated that he has often hunted with bow and arrow near Howell.

Chevrolet Glee Club To Sing At Salem Church

The Chevrolet Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. David Redwood, returns to Farmington, November 27 to make another appearance at the Salem Church.

The Salem Senior Choir is sponsoring the return engagement of the Glee Club. The Christmas program will be by Mr. Roy Garratt, pianist, and Ervin Nichols, flutist. The public has been invited to the concert by the Salem Choir.

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