FRANKLIN NEWS

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With committee chairman appointed, the Franklin Community Association is really under way for the year. At the meeting Monday night, President Win Hinman announced the following appointments: Wendell Smith, program; Bob Squires, civic affairs; Bob Mitchell, finance; Don Tracy and Art Neil, membership; Ford Ritner, house; Charles Baker, publicity and Les Fraser, refreshments. Two committees were appointed to work with the fire commission in planning and locating a fire hall, and to help raise the rest of the necessary funds.

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At the meeting of the Cub Pack chairmen on Friday, March 11, a number of rules of den procedure were drawn up. Because of the sad state of the Pack treasury, it was decided that there would be 50c dues per Cub assessed at each pack meeting until the end of the fiscal year, said dues to be paid by parents. The next pack meeting is to take place Thursday March 24.

It was also ruled that den mothers may not spend their own money on den activities but may draw on the treasury up to 50c a month per Cub for projects and materials. With Irwin White as chairman assisted by Ken Iltis and Chet Hard, a committee was established to set up by-laws for the limitation of the pack, and for rules governing attendance. No new applications will be accepted until the by-laws are presented and approved.

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"Very successful," was the verdict on the pot-luck luncheon and program offered by the Franklin Friendly circle on Wednesday. Final plans were made for the bake sale which will take place on Saturday, March 19 at the town hall. Mrs. Odol reports that response has been wonderful and many donations are expected. Time, 10 to 2.

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Tonight's the night for the Evening Circle's meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Lewis. Anyone needing transportation should call Mrs. Robert Mitchell. What with it being that green-tinted day, everyone should be in high good humor, the turn out excellent and the program special.

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The new record library is growing by leaps and bounds. More record donations have come in from the John Hills and the Vernon Fishers. A big step forward came when the Community Association donated $25 to enable the committee to take advantage of the sale of Columbia records that is now taking place. This will place 40 more records in the fast growing collections.

If you have records to donate, a telephone call to Mrs. John Rumsey will bring someone to your door to pick them up, or you can take them directly to the library and turn them over to Mrs. Rodgers. If you have a cash donation, a check to the Franklin Record Library committee, care of Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Box 462, Franklin will be appreciated.

The library will be available to all children between the ages of 6 months and sixteen years. They will have to have a card signed by their parents accepting responsibility. Breakable records will not be given to children under junior high age unless they are accompanied by their parents. There will be a small rental fee.

With a real rise in Sunday School attendance, the Franklin Community church is going into the final stage of its drive for funds to start the new Sunday school wing. This next Sunday, canvassers will be out trying to contact all community residents not already approached. Funds now in, or pledged, amount to about half the required amount. The addition will be used not only for Sunday school but for many community meetings.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Seaver will be hosts Sunday to the Franklin adult discussion group.

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The first report of the Red Cross drive greatly encouraged the workers in Franklin for their showing was very good compared to some of the larger communities about. It is to be remembered that 40 per cent of the funds collected are used locally, and that donations made in Detroit do not help the needs of Oakland county.

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The March meeting of the Garden club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Baugh. The subject was "My Gardening Aims for 1949!" Plans were also made for hostesses for the flower show.

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For the boy about town this week, there's no question as to the winner . . . Mike Nichols. Last week Mike won the sixth grade spelling bee. Next he was awarded first prize for the sixth grade for the state of Michigan in Milton Bradley's 'America the Beautiful' art contest.

Out of many thousands of entries Mike's picture, entitled 'The Main Highway' was chosen and has been sent to New York for final judging in competition with winners from all over the country. Mike's mamma is a little chagrined because she, an artist herself, knew nothing about Mike's entry and has never seen the picture. And now Mike is leading the school in the magazine subscription contest the fifth and sixth grade is holding, under sponsorship of the PTA.

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Billy Seldon was winner of the fifth grade spelling bee. And Barbara Haworth is leading the girls with magazine subscriptions.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Currin of Sylvan Lake celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 12, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Bristol. Some 105 friends and relatives came in to congratulate them and wish them well. The table was laid with a satin damask cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow roses. Wedding cake and tea and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Currin have spent their entire life in and around Franklin. A son, Clayton Currin, lives in Franklin. The senior Mr. Currin is a brother of John Currin of Franklin and an uncle of Mrs. Leslie Fraser.

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The Franklin Cemetery auxiliary had a pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Russell Pickering on Franklin road last Thursday.

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The Live Wire club of Franklin met at the home of the Clayton Currins on Thursday, March 8. Members had invited their husbands for a pot luck supper and a surprise party for the Jim Bowden's in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. Members of the club each presented the Bowdens with a silver dollar.

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The Ted Brehms and the Glenn Shoemaker's are back from their Mexican jaunts and they met each other down there. Leila Brehm reports that they were eating lunch one day to looked up to see some familiar faces. You can't get away from that Franklin atmosphere. The Brehms were accompanied by Ted's cousin.

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Small Dickie Currin did his sixth birthday up in a big way. On Thursday afternoon, March 10, he was host to the entire kindergarten class of Franklin school at his home on Franklin road. There were games and presents and ice cream and cake. Then on Saturday, Dickie invited his very closest pals, Bette Fraser, Jimmie Dixon and Lee Hanson for lunch.

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Thompson Speaks on Value of Athletics

Paul Thompson, athletic director at Cranbrook school, spoke to members of the High Twelve club Monday at their dinner meeting on "Athletics and Building Manhood."

A veteran of both World Wars, Thompson spoke on the importance of a strong, healthy body, built while a boy, to carry one successfully through manhood. He stressed the need of a sound athletic program in schools, and of the importance it has for the man who continues to use it after leaving places of formal education.

Caltrider Meets Al's All Stars in Y League Finals

W. A. Caltrider and Al's All Stars will face each other in the finals of the Birmingham YMCA Basketball League play-offs next Monday evening at the Baldwin High School as the result of games played last Monday evening.

The Caltrider quintet defeated and eliminated the Virginia Market five from further competition by a 38 to 24 win garnered on 13 baskets and 12 free throws. The Blue and Gold of Virginia Market were in the game the all four quarters but could not stem the repeated break-aways of Roge Reynolds, Jim Kothe and Rosy Littleson.

'Caltriders' led 13 to 5 at the end of the first quarter; 25 to 13 at the half and were out in front coasting midway in the fourth period. Reynolds with 11 points and Jim Kothe with 10 led the scoring for the Blue and White. Jim Keith and Franz Fugmann each tossed in three baskets and one foul shot for Virginia Market.

Shake Off Jinx

Al's All Stars, sparked by Earl Mudge and Fred Billingsley, shook off a first-quarter jinx and led Exchange Club 22 to 13 at the end of their first half of play after trailing 8 to 5 at the quarter.

A 21-point fourth quarter turned what promised to be a very close ball game into a rout and the final whistle found the All Stars in front by a 53 to 30 score.

All members of the All Stars figured in the scoring with Mudge totaling 11 points on five baskets and one foul, followed by Paul and Harold Kelley, Don Little, Al Larsen, Dick Murray and Fred Billingsley.

Paul Johns netted 15 points for Exchange before leaving the game on personal fouls. The defensive play of Lou Hagopian and Stan Peterson for Exchange helped keep the score down.

In the consolation round, Rotary Club and Michigan Bell Telephone played an overtime game and the Rotarian-sponsored team came out on the long end of a 38 to 34 score. Rotary was out in front for three-quarters of the game and had a ten point advantage at the half.

At the beginnmg of the fourth quarter, Raynie McBride, Paul Westerby and Jack Sharp began to hit from out-court and gradually whittled the lead down until only two points separated the teams.

A foul shot by Sharp and a basket by McBride put Michigan Bell in front but John McDonald's field goal tied the score at 31 all at the end of the regulation time.

In the overtime period, Michigan Bell scored a foul shot and Paul Westerby looped in a long shot to give the Blue and Gold a three-point advantage, but Bob Moody with a foul shot and a basket, plus baskets by Simonds and McDonald put Rotary in front.

Finals Monday

Games announced by the 'Y' office for next Monday night finds Rotary meeting Exchange Club at 7 p.m.; Al's All Stars opposing W. A. Caltrider at 8 p.m.; and Virginia Market taking on Michigan Bell Telephone at 9 p.m. The games are open to the public at a small cost to help defray expenses.

Will Negotiate With Bloomfield Hills on Extension of Sewage Treatment

Twelve residents on Lone Pine court in Bloomfield Hills may be extended Birmingham sewage treatment facilities if some agreement can be arranged between the two city governments for collection of treatment costs, the Birmingham city commission decided Monday evening.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported to the commission that a permit is pending before the Michigan Health Department for the connection of the Lone Pine court sewer to the Birmingham disposal system.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender conveyed the feelings of other commissioners when he said, "I have no objection to this connection provided that the new users not only pay their share of operating costs, but also something for present and future capital improvements to the disposal plant."

Other Possible Connections

Should this mathematical formula be agreed upon, he would vote in favor of extending the facilities.

Egbert pointed out that residences in Bloomfield Village already are connected to the Birmingham plant, and are charged 30 per cent more for this service than are local residents.

The contract will be between the two municipalities, and would open up possibilities for other connections from Bloomfield Hills on the same cost basis.

Bus Franchise Hearing Starts Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday before Judge Lewis Coash in Lansing, some 30 cities and villages, including Birmingham, will begin presenting testimony against the proposal for a second busline along US-24 and US-10, between Toledo and Saginaw, City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall informed city commissioners Monday evening.

The Birmingham commissioners two weeks ago instructed Hascall to present Birmingham's case against the establishment of another busline to serve this main route.

Commissioners said this new company, American Bus Line of Chicago, would force Greyhound to reduce its number of feeder lines in this area, seriously handicapping needed public transportation.

The principal causes of forest and woodland fires are incendiarism—smokers. debris burners lightning, and careless campers.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Never Too Late To Learn

Cappy Miller's young son, Squint, is forever coming up with new ideas. Now they're not all world beaters, but Cappy is usually willing to give them a try.

Seems Squint found a new way to clear brush. They take two tractors, about thirty feet apart, and connect them with a heavy chain weighted down on the ground with old iron. First they both go parallel in one direction, then they go back over the same swath in the opposite direction and up comes the brush—roots and all. Worked fine and saved time.

That's why things go so well at the Miller farm. Cappy is open-minded, *tolerant* of new ideas and new ways of doing. He doesn't think *his* way is the only way.

From where I sit, a little tolerance will make things go better for all of us. You respect my views and I'll respect yours—whether it's on farming, politics, or choosing between an ice cream soda or a temperate glass of beer.

Joe Marsh

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Philip Hart Heads Army Day Program

It has been announced that Philip A. Hart, Lahser road, has been appointed chairman of the Army Day program in Detroit on April 5.

Hart served with the Fourth Infantry Division in Europe during World War II, as a lieutenant-colonel. In civilian life he is an attorney.

The Army Day observances will include a review of military units at the City Hall in Detroit. The Michigan Military District and the Detroit Board of Commerce are joint sponsors of the affair.

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