



THE GRADE "A" ... We've noticed some ...

JUST WONDER ... often what the fatality rate would do if we ruled illegal all holiday driving ...

FAR BE IT FROM ... to us to make a habit of reporting the bright saying of children ...

SLIGHTLY DISAPPOINTING ... we thought, the zoning meeting last week. It appeared that almost all of the people present were definitely "for" the adoption of a zoning ordinance ...

MATTER OF FACT ... we were greatly pleased to see that two stalwart merchants of Farmington ...

WE'VE BEEN ... frankly speaking, nothing short of a cyclone, tornado or earthquake ...

IT WOULD SEEM ... our worries of rain and weather are needless. After Sunday, we were sorry about nothing ...

ANY MORE ... that of lemonade left?

Legion Nine Drops Two Straight

Farmington's Junior American Legion baseball team fell into the loss column last Wednesday and stayed there over Sunday as they were defeated by Hazel Park in their first and second losses of the season.

Prior to the Wednesday game, the Farmington nine had scored three straight victories to lead a league. Farmington bowed Wednesday to Hazel Park 11 and 4, and were swamped by Rosedale Sunday 16 to 5.

On Wednesday Plum was selected as the starting pitcher for Farmington. He was relieved in the second by Derrick, who yielded to Wild in the same inning. The loss was charged to Plum.

Farmington scored in the first inning, getting three runs. Alexander walked, was sacrificed along by Vorbeck. Russo singled, Alexander scored. They didn't score again until the fifth inning when Alexander walked, stole second and third. Vorbeck walked and Pomory went out pitcher to first. Alexander scored. They added their first runs in the sixth inning when two men were out. Thompson singled and Wild doubled, scoring Thompson. Alexander walked and Vorbeck singled, scoring Wild.

The game was called at the end of the sixth inning because of the softball league. Farmington got 4 runs on 8 hits and 1 error. Hazel Park got 3 runs on 9 errors and 1 error.

Wild took over the starting assignment on the mound for Farmington in Sunday's game against Rosedale. He was relieved in the eighth inning by Plum. Wild was charged with the loss.

Farmington didn't score until the third inning. Vorbeck singled, and went to second and third. Pomory walked and Vorbeck scored on a pass ball. They scored again in the sixth inning. Vorbeck singled but Thompson hit into a double play. Pomory singled. Russo was hit by a pitched ball.

Heavy Week End Traffic Sets New Record

Score Of Accidents In Farmington Area

Police authorities report last week's traffic to be the heaviest in their memory. Farmington city police worked hard to get the congestion eased, but to little avail. Although they operated the Farmington Road traffic light from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in an effort to ease congestion, the cars still backed up as far as Orchard Lake Road in their rush to get out of the city.

At 7:30 a.m. Sunday, cars were clocked passing Orchard Lake Road at the rate of 76 per minute. At 4 p.m. Sunday, the line of cars at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River was nearly two miles long. Orchard Lake Road Sunday was packed solid from Northwestern Highway to West Maple. And still they came.

If the traffic last week was any indication of things to come, there is no doubt that the worst place to spend the fourth of July is at a deep dark hole, securely covered with several feet of reinforced concrete. Highway occupants should have no difficulty in topping last Fourth of July.

Because of the congestion, no car, fortunately, could work up to dangerous speed. Many cars collided, but didn't hit hard enough to injure. Even so, State Police reported more than 20 accidents, with more from Farmington and Oakland County police officers.

ALL ACCIDENTS MINOR

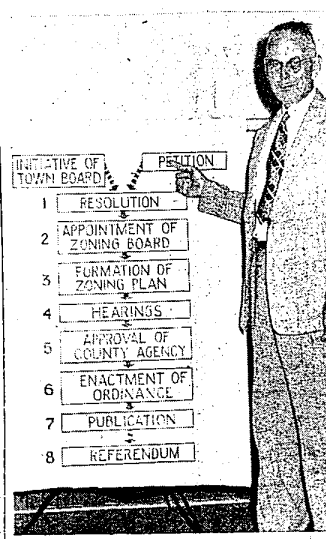
Most of the accidents were of the stop-and-go type; one or two cars stop abruptly and more go smash-ingly into them. The biggest accident occurred at Middlebelt and Nine Mile Road. Margaret E. Griffin, of Detroit, is alleged to have run the stop sign at Middlebelt and collided with Clarence T. Asman, also of Detroit. Asman's new 1949 model car had to be towed away after over 20 injuries suffered were minor.

Even one head-on collision was reported, this one at 11 Mile and Drake Road. Evelyn Brightman, of Detroit, is reported as turning right onto Drake Road, and Laverne F. Wadestrom, of 2570 Drake Road, allegedly tried to turn across for reckless driving, and left 11 Mile. Wadestrom, later arrested for reckless driving, cut the corner too short and collided with the Brighton car, it was reported.

Freaks among the many accidents were typical of the holiday type. In one, Little Deborah Retz, 7, of Detroit, fell out of a car driven by Herbert Rodgers, also of Detroit. The little girl was in the back seat, and accidentally unlocked and opened the door. She was taken to Redford receiving hospital. Extent of her injuries was not immediately determined.

In one accident, a man reached out of his car to adjust the fish pole on it, and sideswiped a passing truck. No one was injured, but both car and tree were thoroughly scraped. And after all this, the Fatal Fourth is at hand to complete the carnage at congestions, collisions, bent bumpers, split skulls and broken bones.

Zoning Meeting Speaker



Louis A. Wolfanger, Michigan State College land use specialist, addresses the crowd at the zoning meeting held in the Town Hall June 23. Wolfanger used the chart shown in the photo to illustrate the steps by which zoning codes are written, amended, or repealed.

"Zoning is like planning a house. One room, the kitchen, is set aside for food preparation, another room for sleeping, and another room for bathing, and another one for relaxing and entertaining. And with this identification goes written rules; no crumbs on the living room furniture, no dog-washing in the living room, and so on."

So said Louis A. Wolfanger, of Michigan State College, Thursday night when the North Farmington Civic Association sponsored a zoning meeting designed to acquaint all with the why's and wherefore's of zoning.

Nearly 200 people attended the meeting, filling the Town Hall to overflowing. Even the corridors were lined with people to hear Mr. Wolfanger speak.

After discussing the general background of zoning; the terrific growth of population in Michigan (nearly 100 people to a square mile now), the fixed amount of land available for use, and the need for careful expansion along highways, etc., Mr. Wolfanger took up the methods by which zoning codes are adopted, amended and repealed.

"Necessarily, any zoning code paints with a wide brush. It cannot hope to solve all the many little problems arising constantly. Therefore a four-point board goes with the code, to iron out the comparatively minor points brought before it. This board, it must be remembered, is more interested in the purpose and spirit of the code than with the mere letter of the law," he said.

Another point Mr. Wolfanger stressed was that zoning does not effect private land use. Only when the land is used for a purpose other than that in effect when the code is passed, does it come under the jurisdiction of the ordinance.

The important point of zoning is, not the present or past. Furthermore, the code effects only land use, not the quality or type of construction going up on that land.

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Commission Names New City Treasurer At Special Meeting

Mrs. Ralph Cotter has been appointed City Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Avis Jamison, whose resignation was read and accepted by the City Commission at a special meeting held Monday evening.

According to her written resignation, which was unanimously accepted by the Commission, Mrs. Jamison stated that due to the age of her mother and other duties at home she would be unable to continue as City Treasurer. Mrs. Jamison was re-elected City Treasurer at the last annual meeting, held April 4, for the past eight years.

An audit of the City books is being made in connection with Mrs. Jamison's resignation, and prior to the taking over of the records by the new City Treasurer. Several Commission members indicated that some irregularities exist but no official announcement was made to the Commission. No further information was disclosed. It was pointed out, however, that the city is bonded to cover any losses that may occur.

Withdraws Vote Recount Request

Dallas Sullivan, defeated candidate for the Clarenceville School Board, has withdrawn his petition for a recount in the recent annual election held June 13, it was announced this week.

Sullivan filed a request last week for a recount in the election. He was a candidate against Robert Dennis for the short, two year term. According to the election board, Dennis received 207 votes and Sullivan 154.

Harold Hogue was re-elected president of the Clarenceville School Board at the organization meeting held Monday evening at the Clarenceville High School. Hubert Esrie was re-elected treasurer and William G. Lawrance was re-elected Secretary. Robert Dennis and Thomas Wilson, newly elected members of the Board, will serve as alternate officers.

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Although there is a general schedule planned for each day, activities are made to schedule hourly activities. The 4 to 12 year old children are allowed to participate in whatever they so desire. Quiet, horse shoes, drawing, jacks, playground equipment or story telling are events that keep the participants busy.

Even swimming is on the list of activities. Every Wednesday morning the school bus will leave Farmington at 9:30, and Bond and Noble schools at 12:30. The swimming will take place at Bond Lake under the supervision of the Pontiac Red Cross. Each swimming session will be two hours long. During the season, swimming will be taught, and the youngsters can take their Red Cross life saving tests.

Among the events to take place as part of the six week program, a treasure hunt will be conducted each week at each playground. It will take place Friday, Next Friday, a trip to the zoo will be the big event.

In the 5th week of the program, "Play Day", when all playgrounds meet at Farmington school, will take place. During this period, contestants will vie for honors in such varied events as pie eating and bubble blowing. A variety talent show will highlight the annual boat trip, held the sixth week of the program.

At present, the playgrounds are filled with youngsters apparently not effected by the intense humidity. Some barfcoke, other youngsters, they play ball and cavort only as youngsters can, while the old folks savor it. Tuesday, the wading pool at the Farmington playground was opened to capacity with youngsters who had found a way to beat the heat.

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JAYCEE PRESIDENT

Robert Metz, newly elected president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will officially take office tonight at the annual installation banquet to be held at the Vineyards, Franklin Road and Northwestern Highway.

Robert Metz will be installed as president of the Farmington Jaycees for the coming year. Maurice Mayer, state president of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, will install the new Farmington president. Other officers to be installed are: Roy Erdmann, first vice-president; James Warner, second vice-president; Kenneth Chappin, secretary; Bud Felton, treasurer; and Arthur Mann, director.

Charles N. Hill, professor in the Weihen and Spokane English Department at Michigan State College, will be the guest speaker. Hill is a life member of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Ypsilanti Jaycees.

Nate Mihay is the retiring president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The banquet and program is open to members of the Farmington Jaycees, their wives and guests. This is the second annual installation banquet of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Band Work Starts At Clarenceville

According to Charles Greig, chairman of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission, the play program will be combined with summer band. The band program is open to anyone who wishes to attend, young or old.

The band will practice every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Because of the late start of the summer band program, regular band members have been asked to see Arthur Mann, music director, for lesson appointments.

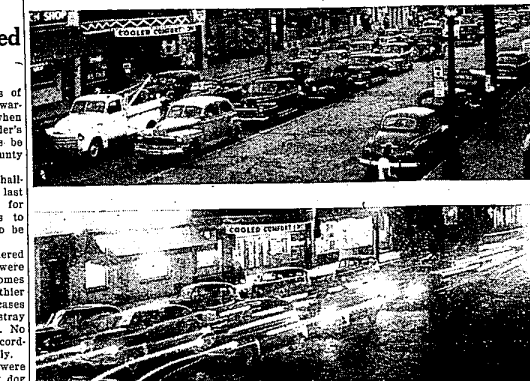
On the recreational side of the program, Wednesday mornings during the six-week program will be the time for swimming. The bus will leave Clarenceville High School at 7:30 a.m. and arrive at the swimming pool to take place from ten to 12 under the auspices of the Pontiac Red Cross. Competent life guards and instructors will be on hand to see that the youngsters are safe.

Friday, July 1, the recreation group will make a trip to the zoo. The bus will leave the high school at 10 a.m.

Registrations for the Clarenceville program will be taken all this week. Adults interested should register July 5 at 6:30 p.m. Registrations will be taken at Clarenceville High School. Planned for the adult program are softball, volleyball and horseshoe pitching.

More activities will be added, depending on the number of adults registering. Work on the Clarenceville school projects is progressing according to plan. The final roof on the gym, class room walls forms for the permanent bleachers, and construction of the new drainage field behind the school have all been started.

As Far As The Eye Can See . . . . .



In the top photo, taken at 7:30 p.m. last Friday night, traffic is stopped as far as the eye can see. In the bottom photo, taken nearly four hours after the top, traffic is still flowing at a near record rate. It started early the next morning, and was resumed Sunday morning. White streaks are the images of moving auto headlights, left on the film during a five-second exposure. Pictures were taken from the apartment window of Mrs. Dorothy Dalnes, over the Oak Pharmacy.

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