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Heavy Traffic Flows Smoothly Over Farmington Highways On Week End

Only Two Personal Injury Accidents Reported, Three Hurt Suffer Only Minor Cuts, Bruises

Although a heavy flow of traffic passed over Farmington highways during the long Labor Day week end, only two minor personal injury accidents and three or four property damage accidents were reported.

Traffic on US-16, though heavy, never jammed up. Traffic on other main highways in the Township also flowed smoothly during the entire Labor Day week end.

Farmington City and Township police, as well as the State Police covering this area, kept an exceptionally keen vigil on traffic flow. An auxiliary police officer was detailed to the Township police force over the week end while State Police employed assistance from National Guard personnel. All members of the Farmington City Police force were on emergency call over the three-day period.

TWO PERSONS suffering minor injuries Saturday evening when their auto ran into the rear of another in US-16 just east of the intersection of the two highways near Doren Emanuel, 20, suffered bruises to the left leg and arm, and Albert Emanuel, 19, received cuts about the right elbow. They were released following treatment of their injuries at St. Carmel Hospital.

The accident occurred when the Emanuel auto was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting a late model Buick owned by James Small of Detroit, who had pulled onto the highway from a private drive. Both vehicles were traveling east.

Richard W. Koskela of Detroit suffered minor facial lacerations early Saturday morning when the auto in which he was traveling alone ran off Ten Mile Road west of Farmington. The car crossed the highway and into a ditch along the roadway.

Koskela's injuries were not serious and he was released for treatment by his family doctor.

Start Construction Of Overpass On US-16 Cut-Off

Plan To Build Bridge At Farmington Road

Work has now been started on Farmington Road just south of the Grand River Cut-Off on the bridge which will carry the new Farmington-to-Brighton expressway over the main north-south highway.

The contract for the bridge construction job was recently awarded to the Lansing, Mich. Co. of Lansing, low bidder for the project. The company's bid for the job was \$189,622.12.

Two bridge decks of reinforced concrete and steel structure will be built. The decks will be spaced 38 feet 7 inches apart, according to construction specifications.

Each deck will be approximately 130 feet long with a 42-foot-wide roadway. There will be a 23-foot-wide sidewalk and a 13-foot-wide safety curb in each deck.

The bridge building project will also include the construction and removal of a temporary road and the grading of approaches. Completion date for the entire bridge project has been set for June 30, 1956.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the State Highway Department on Wednesday, September 21, for three new elementary school buildings, 4,439 miles of grading and drainage structures on the US-16 interchange from Twelve Mile Road to Ten Mile Road in Novi and Farmington Township. The project will consist of grading and roadway cross section, placing drainage structures and other items of construction.

CITY RECEIVES DELIVERY OF NEW POLICE CAR

The new city police car, recently approved for purchase by the City Council, was delivered to the Police Department just prior to the long Labor Day week end.

The car, a 1955 Buick Special, was a bright red color. It was purchased from the Blacklock Buick Agency in Farmington and replaces the oldest of the two city police cars.

The other police markings were added to the car on Tuesday and it is now ready for service by the Police Department.

Work Progresses On Lighted Field

Work is nearly completed on the installation of lights at the newly relocated athletic field in front of the Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road south of Eight Mile Road.

A total of eight wooden light standards have been erected along the sides of the field with each pole carrying ten fixtures. Connection of the lights to the underground power cables is expected to be completed within the next few days. Four standards are located on each side of the field and the fixtures are adjusted to give maximum light on the playing surface.

In the meantime, work is continuing on the seeding of grass around the sodded football field. Steel bleachers, sufficient to accommodate approximately 750 persons, have been purchased and will be installed not later than September 16.

COUNCIL TO SEEK NEW BIDS ON SALE OF CITY LAND



MINOR INJURIES were suffered by the two passengers in the auto above when it crashed into the rear of another car on US-16 just east of Haggerly Road Saturday evening. Though the vehicle was badly damaged, Detroiters Doren Emanuel and Albert Emanuel suffered only minor cuts and bruises in the crash.

Open Registration Recommend Approval Of Proposed For School Vote At Clarenceville

Board Hears Objections On Proposed Rezoning Of 12 Mile-Farmington Road Corner To Commercial

The Farmington Township Zoning Board, at a public hearing held Thursday evening at the Town Hall, recommended that adoption of two proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The first proposal, pertaining to the rezoning of a parcel of land on the southwest corner of Twelve Mile and Farmington Road from Residential IV to Commercial, met with some opposition from citizens attending the hearing. The parcel includes an area 600 feet along the north side of Farmington Road and 600 feet along the west side of Farmington Road.

Following the reading of the proposal, a number of residents in the Quaker Valley Subdivision inquired as to the status of the area involved as well as the need for additional commercial development in this section. Mrs. Howard Hanna, 33743 Broadway Ridge, stated that a commercial development is not necessary in the area. She was supported by Mrs. John Spicer, 24915 Farmington Road.

Edward Hanna and Raymond Gage, 34000 Broadway Ridge, also voiced objection to the proposal. THOMAS CORNELL, 33737, Twelve Mile Road, owner of the property, explained that he was requesting the rezoning in view of the fact that the northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Farmington Roads has been rezoned as commercial. Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, pointed out that a number of large subdivisions are under way in this area and that additional commercial property is necessary to serve the growing population. He emphasized that the Zoning Board can only make recommendations on the proposals submitted to them and that final action must be taken by the Township Board. Following the discussion, the Board recommended that the change be made.

There were no objections to the second proposal which provides for the rezoning from Residential IV to Commercial of a parcel of land west of Orchard Lake Road and south of Fourteen Mile Road. The parcel includes 111 feet along the west side of Orchard Lake Road and 300 feet along the south side of Fourteen Mile Road.

TAX COLLECTIONS HIT RECORD 93% IN CITY

Approximately 93% of the total city tax statement was collected prior to the September 1 deadline, reported this week.

A total of \$21,846.31 was collected out of a total tax statement of \$23,529.98. This is one of the highest percentages of collection ever recorded in the City. Collections received between now and October 31 will be subject to a 10 percent penalty if they are not paid after November 1.

Clinics Open Weekdays Salk Polio Vaccine Still Available

Salk polio vaccine is still available for any eligible children who have not as yet received their shots. The Michigan Department of Health disclosed last week.

It was further disclosed by the department, however, that the present inoculation program sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is rapidly drawing to a close. The latter part of next week, all unused Foundation vaccine on hand at the local distribution centers must be returned.

In order that all eligible youngsters may have an opportunity to receive the vaccine, the North Oakland County Center in Pontiac and the South Oakland Health Center in Royal Oak will continue to offer shots daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. The northern clinic is located at 15 West Huron

City Adds Hour To Present Water Use Schedule

Sprinkling Allowed From 5:30 To 7:30 p.m.

A limited easing of the present water use restrictions by allowing an additional hour for sprinkling and advancing the starting time to 5:30 p.m., to become effective on Thursday, was announced at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday.

The alteration of the water use restrictions was recommended by James Tennant, City Manager. No Council action was necessary since the Mayor has the authority, under the emergency proclamation, to adjust the water use schedule. Tennant stated that advancement of the starting time for sprinkling seemed advisable in view of the shortening of daylight hours. Tenant added that the records on water supply and pressure indicate that some relaxation of the restrictions was possible. Sprinkling and other outside uses of water will be allowed from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Officials emphasized, however, that water use will be restricted to odd and even days of the calendar to correspond to the odd and even numbered houses in the city. It was also pointed out that the expansion of the watering hours can and may be cut back at any time should the reserve supply of water become endangered.

THE COUNCIL was also advised by the City Manager that work has been started on the installation of two new wells located south of the Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road. The equipment for the pumps was delivered on Friday and work was begun immediately following the Labor Day week end. Installation of the new water main from the wells to the existing system was begun late last week.

Tennant stated that the project is expected to be completed and in operation in approximately two weeks. The new pump houses, which are to be constructed by the City, will be erected as soon as the pump installation has been completed.

Discuss Cost Ratio Of Sewer Project

Township members of the Farmington Sewer Interceptor Committee held a special meeting with Claude Stevens, financial consultant, last week to discuss the possible methods by which they could finance their proportionate share of the cost of the project.

A preliminary formula was devised to determine the share based on the unit cost per existing or potential building site in each of the unincorporated areas. It is proposed that the Oakland County Drain Commissioner handle the bond issue and that each of the Townships and Cities participating in the project be billed for

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Approve Readvertising After Receipt Of Offers From Commercial Firms

The City Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, directed the City Manager to re-advertise for bids on the sale of approximately 22 acres of proposed commercial property on the south side of the Cut-Off east of Gill Road.

Action to secure new bids for the city-owned property was prompted by the Council's receipt of two offers for the purchase of the land. It was the opinion of Paul Pare, City Attorney, that the offers could not be accepted without an advertising of bids in accordance with the City Charter. The two bids cover the entire parcel with one request for 12 acres and the other for 10 acres.

The Council requested that the identity of the prospective purchasers as well as the price offered be withheld in view of the decision to re-advertise the bids. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that advertisements would be prepared immediately for insertion in the proper publications.

TOWNSHIP SEEKS ACTION ON REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Supervisor To Confer With Road Commission

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday that he would personally contact the Oakland County Road Commission later in the week to press for action on the proposed installation of regulation traffic lights at the intersections of Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The Supervisor stated that he has received no official word as yet from the Commission in answer to a written request for a traffic study of the two intersections. Blanchard added that the letter was forwarded to the Commission immediately following the last regular meeting of the Board on August 25. At that time the Board formally adopted a resolution requesting the Commission to give immediate consideration to the erection of the traffic lights at the two intersections.

IN THE LETTER Blanchard also called attention to the necessity of straightening Orchard Lake Road in the vicinity of Twelve Mile Road in order to improve its ability. The Supervisor added that in his opinion the improvements of the approaches to the intersection is equally important.

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TOWNSHIP ORDERS RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE TRUCKS

Ray Bell, Chief of the Northeast Township Fire Department, reported Tuesday that the two-way radio equipment, recently authorized by the Board for installation on the fire trucks, has been ordered and should be available about September 15.

Bell stated that the order was placed immediately following approval by the Board on August 5. Securing of the equipment usually requires approximately 35 days. According to the plan, two-way radios will be installed on the three regular fire trucks serving the Township. A total of five monitors have also been ordered for installation at the three fire stations as well as at Tom's Electric on Northwestern opposite Station No. 2 and at the Zephyr Gas Station adjacent to Station No. 3.

CITY TO BEGIN ERECTING STREET SIGNS THIS WEEK

The installation of new traffic control and street name signs in the City is expected to begin late this week. James Tennant, City Manager, stated Tuesday.

Approximately 220 new installations will be made as part of the program. Tennant stated that street name and stop signs will receive priority, with parking restrictions and other traffic control signs to be installed as quickly as possible.

AROUND THE BLOCK

WELL, IT HAPPENED ... of rainings, and even threats. We are talking about the appalling toll of traffic deaths which blackened the state and the nation over the long Labor Day week end. Safety experts painted a grim picture prior to the holiday, but apparently all too few paid heed to their warning. Farmington, we are happy to say, was no exception. The number of deaths was relatively low in comparison to the rest of the state. There were the usual share of accidents, but no deaths were reported and traffic, although heavy, didn't pile up as it has on other holiday week ends. The past few days should serve as a vivid object lesson to every driver. It's a mighty high price to pay for a lesson, and we hope and pray that it is not in vain.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL

This week for a record number of boys and girls in the Farmington and Clarenceville areas. The opening of the classroom doors signifies the close of another summer and the beginning of a new and busy school year. While a mixture of moans and groans can be heard from the younger members of the population, they are considerably outweighed by the smiles and happy to say, on the part of their harassed mothers. Although the long summer vacation is over for the kids, it won't be so bad. A considerable number, in the Farmington District particularly, will be moving into brand new schools for the first time this fall, which should create some anticipation. For the others there is always the excitement of meeting a new teacher and new friends. Summers are fun... but so is school, at least... that's what it says here.

WORD HAS JUST COME IN

That the Red Cross Flood Relief Drive has reached its goal. This once again the generosity of the American people is showing through, and it's a mighty pleasant sight to see. The people of Farmington had an important part in the proceedings, too, with a number of contributions being received by local Red Cross officials. This money will be forwarded to the Oakland County Red Cross Chapter within the next few days and it will then be sent to the flood zone. The citizens of the community owe a great debt to these persons who so quickly and so generously came to the aid of others in need. Through their contributions, Farmington is represented in this worthwhile program.



THE INITIAL PHASE of the expansion and improvement of the City Water System was begun late last week with the installation of a new main along the Farmington Cut-Off. The line will extend from the new wells, south of the Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road, to a connection with the existing system on Grand River near Pickett. In the meantime, work has been started on the installation of piping equipment at the well sites. Officials estimate that the project will be completed in approximately two weeks. The additional supply of water is expected to result in a lifting of the present sprinkling restrictions.

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