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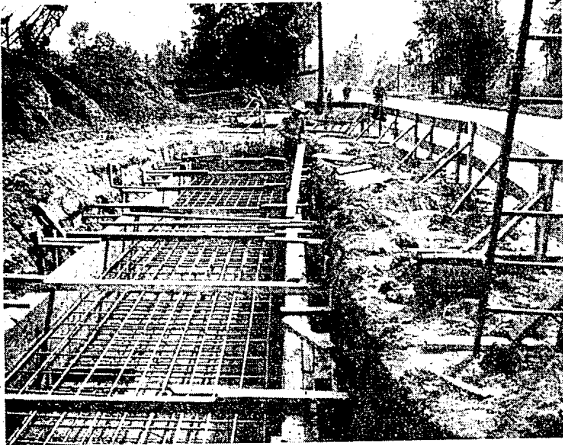


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**THE FIRST BRIDGE** to be constructed along the route of the new Farmington-Township Expressway got under way last week with the preparation of base forms located just south of the present intersection of the Cut-Off and Farmington Road. The bridge will include two 42-foot spans of roadway to handle both east and west bound traffic over Farmington Road. The bridge itself will be approximately 130 feet long. Farmington Road will continue on its present level with the Cut-Off being elevated by means of the bridge. The entire project, including the grading of the approaches is expected to be completed by June 30, 1936.

## Five Injured In Auto Accidents In City, Township During Past Week

Eleven Year Old Robert Cook Struck By Auto After Jumping From Bike On Shiawassee Road

Three persons were injured in automobile accidents in the City of Farmington during the past week and two were injured in the Township. Three others miraculously escaped injuries when the auto in which they were riding ran off the road and rolled over into the river at the base of McGee Hill.

Young Robert Cook, 11, of 33923 Grand River, suffered rib injuries and bruises Friday shortly after 6 p.m. when he was struck by a car at 34002 Shiawassee Road. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

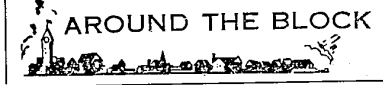
Robert and his brother were entering the road from the driveway at 34002 Shiawassee and apparently did not see an auto approaching from the south.

Lucille E. Hearnor of Milford, riding on the rear of a bicycle, saw the car coming and jumped from the bike directly into the path of the car. He was struck and thrown a considerable distance. His brother, Richard, rode across the road to safety.

TWO WERE injured late Saturday afternoon in a head-on collision on Farmington Road between Shiawassee and Ten Mile Road. The crash occurred when a vehicle driven by Letitia Sheridan of Detroit went against the car and collided with one driven by S. Frank Tysar, also of Detroit.

George Hoffman of St. Helen, Michigan, a passenger in the Tysar car, suffered bruises about the chest. John Sheridan, of Farmington, a passenger in the other, injured Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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## AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE WEATHERMAN** ... new last Saturday evening, but, fortunately stirred up a pretty good crowd. It didn't boil over while passing this way. We understand, however, that some of the froth, including hail stones, did spill over pretty close to the boundaries of our community, but to our knowledge we escaped the bulk of the storm. We did have enough wind to stir up quite some froth, and there was at least one good shower. The latest display is a sure sign that another season is about to make its entrance. Every year about this time Summer puts up a gallant fight to hold her position against the invading Fall and in the subsequent battle the tide moves back and forth, bringing confusion and doubt. But in the end the new ways wins out over the old.

**THE FAME** ... of Farmington has now extended way down east to the town that made beans what they are today. Thanks to Fred Menke, Sr., 28210 Eight Mile Road, and the Annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention, Farmington received worthy mention in a special feature appearing in the August 31 issue of The Boston Daily Globe. The article relates the colorful military life of Mr. Menke, 75 year old Navy veteran of the Boxer Rebellion, the Philippine Campaign and the Spanish-American War. Mr. Menke, one of the oldest veterans attending the National V. F. W. Convention in Boston, was honored under Admiral Dewey at the Battle of Manila Bay in 1898. He has been attending the National Conventions for the past 25 or 30 years and has been an active participant in local Memorial Day observances. Congratulations, Mr. Menke, and thanks for letting the folks down east know more about Farmington.

**EVERY SO OFTEN** ... we get a run of questions or comments regarding a variety of subjects of particular interest to the individual. They usually come in the form of phone calls or conversations on the street corner. And every so often we attempt to encourage citizens of the community to share their questions, comments and criticisms with their neighbors. We appreciate your inquiries and your opinions and we would like to pass them on to others. That's what your home community newspaper is for. The "Question Box" and "Letters to the Editor" columns are open to you. Although your signature is required on such correspondence, your name will be withheld from publication if you so desire. The Farmington Enterprise is your newspaper... use it!

## Council To Open Bids Monday For Sale Of Land

Seek Offers On 22-Acre City-Owned Parcel

Advertisements for sealed bids on the sale of approximately 22 acres of city-owned land south of the Cut-Off and east of Gill Road have been inserted in designated publications. James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

The bids are to be received by the City Clerk up to 5 p.m. on Monday, September 19. They are expected to be opened and read at the regular meeting of the City Council set for 8:00 p.m. the same evening. Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. Terms for the sale of the property are to be set by the council.

THE ADVERTISEMENTS have been published in accordance with instructions given by the Council at its regular meeting last Monday. The Council action to secure sealed bids followed receipt of two offers for the sale of portions of the property. The City Attorney ruled that sealed bids would have to be secured before any offers could be accepted.

If the property is sold, the Council would initiate action to lease the land to the City Manager from his present Suburban classification to Industrial. The rezoning of the property has been recommended by the Planning Commission. Any rezoning or plant operation would have to comply with existing city restrictions.

At the last meeting of the Council, the City Manager recommended that the property be sold.

## Plan Adult Driver Training Classes

A new session of adult driver training classes is scheduled to begin the week of October 3 under the sponsorship of the "Tarencia" High School District. James J. O'Connell, superintendent, announced this week.

Irish stated that a new driver training car has been secured and the scheduling of class sections. Anthony Marra will serve as instructor for the program, which includes two hours of training in bookkeeping, shorthand, penmanship, typing and art. Both beginning and advanced courses will be provided in most of the sections. He stated that qualified teachers have been secured to provide instruction for these classes. Courses will also be offered in bookkeeping, shorthand and creative writing, provided there is sufficient interest.

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## POLICE RECOVER WHEELS STRIPPED FROM TWO AUTOS

This is a story with a happy ending, thanks to the alertness of the Farmington Police Department.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. Monday, James J. Webb, 23255 Prospect, reported to the police that someone was prowling around his car, parked in front of the house. Officer John Butters was dispatched to the address and discovered that two wheels had been removed from the car. He began to patrol the area and found six wheels piled along the side of Loomis Drive.

Butters then began to search for other cars which might have been stripped. He quickly located a car owned by Fitzhugh Prescott, 20255 Loomis Drive, which had been pushed several blocks from his home and all four wheels removed. The wheels were returned to the owners and the thieves disappeared without their loot.

## FALCONS, TROJANS TO MEET IN GRID OPENER FRIDAY

Farmington and Clarenceville High School will officially open their 1935 football season Friday afternoon with their annual inter-community clash on the Farmington gridiron.

The Farmington Falcons, under the leadership of Jack Hayes, will be out to avenge their 7 to 6 loss to the Clarenceville Trojans last year. At the same time, the Trojans, coached by Nick Ingle, will be looking to make it two in a row.

Game time has been set for 3:30 p.m. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville will participate in the colorful half-time ceremonies.

## Farmington Plans New Adult Education Session

Classes Set To Open Week Of October 3

Plans are now being completed for the opening on October 3 of the Annual Adult Education Program of the Farmington Township School District. James Reed, Assistant Superintendent, announced this week.

Reed stated that the 1935-36 program will follow the same general pattern as in previous years. Classes will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. in the senior high school building on Shiawassee Street.

Classes to be offered during the fall program include upholstery, knitting, sewing, wood shop, ceramics, typing and art. Both beginning and advanced courses will be provided in most of the sections. He stated that qualified teachers have been secured to provide instruction for these classes. Courses will also be offered in bookkeeping, shorthand and creative writing, provided there is sufficient interest.

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## Farmington School District Bus Policy Draws Strong Objections From Parents

### School Enrollment Hits Record High During First Week

Predict Continued Jump During September

Enrollment during the opening week of school in the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts ran very close to the record estimates prepared by officials earlier in the summer.

On Thursday, September 8, a total of 1,984 students were enrolled in the Clarenceville District. The initial estimate was approximately 2,000. During the first week of school, 1,247 students were enrolled in the elementary grades with 737 in the junior - senior high school. At the close of the first week last year a total of 1,900 were enrolled in all grades of the District.

The total enrollment in the District as of Friday, September 15, was 4,312. Elementary registration was listed at 2,853, including 561 kindergarten children. The junior - senior high school enrollment was 1,459. The total district figure listed in the 1935-36 budget is 4,236 students. The opening week enrollment last year was 3,467, with 2,438 listed in the elementary grades and 1,029 in the junior - senior high schools.

OFFICIALS of both school districts emphasized that the enrollment is expected to increase substantially for the next few weeks. The increase is expected to be greater in the Farmington District because of the higher percentage of new building being constructed as compared to the activity in the Clarenceville area.

The enrollment totals as of the fourth week of the new school year is used as the basis for state aid to the Districts.

## New Tax Figures Proposed By State

A special hearing on a proposed revision of the tax allocation formula for the year 1935-36 in Oakland County will be held by the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, September 15.

The hearing, which will be held in the County Court House at 10:00 a.m. is the result of a direct appeal by Waterford Township. Under the revision, prepared and submitted by the State Tax Commission, the total value of property in Farmington Township has been increased slightly while the value in the City of Farmington has been decreased.

According to the proposed figures, the Township's equalized valuation has been increased from the previously approved \$30,947,359 to the proposed \$32,944,700. This represents an increase of \$397,346. The revised figures for the City place the proposed equalization at \$9,863,052 as compared to the previous total of \$10,823,649. This is a decrease of \$1,159,607.

Township officials stated that the increase in the Township's valuation will have a direct effect on the individual taxpayer. However, the decrease in the City will represent about a 10% drop in individual tax payments for the majority of approved total. Officials emphasized that the new revision is only a proposal and must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors before it becomes law. Action is expected to be taken following the hearing on Thursday.

## Theatre To Mark 15th Anniversary

On Tuesday, September 20, the Civic Theatre will begin a week long celebration of its 15th Anniversary in Farmington, Eddie Hohler, owner and manager, announced this week.

A special feature of the celebration will be a "Ladies' Night" on September 20, at which time all ladies will be admitted to the theatre free of charge. An outstanding color feature, "The Sea Chance," starring John Wayne and Lona Turner, will be shown during the week.

The Civic Theatre received a special commendation from the Kiwanis Club this week in honor of the 15th Anniversary celebration. The Club extended its congratulations to the Civic Theatre and expressed its appreciation to (Continued on Page 8A)

## Residents Renew Plea For Action On Proposed Township Water System

Large Delegation Of Citizens Attend Board Meeting To Demand Greater Effort On Project

A large group of residents appeared before the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening to renew their plea for more prompt action in the securing of water for the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

The discussion began with a question from Mrs. Philip Newberg, secretary of the Citizens' Water Committee, regarding the progress being made on the water project. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that contact has been made with all three of the owners of the property involved in the test well phase of the program and that negotiations are under way for the securing of land options.

Supervisor added that the third contact was completed on Tuesday, and that a conference with the owner is planned for Friday. Mrs. Newberg stated that there has been far too much delay in the matter and that unless something is done soon drastic action will be taken by the people. She pointed out that the new Gill Road School has been forced to close on several occasions because of a lack of sufficient water. Mrs. Chester Downing, secretary of the Farmington School Board, stated that she has been drilling on the property and that one well is producing seven gallons a minute, which is just about sufficient to operate the sanitary facilities only.

Wesley Smith, 2007 Cass, a disabled veteran, stated that the water problem has been under discussion for months and months and that he has gotten nothing out of the matter. He stated that under General Eisenhower during World War II, and that he intended to write the President personally requesting his assistance.

THE BOARD approved a motion authorizing the West Side Construction Company, low bidder, to proceed with the general construction work for the addition on Monday, September 12, in accordance with the plans and specifications. Contracts were also awarded to the Evans Heating Company, low bidder on the heating contract, and K. H. Hatcher, low bidder on the electrical work.

THE PLANS and specifications call for the construction of an addition to include five classrooms, a kindergarten room and a multi-purpose room. The estimated cost of the addition, on the basis of the bids, has been set at \$172,238. Construction is expected to be completed early in 1936.

Action was also taken by the Board appointing the members and alternates to the election board. The members will serve as inspectors for the special school election to be held on October 3. The members include: Margaret Latt, chairman; Lillie E. Grate, Armelle Richmond and Betty Hoffmeyer. Alternates are Ernest Colvin and Mildred Whitlock. A progress report on the high school athletic program was presented by Louis Schmitt, Superintendent. The recently purchased bleachers are to be installed not later than September 16.

## Motorcycle Races To Benefit Schools

The largest motorcycle racing event ever held in the metropolitan area will be staged on Sunday, September 25, at the Wolverine Raceway with the proceeds going to the Clarenceville and Bentley High Schools to help finance their lighted athletic field program.

A total of nine races will be featured during the program, which begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m. The morning activities include rider practice, flag raising by the Livonia Boy Scouts, music and demonstrations by the Clarenceville and Bentley High School bands and a motorcycle parade by members of the Livonia Police Department and the Detroit Police Department as well as a giant motorcycle parade.

Local and state officials will ride in open cars which will precede the races that begin at 2 p.m. The nine races will include four-mile and 11-mile events. A total of 25 motorcycle clubs in the metropolitan area will participate in the program.

Tickets for the motorcycle racing event can be secured from members of the Clarenceville Optimist Club, the Mothers Club, Parent Teachers Association, Recreation Commission or at the Clarenceville High School. The program is being sponsored by the Livonia Youth Benefit Club with the assistance of the Livonia Police Department.

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## Pressure School Board For Prompt Changes In Policy

An estimated crowd of between 250 and 300 parents of elementary school children thronged to the regular meeting of the Farmington Township School Board Monday night to voice protests against the transportation being afforded children in the school district.

The Board meeting, normally held in the superintendent's office with not more than three or four persons in attendance in addition to the Board, was moved to the Township School Board Monday night to accommodate all present.

After several representatives from subdivision groups and other individuals voiced their complaints over the school bus service, it was determined that all had the same objective in mind. Feeling that more could be accomplished by working with the superintendent, it was agreed that representatives be appointed from each school area to meet with the Board in hopes of finding a feasible solution to the problem. Parents then divided into school groups for the purpose of naming the representatives.

A MEETING of the Board and the appointed representatives has been set for Saturday at 3 p.m. Generally, protests indicated that parents were more concerned with the unsafe and adverse conditions under which their youngsters were required to walk to schools and bus stops than with the distances. Cited by parents as wholly unreasonable and unsafe were situations in which youngsters are required to walk down heavily traveled highways with narrow shoulders and to cross these highways unprotected. Road mentioned included Middlebelt, Orchard Lake, Ten Mile and Northwestern Highway.

While parents remained in the gymnasium, appointed representatives to meet with the Board, members of the Board returned to the superintendent's office to conduct other routine business matters. Stops were taken to obtain information regarding questions asked on various phases of school transportation and to explore for possible answers to the local transportation problem.

## PLAN MEETING OF BLOOD BANK WORKERS TUESDAY

A meeting of all blood bank and others interested in the blood bank program in the Farmington area has been called for Tuesday, September 20, by Mary Lenz, blood bank chairman here.

The meeting has been set for 2 p.m. in the basement of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. A special invitation has been extended to all newcomers in the area to attend the meeting and learn more about the local blood bank program. The meeting will be in the form of a social get-together and not a business meeting.

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**NEW SIGNS** were springing up all over the place last week and as members of the Public Works Department began the task of installing street name and traffic control markers throughout the City. The majority of the installations were made in the Floral Park section as well as the Bel-Aire and Warner Farms Subdivisions. All street-name signs have been installed with the exception of a few which were omitted from the shipment. Parking regulation signs along the more heavily travelled roads will be installed as quickly as possible on the basis of need.