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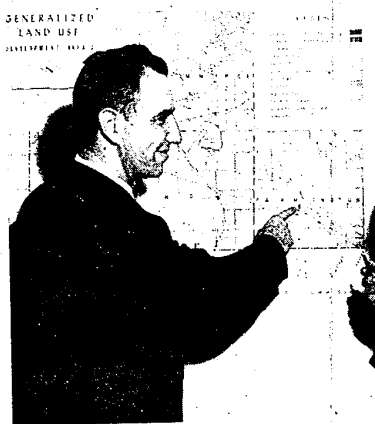
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**PLANNING** was the chief topic of conversation at a meeting of the North Farmington District Civic Association held last week at the West Bloomfield Town Hall. Harvey Freeman, a member of the recently-established Farmington Township Planning Board and guest speaker at the meeting, is shown left, pointing out a planning problem on the map to Arthur Bassett,



right, association president. In addressing the group, Freeman pointed out that the objectives of the Planning Board are to advise on a working master plan for future development in reliable township as a whole. Freeman also brought the group up to date on measures now being proposed to enforce more stringent regulations on future township development.

## City And Township Experience Huge Population Jump In Past Five Years

Metropolitan Area Planning Group Estimates 20,000 Residents In Farmington Community

According to the latest report of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the City of Farmington is one of the two fastest growing cities in Oakland County, based on population figures for the period April 1, 1950 to July 1, 1955.

The City of Clawson showed the largest percentage of increase at 98.2 with Farmington second at 84.9%. The report points out that most of the population increase in Oakland County was concentrated in the southern section and around the City of Pontiac.

The City of Oak Park showed the largest population increase in numbers with a gain of 21,933 persons.

During the 51 year period the City of Farmington increased in population from 2,325 in April of 1904 to an estimated 4,300 in July of 1955. This represents a gain of 1,975 persons. Since the bulk of the large parcels of land in the city have not been developed, the percentage of increase is expected to drop considerably. However, three subdivisions now being completed are expected to boost the total population over the 5,000 mark.

IN CONTRAST to the City, the Township population is expected to increase sharply within the next several years. During the period from April 1950 to July of 1955, the Township population in the Township jumped 4,476, according to the Planning Commission report.

This represents an increase of 99.9%. Farmington Township now has a population of 15,700, making it one of the 12 units of government in Oakland County with top population gains.



**INITIAL PLANS** . . . have just been released on the organization of the second annual S-D Day to be held Thursday, December 1. In case you have forgotten, S-D Day means Safe Driving Day. The nationwide observance of this safety day was held for the first time last December, with remarkable success. You may wonder why we are mentioning this special day so far in advance. It is being done in the hopes that some of the spirit and purpose of the event will rub off even prior to S-D Day itself. We also hope that a community-wide effort will be started through the city and township governments, as well as the various civic and service organizations, to make this special day a memorable occasion. It is not a bit too early to start thinking about it!

**HALLOWEEN IS OVER** . . . for another year and while the merchants clean up their display windows, the police can take turns catching up on some home-to-home visits. The needed sleep. All in all, it was just an average Halloween. The "trick or treat" crusade and the police were kept pretty busy during the early part of the evening tracking down some of the goblins who were a few lummy aches as an aftermath of the "help the poor" solicitation, but that will be forgotten about as soon as the masks and grease paint are put away in the attic for another year.

**WE'RE REMINDING YOU** . . . as we go along with our campaign of reminding you to contribute to the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest. We don't mean to bore you with repetition, but we do want to try and convince you of the importance of this campaign. According to the latest report, approximately 15% of the quota has been reached thus far. This means that a lot of money is going to have to be collected between now and November 15 if the current drive is to be a success. The various community Chest organizations in particular are depending upon you, the citizens of Farmington. Don't let them down . . . because when you do, you let yourself and your community down, too! Give now to the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest and give generously!

## United Fund Drive Hits \$4,000 Mark In Third Week

Canvass Of Businesses To Begin Thursday

A total of \$4,000 has been collected to date in the 1955 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Campaign, Omar Sanderson, chairman of the Drive, announced on Tuesday. Sanderson stated that all of the money collected thus far has come from the residential areas of the City and Township. The chairman added that the \$4,000 figure represents only money actually reported by the captains and coordinators. Since a number of reports have not been received as yet, Sanderson stated that the residential solicitation should be completed in about ten days.

**DETAILS** on the organization of the business area solicitation are now being completed by Robert Lindbert, chairman of this phase of the campaign. It is expected that the active canvass of the area will begin on Thursday and continue through the following Tuesday. Efforts will be made to start the collection last Thursday but details of the organization were not completed in time. Under the present plan, the business area has been divided into sections with a solicitor in charge of each district. By this method it is hoped to complete the business phase of the drive within a few days.

A similar organization is being set up for the coverage of the industrial establishments in the city. Joseph DeVries, Ben Anom, chairman of this phase of the campaign. Considerable progress has already been made in the number of commercial and industrial establishments who are participating in the payroll deduction plan. The latest business place to adopt the plan is the National Food Store, Orchard Lake Road at Ten Mile Road.

The \$4,000 collected to date represents approximately 15% of the \$27,326 quota set for the 1955 campaign. The drive is scheduled to close on Tuesday, November 15.

## Zoning Hearing Planned Nov. 10

Three proposed amendments to the Township Zoning ordinance will be open for review and discussion at a public hearing to be held Thursday, November 10, at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that all property owners affected by the proposed changes are invited to attend and take part in the discussion. The Zoning Board will make its recommendations immediately following the discussion of the three proposals.

The first proposed change involves the rezoning of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Eight Mile Road from Residential to Light Industrial. This parcel is bounded north side by varying depth north of Eight Mile and east of Farmington Road.

The second proposal concerns the rezoning of property on the northwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Drake Road from Residential to Commercial. The parcel includes 398 feet along the north side of Twelve Mile Road and 300 feet along the west side of Drake Road.

The third proposal involves the rezoning of a parcel of land at the intersection of Farmington Road and Eight Mile Road from Residential to Light Industrial. This parcel is bounded north side by varying depth north of Eight Mile and east of Farmington Road.

## Plan Program November 21

**Students To Operate City For Day**

Members of the senior class of Farmington High School will take over the reins of the City of Farmington on Monday, November 21, in the first annual student government day.

The November 21 date was approved last week following a series of conferences between school officials and the City Manager's office. A total of fourteen positions on the city staff will be taken over by the students on November 21. The positions include: mayor, four Councilmen, City Manager and assistant, City Clerk, superintendent of public works, chief of police, fire chief, city attorney and municipal judge.

Students will hold office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. According to the plan, the student government day program will begin at 9 o'clock on Monday. Following the orientation, students with administrative offices will work with their respective counter-parts, while students with legislative positions will make a tour of the city and city facilities.

# Board To Act As Continuing Authority For Kendallwood Water, Sewer Systems



A SPECIAL citation was presented to the Farmington Blue Star Mothers last week recognizing the local organization nationally for its outstanding work in Civil Defense projects. Lettie McIntyre is shown, extreme right, presenting Mary Lenz, a citation for her outstanding work with the local center, with the citation for the Farmington Blue Star Mothers, held the chapter's citation for outstanding Civil Defense work.

## Township Agrees To Cooperate With Subdivision On Trial Basis

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Friday afternoon, agreed to serve as the continuing authority for the Kendallwood Subdivision water and sewerage treatment systems until December 31, 1956, at which time the authority will be made permanent or a public utility corporation will take over.

The provisions of the resolution, which was approved by the Board, were drafted during the special meeting by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, and Ross Campbell, vice-president of the Thompson-Brown company, developers of the subdivision. The resolution provides that the Township Board will serve as the continuing authority until December 31, 1956, with the condition that the Board will determine on or before October 1, 1956, as to whether the authority will be made permanent or whether the Nine Mile - Telegraph Land Company or Charles F. Brown and Associates will assume a public utility. It is estimated that approximately 90 days would be required to organize such a utility corporation.

DURING the period of the continuing authority, the Land Company agrees to pay all costs of personnel, maintenance, repairs and operation of the water and sewerage disposal systems. The Company also agrees to furnish the Township with monthly cost figures on the maintenance and operation of the water and sewerage disposal systems and including September 15, 1956. The cost records will provide the Township with factual information on the expense and estimated income of the systems. Officials stated that the results of these figures will have a bearing on whether or not the Township takes over the systems permanently.

## Delete Objections In Questionnaire On Water System

Township Group Plans To Conduct Survey

Objections to the wording of the questionnaire to be used in connection with the proposed Farmington Township water survey have been removed and a new draft is now being prepared, Dr. Joseph A. Moore, chairman, announced following a special meeting of the Citizens' Water Committee held last Thursday evening.

Gadway stated that Judge Arthur E. Moore, attorney for the special Water Study Committee, met with the group to review the list of questions. Moore, who drafted the original questionnaire, agreed to the changes suggested by the Committee. Under the new proposal only four questions will be included in the questionnaire to be distributed to the long original list. The Committee had objected to some of the questions on the grounds that they might be considered too personal. The four questions on the new draft were included in the original questionnaire. They have been reworded, however, to provide more detailed information.

PLANS are now under way to have the questionnaire printed preparatory to circulation by members of the Committee. Gadway stated that as soon as the materials are ready, a meeting of citizens will be called for the purpose of organizing teams to conduct the survey.

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## Farmington Blue Star Mothers Cited Nationally For Civil Defense Work

Mary Lenz Receives Special Individual Citation For Outstanding Work In Ground Observer Corps

National recognition was awarded the Farmington Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers last week at a National Blue Star Mothers convention in Detroit. The local chapter was presented a special citation for outstanding service with the Farmington Ground Observer Corps. Special recognition was also received by Mrs. Mary Lenz, a chief observer at the Farmington Observer Post, who was instrumental in organizing women spotter groups including a group from the Farmington Chapter of Blue Star Mothers.

A group of ten Blue Star Mothers served during the early war period of the Farmington Ground Observer Post and devoted many hours of their time to air spotter duties. Six of the original group are still active as spotters. A total of 2651 hours have been devoted to air spotting by the present group of Blue Star Mothers serving at the Ground Observer Post.

MARY LENZ has served the greatest number of hours as a spotter at the local post, having been on duty a total of 400 hours as of September 1, of this year. Other Blue Star Mothers who have been serving as spotters and the number of hours they have served are: May Fox, 300; Irene Krueger, 207; Josephine Hines, 233; Lucille Lanley, 139; and Mary Morris, 79 hours.

Mrs. Krueger, who moved to Milford recently, is now taking an active part in teaching spotters for a new post recently placed in operation there.

## Water Main Break Affects City Area

Approximately 12 homes in the vicinity of Pickett and Oakland were without water Saturday evening and Sunday morning as a result of a break in the newly-installed water main.

City officials stated that the break was apparently due to the weight of the ground. A new section was installed Sunday morning and service was restored about noon. The recently installed main was being serviced at the time by water from the wells located in the City Park.

In the meantime, the main has been connected to the new wells at the south of the Oak and east of Gill Road. The new pump was turned on temporarily Monday to flush the well and adjust the flow.

## Propose To Erect School Zone Signs

Recommendations are now being prepared by the City Manager in regard to the possible erection of both permanent and movable traffic safety signs in school zones within the City.

The recommendations will probably include the installation of signs along Ten Mile Road and Power Road in the vicinity of the Ten Mile Elementary School and the Our Lady of Sorrows School. Consideration will also be given to the purchase of some type of movable sign with a legend of "Slow - School Zone."

These signs could be placed along Farmington Road and movable traffic safety signs in school zones during regular school hours. It is expected that the

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## Escape Injuries In Auto Accidents

A Detroit man and four Catholic nuns narrowly escaped serious injuries Saturday afternoon when the auto in which they were traveling ran off the road on McGee Hill and plunged over the sharp embankment.

The auto, driven by Anthony R. Ozog, took out a bridge guard rail and plowed down the embankment to rest against a tree along the bank of the river. The car was severely damaged.

Early Sunday morning on Middlebelt Road, just north of Northwestern Highway, two other persons miraculously escaped injury when the auto in which they were traveling struck a tree and rolled over into the ditch. The vehicle was a total wreck.

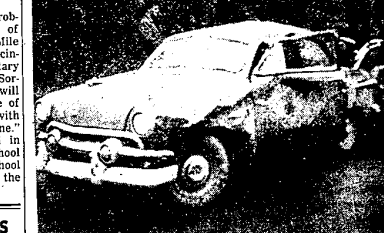
Warren J. Lapum, 22, driver of the auto, and his companion, Louis Brede, both of Detroit, received only minor scratches.

Two cars collided Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile, but when the auto in which they were traveling struck a tree and rolled over into the ditch. The vehicle was a total wreck.

Officials stated that the entire Edgewood addition to the District within the next few weeks. Workmen are laying the floor in the multi-purpose room and kitchen this week. The four classrooms included in use since shortly after the opening of school this fall.

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**THIS CAR** has just been pulled up the embankment at the base of McGee Hill on North Farmington Road following an accident early Saturday afternoon. Five persons in the narrowly escaped serious injury in the crash. The car, traveling north, struck a tree and rolled over into the ditch. The car, traveling north, struck a tree and rolled over into the ditch. The car, traveling north, struck a tree and rolled over into the ditch.