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## Safety Problems Discussed At Joint Meeting Of School, Township Boards

**Township Board To Review Requests For Better Protection For School Children**

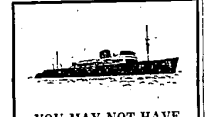
At a joint meeting of the Farmington Township Board and the Farmington School Board last Wednesday evening, problems were discussed concerning both governing bodies relative to the safety of school children and the need for additional educational facilities in the school district.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a review of a special citizens' transportation committee report submitted by the School Board. The report indicated specific improvements in each of the elementary school areas. The purpose of reviewing the report, school authorities pointed out, was to determine where the responsibility lay for making the improvements and whether or not they were feasible.

ERNEST BLANCHARD, Township supervisor, assured the School Board that requested improvement requiring Township action would be given careful consideration. He also told the School Board that he would cooperate fully in seeking desirable improvements from the County. He pointed out, however, that he saw little hope for constructing sidewalks or hiring safety guards to protect children crossing heavily traveled roads in the Township. He asserted that the Township has no allocated money for such projects.

A request from school officials served for purchase as future new school sites was promptly answered. Thomas Cornell, president of the Township Planning Commission, informed the board present that a master plan for future Township development is being worked out and that sites for additional new schools have been specified in the plan.

Another joint meeting of the Township Board and the School Board will be held within the next month.



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## AROUND THE BLOCK

WE GATHER TOGETHER . . . and neighbors, to devour a huge this Thursday, families, friends and neighbors, to devour a huge holiday feast and then to settle back for a day of ease and solid enjoyment. It's a pleasant thought and something well worth looking forward to, but there is more . . . much more. This Thursday not only marks the end of another bountiful harvest in the land of us free, it provides special opportunity for us to reaffirm our friendship with Him who has made it all possible. Thanksgiving means turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie . . . it means happy gatherings at Grandmother's house and a day's vacation from the routine of life. But most of all, Thanksgiving means more than just satisfying the body . . . it means refreshing the soul.

IN THE NEXT COLUMN . . . on this page is an article about S-D Day scheduled for Thursday, December 1. During the next week, you will hear a great deal more about this special day. It is of vital importance to you, if you wish to stay alert on our streets and highways as become day accounts of tragedy on our streets and highways have become so commonplace that many of us hardly notice them until they hit us. . . then it's too late. S-D Day is intended to show what can be done if we all put our hearts and our minds to it. What a wonderful day it would be if it were a single auto accident occurred anywhere in the nation on December 1. What a wonderful day, even if one life is spared and one house is kept bright and happy. Remember S-D Day and do your part!

WINTER ARRIVED . . . in a whirl of snow last week end after Spring had tried to muscle in on the act. At least, that is the way it looked from where we sat on the act. Close to that, was pretty much a foregone conclusion, have won the battle, which was pretty much a foregone conclusion, never be sure, but from the way he forced himself in last week end it would appear he is pretty determined to stick around for the next five or six months at least. While the weather caused considerable trouble in the northern part of the state, only two mishaps took place in the Farmington area as a direct result of Mr. Winter and, fortunately, they didn't prove too serious. One car slid in an icy rill at Shiawassee and Power, went into a ditch and rolled over the hill. No one was injured. A second auto accident on Twelve Mile Road was also attributed to the weather with one woman suffering minor injuries.

# CITY ASKS SUPERVISORS TO FORM SEWER AUTHORITY



LETTER CARRIERS of the Farmington Post Office will continue throughout this week their campaign to raise funds to aid in the fight against muscular dystrophy. Shown above, participating campaign literature used to help promote the fund raising campaign are, left to right, Marshal McKelvey, campaign chairman; and carriers Danny Dever and Frank Foisy. Chairman McKelvey urges all who have not already done so to make their contributions to the fund raising campaign.

## Plan Joint Service Thanksgiving Eve

Plans have been completed for the Annual United Thanksgiving Service which will be held Wednesday evening, November 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Mr. Carl Renter as the guest speaker. Rev. Renter is Chaplain of the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Detroit. The annual program is being sponsored this year by four Protestant churches of the Farmington community. They include the Trinity Episcopal Church, the First Presbyterian Church, the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rev. James Guinan of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Rev. Richard Geiger of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical Church and Rev. Russell Sarsaw of the Methodist Church will all participate in the joint services.

## Post Office Plans For Holiday Rush

Christmas has already arrived at the Farmington Post Office as officials complete final plans for the handling of an anticipated record flow of mail and packages during the holiday. Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley issued a special appeal to all residents to do their Christmas mailing early. Trombley stated that early mailings will not only assure prompt delivery but will be of great assistance to the post office staff. The Postmaster stated that all letters, cards and packages should be mailed no later than December 10 and that all mailings within the State should be completed by December 12. A special appeal was made to Farmington businessmen to take care of their Christmas bulk mailing, including calendars and advertising materials, prior to December 1.

## Schools to Close Wednesday For Thanksgiving

Schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts will close at the end of classes on Wednesday afternoon following the annual Thanksgiving holiday, officials announced this week. Classes will re-open at the regular time Monday morning. No 15, a decided reduction in accidents was accomplished. Governor G. Mennen Williams, along with other State officials and safety experts, has strongly endorsed the program. Every effort possible is being made to acquaint the public with the importance of S-D Day in the hopes of securing the full cooperation of each individual citizen. City and Township officials pointed out that this is an excellent opportunity for all citizens to join in a united effort against a common enemy — the rising traffic toll. City and Township police will continue the practice initiated last year of making warning stops for all violations, no matter how minor in nature. This procedure will receive maximum attention on S-D Day as a part of the local program. Safety experts pointed out that Safe Driving Day falls on the opening day of the most dangerous month of the year as far as auto accidents are concerned. They added that while the S-D Day program is confined to just one 24-hour period, it is hoped that the emphasis will be continued throughout the month and the new year ahead.

## City And Township To Cooperate In S-D Day Program December 1

Farmington City and Township officials have pledged their support to the second annual Safe Driving Day program, which will be held on a non-party basis on Thursday, December 1. The purpose of the program is to focus public attention on the serious traffic safety problem and to prove that auto accidents can be reduced. If not eliminated, through a concentrated effort on the part of all citizens. The objective of the S-D Day program is to complete a full 24-hour period without auto accidents. During the first annual Safe Driving program, conducted last December 15, a decided reduction in accidents was accomplished. Governor G. Mennen Williams, along with other State officials and safety experts, has strongly endorsed the program. Every effort possible is being made to acquaint the public with the importance of S-D Day in the hopes of securing the full cooperation of each individual citizen. City and Township officials pointed out that this is an excellent opportunity for all citizens to join in a united effort against a common enemy — the rising traffic toll. City and Township police will continue the practice initiated last year of making warning stops for all violations, no matter how minor in nature. This procedure will receive maximum attention on S-D Day as a part of the local program. Safety experts pointed out that Safe Driving Day falls on the opening day of the most dangerous month of the year as far as auto accidents are concerned. They added that while the S-D Day program is confined to just one 24-hour period, it is hoped that the emphasis will be continued throughout the month and the new year ahead.

## Pedestrian Struck By Auto On Middlebelt Road

**Victim, Howard Meese, Critically Injured**

Howard R. Meese, 64, of the Farmington Trailer Court at 22600 Middlebelt Road, was seriously injured last Thursday evening when he was struck by a car driven by Martin P. Waligora of 30306 Ten Mile Road, in front of the trailer court on Middlebelt near Nine Mile Road. Latest reports revealed that Meese was still in critical condition at Redford Receiving Hospital. Waligora told police that he was driving south on Middlebelt when he saw a man crossing the highway in front of him. He told officers that he applied his brakes to avoid hitting him, but that his car skidded after hitting loose gravel on the blacktop road. The accident occurred shortly before 8 p.m.

ON SUNDAY evening three persons suffered minor injuries in a two-car collision on Grand River Avenue at Violet Street in the City of Farmington. The accident occurred when Emma Keller, of 27105 Grand River, lost control of her auto while turning east onto Grand River from Violet and collided with a car driven by Anthony Angelo, 34, and Marion Angelo, 31. Suffering minor cuts and bruises in the crash were Gale Angelo, 12, Elizabeth Angelo, 14, and Donna M. Dreger of Roseville, Michigan, suffered minor head injuries Saturday morning when her car slid off icy paving on Twelve Mile Road near Hagerly Road.

## Propose Creation Of Master Plan

Recommendations on the adoption of means for the development of a master plan for Farmington Township was presented by the Planning Board at the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening. According to Harvey Freeman, secretary of the Planning Board, the report culminates several months' efforts on the part of the group and reflects the discussions, interviews and considered opinions of the Planning Board in regard to the proposed master plan. The recommendations are designed to provide the means for accommodating an increasing population, providing a stronger economic base, and making possible services and facilities not otherwise available to the residents of the Township. The report, which covers the benefits to be derived from adoption of a master plan as well as the possible consequences if such a program is not undertaken, was placed on file by the Township Board for study and consideration.

## PLAN NEW ADULT DRIVING SESSION AT CLARENCEVILLE

Applications are now being taken for the second session of the Adult Driver Training program at the Clarenceville High School, officials reported this week. Persons interested in enrolling in the course are requested to contact the school by mail, giving name, address and telephone number and enclosing a check for \$5.00 to cover the cost of the course. Applications should be mailed to the Clarenceville Public Schools, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan. Driver classes will be scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

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## Council Authorizes Filing Of Letter With County Board Requesting Action

The City Council, Monday evening, authorized the filing of a letter with the Clerk of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors requesting that the Board pass the proper resolution for the establishment of a Farmington Sewer Interceptor Authority. Action on the proposal was taken following a reading of a letter from Claude Stevens, financial consultant, in which he suggested that such a communication be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. The Council expressed growing concern over the approaching deadlines set up by the County for the City's abatement of pollution into the Rouge River. James Tennant, City Manager, assured the Council that plans and specifications for the City's portion of the project would be completed prior to the January deadline. He added that Paul and Hiram engineers, were presently working on the plans and that efforts would be made to have the drawings available by the December 5 Council meeting.

## Slight Increase In United Fund Total Reported

Campaign Collections Reach \$15,000 Mark

Farmington United Fund and Community Chest officials estimated this week that approximately \$15,000 has been collected to date in an annual campaign. This represents a slight increase over the previous week. Omar Sanderson, chairman of the campaign, stated that although the United Fund is officially over, call-backs in the business and industrial areas are continuing. The house-to-house solicitation in the residential sections was concluded on Tuesday, November 22. According to the latest report, which covered the period up to last Saturday, a total of \$13,674 has been deposited in the United Fund account at the Farmington State Bank. Sanderson stated that an additional \$1,200 is estimated as collected but not yet turned in. This would bring the total to approximately 59% of the \$22,225 quota set for the 1955 campaign. The bulk of the collections made during the past week came from the teachers of the Farmington Public Schools, who donated a total of \$485 to the drive.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that return contacts are now being made at those business and industrial establishments where call-backs were requested. Efforts are also being made to complete arrangements with those companies whose employees agreed to participate in the payroll deduction plan. It is estimated that these contacts will substantially increase the total of the 1955 campaign.

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## City Mails Record Winter Tax Billing

Statements amounting to a record total of \$291,873.37, covering 1956 county and school taxes, were mailed Wednesday to property owners of the City. Kathryn Cotter, City Treasurer, stated that this year's winter tax statement is the largest in the history of the city. This is due in part to the growth of the city as well as an increase in the tax load. It was emphasized that the winter statement covers only county and school taxes, since the city taxes are billed during the summer. Of the \$291,873.37 total, \$42,369.89 is for county general taxes, while \$189,242.61 is designated for school operation. The balance includes \$4,846.79 for county special education and \$141,628.05 for voted school increases, which covers the bond issues for new school buildings. The total assessed valuation of the city is \$5,384,110 while the county equalized valuation of the city is \$3,926,269. Taxes are payable up to January 19 without penalty. After that date a 4% penalty will be added to all payments.

Fred Menke, Jr., president of the Farmington Goodfellows, reported this week that efforts are continuing to secure as many volunteers as possible for the Annual Paper Sale to be held Friday, December 9. All civic and service organizations in the community are being asked to assist in the campaign. Efforts are also being made to secure volunteers from the various subdivision associations throughout the area. Persons or groups who wish to volunteer their services are requested to call Menke at GR. 4-4564.



A CHARTER was presented to the Clarenceville Optimist Club recently renewing their sponsorship of a Clarenceville area Boy Scout and Cub Scout unit for another year. Dr. Sam Prisk, neighborhood Boy Scout Commissioner, right, is shown presenting the charter to Fred Bailey, Optimist president, left. Others in the picture are, left to right: Don Fuller, Rick Thiel, George Wisbeck, Don Dorman, Roy Seaford and Nat Kirby.