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Auto Accident Toll In Area Heavy Over Christmas Holiday Week End

Ten Persons Suffer Injuries, More Than Ten Other Property Damage Accidents Reported

A large number of automobile accidents were reported in the Farmington area over the long Christmas week-end. Ten persons were injured in six collisions and more than ten others were involved in property damage auto accidents.

The worst of the six personal injury accidents occurred Saturday shortly before 10 p.m. on Grand River Avenue near Nine Mile Road. Gordon Misner of 20836 Whitlock suffered injuries to the head and minor internal injuries when his auto collided with the rear of a bus. The car was totally demolished.

Another auto, driven by George Wiegert of 22188 Albion had just struck the bus and was pulling away to the curb when Misner's auto approached the bus. Unable to pull to either the right or left, Misner applied his brakes, but not in time to avoid the crash.

Both Wiegert, uninjured in the crash, and Misner told police that tail lights on the bus were obscured by mud and that they could not see the vehicle until almost upon it.

FOUR persons were injured earlier Saturday on US-16 at Springbrook Drive when a car driven by Fred Hausbeck collided with a car driven by a vehicle driven by Ira Hawkins, 17, of 20823 Nine Mile Road.

Hurt were Hausbeck, Isaac Adams about the head and internal injuries; Hawkins, shock; Clara Corner, Detroit, possible chest injuries; and Robert Masters, 16, 21288 Whitlock, head lacerations.

W. T. Stoley of 20990 Seminole, Detroit, suffered lacerations about the body and Dorothy Chase, Detroit, received shoulder injuries when she collided with the intersection of Grand River and Eight Mile Road early Saturday morning.

Margaret Gorton of 39505 Millford Road suffered scalp lacerations and bruises Saturday afternoon when she lost control of her auto on US-16 west of Drake Road.

Her auto went into a skid on wet pavement, slid across the road onto the shoulder, and crashed into cement posts along the roadside.

Slight bumps and bruises were sustained by Loretta Quigley, 23411 Haynes Street Saturday evening when her auto collided with another at Nine Mile and Middleton. Injuries were not serious but first aid treatment was required.

Early Friday evening, Gerald Lichtenman of Detroit suffered lacerations about the head when his auto ran off the curb at Grand River.

Going out of control after hitting bumps in the road, the car crashed through the guard wires near the base of the hill and into the creek. Steps are now being taken to provide more adequate lighting in this high-accident area.

AROUND THE BLOCK

WINTER HAS ONCE AGAIN... after a brief vacation into the far north. Last week end was more like Easter than Christmas as far as the weather was concerned. About the only snow you could find was the kind that comes out of boxes and the singing of "White Christmas" was particularly appropriate, since it was only a dream for us. However, in spite of the weather it was a happy Christmas for most everyone in the Farmington community.

AS THE OLD YEAR... The Enterprise wishes you all a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

HARRY McCracken RESIGNS AS TOWNSHIP CLERK



BUSILY ENGAGED

last Thursday and Friday at the Township Hall were members of the Farmington Goodfellows packing Christmas baskets to help make Christmas a little brighter for needy families in the Farmington area. Posing for a moment to look over some of the contents going into each of the baskets are, left

Announce Plans For New Adult Education Term

Open Winter Program Week Of January 2

The annual winter term of the Farmington Adult Education program will begin the week of January 2 with six courses being offered to the public, James Reed, Assistant Superintendent, announced this week.

All classes will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in various rooms at the new high school building on Shawwassee Street. Persons interested in any of the classes being offered are requested to call the Board of Education office at 43123 or register at the opening session of the particular class.

The first class scheduled under the new program will be Mrs. Tewksbury's Art course, which will begin on Wednesday, January 4, at 7 p.m. in the new high school. The Knitting class and Women's Physical Education class will open on Thursday, January 5. Dorothy Smith will be in charge of the Knitting class and Eleanor Thompson will be the instructor for the Physical Education class.

ON MONDAY, January 9, two other classes will be started, one in Art and the other in Typing. The Monday Art class will be handled by James Bryant while Miss Barnard will instruct the Typing class. The winter term Upholstery class will not begin until Wednesday, January 12. However, persons interested in the Upholstery course should register now to be sure of enrollment in the class.

Plan Early Action On Library Vote

Action is expected to be taken by the Township Board within the next few weeks on the organization of a special election being called to determine whether or not the voters will approve a tax levy for the financing of a new public library.

The Board has already declared its intent to reorganize the City into the establishment of a combined library district. It has been proposed that a tax levy of 3/10 of a mill be spread on the assessed valuation of the Township as equalized by the State for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the new library. Officials explained that this millage is necessary in order that the library district be qualified for state aid.

No special election will be required in the City since the budget allocation for library purposes is sufficient to meet the state aid requirements. It is proposed that funds from the Clinton Wilber estate and the Ruth Carlisle estate be used for the actual construction of the new library building. The proposed site for the library, on the north side of Grand River east of an extension of Wilmarth Street, is also available through the Wilber Estate.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS BIDS FOR NEW POLICE CAR

Bids on the purchase of a new Township Police car are now being secured by Thomas Tardy and authorized by the Board to proceed with the purchase of the vehicle.

Tardy stated that a number of dealers have been contacted regarding the submitting of proposals. He added that as soon as all bids have been received the committee will be screened by the two-man board and the contract will be awarded. The new car will replace the oldest of two police vehicles now in operation.

Babson Predicts Financial Expert Foresees Continued High Level Of Business In 1956

For newspapers, magazines, television, radio and billboards have helped our prosperity, or it would not have lasted through 1955.

6. The recent policy of the money managers in the direction of "squeeze" will be shifted to "ease" in 1956. This reversal could put a floor under any business decline that may start next year.

7. Liberal credits to the purchasers of houses, automobiles, washing machines, televisions, and various other things have bolstered prosperity and will continue to be a strong support to many industries, through 1956 at least.

8. If the Republicans are re-elected in 1956, great sums will continue to be spent on research and new plant expansion. The effect could well be another year of business.

9. Despite the decline in family formations, the baby boom will roll merrily on through 1956. The rates of new parents are willing to have four, five, and even more youngsters. The result: A tremendous sustained demand for all kinds of necessities - housing, food, clothing, new schools, etc.

10. All told, I look for 1956 to be the second best business year in history - just a shade off from 1955. Predicted declines in the key auto and residential building industries will largely be offset by rising demand for electricity, natural gas, and food.

11. The main handicap to retail business in 1956 will be intensification of the parking nuisance, but

Lists Age And Health As Reasons For Resigning Post After 20 Years

Harry McCracken, who has served as Township Clerk for the past 20 years, submitted his resignation to the Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening to become effective January 1, 1956. McCracken stated during the period which he has served, clerk, he has seen the growth, the development and the well-being of Farmington at heart, and he has seen it develop from a strictly rural community to a metropolitan area with many varied and complex problems.

Supervisors Plan Action On Sewer Authority Jan. 20

Formal action on the establishment of an authority to construct and administer the proposed Farmington Interceptor Sewer is expected to be initiated at the next regular meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors on January 20.

Governmental Units File Petitions Favoring Plan

Supervisors will accept the petitions and turn them over to the Drain Commission for the required public hearing. The law requires that at least 20 days intervene between publication of the notice of hearing and the meeting itself. All of the units of government involved in the proposed interceptor ed.

DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE IN CITY, TOWNSHIP

Residents of both the City and Township are being advised this week that 1956 dog licenses are available and payable beginning January 1 and extending to March 1.

CITY AND TOWNSHIP OFFICES TO CLOSE SATURDAY, MONDAY

City and Township officials reported this week that governmental offices will be closed all day Saturday, December 31, and Monday, January 2, because of the New Year's holiday.

Regular schedules will be followed by both the City and Township Police Departments during the week end. An emergency crew of the City's Public Works Department will be on stand-by duty to handle any serious trouble calls.

Goodfellows Aid 87 Needy Families

A total of 87 families in the Farmington city and township area received assistance from the Goodfellows organization prior to the Christmas holiday, Fred Menke, Jr., president, announced this week.

Menke added that the total expenditure for aid to needy families this year amounted to approximately \$2,460. Gift baskets of food and toys were distributed by the Goodfellows on the Friday before Christmas. Proceeds for the Goodfellows program were secured through the Annual Paper Sale and the contributions of canned and packaged goods from school children.

Menke stated that he wished to express the appreciation of the Goodfellows to the many organizations and individuals who assisted in this year's program. These organizations include: The Elks Lodge, the Kiwanis, Exchange Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, the Sharp Shooters Bowling League, Eastern Michigan Orchard Supply, Star Letter Company, the City and Township Police Departments, Curt Hall, Earl Vivier, Albert Gain and Hatton's Hardware, as well as the Farmington Public Schools and Our Lady of Sorrows School.

Appreciation is also extended to the many individuals who contributed to the annual paper sale and who made contributions to the organization.

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