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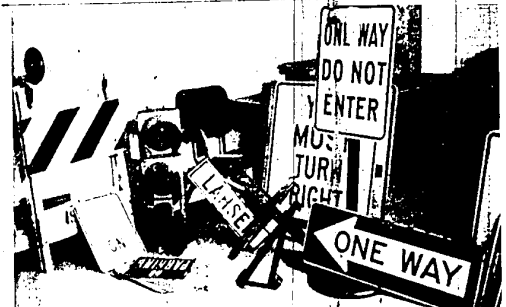
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Trash Accumulates in Township



STREET SIGNS, a traffic light and a wooden barricade were among the \$500 worth of public signs confiscated by the City of Farmington Police early Dec. 30 when they

Police Recover Signs

A traffic signal, a flashing yellow light, a wooden barricade, 29 street and traffic control signs, plus a sign from a telephone booth and a sign prohibiting the playing of handball were all confiscated by the City of Farmington Police Department Dec. 30 and turned over to the Detroit Police Department.

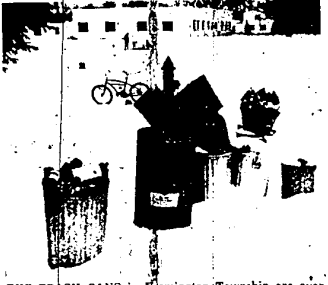
Estimated value of all the signs was placed at \$500.

It all started when Officers Fred and Gubasz noticed a street sign in the back of a car while on routine patrol at 1:55 a.m.

At the corner of Brookdale and Grand River they stopped the car and found all the signs.

The occupants of the car, a 19-year-old Detroit youth and his 15-year-old brother, told police that they had found the signs and were looking for a spot to dump them.

When the pair were taken to the station the 20-year-old brother told police that he had been in his brother's bedroom and that he told him that they had to go and loaded them into the car and was looking for a



THE TRASH CANS in Farmington Township are overflowing while the Township administration is seeking a collector. These cans have been full and awaiting collection at the Pruner home at 21515 Farmington Rd. since Dec. 5.

Phones Ring While Officials Seek Aid

Farmington's affluent waste is catching up to it. It all started a few weeks ago when the Township's trash collector just disappeared.

The Southfield firm of Tringelli just stopped its collections. Since then the Township phones have been ringing off the hook and Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns has tried three different contractors. One man is currently doing his best at collecting the rubbish, but the weather hasn't helped the situation.

It is just about at the point where the secretaries in Township Hall warn not to mention the words trash collection to Cairns.

If it's any consolation, the problem of trash collection is not peculiar to Farmington Township.

The problem hasn't plagued the City as yet, but it created havoc in Warren when the city employees went out on strike some months back.

Crux of the problem seems to be help. Added to that, what does the contractor do when he has loaded all the trash? This is not necessarily the most immediate problem, but it is potentially the most serious.

The help situation is common to all business today. With the shortage of help, trash collectors just can't compete on the wage scale with the factories and, as such, don't have the manpower.

In fact, Farmington Township had trouble finding any firm that was interested in taking the job.

The City of Farmington contracts its weekly collection out to McCreech's in Novi. Last summer the City was forced to negotiate a new contract for the service as McCreech said he just wasn't able to do the job under the existing rate.

Additional collections in the City of special monthly pickups are handled by the City employees. City Manager John Dian said that the City was encountering no present problems in this area.

Police Seek Relatives

Farmington Township Police are seeking relatives of a 69-year-old township resident who was found dead in his trailer Dec. 28 by Officer Melvin Hall.

Dead is Frank Berlinger of 25720 Orchard Lake Rd., area resident of the Oakland Hills Trailer Park.

When Berlinger failed to show up for a Christmas party a friend became worried and after receiving no answer to his telephone calls, visited the trailer park on Dec. 28.

He asked the park manager, Joe Kwasy to check on Berlinger. When it was dark and no light went in the trailer although Berlinger's car was parked outside, Kwasy called the police.

Patrolman Hall pried open the door and found Berlinger on the floor.

Police said that the death was due to natural causes, but that Berlinger had been dead for some time when he was found.

Fire Damages Home
 The George J. Brodie home at 22823 Manning in the City of Farmington, suffered severe damage in a fire Dec. 26. A total of 13 firefighters from the city answered the call and spent about an hour extinguishing the blaze. The fire was confined to the front room, but the rest of the house was damaged by smoke.

Exchange Club Has Record of Service

From a group of 12 men to a membership of 95 in 42 years is the story of the Farmington Exchange Club, the community's oldest service organization.

Farmington's unofficial historian Harley Walters recalls that the group began in February, 1924 when 12 men met with three members of the Redford Exchange Club at the Farmington State Savings Bank to organize a local club.

John C. Clark (2357) Whitaker was a member of this original group and is still an active member of today's organization.

Olin Russell was appointed the organizational chairman and 25 members were required before a charter would be granted. By March 28 there were 35 members signed up and June 13 was designated as Charter Night.

L. F. Gildemeister was the first president of the group, while the officers were: Floyd H. Nichols, vice president; Emory O. Hatton, secretary; and John Flanagan, treasurer. When the charter was formally issued there were 30 members.

Additional charter members were: Clarence W. Bishop, Isaac Bond, Dr. Zeb Aschen, Brentford, Clark Cook, Fred Dickson, F. Devere Fleming, William H. Hart, Spencer J. Hemeny, Joe Himmelspach, Carl G. Hoyle, Dr. E. F. Holcomb, Harrison Johnson, Arthur G. Lamont, Thomas H. McGee, Dr. James A. Miller, W. M. Miller, Frank Pauline, Henry C. Poulter, Edgar S. Pierce, Olin Russell, Stanley F. Smith, Harley D. Warner, Howard M. Warner, Dr. G. Frank Wilkerson, and Clinton W. Wilkerson.

In addition to Dr. James Devere Fleming, Harrison Johnson and Arthur G. Lamb are still active in the organization.

Today the Exchange Club's big project each year is the Goodfellow Christmas Dinner.

Furnished lunches for underprivileged school children during the winter of 1931. Sold stock to open a Christmas Dinner. Promoted an Apple Blossom Festival the same year.

Arranged for free band concerts in 1935 and provided aid for children needing dental care in 1937. Tried to bring a motion picture theater to town in 1938 and 1939 and organized the Goodfellow Paper Sale in 1938.

Dies on Job
 Arthur L. Therrien, 63, of 12843 Bentler, Detroit, suffered a heart attack while on the job as a guard at the Manufacturers National Bank branch of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township on Dec. 25. Therrien was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Christmas Present Is --Robbery
 Vernon Dumas, 20617 Ontario, Farmington Township, was beaten and robbed of \$128 in front of his home during broad daylight Christmas Day.

Dumas told Farmington Township Police Officer Robert Novak that he was getting out of his auto in front of his home, when three youths between the ages of 17 and 19 hit him over the head.

Case Delayed

The court date in the Oakland County Circuit Court on a suit brought by Farmington Township seeking to prohibit the City of Farmington from providing water and sewer facilities to the Woodcroft area has been postponed to Monday, Jan. 15.

Originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3 the case will be heard by Judge Arthur E. Moore.

spot to dump the signs so that his brother would not get into trouble.

Included in the collection were cash stop signs from the City of Detroit; street signs; stop and yield signs; as well as road markers, speed limit signs and a pavement narrow sign.

Prize of the collection, however, was a traffic signal. A wooden barricade, a yellow flasher light, a sign from a public telephone booth, and a sign posted by the Board of Education stating "No Handball Playing" were also found.

Robert Wardman, chief of police, said that the taking of some of these signs could have caused a serious accident.

By the end of the day the entire collection of signs and the report on the matter was turned over to the Detroit Police.

Library Plans For Expansion

A tentative expansion program has been formulated for the Farmington District Library.

The plan calls for construction of a new library facility on the Mile Rd. site in Farmington Township and expansion of the facility in the City of Farmington.

It also calls for the addition of several volumes to the library's collection.

The District Library serving both the City of Farmington and Farmington Township is currently on a half mill levy voted last year for the Township for a 20 year period.

Under the structure of the system both the City and the Township pay equal part of a per capita basis. Thus the City Council levies a mill out of its 20 mill limitation for the Township.

Ernst Sauter, president of the Farmington District Library Board, has a presentation on the expansion plans which he is willing to give to any interested group. All that is necessary is a call to the District Library requesting the presentation and Sauter will arrange it.

Specific points of the program include:
 * A new 20,000 square foot library across from the E. Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile Rd. with a building cost of \$414,000 plus \$400,000 for books at a total expenditure of \$814,000.

* An enlargement of the present facility in the City from its 3,800 square feet to 10,000 square feet at an estimated cost of \$153,000. The acquisition of 35,000 books would cost \$140,000.

Out of 22 libraries participating in the Wayne County Library System the Farmington District Library ranks fourth in circulation figures but fifth in size. The area is in the upper third of the population figures and places midway in its collection size.

Winter Fun
 A seven-foot toboggan was taken from the garage at the Dutton residence on 28229 Bayberry, Farmington Township, during the Christmas holiday. According to the police report the overhead garage door was forced open to gain entry.

What's Inside FARMINGTON



VELTON PETZ, noted Lincoln authority and principal of the Bend Elementary School, will speak at the Longacre PTA meeting Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Petz will discuss "Lincoln Through the Eyes of Children." The meeting is open to the public. (See related story on page 4A).

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