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15,738  
DRIVERS  
FLUNKED  
THE BREATH  
TEST!**

**DON'T LET THE SPOIL YOUR XMAS**

**HOLIDAY WARNING**—The Farmington Department of Public Safety arranged this poster to warn motorists not to drink and drive during the holidays, or at any time. The sequence of photos tells a story of a motorist

stopped for a violation, who took the breath test for alcohol and flunked, appeared before the judge and ended up in jail. The exhibit is in Farmington city hall. (Evert photo)

## Miller Advises Give Winter Driving Tips

**FARMINGTON** "Start making it a habit now to get the feel of the road and your car when you start to drive or when conditions change."

This practice was recommended today to Farmington drivers by Richard H. Miller of the Farmington City Police Traffic Safety Bureau.

"Many motorists consider this only foul weather advice," Miller says. "But they are mistaken. A lot can be learned, even in good weather on dry pavement."

"In addition, snow or ice-slicked roads are no place to learn a technique that should be good practice before bad weather sets in."

**THE TECHNIQUE** Miller refers to is that of applying your brakes gently when you first start driving every day to see how your brakes and the road surface interact.

He lists the following advantages of making the technique a year-round habit:

1. On dry surfaces, you get a reading of how well your brakes are operating. Water, overnight moisture, or the

need for adjustment can cause slipping and grabbing brakes that will throw you out of control. It's best to have your braking system inspected, in advance, by a professional mechanic—along with a cold weather check of your car.

2. In addition to snow or ice, unstable traction can result from water, moist leaves, sand or gravel on the road, calling for a "feel of the road" by braking, or by accelerating carefully to see if and

when wheels spin.

**SGT. MILLER'S** recommendation was one of six steps to safer winter driving developed by skid-testers of the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards. Others are:

Maintain ample following distances—stretch them out in any condition less than ideal. "Pump" your brakes to slow or stop—three to five times a second—to maintain steering

control.

Always drive on good tires with good treads. Use snow tires or studded tires under winter conditions.

Carry reinforced tire chains—use them when traction problems are severe.

Keep windshield and all windows clear. When wiper blades streak, replace them; and keep your windshield washer filled with the recommended mixture of windshield antifreeze and water.

## Township Trebles

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mill levy for police protection approved by voters in mid-1968.

Six pieces of fire fighting equipment were added to the township's volunteer department during the decade and another fire station was built. Reflecting the building activity in the area, the building and inspection department of the township more than doubled in size.

**THE TOWNSHIP'S** total budget might be the best indicator of the increase in local government services during the 1960s. At the beginning of the decade, the budget was approximately \$220,000. This year's budget is \$1.3 million.

The government itself moved once during the 60s. Township offices occupied the Masonic Temple at the corner of Grand River and Farmington Rd. until 1962 when they moved to the present site on 11 Mile Rd. just west of Orchard Lake. A \$400,000 addition was completed this year.

defeated two attempts to change their form of government during the last half of the decade. A 1966 attempt to incorporate the township into this city failed, and another attempt a year later was narrowly defeated.

Township and village residents approved the consolidation question last November which was defeated by a "no" vote in the city.

**LOCAL HISTORIAN** Lee Peel says the thing that really characterizes the 1960s is the phenomenal growth of apartments. "I believe that in the next decade, this will really become a bedroom town," he added.

The '60s have seen some cultural development in the township as well as the city, said Peel.

"Prominent artists have moved to the area, the art clubs have made an impact and an art council has been organized. I predict that Farmington may one day have its own museum."

"During the '60s city hall has only had its focus on economics. It has lagged about saving some areas for public parks."

Unfortunately, the Orchard Ridge Campus has had very little impact on the community, Peel concludes. "In my opinion, it has contributed nothing to the community except as a year-round Christmas tree at night with its campus lights."

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## Review Of '60s

# Schools Adjust Well During Population Boom

By OUR STAFF

**FARMINGTON** School District continued a growth period begun in the late 1950s during the past decade.

Dr. Roderick Smith, who became superintendent of the district in 1967 replacing Gerald Harrison, says the period between 1956-1966 was the "basic period of rapid growth" for the district. The boom has slowed but by no means stopped, he adds.

Student enrollment increased about 75% in the district and many of the district's schools now operating were completed.

Enrollment figures closely followed the total area's population growth, increasing about 800 students per year beginning with about 10,000 in 1960. The projected enrollment for 1970 is 17,500.

**THE LARGEST GROWTH** in numbers occurred in the elementary grades. The district predicts there will be 2,000 more elementary pupils in 1970 than it had in 1960.

This increase in the number of students caused a squeeze in classroom space and led to the construction of many schools in the late '50s and early '60s. By 1967, all except five elementary schools now in operation were completed.

O.E. Dunkel Junior High at 32800 12 Mile, Farmington Junior High at 33000 Thomas and Farmington Senior High at 32000 Shiawassee were the secondary schools in operation at the beginning of the decade.

The biggest additions to the district during the past 10 years were North Farmington High School at 32900 13 Mile, East Junior High at 32000 Middle Belt and Power Junior

High at 34740 Rhonswood showed a pattern of spreading secondary schools away from the city area and into the township.

The only significant changes in the designs of schools in the district occurred towards the end of the decade. Wooddale Elementary School, 28800 Poppermill Dr., and Harrison High School, now under construction on 12 Mile, show new techniques of constructing school buildings.

An instructional media center, a library with extended facilities such as tape recorders and other teaching aids, is an integral part of the elementary school.

**HARRISON HIGH**, the district's third high school which is to open next fall, is built on a modular design which allows for adjustments and modifications of classrooms.

By moving partitions, several regular sized classrooms can be joined for teaching by groups of instructors.

Farmington's teachers were the center of one change during the past decade which had a great effect on the district's spending.

In 1965, teachers were allowed to bargain collectively with school districts. The budget jumped from \$5.3 million in 1965-66 to \$13 million this year. School enrollment increased about 2,000 pupils during the same period.

Teachers' salaries, which account for 80% of the district's budget, increased from a starting salary of about \$5,000 at the beginning of the decade to \$7,400 for a beginning teacher now.

Mathematics and sciences re-

ceived more emphasis at earlier ages, and many new textbooks came into use.

One of the most important changes in the Farmington system in the curriculum area was its adaptability.

During the past two years, the district has adopted the extensive use of paperback books in some fields. With paperback textbooks, a teacher may change texts from year to year without worry of students' cost burden.

Another important change in the district's curriculum came in vocational education. The Farmington district greatly increased its instruction in vocational education and moved into such fields as nurses' training. A regional vocational training center now under construction will provide more advanced training in computer operations and other fields.

Are the parents satisfied with the Farmington educational system? Smith thinks so. He says parents seem to be "satisfied or satisfied" and are probably a combination of both.

However, teachers are glad to pitch in and help on such committees as the school starting time and junior high curriculum groups, Smith adds.

**CURRICULUM CHANGES** were a subject much discussed after Soviet scientists fired the first artificial earth satellite into orbit during the decade. Mathematics and sciences re-

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