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Check Shows Many Traffic Violations

Some interesting figures are found in a traffic survey made recently for a 12-hour period, at the intersection of Farmington road and Grand River avenue. The report was made by the Metropolitan Secret Service of Detroit on a recent Saturday, between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight.

During that period 6,880 cars and 412 trucks passed the intersection. Traffic was heaviest between 7 and 9, when 1,500 cars were counted, and between 2 and 3, when 745 passed. Trucks were most in evidence during 1 and 2, and 3 and 4, when 145 were checked.

Infractions of the traffic laws were heaviest from 7 to midnight. The hourly total follows: 7-8, 199; 8-9, 176; 9-10, 155; 10-11, 109; 11-12, 92.

The total violations checked during the 12 hour period follows in tabulated form:

Turn on red	187
Run red light	180
Double parking	67
Improper parking	119
Wrong side	9
U-turn	116
No tail light	224
One head light	21
No head lights	46
Reckless driving	48
Backing around corner	31

JOHN GRACE SCHOOL HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

John Grace Public School children and faculty members of the Southfield No. 9 School District are faced with the problem of working with a capacity enrollment this year, Superintendent Glenn W. Levey announced this week.

Latest figures show that housed in the two-story brick building are 300 pupils, who are instructed by 10 teachers. The school's enrollment was 270, 30 less than are attending school this year.

The biggest gain in any one class was shown in the first grade. Attendance jumped from 10 to 60 for the present year. Superintendent Levey could give no specific reason for this one-third increase, but stated that many families from the West, who have small children, have moved from that city recently to permit their children to benefit from the "open air," and that some of these groups moved into the Southfield district.

No kindergarten class, but five and six-year-old children are permitted to enter the first grade. First grade is divided into three sections, known as the "Beginners," "I-B," and "A-I." Five-year-olds are placed in the "Beginners" section, and then progress to "I-B" and finally to "A-I." Thus they attend first grade for three semesters. Six-year-olds are generally placed immediately in "I-B" and ordinarily stay in the first grade for only two semesters.

A slight increase is also found this year in the Junior High School. Enrollment figures show an attendance of 95. Seventh, eighth and ninth graders make up the Junior High School.

Is Buried In Wedding Dress

Mrs. Irene Sergison, the wife of Garfield Sergison, of 24410 North Farmington road, is being buried Thursday in her wedding dress at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Services are being held at the Heene Funeral Home, with Rev. Gilbert Miles, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Mrs. Sergison, who was 21 years old, died suddenly at her home Tuesday morning at 1:30. Death was said to have been caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The deceased was born September 23, 1914, in South Dakota, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erickson. Her husband survives her.

DEALER FINDS HOWA HOT

Vic Blakeslee, Farmington automobile dealer, is telling his friends that he felt a bit chilly when he returned from a trip Wednesday. It wasn't because Michigan weather was cold, he explained, but because he had just come from Iowa where the thermometer hovered around the 98 degree mark.

Blakeslee left Tuesday to deliver a car in the Corn State.

School Approval Keeps Farmington Up To Date

Farmington is thoroughly in step with the times. In its latest and most important civic activity, approval of the proposal to erect an addition to its school plant—as is shown by a press dispatch from Lansing reporting on the trend of high school education throughout the State. According to the dispatch, urban school districts everywhere have taken cognizance of the mutual benefits to be obtained by providing adequate and modern high school facilities and curricula to care for high school age pupils of rural areas adjacent to the towns.

The article reads as follows: A winning football team or new gymnasium has suddenly become a business asset to scores of small Michigan towns. Merchants and school boards are getting behind athletic programs

Accidents Are Numerous Here

Elia Randall, 15 years old, of Parker Avenue, Parker Subdivision, Farmington, is apparently recovering from injuries received Thursday night at 6:30 in a collision at Grand River and Power Avenue. It was the second accident at that intersection in three nights.

Miss Randall was released from the Redford Receiving Hospital Thursday morning, was reported by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, who investigated the accident, that she was suffering from a possible skull fracture and lacerations of the head.

Left Hand Turn She was a passenger in the car of Frank M. Mowbray, of 21125 Parker Avenue. Gordon Scott, of 2011 Ford Avenue, Detroit, was the driver of the other car. According to the deputy's report, Mowbray, who was heading East on Grand River, attempted to make a left hand turn and the impact drove the car into the gas station drive.

An earlier accident occurred at the same corner Thursday night at 8:30. A car driven by Howard Cossin, of 20201 Gill Road, Farmington, was struck from behind by an International Creamery truck, driven by Burton Hall, of Jamestown, Michigan. Both vehicles were traveling East. Deputy DeVriendt, who investigated, reported that Cossin was not over the curb and up the sidewalk to Brookdale Avenue. The car was badly smashed, and the right front of the truck was damaged. The truck was loaded with ice cream. Mix some of which was spilled by the collision.

Wrenched Shoulder Jack McLeod, of 15516 Mark Avenue, Detroit, is suffering a wrenched shoulder received early Thursday morning, when his car was demolished. Deputy DeVriendt reported that the car landed in the parkway, bottom side up, at the East Junction of the Cut-Off, with the driver evidently, was not fanned.

Florence O. Brandt, of 3292 Carter Avenue, Detroit, suffered a possible fractured left arm, when the car in which she was riding overturned Thursday evening on Grand River near Meadowbrook. She was a passenger in the car driven by her husband, F. L. Brandt. DeVriendt, who also investigated this accident, stated that Bowden Hampton, of 555 E. Bethune, Detroit, was driving West, and passing a car, which, at the same instant attempted to pass the auto in front of that. Brandt, traveling East, tried to avoid a collision, and, according to the Deputy, rolled over on the shoulder.

Another collision reported by Deputy DeVriendt, occurred on Grand River at Wilson Friday morning at 2:30, when a car driven by Ray L. Jennings, of 17144 Wilson, was colliding with one driven by Ray McPeck, of 38139 Orchard Lane Road, Birmingham. Mrs. McPeck was treated at the Redford Receiving Hospital for a twisted ankle. The McPeck car was reported demolished.

New Telephone Books

Telephone subscribers in the Farmington area are in possession of the October 1938 edition of the Michigan Bell Telephone Directory. The books are being mailed through the mail during the early part of this week.

The powder blue covered directory bearing the modernistic symbol, "The Spirit of the Century," is the issue of July 1938. Subscribers are asked to refer to the new issue before placing their calls.

Ordinance Copies Being Prepared

Members of the Farmington City Commission will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Clerk's office in the Farmington State Bank for their monthly meeting. The scheduled meeting of last Monday was postponed one week, due to conflicts.

Mayor Warner states, that at present only routine business is listed for the coming session. The proposed City Zoning and Housing ordinances will receive further attention from the Commission in the near future. Individual copies are being typed, and will be available for Commissioners and residents in a week or so.

A discussion on parts of the zoning ordinance was held last month, but because of the many details it was believed that by issuing extra copies and making them accessible to everyone all interested parties could read the ordinance at their leisure.

City workmen will clean out the water tank next week. In preparation for this the reservoir at the athletic field was repaired this past week, with new iron pipes replacing some of the stone crock. Willow tree roots were deeply imbedded in some of the crock, which clogged the drain.

As a warning to all residents, Mayor Howard Warner announced this week that the City of Farmington will be posted with "no hunting" signs, reminding residents that no shooting is permitted within the City Limits.

Whether or not hunting is permitted in the Township depends on the individual owner.

A&P Store Advertises Big Variety of Soaps

The thrifty and efficient housewife is always in search of the best soap products, and the Farmington A&P store is advertising this week their specialties, which Manager M. K. Ferrier states will meet every soap need.

In this week's ad, located on page three of this issue, are listed at money-saving prices, 50 a.p.s., cleanser, soap chips and starch. Ferrier reminds local residents that the A&P carries a complete line, and only a few items are mentioned, and that they also have in stock a large variety of face soap.

LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS

A public installation of the officers held at the Groves Walker Club, 345, is being held in the Town Hall, Thursday evening. Members and friends have been invited to attend the ritual, and become acquainted with the American Legion officers.

The installation is being conducted by members of the Oakland County Vulture of the 40 and 8.

Recreation Group Plans Novel Bicycle Derby

A novel event, a bicycle derby, is to be staged at the high school athletic field, the afternoon of Saturday, October 15, starting at 2 o'clock. The derby is one of the events planned for local residents by the supervisors of the WPA student and adult recreational program.

Many of the "younger set" of Farmington possess bicycles, and if they are invited to join in the fun at the derby. Riders do not have to be experienced to enter. All that is necessary is that they know how to turn the pedals.

A good time should be had by contestants and spectators, with an especially lively time promised to the riders, as they run their wheels over the grassy turf.

Director Looks To Future As He Builds Band Program

Although many residents of Farmington may not be aware of it, Director Alvin Benner of the High School faculty, is introducing a highly systematized music program for school children, that promises to give results in the near future, and particularly in the next few years.

The Director has divided the pupils into three groups. At present 22 pupils are in the "first band," which is the goal of every student. This is a comparatively small group, but Mr. Benner believes in quality over quantity. This band is primarily a "playing band," a group of 24 newcomers makes up the "beginners' band," where the children learn the fundamentals. In the near future a laboratory is the "second band." Members who are not fully qualified to play in the main band play in this group

Local Resident Awaits Trial

Awaiting arraignment and trial in the Oakland County Circuit Court, during its December term, Clifford R. Batson, of Farmington, is charged with the murder of a woman.

Batson, who is charged with negligent homicide, was examined before Judge John J. Schulte in the Farmington Municipal Court Friday. Clinton McGee was the attorney for the defendant, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney William Dohany represented the State.

Roland Waters, of Detroit, died as the result of an accident in which Batson was involved. Three other children were injured.

Friends Mourn Death Of Alfred Berchem

The family and friends are mourning the death of Alfred F. Berchem, 68 years old, who died Sunday at the Detroit General Hospital. He is survived by his wife and several children, who reside at 18255 Shadydale, West Point Park.

The deceased was employed at the Henry Ford Edison Institute as painter, where he worked until two weeks ago when he took ill. He was a patient in the hospital for two days when he died of lobes pneumonia. It is believed.

Mr. Berchem, who was born in Germany, May 8, 1870, was buried Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Services were held at Heene's Funeral Home, with Rev. C. J. Schulte officiating. Mrs. Leonora Gildemeister sang a solo.

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The German Beneficial Union, which meets the fourth Monday of each month, announced that in the future their gatherings will be held at the Winter Gardens on Seven Mile and Farmington Road.

Legion Head Near Death After Crash

Frank Shoup, retiring commander of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, of Farmington, is in Receiving Hospital at Redford, suffering from injuries that may prove fatal, as a result of his car crashing into a pole Sunday evening on Grand River near Albion Avenue.

Commander Shoup was to have formally turned over his leadership of the Legion post to Commander-elect Charles E. Clark at a public installation ceremonies on Thursday evening in Town Hall.

Shoup, whose car jumped the curb, mounted the island and cut back across the pavement before striking a pole, is suffering from a badly crushed chest, lacerated jaw, and possible fracture of the skull.

Chase Denied

Reports circulated at the time of the accident that Shoup was being chased after having run through a red light, were said by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt to be untrue. Deputy DeVriendt also discounted reports that Shoup was drunk, stating that the hospital report made no mention of the patient being "alcoholic" on admission.

A left front tire was found blown out on Shoup's car, leaving doubt as to details of the occurrence. Deputy DeVriendt pointed out that the tire might have blown out causing the machine to jump over the curb, or that perhaps the vehicle went over the curb from some other cause, and the tire was broken open in the process. The deputy reported that motorists behind Shoup said he had been proceeding in a straight line, when the machine suddenly veered to the center curbing and went over it.

The vehicle was demolished. Deputy DeVriendt stated that no charges were being made in the case, no one but Shoup having been injured.

Commander Shoup lives on Long Avenue, Clareville. He is married and has a son about 10 years old. He has been a resident of this area for the past 10 years.

Funeral Services Held In West Point Park

The funeral services of Mrs. Clyde McDermott, who resided with her husband in West Point Park, are being held Thursday afternoon, with Rev. William Richards, of Belleville, who united the couple in marriage, officiating. She is being buried in North Farmington by the side of her parents.

Mrs. McDermott died early Tuesday morning at her home after an illness of nearly ten months.

The following is a short account of her life prepared by herself during her last few weeks:

"Flora J. Johnson, daughter of Morris E. Johnson and Mary E. Dugman, was born in Greenville, Michigan, October 20, 1877. While a little child she lived a few years in Farmington. From there, at the age of 10, she went with her parents to the West coast, where they lived for about 25 years.

"She was united in marriage to Nelson C. Peterson. This marriage was later annulled, and she was short time in California, she moved back to Michigan to reside with her parents at Northville.

"On October 17, 1917, she entered the employment of the Edison Company at Northville, where she remained in service nearly 10 years. During this time she was much interested in the Woman's Relief Corps and was once president.

"On August 9, 1927 she married Clyde McDermott, of Farmington. They built a little home at West Point Park where they have lived happily since.

Lumber Company Offers Special Stoker Service

A special stoker service is now being offered to the residents of Farmington and vicinity by the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company, Bayard Tupper announced this week.

"There are no strings attached," says Mr. Tupper. "If your stoker is not heating properly, or you are not getting the proper efficiency, we will be glad to have our special engineer call on you to aid you in finding out your difficulty."

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