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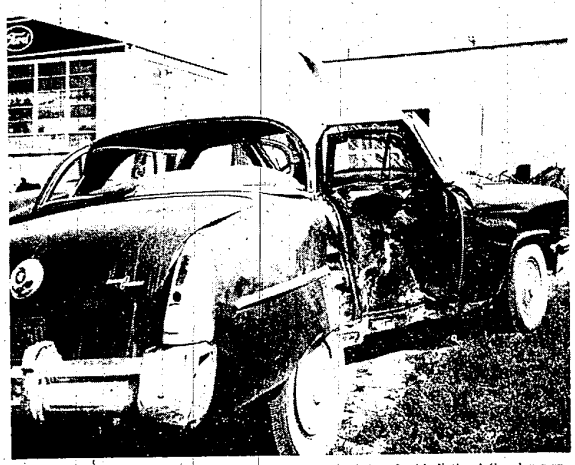
A Tragic Finale To Another Labor Day Week End



This is what's left of one auto involved in a two-car accident on South Farmington Road Saturday evening in which one person died and two were seriously injured. (Other picture on Page 1A.) Five persons were also injured in a second accident Sunday afternoon on Orchard Lake Road north of Ten Mile Road. Farmington City and Township Police, along with State Police reinforced with National Guard personnel, maintained an active patrol on all main roads in the Farmington area over the long holiday week end. A State Police sound truck as well as a helicopter and conventional aircraft assisted in the handling of the Labor Day traffic.

Schools Expect Record Opening Day Attendance

Classes To Begin Thursday Morning

A new record number of students are expected to pour into the classrooms of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts Thursday morning, officially opening the 1954-55 school year.

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of Farmington Township School District, has predicted that enrollment will reach the 3,500 mark within the next few weeks. This represents an increase of about 500 students over last year's total. The largest increase continues in the elementary grades. This year's kindergarten enrollment is expected to run well over 450 in spite of earlier predictions that the 1954-55 registration would be slightly less than last year.

AS A RESULT of the heavy elementary load, half day sessions have been set up in the first and second grades throughout the District. It is planned that the double sessions will continue through the school year, since the proposed new elementary buildings will not be completed until September, 1955. The sessions

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Set Water Meeting For September 16

Plans are now being completed for a second public meeting on the township water situation, to be held next Thursday evening, September 16, at the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., is being called by the special citizens' committee organized two weeks ago. Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, Township Health Officer and chairman of the committee, stated that all township property owners concerned with the water situation are urged to attend the meeting. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that members of the Board will be present at the public meeting.

According to members of the committee, the meeting will be primarily a progress report on the activities undertaken thus far. These activities include a survey of the needs as well as the possible sources of water supply for the township. Plans are proceeding on the organization of a house-to-house canvass throughout the "dry" areas to secure vitally needed information on the water conditions.

STATE CONDEMNS 33 ELM TREES IN TOWNSHIP

A total of 33 elm trees in Farmington Township have been tagged by State Conservation Department inspectors as infected with elm disease, township officials were notified this week.

According to the order, individual property owners have been instructed to remove the trees to prevent further spread of the disease. The owners have ten days in which to apply for an appeal from the order, as issued pursuant to Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1943. According to officials, the trees must be removed at the owner's expense.

Holiday Auto Accidents In Farmington Area Leave One Dead, Seven Injured

Discuss Plans For City Test Wells

Norbert Ratal-ky, right, City Engineer, and Garbeth Graham, drill operator, discuss plans for the boring of test water wells on the east end of the city-owned property located between the Grand River Cut-Off and Nine Mile Road and west of Farmington Road. The well drilling machinery shown in the photo involves a new process which, according to officials, is much faster and more mobile than the conventional outfits. Work on the test wells will be started Friday.

Two Separate Crashes In Township Mar Labor Day Week End

One person died and seven were injured as the result of two separate auto accidents in the Farmington area over the long Labor Day week end.

The fatal accident occurred Saturday evening shortly after 10 o'clock on Farmington Road just south of Nine Mile. Backing out of a private driveway, Elroy Juve of Plymouth was hit broadside by a car driven by Harold Pearsall of 21161 Cass, Farmington.

Juve, Pearsall and Mary Pearsall were all injured in the crash. Fatally injured, Juve was rushed to the Redford Receiving Hospital, where he died two hours later. Pearsall, who suffered facial lacerations and a broken leg, and Mary Pearsall, who was treated for cuts about the face, were also taken to the Redford Hospital.

The second serious accident occurred Sunday afternoon when Helen L. Donohue of Detroit ran off Orchard Lake Road about a half mile north of Ten Mile Road and crashed into a driveway culvert.

Mrs. Donohue and her four children riding with her in the car were all hurt. Injuries included: Helen Donohue, lacerations about the head; Dennis, 2½, body bruises; Mary Joe, 6½, bruises to the right leg; Thomas, 10, lacerations about the face; Jimmy, 11, cuts around the head. They were taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit for treatment.

No apparent reasons were given for the car running off the road and out of control.

A NUMBER of other minor accidents were reported in the Farmington area over the long Labor Day week end by city, township and state police officials. None of them, however, were serious and only one or two resulted in any personal injuries. The injuries sustained were minor and required only first aid treatment.

In an accident last Wednesday

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City Zoning Case Set For Friday In Circuit Court

Boren Appeals Ruling Of Zoning Board

Members of the City Zoning Board and the building inspector will appear in Oakland County Circuit Court Friday morning as defendants in a Petition for Mandamus case filed by John L. Boren, 23180 Alta Loma.

Boren is seeking action against a decision of the Zoning Board and the building inspector holding construction of a home at Liberty and Alta Loma Streets for alleged violations of the zoning ordinance and building code. According to the Zoning Board, the new house does not conform to the zoning ordinance in regard to the set-back distance from Liberty Street. In addition, the building inspector has charged that no plot plan was submitted for the house and no building permit was obtained.

THE PETITIONER claims that he should be allowed to continue construction because of the unusual conditions pertaining thereto and the fact that the restrictions in question would work a hardship

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Collect Over $675 In Polio Drive

A total of $676.57 was collected during the recent emergency polio fund raising drive conducted in Farmington, it was learned this week.

The majority of credit for the success of the local fund raising program must go to local teenagers, who carried out an active schedule in soliciting aid for polio victims. Headed by Sharon Beuthin, between 40 and 50 Farmington teenagers took part in organizing and carrying out the special polio fund campaign locally.

Activities included a solicitation from local merchants, a bake sale, a door-to-door march and a dance. Canisters were also placed in all business establishments.

Teenage girls, with the assistance of a pet dog, collected $54 in their tour of local business places and added another $43 from their bake sale. The costumed Mardi Gras dance netted $25 with $38 being picked up from canisters placed in stores. The remainder of the total sum was collected by the teenagers in their door-to-door Mardi Gras March.

Hearing On City Zoning Change Set

The City Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday evening, September 27, at the Municipal Building for the purpose of considering a petition requesting a change in the Zoning Ordinance.

According to the Board, the proposed change involves eight lots on the north side of Grand River and east of Lilac Street. The petition requesting the change has been filed by Charles Quigley, owner of Quigley Machine Products, 30966 Grand River. The property involved includes the present site of the Quigley plant as well as one lot on the east and several lots on the west. The area covers approximately 160 feet, and includes Lots 362 through 369 inclusive.

Officials stated that the Quigley Machine Products plant was located on its present site at the time the Floral Park area was annexed into the city. Since that time the building has been enlarged under a variance granted

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FARC To Start Swim Program

The regular swimming program of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will begin on Saturday, September 11, officials of the Commission announced this week.

All boys and girls of the Farmington area between the ages of 9 and 18 years are invited to participate in the program. This is a weekly activity conducted each year from September through June. Boys and girls will be transported from the Farmington area to the Highland Park Y. M. C. A., where the swimming program is conducted. A school bus will leave the Junior High School at 5 p.m. with pick-ups at the Noble, Middlebelt, and Bond Schools. The only charge is a pool fee, which is paid to the Y. M. C. A. Supervision and bus service is furnished by the Recreation Commission.

Participants are asked to bring their own swim suits and towels and girls must wear rubber swim caps. The bus will return to Farmington about 9 p.m. The swimming program will be supervised by Don Hossler and Byron Oliver.

Greyhound Curtails Suburban Bus Service To And From Farmington

Newly Revised Schedule Eliminates Shuttle Service After 9 p.m. Effective Monday

Effective Monday, September 13, suburban bus service between Farmington and Redford after nine o'clock in the evening will be discontinued, Greyhound Bus Lines disclosed.

Inter-city buses, however, will offer services after that time. Two evening runs to and from Farmington will be offered daily in the later evening hours.

A new schedule of bus runs between Detroit and Lansing will go into effect Monday. A Lansing bus will leave Redford at 8:55 p.m. and arrive in Farmington at 9:06, with another leaving there at 1:28 a.m. and arriving in Farmington at 1:39.

THE FIRST bus after 9 p.m. to Detroit will stop in Farmington at 9:12 and arrive in Redford at 9:22. The second will arrive at 11:03 and reach Redford at 11:14. Extra buses over the week end will provide more runs during those hours.

Discontinuance of suburban bus service to and from Farmington during the later evening hours was necessary, Greyhound officials stated. A passenger count revealed that few were using the

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ADVANCE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO THURSDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Farmington Township School Board will be held this Thursday evening, September 9, instead of Monday evening as originally scheduled, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel announced Tuesday.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Education offices located in the Junior High School building on Thomas Street starting at 8:00 p.m.

AROUND THE BLOCK

OLD MAN SUMMER . . . sure put on an impressive show last Sunday, coming up with the hottest number on the season-long program. He probably wanted to make sure that his 1954 visit would not be quickly forgotten. Needless to say, he succeeded very nicely. Not only was last Sunday the warmest day of the summer, it was the hottest September 5 on record. We have had unofficial reports that the mercury bounced as high as 115 degrees in the sun spot here in the Farmington area. The official temperature was 99 degrees. But no matter which figure you take, it was really sizzling. Old man summer made a big impression alright, and as far as we are concerned, he has impressed enough, for this year at least.

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THE WEATHER . . . wasn't the only thing in the Farmington area that got attention this week end. If you happened to brave Grand River during the Labor Day holiday, you probably noticed a number of unusual sights, all designed to keep you alive and safe. In addition to the regular complement of State, City and Township Police, there were National Guard reinforcements as well as special airplane patrols. Although traffic on Grand River and other main highways throughout the community was heavier than usual, it did not top previous records set earlier this year. The extra efforts apparently paid off, resulting in a reduction in fatalities from the 1953 Labor Day holiday. Yet the week end statistics don't make for very pleasant reading, which simply means that there is still plenty of room for improvement.

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THERE'S A NEW KIND . . . of activity around the home these days and it all has to do with the ringing of school bells in the background. The long days of play are over for another year and it's back to the chalk and school books again. The change may seem a little rough at first for a part of the population but it will smooth out pretty fast, and besides, it will give Mom a real break after the usual busy summer. In addition there are plenty of school activities coming up which will make vacationtime a past memory. Summer is fun . . . but so is school. If you make it that way. Are you convinced?

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HERE IS ANOTHER REMINDER . . . that you can now shop in the Farmington area on Wednesday afternoons. Effective September 8 practically all stores and business places throughout the Farmington shopping district began staying open Wednesday afternoons for the convenience of local residents. So don't forget to take advantage of this new service. The success of this new program depends upon your response. Remember, when you support Farmington merchants you help support your community. Buy at home. It's easier and more convenient than ever before!

Franklin Knolls Begins Planning Sewage System

Name Study Committee At Public Meeting

Property owners of the new Franklin Knolls Development, in the northeast section of the township, have initiated action to establish a sewage treatment system for the subdivision.

The action came at a special meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Farmington High School gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Franklin Knolls Association. Approximately 125 property owners as well as members of the Township Board attended the meeting. Donald Pierce, Michigan Department of Health; Robert Peterson, state health official; and Russell Coltson, County Health Department, addressed the property owners. A number of other subdivisions in the area were also represented.

FOLLOWING a poll of the property owners in which they unanimously approved proceeding with the establishment of a treatment system, Dr. Harold Stocker, president of the Association, named a special steering committee for the purpose of developing a planned program of progress. The committee will include members of the Franklin Knolls Association as well as delegates from Wood Creek Farms, Franklin Forest, the Farmington Township School District, and the builder. Paul Inman will serve as chairman of the committee.

Four River Engineers, who explained in detail the sanitation problems existing in the area and recommended the establishment of

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Drilling Of Wells To Start Friday

Work will begin Friday on the drilling of at least two test wells on the city-owned property between the Grand River Cut-Off and Nine Mile Road and west of Farmington Road in an effort to secure an additional source of water.

The work is being done by the J. P. Miller Company through its local representative, the Wilson A. Hulce Company. A new type of drilling outfit will be used for the test wells which, according to officials, is considerably faster than the conventional method. The work will consist of at least two 4-inch test borings. If a satisfactory source is located at the site, a regular pumping station will be installed with a connection to the existing city water system.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the new supply will be tied into the present reservoir, thus increasing the amount of water available throughout the city.

Thomas Jewelry Robbed Sunday

A safe containing money and diamonds as well as a quantity of new watches was taken from the Phil Thomas Jewelry Store, 22619 Farmington Road, early Sunday morning, According to City Police.

According to police, the thieves gained entry through a rear door of the store. It was necessary to pry open three doors in order to get into the store itself. Police estimate that the theft took place about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The thieves took the safe from the building after picking up the watches from the show case. Thomas stated that no other jewelry was taken from the store.

State police have been called in to assist local authorities in the case. A general teletype message has been relayed to police officials throughout the state in an effort to locate the safe. The exact amount of the theft has not been determined as yet, but police indicated that it was sizeable.

Thomas, who was in Chicago over the week end, returned immediately to assist in the case. He stated that the money and jewelry were covered by insurance. However, a number of important papers and records were contained in the safe.

PLANS FOR CITY SEWAGE SYSTEM NEARLY COMPLETED

Plans and specifications for the city sewage disposal plant are nearing completion, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

Tennant stated that William Hirn, sanitary engineer, has advised the city that development of the detailed plans is progressing and should be ready in a short time. The plans must be approved by the State Health Department before advertising for bonds can be initiated. After the bond issue has been sold, bids for construction of the plant can be secured.

Consider Tighter Restrictions On Subdivision Plats

Township Seeks Legal Advice On Authority

Legal advice is being secured by the Township Board on the possibilities of requiring sewer and water facilities in new subdivisions before the plats can be accepted by the Board.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday that A. G. Leonard, Attorney for the Board, has been instructed to investigate the legal phases of the proposal and to submit recommendations to the Board as soon as possible. The possibility of such requirements were informally suggested at the last meeting of the Board.

Blanchard stated that recent changes in state laws enacted by the Legislature give townships a great deal more latitude in the handling and acceptance of new

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WARN RESIDENTS AGAINST DANGER OF GRASS FIRES

Residents of both the City and Township of Farmington are being warned this week of the serious danger of grass and brush fire as a result of the continued dry weather.

Officials emphasized that the situation will become increasingly dangerous as long as the drought continues. Fortunately, thus far the incidence of grass fires have been held to a minimum. Persons are reminded to take the utmost caution in burning rubbish to see that it does not spread.

Teenagers Put Polio Drive Across

Farmington teenagers deserve a word of praise for their recent efforts in the emergency polio fund raising campaign conducted during August. They organized and carried out the entire program themselves and did a good job, as the amount collected during the drive shows. The three teenage girls pictured above had a big part in making the campaign a success. They are left to right, with pet dog "Tricks", who helped in soliciting funds: Mary Oliver, Sharon Beuthin, chairman, and Nancy Hodges.

Honor Kids

Kiwanis Plans Special Children's Show At Civic Theatre September 25

Progress is being made by the Farmington Kiwanis Club in the development of plans for the celebration of Kids' Day on Saturday, September 25.

Lloyd Smith, president of the Kiwanis Club, has announced that Robert Cassell will be general chairman of the Farmington Kids' Day. He will be assisted by the following men, who have been assigned to special duties on the general committee: Leo Kelly, Russell Ellis, George Weyhing, Russ Whyte and Carl Wheaton. The Farmington Kiwanis Club is joining with hundreds of other communities throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii in developing a local program which will be in keeping with the Kids' Day theme "Build for Tomorrow".

Principal activity of the September 25 observance in Farmington will be a free show for the kiddies at the Civic Theatre. The show, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., will be open to children 14 years and under. A special peanut sale is also being planned in connection with the observance, the proceeds of which will go to the various youth projects of the Farmington Club.

Eddie Hohler, owner of the Civic Theatre, has arranged a special two-hour show which has been rated as "A-1" by national judges. It will include, besides a special color feature of interest to youngsters, a total of eight color cartoons. The doors of the theatre will be opened at 9:30 a.m. with the program scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Details of the program including the feature and cartoons will be announced by the committee prior to the showing.

Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club will be stationed at various locations throughout the community for the special peanut sale on Saturday, September 25. The sale is being conducted by the club as a means of raising funds for a proposed Halloween project for the youngsters of the Farmington area. All moneys collected during the sale will be used by the Kiwanis Club for this project.

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