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Driver Seriously Hurt In Truck Accident Friday

Huge Trailer Narrowly Misses Club Building

A large number of persons narrowly escaped serious injury Friday evening when a large gasoline truck went out of control at the intersection of the Grand River Cut-Off and Farmington Road, coming to rest only a few feet from the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.

Robert James Wilson, 8945 Portland, Detroit, driver of the truck, was critically injured in the accident. He was taken to Pontiac General Hospital by the Misenar Ambulance, suffering from severe lacterations of the face, head and body. It was first reported that he had lost his left eye, but hospital officials later indicated that there was a good possibility the eye would be saved.

ACCORDING to City Police, Wilson, traveling east on the Grand River Cut-Off, apparently slid on the wet pavement as he applied the brakes at the approach to the intersection. The large tank truck went out of control, left the pavement, and jacknifed. The trailer rolled over and came to rest on its wheels only a few feet from the south wall of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club. A large number of persons were in the club at the time of the accident.

Jaycee Round-Up Set For Monday

An insight into the operations and objectives of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be afforded prospective members at the Annual "Fall Round-Up" scheduled for Monday evening at the Universalist Church.

Co-Chairmen Don Pierson and Bill Conroy stated Tuesday that plans for the program have been completed, and a full evening of entertainment is in store for young men interested in community betterment and individual leadership training. Jaycee projects, past, present and future, will be outlined.

Bob Gamble, former president of the Highland Park Jaycees, will speak briefly on the young men's action group and will entertain with his ukelele. Present and past officers of the Farmington organization will also assist in telling the Jaycee story.

Following the informative portion of the program, the co-chairmen have arranged for sports films and refreshments. Men between the ages of 21 and 35, interested in joining the Jaycees, are invited to attend. Further information may be obtained by calling Bob Clarke at Farmington 1362-J, Chuck Bridges at Farmington 3030 or Bill Conroy at Farmington 2517-J.

Set Blood Bank Registration Dates

Advanced registration for the November 9 visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will begin on Monday, October 18, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced this week.

Persons may register at the special booth to be set up in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank or at the Farmington Township Office, Farmington Recreation, or The Farmington Enterprise. Registrations will be taken at the various locations throughout the week during regular business hours.

Efforts are also being made to set up a special phone committee in order to stimulate advance registration. Persons who would be interested in serving on this committee are requested to contact Mrs. Florence Yuill at Farmington 3087-W.

The Blood Bank will be located at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 9, from 1:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Lenz stated that every effort is being made to secure a record number of donors. The chairman stated that this is particularly important this year in view of the critical need for blood.

Adult Education Classes Still Open

Registrations for various adult education classes in the Farmington Township School District are still being taken, James Read, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Persons interested in ceramics may still register at the Board of Education office, phone Farmington 1220, or at the next class session which will be held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. A total of six periods remain in the current semester. The group meets at the new Farmington High School building.

Registrations are also being taken for Mrs. Bess Tewksbury's art class which meets on Wednesday evenings at the high school. There are six sessions remaining in the present class schedule.

More registrants are needed for the proposed typing class, Read stated. This class will begin as soon as there are sufficient en-

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SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THURSDAY, FRIDAY FOR INSTITUTE

Schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville District will be closed both Thursday and Friday for the Michigan Education Association Region Seven Conference to be held in Detroit and Pontiac.

The conference will be conducted at the Masonic Temple in Detroit on Thursday and at various school buildings in and around Pontiac on Friday. Classes will resume in both school districts Monday morning.

AROUND THE BLOCK

RAIN IS THE BIG NEWS . . . around the wood stove again this week. If this thing keeps up we will all be sprouting web feet before the snow starts to fly. It isn't so much the volume of rain right now as it is the frequency. Of course we haven't got as much to complain about as our distant neighbors to the south and west of us, but it is bad enough right here. The only thing that seems to thrive on the so-called heavy dew is the grass . . . it never was so green. Maybe the weatherman has attracted enough attention for a while and will settle back to normal. Let's hope so!

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WE WANT TO THANK . . . the many Farmington residents who took a few minutes off to visit The Enterprise during our "Open House" last Friday evening. The response was very gratifying and the compliments very much appreciated. We sincerely hope that everyone went away with a little better understanding of the operations of their home community newspaper. That plus the annual observance of National Newspaper Week was the primary purpose and objective of the "Open House". It was a genuine pleasure meeting and talking with so many of you. Your interest and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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THE PHONE LINES . . . are continuing to hum over at the city police station, but don't be alarmed, there is no calamity or anything like that. It is just that the police are continuing to be swamped with calls regarding the Township Driver's license bureau. One officer estimated that the department handles well over 100 calls a day regarding the bureau. So we will repeat . . . all township residents may secure new and renewed driver's licenses at the bureau located in the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt. The bureau is open every Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. Township residents must secure their licenses either at the Township Bureau or at the Sheriff's office in Pontiac. So make a note on the wall or someplace and save yourself a lot of trouble.

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IT'S UNITED FUND TIME . . . in the Farmington area. So if you haven't given as yet, lend an ear, will you? This campaign is of vital concern to you as an individual and as a member of the Farmington community. Maybe you don't think so . . . but it is! Unless all of us get behind this program, we may lose many of the advantages we now enjoy. The recreation and group training of our boys and girls and the continued health and welfare of our community is at stake. Let's see that it doesn't perish by the wayside . . . let's give to the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest.

BOARD HIRES ENGINEER TO SURVEY WATER DISTRICT

Kick-Off Program Opens Annual United Fund Drive

Mrs. Fred Harrison, secretary of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest, receives a bouquet of roses from Al Benson, chairman of the Board, during the kick-off program opening the 1954 United Fund Campaign last Thursday evening. Omar Sanderson, left, campaign chairman, and Don DeGroot, right, program chairman, witness the presentation. The roses were given to Mrs. Harrison in recognition of her outstanding work in behalf of the organization. One of the highlights of the evening's program was the music of Phil Girard and his Jubilaires, pictured at the right. They, along with such other WWJ-TV stars as Bob Maxwell and the Michigan Barn Dancers, entertained during the kick-off. The Farmington High School band was also on hand to add to the festivities.

Board Authorizes Second Police Car For Township

Committee Appointed To Handle Purchase

Authorization to purchase a second township police car was approved by the Board at a regular meeting held Tuesday evening at the Town Hall.

Board members Thomas Tardy and Fred Westlake were given the authority to proceed with the purchase of the second car. It was suggested that specifications similar to those used in the purchase of the present vehicle be followed. The new car will also be equipped with radio transmission and receiving equipment. It was pointed out during the discussion that the present car is often required in the transportation of prisoners and other duties outside of the community, leaving the township without a patrol vehicle.

THE BOARD tentatively approved a plat for the development of homesites on the northwest corner of Farmington Road and Twelve Mile Road subject to satisfactory water and sanitary facilities. The plat, submitted by Thompson Brown, shows approximately 300 homesites. It was explained that this was an approximate number of lots. The developer stated that plans are being made to install both a water and sewage treatment system in the subdivision dependent upon test drillings and percolation tests. It was agreed that before final approval is granted, detailed plans will be submitted to the Board

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Volunteer Solicitors Begin Canvass Of Area In United Fund Campaign

Approximately 150 Citizens Participate In Annual Solicitation Throughout The City And Township

Farmington's 1954 United Fund and Community Chest is now in full swing with approximately 150 volunteer solicitors participating in the annual canvass for funds.

Omar Sanderson, campaign chairman, stated that the majority of the solicitors began their door-to-door campaign on Monday. It is expected that the first progress report will be announced next week. Sanderson stated that a preliminary check of coordinators and captains indicate that funds are now beginning to come in. The drive is expected to continue until October 22. This year's quota is $24,157.

THE CHAIRMAN emphasized that the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest is an over-all drive covering 39 agencies including four local groups. The chairman pointed out that the campaign is designed to consolidate the vast majority of fund rais-

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WORK STARTED ON TWELVE MILE ROAD EAST OF HAGGERTY

Work has been started on base correction and widening of Twelve Mile Road from U. S. 16 easterly to Haggerty Road, the State Highway Commission disclosed this week.

The 4.9 mile stretch of highway will be widened to 22 feet and resurfaced with bituminous concrete. The project is slated for completion by November 30 of this year.

According to the Highway Commission, the work was deemed necessary as the road is subject to heavy traffic as a cut-off route from U. S. 16.

Councilmen Study Zoning Revision

Initial steps were taken by the City Council Monday evening in organizing a detailed study of the proposed revised zoning ordinance.

The action was taken during a joint meeting of the Council and the Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building. It was suggested by Councilman James Cavanaugh that specific sections of the ordinance be assigned to each Council member for detailed study and recommendation. Cavanaugh stated that this procedure was followed by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Kenneth Loomis stated that the idea was an excellent one and suggested that the assignments be made. Thus each Councilman as well as the City Manager was given a group of sections to review with the request that a report be submitted within thirty days. Loomis added that he hopes action may be taken on the proposal before the first of the year.

Building To Begin In Spring

Start Construction Plans For St. Mary Hospital

It was announced Tuesday by the Felician Sisters that work will begin at once on plans and specifications for the proposed St. Mary Hospital to serve a five-community area, including Farmington.

The announcement is of interest to the Farmington community as many residents contributed generously to the hospital fund raising campaign held a year ago. During the past few months the local committee has received a number of inquiries as to what is being done in regard to the hospital project.

To explain some of the delay and clarify the hospital's position during the last few months, Sterling Eaton of Plymouth, general chairman of the fund raising drive, had this statement to make. "All of the funds raised so far for the hospital have come with a few exceptions from residents in the area which the hospital will serve. No aid has been forthcoming from major industry in the area who referred all requests to an agency in Detroit called The Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund. The Detroit Fund was apparently organized to disperse funds contributed by major industry for charitable organizations that needed capital improvement money. Our fund raising committee was told this was where we were to receive aid if we were approved."

"After several months of hearings before this group St. Mary Hospital was told all of their various requests were denied because it would violate the principle of The Fund which states that no additional acute care beds are needed in the (Detroit) Area."

According to Mr. Eaton during this period all fund raising activities for the hospital were suspended in order to comply with the regulations of The Fund. Since a final refusal for aid has now been received The Felician Sisters have asked to be released of further responsibility to that group and announced that they will take immediate steps to start construction of that portion of the hospital that they can build with the funds that are presently available.

Though the initial building will perhaps have to be smaller in size architects are designing it so that it may expand as funds are available to its full planned capacity. It is expected that actual work will get under way on the Five Mile Road site early next spring so that the hospital's facilities will be available to residents of this area within another year.

Board Questioned On Awarding Of School Contracts

Firm Contests Action On Grade School Bid

The action of the Farmington Township School Board in awarding contracts for construction work on three new elementary schools in the Farmington District was questioned Monday night at the regular meeting of the Board.

In question was the Board's decision to award a blanket contract to Wallace Construction Company for all work on the schools rather than awarding individual contracts for general construction, electrical and mechanical jobs. Shaw Electrical Company, low individual bidders for electrical work appeared before the Board for an answer.

ACTING AS spokesman for the Board, Bayard Tupper gave an answer to the inquiry. He stated that past experience has convinced the Board that working with one contractor is more satisfactory.

Also contested was the manner in which the bid was submitted.

No formal action was taken on this matter.

At a special meeting of the School Board on Friday evening, October 8, the contract for general construction of the new gymnasium-classroom addition to the high school was awarded. The contract was given to Ellis Construction Company at a bid price of $218,400.

Following a general discussion on the question of awarding contracts, the Board proceeded with regular business at the meeting Monday night.

In two separate motions they agreed to invest both excess building funds and debt service funds on hand in U. S. Government securities. Authorization was also given for the purchase of an additional school bus as requested. A previous request from maintenance employees for a wage increase was granted, with a blanket increase of $100 for all decided upon.

State Seeks Data On New City Wells

Approval has been received from the State Department of Health, Division of Engineering, regarding the location of the new city well site located between the Grand River Cut-Off and Nine Mile Road and west of Farmington Road.

The State has also made specific recommendations relative to the actual construction of the two wells and the installation of pumping facilities. Before final approval can be granted, the city must submit a surveyor's plat of the area showing the exact location of the proposed wells as well as detailed specifications on the pumps and pump houses. Plans must also be provided regarding the discharge line and the water

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CLASS ENROLLMENT REACHES 1,928 AT CLARENCEVILLE

Enrollment at the close of the first month of school in the Clarenceville District shows a total of 1,928 students registered for a 2.1% increase over the same period a year ago.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that this is the smallest percentage of increase in the District in the past nine years. A lag in building activity throughout the Clarenceville area is believed largely responsible for the small increase. The superintendent added that some increase is expected throughout the year.

Of the 1,928 students enrolled, 1,211 are registered in the elementary grades with 717 registered in the junior - senior high school. Kindergarten enrollment is listed at 179 children. The total enrollment at the close of the fourth week forms the basis for distribution of state aid to the District.

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Firm To Prepare Cost Estimates On Installation Of Proposed System

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, authorized the employment of Pate and Hirn, engineers, to conduct a survey in regard to a proposed water system in the southern section of the township.

Edwin H. Pate appeared before the special meeting of the Board, held at the Town Hall, to discuss the proposed system. After a detailed explanation of the procedures to be followed in regard to the system, the Board authorized Pate and Hirn to go ahead with the survey work. According to Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, the survey will consist of securing data on the number of homes in the proposed District as well as the amount and size of main required for the project. It is expected that the survey will be based upon the proposal of extending water to the township from the Detroit system. In previous discussions it has been suggested that a connection be made at Five Points and Eight Mile Road.

ESTIMATES on the cost of the proposed project will be determined from the survey information. Blanchard stated that the estimated cost must be secured before any further action can be taken. After the cost has been determined, a study will have to be made of the best possible method of financing. The Supervisor added that the survey is expected to be started in about a month. Pate explained that this was the earliest possible date that the work could begin because of previous commitments.

Blanchard stated that during the special meeting Wednesday Pate agreed to meet with the Township Board and the Citizens' Water Committee as soon as the survey has been completed. The joint meeting will be held for the purpose of explaining the results of the survey and the estimated costs as well as answering any questions which may be presented by members of the Board or the Committee.

No estimate was given as to the amount of time that would be required for completion of the survey. Pate indicated that the work would be completed as early as

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Services Held For Mrs. McCracken

MRS. HARRY McCRACKEN

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. Harry McCracken, wife of the Farmington Township Clerk, who passed away Thursday evening, October 7, at her home at 35720 Twelve Mile Road, following a long illness.

Services were held from the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. with interment in North Farmington Cemetery.

Mrs. McCracken was born Isabella Florence MacKenzie on November 6, 1875, in Pictaw, Novi Scotia, the daughter of Donald MacKenzie and Margaret McRae McKenzie. Mrs. McCracken received her education and spent her early life in the Maritime Provinces.

While visiting in Belmont, New York, she met Harry N. McCracken, son of a pioneer family of Farmington, and they were later married at the MacKenzie family home in Nova Scotia on August 12, 1902. Following their marriage, the McCrackens returned to the family homestead in Farming-

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Church Plans Final Phase Of Drive

Preliminary reports on the Building Fund Drive of the First Methodist Church of Farmington are now sufficient to enable workers to feel enthusiastic toward the over-all picture, committee members announced this week.

On the basis of pledges received to date, a pattern is unfolding which, if the membership response follows according to expectations, will enable the church to proceed with the additional Sunday School space and other facilities needed to meet the demands of the growing Farmington area. The drive will continue through this week,

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Schedule School Dedication Sunday

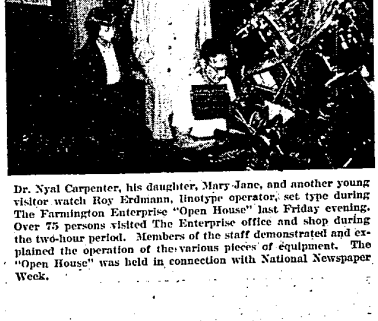
Formal dedication of the Westbrook Elementary School in the Clarenceville District will be held Sunday afternoon, October 17, with Carroll Munshaw, Deputy Superintendent of the Wayne County Board of Education, as the principal speaker.

Munshaw will speak on "The Spirit of Westbrook". He will be introduced by Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District. Mrs. Wanda Barnes, principal of the Westbrook School, will act as Master of Ceremonies. The Clarenceville High School band will play the Processional and the National Anthem. Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will make the Presentation of Colors.

The Invocation, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction will be given by Rev. Elsie Johns, Clarenceville Methodist Church. Remarks will be presented by Fred Bailey, president of the Board of Education, followed by the Girls' Glee Club, under direction of Merlin Asplin, singing "Lord Thy Glory". Presentation of the Building will be made by Louis Schmidt with the Acceptance by Wanda Barnes.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Westbrook School on Osmus Street.

Linotype In Action At "Open House"



Dr. Nyal Carpenter, his daughter, Mary Jane, and another young visitor watch Roy Erdmann, linotype operator, set type during The Farmington Enterprise "Open House" last Friday evening. Over 75 persons visited The Enterprise office and shop during the two-hour period. Members of the staff demonstrated and explained the operation of the various pieces of equipment. The "Open House" was held in connection with National Newspaper Week.