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## Braving The Cold To Help Others



Despite adverse weather conditions, Farmington Goodfellows stuck to their posts last Friday for their annual food and paper sale. Snowy conditions continued during the one-day paper sale drive. Shown above making a paper sale in front of the Farmington Bank to Mrs. William J. Wehrly, center, are Ed Hoiler, left, and Delos Hamlin, right. Funds collected here are used by the Goodfellows for the purchase of food, clothing and other necessities for the needy. The holiday season is a little more joyous for less fortunate families in the community.

## Farmington Goodfellows To Aid Nearly 140 Families In Community

Collect \$1,924.64 Through Paper Sale Friday, Over \$1,200 Worth Of Canned Goods From Schools

Thanks to the Farmington Goodfellows, approximately 140 families in the Farmington area will have a happier Christmas this year.

Special gift food baskets, clothing and toys are being distributed to that number of less fortunate families by the Goodfellows this week. According to Fred Menke, president of the Goodfellows, this is the largest number of persons ever served by the organization. The families being provided for represent almost 800 people. This year's project was made possible through funds raised in the Annual Goodfellow Paper Sale and the collection of canned goods at the various schools in the area.

Braving extremely bad weather last Friday, Goodfellows on the streets collected a total of \$1,924.64 through their paper sale. This is considerably less than the \$2,600 which the Goodfellows had set as their goal for this year, but is considered favorable due to the adverse weather conditions. Last year the Goodfellows collected \$2,300 during the one-day sale. COLLECTIONS of canned goods from students of the Farmington and Claraeville School Districts, Our Lady of Sorrows Schools and employees of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company were much higher than expected. Estimates indicate that nearly

### PLAN TO REVIEW WATER SURVEY WITH ENGINEERS

Officials of the Farmington Township Board will meet with representatives of Pate and Hirm, engineers, at their office in Detroit, on Tuesday, December 28, at which time the survey recently completed by the engineering firm will be analyzed.

Ernest Blumhild, Township Supervisor, and Fred Westlake, Board Trustee and member of the Township Water Development Committee, and possibly several other members of the Board are expected to participate in the discussion at the Tuesday meeting. The survey will be analyzed to determine if all of the necessary

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## Sewage Group To Consult Engineering Firm

Suggest Enlarging Area Of Proposed Authority

Steps are now being taken by the newly appointed Southwest Oakland County Sewage Committee to arrange for preliminary engineering work and financial consultation in connection with the possible establishment of a sewage authority.

The Committee, at a meeting held last Wednesday in the Farmington Municipal Building, directed James Tennant, chairman, to contact Pate and Hirm, engineers, in regard to a preliminary analysis of the area included in the proposed authority. Tennant, who is City Manager of Farmington, was also authorized to contact Charles Stevens, bond attorney, and Matthew Carey, financial consultant, regarding methods and procedures in handling the financial phases of the proposed project.

RALPH MAIN, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, recounted the problems being created by the rapid growth in the southwest corner area and recommended that immediate steps be taken to secure engineering and financial aid. Main also suggested that the present proposed area, which includes Farmington City and Township as well as a part of Township Southfield, be enlarged to cover West Bloomfield and Waterford Townships. The Committee authorized the Drain Commissioner to approach officials of the two townships and invite their participation.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held early in January for the purpose of expanding the discussion and to hear reports from Tennant and Main in regard

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## F.A.R.C. Schedules Holiday Program

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission announced this week that the high school gymnasium will be open the week before Christmas and New Year's for supervised recreational play.

On Monday, December 27, the gym will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each day doors will be closed from 12 noon until 1 p.m. for lunch and from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. for dinner. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons the gymnasium has been reserved for high school basketball practice.

Also scheduled by the F. A. R. C. is a roller skating party for

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## Meeting Santa Claus Face To Face



Two-year old Paulette Blanchard, 2008 6th Road, gets acquainted with Santa Claus during the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club Christmas Party held Saturday afternoon at the Salem Evangelical Church. Gifts and stockings were presented to the 41 boys and girls present at the party. An effort is being made to deliver presents to the children who were unable to attend. All of the boys and girls were from the Farmington area.

## Township Zoning Hearing Expected To Jam Town Hall December 29

Franklin Knolls Residents Plan To Protest Proposed Rezoning Of Gas Company Property

A large group of township residents are expected to jam the Town Hall next Wednesday evening, December 29, for a public hearing on three proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance.

The principal discussion is expected to center around the petition of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company requesting a rezoning of property in the vicinity of Northwestern Highway and Fourteen Mile Road from residential and commercial to industrial. The proposal includes five parcels of land which are located east of the present Gas Company installation. Officials stated that this is a revised petition from the one that was turned down by the Board several months ago. The new petition includes a sixth parcel which is to become a buffer zone between the Gas Company property and the Franklin Knolls Subdivision. Property owners of the subdivision have voiced strong objection to the new petition.

THE PROPOSAL to zone all "undeveloped" property in Section 8 of the township is also expected to attract considerable interest. Property owners in the Schroeder Road area, which is located in Section 8, have been pushing for early action on the proposal. They are presently concerned with the possible moving of 38 duplex housing units into the section. The proposal calls for

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## Board Approves Township-Wide Building Code

Ordinance To Become Effective January 22

At a special meeting Friday evening, the Farmington Township Board unanimously approved the adoption of a township-wide building code ordinance.

The ordinance is the same as the West Bloomfield Township Building Code as amended. Board officials stated, prior to the formal vote, that they had studied the Code and had discussed it with West Bloomfield officials. It was also pointed out that the ordinance had been in effect for several years in West Bloomfield Township with considerable success.

Ward Eagle, Board Trustee who introduced the motion for adoption, stated that the passage of a tried and successful ordinance was the fastest and most efficient method to follow. It was pointed out that the new ordinance could

The complete text of the newly adopted Farmington Township Building Code appears on Page 4C of this week's issue.

be amended from time to time to meet new situations. It was suggested in a letter from Frank W. Miller, a member of the Code Committee of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, that the Board might submit the code to the Society for review and

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## Moving Of Rentals Delayed By Court

The Oakland County Circuit Court has refused to dissolve the temporary injunction obtained by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder against William Safady, Detroit, to prohibit the moving of 38 duplex housing units into Farmington Township.

The decision was rendered Monday by Oakland County Circuit Judge H. Russell Holland. The injunction will continue pending a court hearing on the Schroeder's Bill of Complaint against Safady. According to Margaret Schaeffer, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, the injunction is conditioned upon the posting of a bond by the plaintiffs. No report has been given on the date for the hearing on the Bill of Complaint.

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## FOUR INJURED IN TWO ACCIDENTS ON ICY PAVEMENTS

Two young men from Farmington and a Detroit girl were injured early Sunday morning on U. S. 16 west of Eight Mile Road when the station wagon in which they were traveling went out of control on icy paving and crashed into a tree.

Joseph Bradford, 28, of 23431 Cors, suffered lacerations of the nose and body bruises, and William Humphreys, 25, of 20534 Colwell, bruised his head and suffered a possible chest injury. Rosemary Dunham, 17, of Detroit, received lacerations about the face and body bruises.

In an almost identical accident a half mile east of Meadowbrook Road on U. S. 16 in Novi at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Kenneth Peterson of Garden City suffered lacerations about the knee, head and body.

Like the station wagon, Peterson's car went out of control after hitting ice and crashed into a tree along the roadside. All four persons injured in the two separate crashes were treated at Redford Receiving Hospital.

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## Upholds Manager's Action Refusing Re-employment Of Policeman Cox

The Farmington City Council, at a regular meeting Monday evening, unanimously supported the decision of the Police Manager and the Chief of Police not to re-employ Robert Cox, who resigned from the Police Department on Sunday, December 5, following a dispute with Chief Joseph DeVriendt.

The expression from the Council members followed a detailed hearing of the entire situation by all interested parties. Cox, who had charged that he resigned under pressure, was represented at the hearing by Flynn and Ruskowski, attorneys. In opening the hearing, Ruskowski presented a petition to the Council requesting a review of the decision and asking for the reinstatement of Cox. He added that Cox was approved by the Police

Chief regarding the juvenile case in question, which in itself is a serious matter. Ruskowski also stated that the reinstatement was made in the entire dispute with DeVriendt that Cox's job was in jeopardy if he testified for the defense in the case. He concluded that Cox's position actually involved a discharge, even though he resigned.

Cox recited the detailed events leading up to and including the dispute which took place in the Police Station. He emphasized his previous charges that he was questioned by DeVriendt about being subpoenaed as a witness for the defense in the juvenile case and later reprimanded for pushing a disabled car on Grand River. Cox stated that he felt that if he testified, he would lose his job because of the car-pushing incident.

FOLLOWING the statements by Cox, the Council asked DeVriendt to state his side of the story. The Chief explained the sequence of events in the controversy. He

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## Handle Record Quantity Of Mail

A letter of thanks was extended to residents of the Farmington area by local postal officials this week for the splendid cooperation given them in facilitating the handling of mail during the Christmas rush.

The flow of Christmas letters and packages is not yet over. Postmaster Henry Trombley stated Monday, but the peak load has been passed.

Based on postal records, it is estimated that over 600,000 letters and cards and approximately 5,000 parcels shall have been delivered through the local post office by Christmas Day. Approximately 350,000 pieces of outgoing mail have been processed through the post office this far.

Nearly 500 bags of parcel post have been sent out from the post office as of Monday, according to the post office records. During a six day period approximately 700 bags of parcel post came in for distribution.

Jan-ups at the post office were avoided during the rush. Trombley stated, by new organizational planning and the addition of more temporary personnel to handle the record flow of packages and letters. He cited the cooperation of local residents in sorting their outgoing mail as most helpful in putting down sorting time by postal workers.

## Busy Hands Sort Record Mail Flow



Activity around the temporary mail sorting racks set up at the Farmington Post Office means to lay back as a full barrage of mail comes pouring in each day which had to be processed. It is anticipated by local postal officials that before the Christmas rush is over they will have processed nearly 900,000 incoming and outgoing letters and cards. Assistant Postmaster Clifford Deamus can be seen at the top of the frame looking over the activities of temporary workers sorting mail at the racks last Friday.

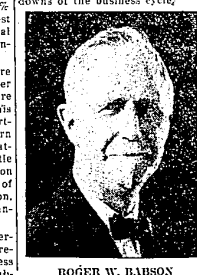
## AROUND THE BLOCK

THE MOST POPULAR... in town this week is the big man in the red suit and the long white beard. He is really drawing a crowd wherever he goes. Proof of that was displayed last Sunday at the Farmington High School when over 400 boys and girls jammed the corridor to have a final word with Santa Claus. From the sparkle in the youngsters' eyes, the annual visit of Santa, sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, was once again a tremendous success. We aren't sure just who got the greatest pleasure out of the program: Santa, the boys and girls, the Jaycees, or the parents... but it is always a happy experience no matter how you look at it. The big fellow will be back again for his main performance this Friday evening, filling all of the requests that have been whispered in his ear by millions of excited little boys and girls.

THE CITY COUNCIL... is to be commended for its action in establishing two regular meetings each month. This has long been a topic of conversation both within and outside the Council. With the increased amount of important city business, the regular meetings have been running longer and longer. As a typical example, Monday's session opened at 8:00 p.m. and continued until nearly 1:00 a.m. Tuesday. This often means that items near the end of the agenda are either held over or are acted upon in haste due to the late hour. We believe that size and rapid development of the community warrants the action. It should not only facilitate the operation of the city government but should add greatly to its efficiency and public service.

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED... at the Enterprise office a little early this year and left us a brand new mailer. So if the address plate at the top of your paper looks a little different this week, that's the reason. We are calling it to your attention for the specific purpose of having you check for any possible errors in the name or address. The new system is designed to speed the mailing operation as well as make the address more legible, which will be of assistance to the Post Office in the handling and distributing of "Your Home Community Newspaper." We hope you like it and will let us know if any corrections need to be made.

ONE FINAL WORD... before we wind up this column. From all of us here to all of you out there: A Very Merry Christmas!



ROGER W. BABSON

## What Is The Outlook For 1955?

What is the business and financial outlook for the year 1955? In next week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise, Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment advisor, will present a forecast of things to come during 1955.

A careful check of the Babson Predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecasts for 1954 shows the remarkable average of the past years by being 36% correct. Babson holds the best and highest record for Annual Forecasts on U. S. Future Business.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger Babson. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business. Born and reared in an old fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Babson went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

While recovering from tuberculosis, he started his weekly releases to newspapers on business problems. He later founded Bab-