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## Township Calls Meeting To Study Planning Contract

Set Special Session For Friday Evening

Consideration of a proposed contract for the hiring of a consulting firm to develop a master plan for Farmington Township will be taken up at a special meeting of the Township Board Friday evening.

It is expected that A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, will submit recommendations concerning the proposed contract at the Friday meeting. A copy of a suggested contract, drafted by Villan-Leman and Associates, planning consultants, was filed with Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, last week. It was turned over to Leonard Tuesday evening with instructions to review the proposal and submit recommendations.

The hiring of a planning consultant was included in the series of recommendations submitted to the Township Board by the Planning Board several weeks ago. The Planning Board and requested Villan-Leman and Associates, the recommended planning firm, to submit a proposed contract for consideration.

**THE PLANNING BOARD** has suggested that Villan-Leman and Associates be employed for a period of two years, with payments being made on the basis of 24 equal monthly allotments of \$415. The services to be rendered by the firm will include: the preparation of a base map, execution of a population census, a study of the neighborhood study, conduct of studies concerning economic base, traffic and parking, transportation, public utilities and recreation, evaluation of zoning, execution of plans pertaining to capital improvements and the investigation of urban renewal and the elimination of blight areas.

## ALIEN REGISTRATION DEADLINE SET FOR JANUARY 31

Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week that all residents of the community who are classified as aliens under the law are required to register at the Post Office prior to January 31.

Trombley stated that application forms for registration may be secured at the main window of the Post Office during regular business hours and must be returned to the Post Office by the deadline of January 31. The Post Office is then responsible for forwarding the forms to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Under the provisions of the law, all persons who are not citizens of the United States but who are living in this country as of January 1, 1955, must, within 30 days following such date, file an alien registration report.



**POLIO** strikes anywhere and at any age. Regardless of where it strikes or who it strikes, the period of recovery to normal, healthy living is long and trying. Infant Nicholas Lanni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lanni of 2977 Hugo Street, shown above, was stricken last year with the dread disease. Others contracting polio in Farmington in 1955 were Mrs. Betty Jane Wagner, 25, of 3470 Harlow Street, and Cleton Misco, 21, of 2701 Colgate. Money contributed to the March of Dimes will help these and many others back to recovery.

## Blue Crutch Day To Be Observed In Farmington Area On Friday

Volunteer March Of Dimes Workers To Seek Donations In Community Business Districts

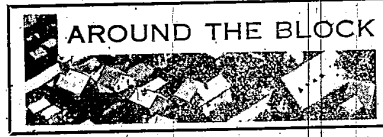
The first special project in the month-long March of Dimes polio fund-raising campaign now under way in Farmington will be held this Friday, January 6, with the day to be observed as Blue Crutch Day.

Volunteer March of Dimes workers will be located at various points in the Farmington City shopping district and at the Bel-Aire Shopping Center as well as in Clareville and Novi to receive donations to be secured for the Blue Crutch Day project.

## THIRD TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER JOINS DEPARTMENT

John Polder, newly appointed Township Police Officer, officially joined the Department on Sunday, January 1, Irving Viles, Township Police Chief, announced this week.

Polder, who lives at 3515 Farmington Road, was appointed police officer by the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Russell Conway.



## AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE NEW YEAR** usually brings about numerous changes. Sometimes they are the result of New Year's resolutions but generally they're just plain physical, like the beginning of a new month and a new year. The tradition of the New Year has affected a few changes in the way we live. The new year will be pleasing to our readers. The first and probably most noticeable is the new heading on this column. It represents as near as possible the general theme of the column, which includes all of interesting information that comes on various activities which occur throughout the community. But the heading is only a small part of the feature, since the type below is really what counts. You can help us make it count for more by letting us in on little human interest events and bits of information which you may run into. So, let us hear from you.

## IT WAS BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday morning for the boys and girls of the Farmington District after a long and exciting Christmas holiday. And it's back to school also for a new group of mothers and fathers as the annual winter term of the adult education program gets under way this week. The citizens of the Farmington community are indeed fortunate in having such a broad and extensive program available to them. It not only affords ample opportunity for the furthering of one's education and enjoyment, but greatly increases the usability of school facilities, which are bought and paid for by the taxpayers. Yes, the long vacation is over and it's back to school time again for the entire family.

## A LOT OF SPACE

is being expended in this week's issue in an effort to better acquaint the citizens of the Farmington Community with the purpose and objectives of the March of Dimes campaign now under way. Most of our articles until the close of the drive on January 31. Most of us are run ragged with requests for contributions to all sorts of worthy causes. However, giving to the March of Dimes is more than just making a contribution. It is making an investment in the future. All of us are aware of the great progress that has been made in the fight against polio. A fight that has been supported and financed by dimes and dollars from individuals like you and me. Even greater progress seems to be just ahead. So, invest in the future by giving now... support the 1956 March of Dimes campaign.

## Board To Discuss Special School Election Monday

Plan To Submit Bond Issue Data At Meeting

Further details on the proposed bond election, designed to secure necessary funds for the construction of additional classroom buildings, are expected to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Farmington School Board Monday evening.

Officials reported Tuesday that a number of conferences have been held with bond attorneys since the last Board meeting in an effort to secure complete information on the bonding procedure for the proposed issue. The School Board at its last meeting accepted a proposed bond resolution setting up the procedures for the securing of funds to be used in the construction of the proposed classrooms. However, no action was taken at the meeting regarding the date of the proposed election.

It is possible that the Board will discuss the date for the special election at Monday's meeting. It has been suggested that the election be held sometime in March in order that construction might be completed by the opening of the 1956-57 school year. School officials have pointed out that immediate action is necessary if the district is to keep pace with the growing enrollment.

**THE BOND** resolution, accepted by the Board, emphasizes the urgent need for more elementary classroom space as well as a large junior high school building and calls for immediate action so that the start of the 1956-57 school year. H. H. Hunkel, superintendent, stated that the enrollment in the School District is expected to increase between 700 and 1,000 students by the start of the next school year.

In conjunction with the proposed bond issue, a special committee of the Board is continuing its efforts to secure additional elementary school building sites in the district. An option has been secured for a junior high school site in the vicinity of Farmington Road and Twelve Mile Road.

## Elect Lawton Head Of Exchange Club

Norman Lawton was elected president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the semi-annual election of officers held last Wednesday afternoon at the University Club.

Other newly elected officers include: Herb Herzog, first vice-president; Henry Trombley, second vice-president; Claude Gooden, secretary; and Emory Hatton, treasurer. The officers of the club were re-elected to their respective offices. Because of the death of a member, the club has elected a new treasurer who will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

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## Announce Yule Lighting Winners

Winners in the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas lighting contest were disclosed this week.

Awards were made to home owners having the best and most original lighting for the Christmas holiday. Judging was done by six sections being designated. First place and honorable mention awards were made in each section.

Winning in the Farmington section was the Glen Cargill residence at 33917 Macomb; with honorable mention going to the Andrew Fletcher home at 23936 Pickett. In Warner Farms Subdivision the Harry Pritchard home at 23889 Mayfield was judged as best, with honorable mention being given to the Ivan Hulet residence at 23202 Manning.

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## McCracken Resignation Marks Close To Over 50 Years Of Public Service

On January 15, one of the most prominent and best-known officials in the history of the Farmington community will step down after more than 50 years of almost continuous public service.



## City Schedules Public Hearing Monday On Proposed New Commercial Zone

Seek Rezoning Of Old Parish School Property For Shopping Center

A public hearing on the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial of a parcel of land at the northwest corner of Grand River and Mooney Street will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, January 9, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall.

All citizens of the City affected by the proposed change are invited to attend and take part in the meeting. The rezoning, which has been recommended by the Planning Commission, involves 355 feet of frontage on the north side of Grand River as well as approximately 1,163 feet north of Grand River along the westerly property line and 1,212 feet along the easterly line, abutting Mooney Street.

The property includes the former Our Lady of Sorrows school building. The actual commercial building zone will include that portion of the property from Grand River north along the west line to a point 600 feet, then straight east along a perpendicular line to Youngs Street. The balance of the property to the north would be zoned for parking purposes. At a regular meeting on December 4, the Council declared its intent to proceed with the rezoning, thus setting up the provisions for the public hearing.

## Funeral Services Held Monday For Emory Hatton

Prominent Farmington Merchant Dies Friday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the First Methodist Church for Emory O. Hatton, 54, of 2879 Grand River Avenue, a prominent businessman, who passed away Friday morning, December 30, in a Brightwood Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Hatton was born in Farmington on June 14, 1885, the son of Wallace and Martha E. Hatton. He attended the Farmington Public Schools and on July 15, 1908, was united in marriage to Ida Grinnell in Northville. Mr. Hatton was owner of Hatton's Hardware.

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## Area Traffic Flows Smoothly Over Holiday

No Injuries Reported Over 3-Day Week End

Predictions of a heavy auto accident toll over the long New Year's week end were proven wrong for the Farmington area with none injured and only two or three minor property damage accidents reported over the three-day holiday.

Just prior to the holiday week end, however, Mary Johnston, 20, of 2879 Grand River Avenue, suffered minor abrasions about her right foot and hand when she fell from an auto driven by Lorne Johnson of the same address.

The accident occurred on Grand River Avenue at Colgate Street shortly before 3 a.m. on Friday, December 30.

Mrs. Johnston told police that in making a left turn from US-16 onto Colgate Street the door of the car came open and she fell out. She was taken to Redford Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

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## Expect Bigger Year Ahead

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It is expected that the building boom will continue at an accelerated rate in the Township during 1956. This will be particularly true if new sewer and water facilities are provided in the meantime, new home construction is encouraged, and the decrease because of the lack of available residential land. Commercial development, however, is expected to increase because of the need of additional facilities to service the growing population.

## CITY REPORTS 36% RETURN ON WINTER TAXES TO DATE

Kathryn Cotter, City Treasurer, announced this week that a total of \$105,778.11 has been collected to date on the annual winter tax statement which covers county and school taxes.

The collection thus far represents approximately 36% of the total of \$291,873.37 winter statement. Of the \$291,873.37 total, \$43,980.89 is for county general taxes, \$102,426.14 for school operation, \$44,790.34 for county special education, and \$141,623.05 is for voted school increases which cover the various bond issues for new school buildings.

Taxes are payable up to January 15, 1956, without penalty.

## SOLDIER EXEMPTION FORMS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

Application forms for Soldiers' Home Exemption have been mailed to all known eligible property owners in the City, officials reported this week.

Any property owner who qualifies for exemption under the law and who has not been contacted by mail may secure application forms at the City Municipal Building during regular business hours. All forms must be in the hands of the City Clerk not later than March 1, 1956.

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Farmington Hardware and had been in business for the past 36 years. He also served as a member of the City Commission during times over a period of 25 years.

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