

## Citizens Criticize Auto Dealer, City Officials On Parking Lot Const.

For almost an hour and a half at Monday night's regular City Council meeting sharp criticism was leveled by a group of approximately 20 citizens at actions surrounding the construction of a private business parking lot on the east side of Mayfield Street to the south and abutting the Bill Root Chevrolet used car lot fronting on Grand River.

The first decision of the councilmen was to instruct City Attorney Robert Kelly to make a determination of any and all provisions of the city building code which might be in violation with an indication with regard to legal or disciplinary actions that might be taken. A special closed session of the Council with the city manager, building inspector and attorney was called for as soon as the attorney has completed his study of this matter.

Most of the homeowners voiced criticism of both Bill Root and top city officials for their actions in this construction matter were from William Mayfield, Frederick and Manning streets in Warner Farms Subdivision but homeowners from other sections of the city also voiced critical comments during the long discussion period.

A PETITION of objection signed by 30 people representing 20 homes on Mayfield, Manning and Mayfield in Warner Farms was officially filed with the Council.

The petitioners charged that the Council with the city manager and building inspector willfully ignored the city's building code when construction was started without a building permit.

The petition stated in part: "The undersigned (the petition signers) are appalled at the contempt that these people have shown in their actions in the City. The fact that some of these involved are employed by the taxpayers makes it even more unthinkable and intolerable. We have had many such instances in the past which have been excused under the heading of 'honest mistakes.' However, in this instance, the true intent of these individuals has been clearly demonstrated by the foreknowledge of their responsibilities. It is clear that action is urgently needed to establish a firm reputation for the future that the building code for the City of Farmington will be upheld to the letter. If this procedure is not strictly adhered to, the integrity of certain City officials becomes subjected to unnecessarily severe testing."

PRIOR TO the barrage of criticism from citizens, it was pointed out that a special meeting of the City Council had been held on Sunday, Nov. 8, to discuss and negotiate a swap of the old Elks Lodge building and the vacated old City Hall building three or four doors to the west on the north side of Grand River Avenue.

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FARMINGTON GOODFELLOWS are already working on their annual Christmas charity drive. Pictured above are the leaders of this year's Goodfellow effort (L to R) Conrad Sullivan, chairman of the investigations committee; Dr. John Richardson, general chairman; Cec Roberts, chairman of the Goodfellow Newspaper Sale; Rev. Richard Markham, President of the Farmington Exchange Club; and Rex Jernigan, chairman of the packing and distribution of the Goodfellow baskets.

## Rex Cawley Homecoming Brings Out Huge Crowd

The community of Farmington made last week a memorable one for Olympic hurdles champion Warren "Rex" Cawley and his wife and family. The 21-year-old Cawley returned to Farmington last Wednesday night by United Airlines jet from his home in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Judy, were met at Willow Run Airport by members of the Rex Cawley Homecoming Committee. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Cawley of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Township,

were also on hand to greet the young athlete. IT WAS PROBABLY the first indication for Rex that a great deal of planning went into the arrangements for his homecoming. He and Judy found a brand new 1965 Dodge convertible waiting at their disposal on their arrival at the airport, courtesy of Russ Gilbert, President of the Dodge Dealers Association and Town and Country Dodge, Inc. of Farmington. The next pleasant surprise must have come Thursday eve-

ning when he arrived at the Jammet parking lot at Farmington High School where when he was graduated back in 1959 much of the building was still very new. His was the sixth graduating class from the new high school and at that time North Farmington High was still in the planning stages. A new gymnasium and athletic field facilities had been added at Farmington High during the years since it first opened its doors in the fall of 1953, a major classroom addition had been added as well.

THE BIG SURPRISE for Rex must have been the greeting which he received inside the Farmington High Auditorium, where a huge crowd was on hand for a banquet in his honor. The banquet program started off with the broadcast of the Bob Reynolds Sports Show at 8:25 from the main auditorium. Rex was announced as Bob's special guest, his fine track career recapped briefly by the WRH sports director and an interview conducted with him to close the 15-minute broadcast heard not only by the 600 in attendance at the banquet but by thousands tuned in to the show on their own radios.

Paul Williams, News Director of WWJ-TV, was the banquet toastmaster. He introduced the guests in attendance from the sports world, the Cawley family. See REX CAWLEY Page 6-A, Column 1

## Community Forum Group Forming In Farmington

"Censorship" is the topic selected for discussion at the first program of the newly organized Farmington Community Forum, which is interested in having a regular time and place for the debating in democratic fashion of timely and controversial subjects, Mrs. Pusey said.

A group of citizens are working to establish a permanent forum in Farmington, and will welcome the participation of all who are interested in having a regular time and place for the debating in democratic fashion of timely and controversial subjects, Mrs. Pusey said.

## Thanksgiving Trash Pickup Slated in City

Trash, garbage and tin cans will be picked up in the City of Farmington's trash collector trucks on Thursday, Nov. 25, in the areas normally serviced on this day despite the fact that it is a legal holiday, city officials advised homeowners this week.

The area serviced on Thursday is the south side of Grand River in the entire city except those homes in the Farmington Meadows and Farmington Oaks subdivisions on the east side of Farmington Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads.

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THE COMMITTEE HAS secured the services of Lee Peel of Farmington, who will act as moderator for the forums. Peel is presently teaching journalism and English at Farmington High School. He holds a Master's degree in education from the University of Michigan and has published both fiction and non-fiction works. He is also the author of a one-act play which earned him second prize in the Community Theater Association of Michigan's annual play-writing contest. Speakers for the first forum will be announced.

ADMISSION TO THE forums will be by ticket. All funds received will be used to build a reserve to defray expenses, to import out-of-town speakers for whom it is customary to pay at least traveling expenses, and to pay rental fees for a larger auditorium when needed.

Further information will be published at a later date. Anyone who is interested in assisting the committee in establishing this Community Forum is urged to contact Mrs. Wanda Pusey, GR. 4-5099; or Reverend Robert M. Eddy, GR. 4-7272.

## Cawley's Gold Medal On View at Welsby's

The gold medal won by Farmington's Warren "Rex" Cawley is now on view in the front display window of Ernie Welsby's Welsby House of Music store in Downtown Farmington. Also on view at Welsby's is the key to the medal and the community which was presented to the Olympic Champion in civic ceremonies on Saturday. Along with the medal and the community key is the formal Proclamation issued by both the City and Township to honor the Farmington athlete.

## 3 Days Left to Win One of 20 Gift Turkeys

There are still three days left to get your entry chances in to win one of the 20 large, family-size Thanksgiving turkeys being given away by an equal number of business establishments in the Downtown Farmington business district.

Entries are being accepted at each of the participating stores again this week in an advertisement appearing on Page 2-C. The entries are to be filled out each of the blanks and drop them in the contest boxes at each of the 20 stores when you go there to shop. There is nothing to write and no purchases are required.

The contest continues through today, tomorrow and until 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21. The 20 business establishments in the contest and giving away turkeys this year are: A & P Super Market, Bussuau Lincoln-Mercury, Bradley Rexall Drugs, Farmington Center Florist, Farmington Cleaners, Camera, Inc., Farmington, Bobby Shop, Conroy's Super Market, Farmington Kuhl Shop, Danish Casual Shop, Farmington Sausage Center, Phil Thomas Jewelry, Tom Toggery, Hinkle's of Farmington, Milne's Children's Shop, Scott's 5 & 10, Welsby's House of Music, Murphy's Furniture, Silo's Jewelry, and White House Valet.

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## Twp. Atty. Seeks Dismissal Of Lawsuit On Pay Raises

Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan took action this week asking for a summary judgment in the lawsuit instituted by nine Township citizens seeking the pay raises approved for the three top Township officials.

Brennan is seeking the summary judgment on the grounds there is no issue of fact in the lawsuit which is scheduled to be heard before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Philip Pratt. The show cause court action was initiated by the nine Township citizens last week and followed in the wake of controversial pay raises approved for Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, Clerk Floyd A. Cairns and Mrs. Elsie Avery on the night before the November 3 General Election.

"IF WE WERE TO operate under the interpretation of the township which has abolished the annual township meeting which have a population in excess of 5,000 and have voted to abolish the annual township meeting which includes Farmington Township and provisions which regulate those still operating under an annual township meeting system."

## City Delays on Liquor License Transferrings

Action was delayed by the Farmington City Council Monday night on two separate requests for liquor license transfers in connection with changes of ownership of a bar and a bar-restaurant in the city.

"OUR POSITION is correct and I consulted with the Oakland County Corporation Counsel and other experienced township attorneys, who concurred with our position of the law in this matter, prior to rendering my opinion to the Township Board."

Brennan was referring to a section in the law regarding the annual township meeting (Farmington Township citizens voted to abolish the annual township meeting in the election of August 2, 1960) where it provides that action on pay raises for township officials must be transacted at the last township meeting. See REX CAWLEY Page 6-A, Column 4

## Santa to Visit Plaza Nov. 27

Santa Claus will make his first official visit to the community when he arrives at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center on Grand River Ave. just west of Orchard Lake Road a week from tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 27, (the day following Thanksgiving).

## Wells Still Dry Due to Sewer Construction

Construction of the Tarubusi Sewer Arm has caused a very unexpected and also very serious problem for some nine to 12 homes along the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision in the extreme southwest corner of Farmington Township.

Again this year he will use his modern means of transportation, the helicopter, and will arrive at 1:30 p.m. being set down in the shopping center's parking lot.

In laying the sewer line in the downtown area this subdivision the contractor ran into ground water that had to be pumped out to get sewer pipes in. The water table is higher ground than the water from wells have completely or almost completely dried up.

Valuable prizes donated by the merchants of the Farmington Plaza will be dropped from the sky by Santa, it has been reported. ANGEL-LANDINGS-Santa will also have free candy to pass out to all the kiddies. This will mark the kickoff of the Plaza stores' Christmas selling season and stores will remain open every evening from this date until Christmas Eve.

The Township Board wants to help the homeowners in any way it can but there appears to be no way to get the problem corrected except to get the construction done as rapidly as possible and hope fast so the wells can serve the homes again. Township Supervisor Curt Hall stated Monday.

## JC's Junior Miss Pageant To Be Held Sat., Nov. 28

Farmington's Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held next week, Saturday, November 28, in the Farmington Junior High Auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Ten contestants from Farmington, North Farmington and Our Lady of Sorrows Highs have entered the pageant. The winner will advance to the State Pageant and compete for the title "Michigan's Junior Miss."

## Public Hearing Set For Kemberton Park

The Farmington Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday evening, November 23, at 8 p.m. on the necessity for sanitary sewers in Kemberton Park Subdivision. This will be the first public hearing on the capital improvement proposal and will be proposed to a possible objection from property owners in Kemberton Park to the proposed sanitary sewer project.

THE PAGEANT is designed to select the outstanding high school senior girl and judging is based on the following: scholastic achievement, mental alertness, poise and appearance, and talent.

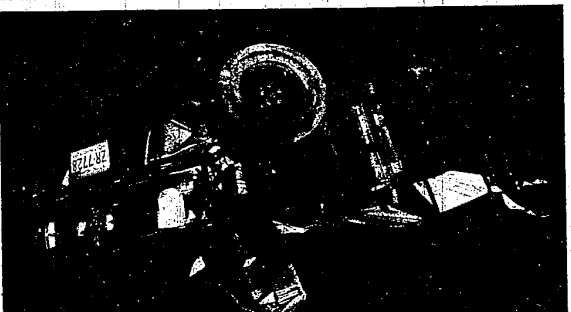
## Girl Injured In Car Crash

Everyone in the community is urged to attend and give enthusiastic support to Farmington's pageant.

Miss Sandra Lee St. Martin, 18, of 2780 Maude Lea Circle in Farmington, was seriously injured Monday morning, November 16, when her car went out of control on Grand River Avenue City of Farmington and sheared off a light pole and overturned. Miss St. Martin, a waitress at the new Tyme Restaurant in the Downtown Farmington Center, was thrown from the car when it made impact with the Detroit Edison pole. A section of the pole which carries high-tension wires was broken off, but fortunately the upper portion remained vertical and planted itself in the ground. The broken off portion, preventing the wires from coming down on the roadway.



REX AND JUDY CAWLEY are pictured above with the Gold Medal won by him at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Cawley holds the world's record (49.1) for the 400-meter hurdles and holds a new record time of 49.6 in winning that event for the United States in Tokyo. (See other pictures on pages 8-A and 2-B of this week's Enterprise.)



SERIOUSLY INJURED when her car went out of control early Monday morning, November 16, was 18-year-old Sandra Lee St. Martin of Farmington, who was thrown from her car when it overturned. She is pictured above shortly after the accident occurred at 2 a.m. on Grand River Avenue just east of Gill Road. Miss St. Martin suffered a broken collar-bone and various cuts and abrasions.