



WRECKAGE OF THE CAR which carried two young men to their death last Saturday night in Farmington Township is pictured above shortly after the accident took place at the curve on Farmington Road just north of Ten Mile Road. After leaving the roadway and

breaking through the guard rail, the speeding car traveled more than 50 feet through the air down the side of the embankment. Both victims were thrown from the car. The driver and another passenger were seriously injured.

Manslaughter Charges Filed Against Driver

Charles Redinger, 18, of 15575 Brookfield Avenue in Livonia faces charges of involuntary manslaughter following the traffic accident last Saturday in Farmington Township which claimed the lives of two young companions in his car.

Redinger's car sped through a guard rail at the curve just north of Ten Mile Road on Farmington Road and plunged more than 50 feet down the embankment. Farmington Township Police estimated Redinger's car was traveling 80 miles an hour in the posted 40 mile an hour zone.

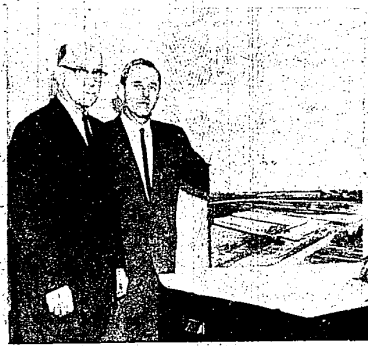
Redinger and another passenger in the car, John A. Frankiewicz, 20, of 15905 Stanwood in Livonia, both suffered facial injuries and abrasions. They were treated at St. Joseph General Hospital in Farmington Township.

The accident took place at 2:25 a.m. on January 30. The two deaths jumped the Township's traffic fatality total for 1964 to three. The Township's first traffic fatality was recorded just two weeks ago in a three-car accident on Middlebelt Road north of Eight Mile Road.

Farmington Township Police officers, Sgt. William Fredericks, Steve Santo and Jack Brown, were assisted by officers from the Farmington City Police Department at the scene. The warrant for manslaughter was issued by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office on Monday of this week. Redinger was expected to post bond.

Futurmill, Inc. To Build New Plant In Farmington Twp's Industrial Park

Farmington Township landed the second of two large industrial corporations last week as plans were announced by Futurmill, Inc. of Southfield to build a plant with approximately 40,000 square feet in area on Halstead Road just south of the 1496 E. Expressway.



THE NEW FUTURMILL plant which will be built on a 14-acre site in Farmington Township's industrial park area is being viewed above by (L to R) Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis R. Hall, Futurmill President R. G. Begle, Futurmill Treasurer Donald G. Tipping and Bill Bowman, Chairman of the Township's Industrial Park Commission. The new plant is scheduled to be in operation in September of this year. The plant site is on Halstead Road just south of the 1496 E. Expressway.

Futurmill, announced the purchase of a 13 and one-half acre parcel of land in Farmington Township's industrial park area this week and stated work would commence immediately on developing the new plant.

Ronald G. Tipping, Treasurer of Futurmill and general officer and personnel manager, stated his corporation had been investigating an industrial expansion move to Farmington Township since early in 1964 and has been in negotiations for the purchase of the Halstead Road property for the last several months.

Futurmill is the second large industry to purchase land in Farmington Township's new industrial park area. The first new industry, Diamond National Corporation, broke ground for their Haggerty Road plant in December and plan to be in operation by the second quarter of this year.

FUTURMILL PLANS to have their plant ready for occupancy in early September. Tipping expressed confidence of early expansion at their Farmington Township location. The immediate plans will make the plant one of the largest industrial operations in the Township.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis R. Hall and Bill Bowman, chairman of the Farmington Township Industrial Park Commission, both expressed glowing optimism in the industrial park area. "Industries such as Futurmill and Diamond National are an excellent start for our industrial park area," Supervisor Hall stated. He pointed out that industrial growth will substantially improve the Township's tax base and provide an important factor in aiding in a normal and well-balanced development of the Township, already one of the metropolitan area's fastest growing residential communities.

BOWMAN EXPRESSED confidence that other industries will be attracted to the Township's nearly 400 acres of industrially zoned land. "Water and sewer facilities plus a fine network of expressways to service the area make industry prospects in Farmington Township higher today than they have ever been before," Bowman said. He also mentioned prospects in Farmington Township with the Thompson Brown Company which has been a leading developer of residential subdivisions in the area.

Apartment Development Opposed; Zoning Board Adjourns Hearing

Opponents of multiple housing in Farmington Township voiced objections, individually and collectively, to the proposed development of 158 apartment units on 13.2 acres bounded by Middlebelt Road, Thirteen Mile Road and Northwest Highway when it came up for public hearing at the Township Zoning Board meeting January 28.

Attorney Wendell Brown, 29221 Ardmore, Farmington, stated that he represented several associations and individuals including Fairway Drive, Franklin Woods, Lake Hills and Franklin Forest associations.

As soon as the matter came before the board, Attorney Brown asked for an adjournment of the matter on the ground that he had had insufficient time to prepare his case because the papers concerning the advertised request had not been available to him in the Township office until January 27, the day before the meeting.

ALSO, BROWN SAID that he was in opposition with some unsworn statements in connection with the proposed rezoning. (The property is presently zoned RA-1, single family residential, and must be rezoned to RC, multiple residential, before the apartments can be built.)

Brown also stated that he wanted the record to show that the people he was representing had presented petitions last summer to the Township Board. The petitions, signed by about 400 citizens, stated that they opposed any changes in the zoning ordinance permitting any multiple dwellings in the township, and Brown wanted the petitions to be included in this hearing.

BROWN ADDED THAT he did not intend to find fault with the zoning ordinance. He stated that he was in opposition with some unsworn statements in connection with the proposed rezoning. (The property is presently zoned RA-1, single family residential, and must be rezoned to RC, multiple residential, before the apartments can be built.)

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Enterprise Gets Two State Press Awards

Competing with newspapers in the top circulation class in the State of Michigan, The Farmington Enterprise received two awards for outstanding performance at the annual Michigan Press Association meeting in East Lansing last Friday and Saturday.

Included in judging with the largest weekly papers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Kent counties (suburban newspapers with over 5,000 circulation), The Enterprise took a second place award in the "News Coverage" category for the year 1964.

THE FIRST place award winning newspaper in this category was the Birmingham Eclectic, recognized as the leading weekly newspaper in the State of Michigan and among the top ten weekly papers in the entire nation.

Tieing with The Enterprise for second place in the "News Coverage" category was the Detroit East Side Shopper while

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The Dearborn Press placed third.

The Enterprise also won one of the three honorable mentions given in the Lp newspaper category for overall "General Excellence." Consideration was given all phases of the competing newspapers' quality. Taken into consideration in this judging was the newspapers' typography, advertising ideas, use and featuring of stories, use of pictures, readership interest, etc.

The Birmingham Eclectic, which walked off with six top awards, took first place in the "General Excellence" judging for suburban area newspapers in the state.

IN ATTENDANCE at the annual state press association meeting representing The Enterprise was Mrs. Winona Wood, general manager, and Mike Kiley, assistant to the publisher.

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THE TEMPLE Association of Masons, Lodge No. 351 F.&A.M. are this week launching a campaign to raise funds for remodeling and renovating their Temple building, Farmington's old "Town Hall."

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A new porch is to be provided at the main entrance on Farmington Road and the porch at the north entrance is to be rebuilt. All entrance doors are to be replaced.

OK Permit For New Plant In City Industrial Park

The City Council gave its official approval Monday night to the issuance of a building permit and been delayed in order to give officials of the Farmington Meadows Association an opportunity to study the plans and express any objections they might have to make.

The new plant is to be a 12,000 square foot building occupied by Mechanical Manufacturing Company which makes precision parts for aircraft and other airborne vessels.

The building is expected to cost over \$100,000 and the precision equipment that will be used in it another \$100,000 or more, it was reported. No indication was given as to how many employees the new plant might hire but it was emphasized that the company was very anxious to get construction under way and the new plant in operation.

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Zone Bd. Okays Park Lot, Sub., Ordin. Changes

A residentially zoned lot behind the Assembly of God Church, 1225 W. Middlebelt Road and North of Grand River Avenue was approved for rezoning to parking at a public hearing before the Township Zoning Board on January 28.

No one appeared to oppose rezoning of the lot which has been in a permissible various use as a church parking lot for almost 20 years. Brought out in the hearing was the fact that the property is for sale.

Final plat approval was given by the board for Westlake Subdivision No. 4. The new sub will contain 28 single family homes along the east side of Tuck Road and the south side of Shawassaw Road.

ALSO APPROVED without audience comment were changes in the Zoning Ordinance text. One change was to provide for funeral homes and mortuaries and was approved with the addition of "all section line roads and Grand River and Northwestern" to paragraph 4-a, in regard to access from a major thoroughfare.

Another text change approved provided for outdoor space for sale or rental of new or used automobiles, travel and camping trailers, and trailer coaches and regulations of the same.

The third change approved was regarding front and side setbacks on new buildings where existing buildings do not conform to zoning regulations.

ALL WALLS and ceilings will be plastered and painted and most interior doors replaced. Acoustical drop-ceiling will be installed in the main areas. Existing plumbing, heating and electrical systems are to be replaced in their entirety.

The extensive project as outlined will cost \$103,000, of which \$78,000 is available, leaving only \$25,000 to be raised by the Temple Association.

Brochures are being sent out this week to all Masons and friends of Masonry explaining the project and requesting donations. This being the Lodge's 100th year, the Temple Association has created a special "Centennial" fund.

Absent Ballot Deadline Feb. 13

The Farmington City and Township clerks' offices issued a reminder to voters this week that the deadline for obtaining absentee ballots to vote in the February 15 election would be Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m.

Both clerks' offices will be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. as required by law. Absentee ballots are available to all who will be away from the community on Feb. 15.

Both city and township voters were urged to make their party nomination for a candidate to vie April 5 for the vacant 14th District State Senate seat.

Township voters will also have a local question to ballot on regarding pay increases recently authorized by the supervisor, clerk and treasurer in the township. A simple "yes" or "no" vote is called for.

The question will read on the ballot as follows:



THE SECOND PLACE General Excellence News Coverage Award won by The Farmington Enterprise last week in competition with newspapers from throughout the State of Michigan is being accepted here on behalf of The Enterprise staff by Mike Kiley (right). Making the presentation to Kiley is Bill Slinger (left) co-chairman of this year's Michigan Press Association newspaper contest. In the center, receiving a 3rd place award for Feature Story of the Year is Bob Sillars, publisher of The Fenton Independent.

Expect Lively City Planners Meeting Feb. 8

The City Planning Commission's regular public meeting this coming Monday night, Feb. 8, is expected to be a lively one.

Two areas where rezoning is called for in the city's proposed comprehensive ordinance are expected to be a hotly debated issue at a public hearing on January 11 and more lengthy discussion is expected Monday night.

One of the areas is a strip of land on the west side of Farmington Road, 700 feet deep and 2,800 feet long abutting the Loma subdivision and the other property between Grand River and Thomas St. west of School St.

THE BUSINESS section of the city is being ordered, stopped by the City Council.

Councilmen Howard Thayer and Henry Forrest both reported at the regular City Council meeting Monday night that they had received complaints from nearby homeowners on the containers located at the back of two business establishments which were filled beyond capacity.

Masonic Lodge Launches Campaign To Remodel "Town Hall" Temple

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On the second floor the lodge room is being enlarged and relocated to the west end of the building. Also, there will be a spacious foyer, an ante room, and numerous storage closets.