

# Editorial Page

## Walking Safety the Goal

Another sign of cooperative spirit on the part of school, township and city officials to make Farmington a better place in which to live and raise a family was shown last week.

We are referring to the appointment of representatives by each of these governmental bodies to the newly organized community safety committee. As was stated in a front page news story last week, the purpose of this committee will be to make an all-out effort to correct or at least reduce substantially unsafe conditions which exist for children walking to and from schools and play areas throughout the community.

The hope expressed that this would be a continuing committee is, in our opinion, a necessity. Not only must present unsafe conditions be corrected but some organization kept active to study and work to correct new unsafe conditions as they present themselves. A permanent committee could do much to see that unsafe and hazardous conditions are eliminated or reduced to a minimum before a new school is ever opened.

The need for a safety committee such as this was brought into sharp focus shortly after the opening of school last fall. Parents in two different sections of the community took law into their own hands in protest to unsafe walking conditions for their children by blockading public roads. Some corrective measures to reduce the hazardous conditions were taken but it was not accomplished without very unfavorable publicity which gave a "black eye" to the community as a whole.

As was stated by us at the time these incidents occurred, we have never been in accord with any group or individual defying the laws of the land to accomplish an end regardless of how just that end might be. But, as was also stated at that time, we had to have a little bit of a feeling of sympathy for the protesting parents in their concern over the safety and well-being of their children.

Through an active community safety committee such as the one now formed there should be no need for unlawful actions such as were taken last fall.

It will take more than the safety committee alone, however, to provide the safest possible walking conditions for youngsters in the community. It will take a spirit of cooperation on the part of every citizen as well in presenting any safety problems to the committee and then accepting a reasonable solution in a reasonable period of time. Parents will also have to continue to emphasize to their youngsters the importance of following routes specified for them and general rules of walking safety.

The joys and advantages of living in the country (if Farmington can still be termed that) or a suburban area are many compared to very cityified living. But along with these many advantages there are also some disadvantages. Those who want paved streets and sidewalks throughout the area, street lights every 100 feet or so, buses running down all main streets every half-hour, etc., never really wanted to live anywhere but in a city anyway, in our opinion. Just another part of the big metropolitan City of Detroit is not what Farmington is now and, it is the hope of many who moved here to get away from big city congestion, that it never will be.

That improvements can be accomplished through a cooperative effort on the part of school, city and township officials has already been proven here. Up until a few years back school officials never knew when or where new developments would be springing up next. Sometimes several homes were already up before they even knew an area was being developed. Subdivisions with dead-end streets and no provisions for tying into other subdivisions to be developed later have presented many of the transportation problems which school officials are still encountering today.

Now township and city officials are cooperating to see that the Board of Education gets an opportunity to view plans for all proposed new developments before they are ever approved. In this way suitable connecting roads, walkway easements and the like can be provided for.

It is through this kind of united effort that a community can best be developed to the satisfaction of all of its citizens.

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## Wood Creek Farms Village

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The Fishers, Grace and Vern, with the Harrisons, Hammills and Tappers of Farmington, left Feb. 12th and drove on to Little City, N.Y. for the convention of the American Association of School Administrators. Representatives were there from all 50 states. You doubtless saw the picture of the Farmington group of men in last week's paper.

Of course, Vern was in sessions most of the time, but the women were able to attend the meetings with special speakers. These included Sen. Agriculture Benson, George Romney of Bloomfield Hills, Nelson Rockefeller, and Eric Johnson, who replaced Sen. Symington who was unable to make the deadline. And who gave an exceptionally fine talk.

There were many interesting exhibits of materials pertaining to school and education. Two of our architects, Mr. Myers of Detroit and Mr. Phillips, who has designed several of the Farmington schools, were also there with their wives and entertained for many who attended. On Thursday, the Fishers, with some 50 others from Michigan, had luncheon in Washington, D.C. with several other Michigan school officials including our Bill Bromfield. On the return trip they had an unexpected 36 hours in Gettysburg where they had to wait until the Pennsylvania Turnpike was cleared of snow. They reached home a week ago Sunday.

This Sunday the Fishers went to an Arbor for dinner at the Town Club with business friends, and for a time thought they might have to stay over. They did manage the drive home in spite of the storm.

The Schlotterbecks went to Ypsilanti last Thursday to visit their daughter, Susan, and a gain see the new grandson. They were to stay over for a longer visit than planned, thanks to the very bad driving conditions.

Some 15 brave men did make the Civic Association meeting at the O. R. White Co. on the night of the concert. I can't report on what business was conducted, but I understand these men had a particularly enjoyable evening. The dance did not break up until about 11:30 P.M.

THE SEVAKISES flew down to Florida three weeks ago Tuesday to Key Biscayne for a vacation. The Hummons left Feb. 5th and drove to Florida. It was a trip decided upon on very short notice—some four days—with the added impetus of being with Mildred's sister in Miami when she celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary. They visited Mildred's brother, Charles, Fla. They had a fine visit even though it was too cool for them to want to swim. They got back to Wood Creek Friday.

The Franklin Garden Club meets tonight at the Billings. Mrs. Elsie Snow will speak on "Walking up your Garden".

Last Thursday Dorothy Wheeler was taken to Ford Hospital in Detroit where she will be out and completely recovered very soon.

Red Cross Work  
American Red Cross workers in Farmington have opened the drive to raise \$12,000 in this community as our share of the national quota.

Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt is Red Cross Chairman in Farmington. She is being assisted by L. M. McConnell, Civic Theater manager who will canvas the business district. Mrs. Marion Nelson and Mrs. Florence Yull will maintain a booth in the Farmington State Bank.

Residents are urged to make their contributions as early as possible. The drive has been assigned to various districts and will call at your home early in the drive.

10 Years Ago  
MARCH 3, 1950  
Special Election Certain  
A special election on the Farmington Township Building Code is now certain it was announced this week.



ED BLOOMER, founder of The Farmington Enterprise, is shown seated at the old oil top desk with its many pigeon holes. The picture was taken in 1898 on the tenth anniversary of the newspaper. Mr. Bloomer was born in 1855 and died in 1909.

## PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

### Wants Good Auditorium

Dear Sir:  
I am writing to you with the hope of crystallizing some community sentiment.  
Last Christmas I attended two of the school concerts one at O.E. Duncel Jr. High and one at the Senior High School. Both of these concerts, I along with many others, sat on bleachers to listen to our young musicians perform. I trust I am not the only one who feels that this is almost excruciating torture to try to enjoy music while sitting on a hard board which defies one to find any position of comfort for more than a five minute span.

BUT THIS is only a part of the problem about which I wish to speak. Up until 6:30 on the night of the concert Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Feucht with a crew of students were literally slaving physically to create an artistic setting for their concert in a great barn of a gym with the worst possible acoustics for that kind of a presentation. The slaving of which I speak involved lugging six enormous and fearfully heavy stage curtains from the Farmington Players' Barn, stringing them on heavy wire cables and then raising them as a background for the performers.

I feel I need not belabor this point. The readers' imagination should be able to conjure the rest of the picture. When they had finished this enormous task and prettied up the background with big silver snowflakes they had to involve lugging six enormous and fearfully heavy stage curtains from the Farmington Players' Barn, stringing them on heavy wire cables and then raising them as a background for the performers.

THE LOADED question I'd like to ask is how long would we expect to hold athletic events in the gymnasium if that kind of hard labor had to be done to prepare the football or any compromise.

The Falcons won the season with a win giving them a share of the League leadership.

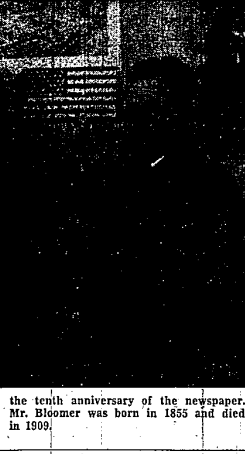
### 15 Years Ago

MARCH 3, 1955

A contract for the erection of four offices to be located in the main portion of the Town Hall has been awarded to the O. R. White Co. It was announced at a special meeting of the township board Tuesday.

The contract calls for the installation of the four offices along the south wall of the building at an estimated total cost of \$1,088. Installation will take three to five weeks.

State Tournament  
The Farmington Falcons and the Clarencville Trojans will swing into action tonight in the opening round of District 17 High School basketball tournament to be held at Bentley High in Livonia.



Clarenceville PTA's Partake In School Study

The Clarenceville PTA's are participating in the second phase of "Study of Michigan Schools."

The project for the study of Michigan schools is sponsored jointly by the Michigan School Board Association and the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The first phase of Studying Michigan Schools was completed last year when 226,000 opinionnaires were filled out. It was hailed as a pilot project of national importance for the involvement of many citizens in a study of their schools.

The second phase is "Study of Basic Issues in Education." The initial 110 statement opinionnaire (1958-59) provided citizens with an opportunity to become acquainted with many of the problems confronting education.

Twenty-four statements of the original were found to be controversial, not having received a two-thirds majority response. These will be studied in the near future on a state-wide basis. The 1959-60 study is focused on four areas: educational program, teaching staff, financing education, and higher education.

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## NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WAITE  
FL 9-2089

The Rebekah Club was entertained at the hall of Wednesday, March 3.

Mrs. Putnam of Northville, but formerly of Novi, passed away last Thursday at the Novi Convalescent Home where she has been a patient for the past four years. Funeral services were held Saturday.

Clare Lockwood is in the Pontic Osteopathic Hospital with pneumonia.

Duane Bell Callan spent a few days at Glennie recently visiting Duane's mother and doing a little fishing.

Mrs. Sue Watson entertained the P.N.G.'s at a dinner Tuesday evening.

The Allen Turners have been staying at the home of her parents, the Robert Clemons, for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Iris White was called to Arkansas to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law.

## News From Briar Hills

Kathy Kinley  
MA. 6-6434

Many thanks to the Oakland County Commission... they plowed the roads in our Subl Up until Saturday evening, we really needed a dog sled to get through.

IN SPITE of the bad weather, a couple carried on with party plans for their Progressive Dinner. Hignans were host, with the help of Lupine and Robinsons for cocktails. Next stop was the Sloans. The Sloans with the assistance of Neumann served shrimp cocktail and tossed salad as the fare, Italian spaghetti and the "dinner" was the repeat at the women's agency. Brauneuthers were their aides.

The final, (but not least) course... dessert and coffee was found waiting for those friends at Harrimans. A grand combination of foot conversation, and dancing made this a most pleasant evening for those attending.

A luncheon at Ellits last week had two guests of honor—Betty Harriman's mother and father, who had been visiting the Harrimans recently, and Marge Ellits's mother-in-law who left for an extended visit in Florida. Norma Hamilton and Betty Harriman were also among those attending.

Kim Marzinske was host for the birthday luncheon held Saturday at his home. Guests included Patty Ellits, Alan and Carol Espy, Patty and Phillip Deeds, Steven Ward and Debbie Marzinske, Kim's sister, were the guests on hand to watch a candle being blown out.

WE'RE HAPPY to report that Nancy Bramlage was able to return to school this week after recovering from her tonsillitis. She had been hospitalized recently at St. Mary's hospital in Livonia.

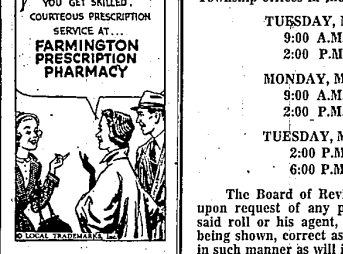
Jack Patterson reports that his father is much better and hopes for continued improvement. Jack was summoned to his father's bedside in Salisbury, N. Carolina last Tuesday and returned to Farmington and family Saturday.

We say farewell to a neighbor. The Arthur Sloan family on Northwick will return to their former stamping grounds in New Jersey when the moving leaves Saturday. Until then, new home is completed in Middletown, Ari. Barbara, and 5 children will temporarily make a new home in New Brunswick. Art was transferred to his new position and location early this fall and his family will now join him. Good luck to you.

WE SAY hello to the Bennett family on Ravenscroft. John, Marion and their two boys, Stephen 10 and James 4.

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## NOTICE

### Board of Review Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment roll of the Township of Farmington, that said roll will be subject to inspection at the Township offices in the Farmington Town Hall on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1960:  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1960:  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1960:  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

The Board of Review will be in session and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll or his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, correct assessment on such property in such manner as will be in their judgment make the value relatively just and equal.

Such assessment roll received by said Board of Review shall be the assessment roll of said Township of Farmington for the year 1960.

CURTIS H. HALL  
Township Supervisor

(Mar. 3, 1960)

## FARMINGTON DAIRY

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