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TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS got a first look at what may replace black-top or bituminous asphalt road construction in future years as a soil-cement road construction project, the first in the Detroit Metropolitan area, was laid in Franklin Village on a mile stretch of Wallington Drive. Pictured above getting a full account of the project from J. R. Stevens, paving engineer for the Portland Cement Association, are (L to R) Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns. Soil-cement roads are constructed by using a mixture of gravel cement to form a base for a thick covering of asphalt. The machine at the extreme left is mixing the material while the machine on the right is spreading the cement.

## Farmington Soldier Completes U.S. Army First Aid Course

In living up to the motto, "The Army takes care of its own," Specialist Five Jack M. Callahan, 21, of Farmington, completed a 16-hour course recently in emergency first aid while a member of the 1st Armored Division's 4th Medical Battalion at Fort Hood, Tex. SPECIALIST Callahan was trained in accident and injury evaluation, treatment of burns, psychological first aid and other features of emergency medical care. The course culminated in a county fair-type demonstration of the training that the specialist has received throughout the period of instruction. Callahan, a medical specialist in the battalion's Company C at Fort Hood, entered the Army in August 1961 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. The specialist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn Callahan, 25555 Tulane, is a 1960 graduate of Farmington High School.

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## In Our Opinion . . .

### Take the Initiative - Broaden Your Training

Hardly a week goes by that someone isn't applying for a job. Some of the applicants are tradesmen seeking printing work or allied jobs or men wishing to start on an apprenticeship program in the field.

But the bulk of the applicants are women seeking office work and the sad part of it is they wouldn't feel we could hire most of them even if we did have a job opening.

Ask them if they have had any training in typing, shorthand or working on business machines and they'll tell you very frankly they haven't done much of anything in the area since graduating from high school or completing a business course ten, fifteen and even more years ago. They lack poise and find it difficult to converse with you.

What they are really asking you to do is stick your neck out and hire them and then pay them good wages while you're training them over an extended period of time in the hopes they'll develop into a good worker for you. They act quite annoyed when you tell them that you need someone who has had some recent training or experience.

The statement often voiced is: "But how are we ever going to learn if nobody will hire us without training?"

It's quite simple if people would only learn to take the initiative. Look over the list of adult education courses being offered this fall right here at home by Farmington public schools. Courses in typing, shorthand, filing and business machines are all planned if there are enough interested to warrant conducting them. Those interested in jobs selling

## 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.



## Subdivisions Going It Alone Only Solution . . .

In your editorial on August 22, you take issue with the proposed Kimberley East subdivision on the grounds that it would be working together and pushing for tax increases to provide the greater utilities of services wanted.

We have been and will continue to be advocates of one more community swimming pool provided in connection with the new subdivision. Each new subdivision pool or swimming club is going to make it that much harder to get such community pools in our opinion.

Pools at our schools that cannot be used year around make a lot more sense to us than a number of subdivision pools that at best can be used only three or four months each year. We would like to see all the subdivision associations pushing for indoor pools at our high schools rather than supporting outdoor pools for each of the subdivisions.

If we can have both this pool and the swimming pool, it doesn't appear that we can.

These subdivision association officials who are interested in more and better community services should go to Township officials and school officials in body and make their feelings known.

## Councilmen Felt They Should OK Zoning Board's Plan Changes

Action by the Zoning Board of Appeals in approving changes in the plot plans for Thomas Duke's proposed large apartment development next to the American Legion Hall came in for some sharp criticism from Councilman Henry Forrest at the last City Council meeting.

Forrest was of the opinion that any changes in plans proposed should have been presented to the Council since it was the Council itself that approved the initial plans.

COUNCILMAN Howard Thayer, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals himself, also stated that he felt it should have been up to the Council to approve or disapprove any changes. He pointed out that he had raised a question about this when the matter came up before the Appeal Board and that this was the reason he abstained from voting at that time.

It was emphasized during discussion that the normal procedure for getting plans approved is to take the matter to the Board of Appeals. City Manager John Dihan pointed out that the changes were actually an improvement over the original plans. However, he incorporated in them corrections of many of the things councilmen were critical about when the plans were under consideration. The number of apartments planned has now been reduced from 113 to 104 and the layout changed around to move closer to Grand River Avenue and further away from the residentially zoned property to the south and southeast.

FORREST and Thayer both agreed that the changes called for probably are an improvement.

### ANTIQUE SHOW

Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sept. 5-7  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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## Labor Day

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We hope you have a very enjoyable, restful Labor Day weekend with your family.

But, don't forget on Monday, Sept. 2, to take a little time to pay tribute to all our laboring people. This is the purpose for this special holiday.

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## Need Stern Action to Stem Accident Tide

The seventh local traffic fatality of the year was recorded in Farmington Township earlier this month and injury accidents in the community are running substantially ahead of past years.

In the last four months left in 1968 we are on the road to setting all-time records that none of us like to see.

There are a lot of reasons being given nationally and at the state level as to why auto accidents are on the increase and all of them have a sound basis. Steps to eliminate some dangerous intersections locally would be helpful. So would expanded police forces to allow for more patrolling of our roads.

On a state basis we need stiffer requirements not only for obtaining driver's licenses but also for getting them renewed. We also join with those advocating required regular mechanical automobile checks on a statewide basis.

But when all is said and done all of these things in themselves are not enough.

We need a change of attitude on the part of every person who gets behind the wheel of a car. Everytime we exceed a speed limit or pass carelessly or neglect getting a "minor" mechanical repair made on our car as soon as it crops up we are letting ourselves become a potentially dangerous killer. Driving when drinking or overly tired can not be justified as being right.

More and more cars and drivers are being added to our community and every community across the nation every week and we are all travelling more miles than we ever did before.

Every driver has a responsibility to drive in such a manner so as to be able to cope with any hazardous conditions which prevail whether it be dangerous intersections, careless driver or unthinking pedestrian or faulty mechanics of his car.

We don't know what the state or other communities are planning to do to stem the tide of the mounting serious injury and fatal accident toll but locally and right now we urge our highway builders to take the year on all kinds of careless driving practices.

Some stiff fines and some stern lecturing by our judges may be necessary to drive the point home to motorists that the fault lies basically with them when accidents occur. Speeding, reckless driving and carelessly driving are going to have to be stopped if we are ever going to cut the mounting accident rate.

## A 'Thank You'

Our heartfelt thanks and eternal gratitude to the Farmington Township Fire Department and especially to Officer Russell Conway for their efficiency in rescuing our daughter from almost certain death at the hands of a degenerate.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Bush

## Neil G. Morris Begins Naval Boot Training

Neil G. Morris, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Morris in Farmington, is undergoing a nine weeks basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Mich. The intensive training program includes naval orientation, history and organization, military law, ordinance and gunnery, damage control, seamanship and shipboard routine, sentry duty, military drill and physical fitness, swimming, first aid and survival.

DURING THEIR training period recruits receive tests and interviews which determine their assignments in the Navy. Upon completing the program they are assigned to service schools for technical instruction or to ships or shore stations for on-the-job training in a Navy rating specialty.

A naval training commands produce the power behind sea duty in the United States Navy.

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## Looking Back in the Files

**5 Years Ago**  
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Three petitions were in circulation this week, according to the president of the League of Subdivision Associations, Robert H. Nelson. The petitions seek to block the proposed 114-mile expressway, another call for a reduction of speed limits and the third calls for stiffer regulations regarding gravel pits and dumping in the Township.

**School Enrollment**  
A boost of 50 students in the Farmington School District is expected according to the latest enrollment figures released this week from the Superintendent's office. The total number expected for the opening day of classes this fall is 6,622.

**Farmington Hill**  
A small Naval training vessel named "Farmington" last Thursday ran into the big ore carrier on the Detroit River.

**Tough Customer**  
A Farmington man was sentenced to three to twenty years in term in Jackson for the \$700 armed robbery of the Chesapeake Road between 14th and 14th Mills roads in the Township.

**Health Code**  
The Farmington Township Board called for a complete review of the Health Code at their regular meeting Tuesday evening in an effort to determine the enforceability of the code.

**Order Crackdown**  
The Farmington City Council last week ordered the owners of three buildings in the City, classified by the Building Department as unsafe, fire hazards and unsanitary, to be corrected by September 15 or face legal action. The owners have each been sent official condemnation notices.

**New Grid Coach**  
Earl Bye, a Navy veteran and a graduate of Northern State Teachers College, has been named the new head football coach at Farmington High School.

**Road Construction**  
Area roads have come in for consideration at a lately held meeting of the Oakland County Road Commission. Presently, work is commencing on the widening and re-surfacing of Eight Mile Road between 14th and 14th Mills roads in the Township.

**Primary Election**  
The 1968 Primary Election has begun to stimulate increased voter registration in both the City and Township in recent weeks. In the Township, the registration program conducted at large meetings has been received with great interest by the new City Council on nearly 30 new registrations.

**Junior Olympic**  
The curtain came down Friday afternoon on a successful Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program with the staging of the Junior Olympics, games and events for boys and girls who were enrolled in the eight-week program conducted at area playgrounds. Approximately 72 boys and girls took part in the track and field meet held at Farmington High School athletic field.

**Legion All-Stars**  
A hand-picked team of Farmington-American Legion Juniors defeated a team from their counterpart from Wayne this past week. The All-Star line-up for Farmington consisted of Fred McQueen, Bud Bryant, Jim Bares, Chuck Roush, Gene Scholer, Junior Nichols, Chuck Markham, Bud Rudebeck and Ronnie Roberts.

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## Highway Funds Of 25 Million Divided in St.

The State Highway Department has started distributing second quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said net receipts of the Highway Fund during April, May and June of 1968, amounted to \$47,255,540, an increase of 2,487,060, or 5.5 per cent, compared to the same period of 1967.

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