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In Our Opinion . . .

A Record We Hope We Won't Have to Record

Farmington is off to setting another new record and it's one that we don't want to go to the pleasure in reporting if we must. It's one which sure looks likely to be recorded at this point, however.

We're referring to the number of fatal and serious injury auto accidents that are being racked up in the community and the high rate in need of a comfortable pace. Last week we regretfully had to report fatality number five which occurred just as we were entering into the fifth month of the year. The injury accident count for the first portion of this year is also up substantially. Our community is not alone in needing to face up to this serious problem. It is a statewide problem. Michigan people are now paying one million dollars per day and 2,000 lives per year in accident tolls.

We can't justify the problem locally because the state averages are up, but we're also pretty far up with those who shrug the matter off lightly with the answer that it's very natural for our accident rate to be going up in view of the ever increasing amount of highway travel taking place.

We can increase our highway patroling and we should. We should also start doling out some really stiff fines for those who are ticketed for speeding, reckless driving, driving under the influence of liquor or seriously violating our traffic laws and ordinances in any way.

Some local officials have indicated publicly that they don't want Farmington to get the label of being a speed trap. We can't concur with this thinking. If it requires the setting up of some speed traps in our community to teach drivers who are prone to violate speed limits and drive recklessly that they're not going to be able to get away

with it in our community then that's exactly what we should be doing.

The voluntary vehicle safety check which was conducted last weekend was a very good community project but we are fearful that those who really should have gone through the safety check lanes with their cars never did. The time is long overdue for a state law which would make it mandatory for every auto owner to have his car thoroughly checked over yearly to make sure it's safe to be operated on our highways. Let's not wait until such a state law is passed, though, as it may be a long time in coming, if ever. It is time for the local police forces to start pulling over cars that look unsafe and to start ordering that they be made safe to operate on our highways or be junked. If it takes some new local ordinances to do this then we say they should start being worked on.

All of these things in themselves, however, are still not going to be enough. The real responsibility for reducing our traffic death and accident toll lies with each and every person with a driver's license who slips behind the wheel of a car.

Each and everyone of us has got to start getting a little more concerned about the responsibility that we must assume every time we pull out on the drive or parking lot and start out on the highway.

As intelligent people with deep concern for the well-being of our fellow man as well as our own family, friends and relatives, we just can't continue to take the responsibility of driving an auto lightly. None of us should really need strict laws and heavy fines doled out to jar us to our senses as to what our responsibilities as drivers are.

Problem Not As Far Off As You Think

Have you stopped to give any thought to where your children, or perhaps your grandchildren if you're an older citizen, will be going to college five, ten or even fifteen years from now?

If you haven't, then it is perhaps time right now that you start giving the matter some serious thought even though it may be several years yet before you'll be having a high school graduate in your family.

All except some of the smaller private colleges are becoming increasingly harder to get students enrolled in. The major colleges and universities are expanding as fast as money can be had to do so but they just can't keep pace with the rapidly increasing enrollment demands.

It is becoming more and more important each year that the high school graduate go on to take some form of higher educational training if he is going to obtain a good job and one where he can use his abilities to the fullest and prosper.

The real answer seems to be to provide more and more college facilities, but even this in itself will not be enough if the costs of obtaining some college training or other forms of higher learning after completing high school come to mount. Families with average or only slightly above average incomes will just not be able to afford to send their boys and girls to these colleges.

There are some real good arguments that have been advanced for locating a number of college facilities throughout the state so that many people can attend them and obtain a variety of types of higher learning without having to live away from home. If you haven't already acquainted yourself with the arguments in favor of establishing a number of community college districts throughout the state, you should do so right away.

It may be ten or fifteen years away yet before you have to worry about sending anyone off to college or to obtain some other form of higher education, but don't kid yourself into thinking that you can just sit back and wait until the state's overcrowded college conditions are facing future are resulting because of the lack of forward thinking and long range planning and preparing which wasn't done satisfactorily 10 or 15 years ago.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago MAY 21, 1959	10 Years Ago MAY 29, 1954	15 Years Ago MAY 19, 1949
City Budget Cut The City's proposed budget, has been pared down to \$247,818. By eliminating and reducing some of the items in the budget, a total of \$8,315 was dropped off the budget as originally submitted.	Record Budget The Farmington City Council this week adopted a record budget of \$238,069.	Falcon 9 Wins The Farmington High School baseball team snapped their losing streak of three last Friday afternoon when they defeated Foley, 12-3.
Sidewalk Repairs The Farmington City Council has ordered a sidewalk repair program for both sides of Grand River Avenues from Farmington Road. The project will get under way this summer.	Poppy Days Farmington Mayor Kenneth R. Luomis has proclaimed May 27-29 "Poppy Days" in Farmington. Veterans groups in the community will observe the annual sale of poppies to raise funds for disabled war veterans on those days.	FTH Track Team Wins The Farmington High School track team buried Northville 74-4 to 3-1/2, by sweeping both halves and scoring heavily in the shot put and hurdles.
Sign Ordinance A sign ordinance has been adopted by the City which will not allow signs to be erected extending further than 15 inches into the right-of-way or lower than 12 feet above the sidewalk.	School Election A total of five candidates have filed nominating petitions to run for two available seats on the Farmington Board of Education.	Precinct "Whereas, 30 men of Farmington gave their lives in the defense of the United States of America in World War I and II."
Farmington High School Senior Rex Cavley has officially equalled the National High School record for the 120-yard event. Cavley breezed over the 120-yard dash at the State Regional Track meet last week on the record time of 13.9.	Falcons Bow Twice The Farmington High School baseball team dropped two consecutive last week. Dick Radatz, contributed to one of the Falcons' defeats with his efforts both on the mound and at the plate.	Mayor's Office The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce elected Robert Metz, Jr. President for the coming year. Other officers elected were: Roy C. Erdmann, vice president; James Warner, second vice president; Kenneth E. Chapman, secretary; Bud Felton, treasurer; and Arthur Mann, director.

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 reflect the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Having Problems With Children

Gentlemen:
I am writing to see the movement to clean up and beautify Farmington. There is one problem, however, which you might be able to bring to the attention of the community through your paper. As you see from my address I live north of Nine Mile off Inkster Road. Before the big building boom there was a very pretty wooded area that extended from our homes to Nine Mile. Now, however, it has become a continual battle to maintain this area.

Not only are rubbish and papers dumped in this area, but children also run rampant. This, despite the fact that the area is a public recreation area; it is private property and was so posted.

As I asked one child, "Would your parents like it if strange children romped and ran through your yard?" He had never thought about it that way. The wooded area bordered the stream on Nine Mile is not a public recreation area; it is private property and was so posted.

I am wondering if through your paper it wouldn't be possible to enlist the cooperation of the various garden clubs and other community organizations to have the stream cleared and beautified by their own immediate areas, but also to help others maintain pleasant and eye appealing surroundings.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Ruth McLennan
2782 Spring Valley Drive
Farmington, Michigan

Community College

Dear Mr. Kiley,
I am resigning as Director of the Third Legislative District for the Republican Party. I am resigning to accept the position of a Trustee of the proposed Oakland County Community College, to be voted upon June 8.

I have become a candidate for Trustee at the urging of local and party leaders because this is a cause which is vital to the youth of our community. I have always been of the belief that every child who is qualified for college should have the opportunity to attend the Oakland Community College will be a long stride toward the accomplishment of this objective for the youth of this area.

I have taken this step only after considerable soul searching because it requires (being non-partisan) my giving up the leadership of one of the most powerful Republican districts (34 precincts and 46 state delegates) in the state (and Governor Romney's home district). Besides the Republican stronghold of the Birmingham-Bloomington area, the district includes Troy, Keego Harbor, half of Wixom and the townships of Avon, Commerce, Milford, and Bonlee Bloomfield.

I am enclosing a summary of my background and a Fact Sheet on the Community College for reference purposes.

Sincerely,
Vernon M. Fitch

Appoint Two Grade School Principals

Two new elementary principals for the Farmington public school system have been appointed and will begin their duties with the start of the 1964-65 school year.

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PTA Concludes 1963-64 Year At Shiawassee

The Shiawassee PTA concluded its 1963-64 year on May 6. Den: Number 4 from Cub Pack 102, sponsored by the Shiawassee P.T.A., opened the meeting with a Flag Ceremony during which they gave a short history of the United States Flag. They also led the membership in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A short business meeting followed, during which the revised by-laws of the Association were put to the membership for their vote of approval.

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The evening was concluded with a social hour with refreshments being served by the Refreshment Chairman Mrs. Lila Lips.



North Farmington High Students on Honor Roll

12TH GRADE
James Accelli, Helen Ayresworth, Richard Blatchford, Dick DeLange, Steve Druet, Pat Dickson, Geraldine Doelle and a
GREG BOYER, Todd Butts, Don Bramble, Linda Button, James Cale and Laurie Cairns.
Ray, Duwe, Colleen Dreyer, Beverly Fieischbraker, Cheryl Fishman and Mark Gaylen.
Jacki Gierson, Jeannette Green, Samuily Greenberg and Sandra Hageman.
Tom Harris, Sharon Hartman, Forrest Hayford, Marsha Heron, Karen Jacobson, Carol Jones, James Larson and Jay Lawson.
LINDSAY LETCHER and Sue Mallette.
LEE MARTILLA and Dave Mallette.
Chris Meyers, Gloria Mingo, Marilyn Myers, Carol Northen, Judy O'Daniel and Kirk Pates.
P.O. N. V. A. PINTAR, Bob Pader, Valerie Plouffe, Doni Reagenik, Bob Rokicki, Steve Rossier, Greg Rouke and Glen Schenck.
Diane Schumacher, Janet Sell, Beverly Smith and Lynn Smith.
Marilyn Smith, Ralph Steadman, Mike Sucher, Dave Thomas, Paula Timmerman and Chris Truitt.
JAMES UHL, Diane Valenti, Nancy West, Nancy Welton, Pauline Weaver and Marlea Welton.

11TH GRADE
Margaret Ahearn, John Ashton, Paula Boys, Barbara Bujak, Nancy Chamberlain, James Cocksels, Carol Cowan, Thomas Crubaker, John DeLange, Jimmie Davidge, Janice Foster, Martha Frankel, Jack Garcia and James Gleason.
RONALD GULBAULT, Jo Gunkel, James Haines, Jean Harris, Margaret Hawkins, Catherine Heimforth, Sandra Himeslow, Kay Hosler and Sandra Kewick.
JANET LAM, Michael Lawling, Jeff Lazar, Nancy Litchman, Andrea Lingner and Dave Lubin.
Donna MacArthur, James McElfishion and Corrine Halton.
RON MARTINI, Diane Martin, Cathleen Newton, James Nielson, Ron Peterson, Joyce Petris and Pat Prucha.
Zar Reader, Martha Schilling, Phyllis Smith, Susan Sloan, Alan Smith, Susan Smith and Nancy Stewart.
Brooks Stover, Russell Tanager, Sherol Utley, Ricky Ward, Linda Wellner, Alan Wiley, James Witt, Judy Woods and James Wrighgelsworth.

10TH GRADE
Carol Adams, Larry August, Sandra Barry, Freddie Beckwith, Audrey Behne, Richard Benninger, Ron Borgensier, Bonnie Britton and Bruce Buswell.

Cadet Turpin Earns Award

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Plan Dinner Dance in Westlake Village

The newly founded Homeowners' Association presents its first annual dinner dance at the Roma Hall on Saturday, July 11, from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for new community to become active socially and to better the subdivision as a whole. It will be an excellent time to become acquainted with neighbors and Drive, 474-1650.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. David A. Pollock, 2965 S. Stockton Drive, 474-4750, or Mrs. Donald C. Schaefer, 3001 S. Stockton Drive, 474-1650.

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