

A Program To Boost Hwy. Safety

The National Vehicle Safety-Check program again this year will be joined by the community of Farmington as plans were outlined this week for local participation.

This year's Vehicle Safety-Check Committee has set the third week in May for the local program. It will be the third year that Farmington has provided this service to motorists. More and more communities throughout Michigan are sponsoring these valuable programs each year in the absence of a state law setting up mandatory vehicle safety-checks.

The great success of these vehicle safety-check programs in the past has been attributed to the amount of response from motorists interested in improving highway safety. These responsible drivers are showing the way to others.

The windshield sticker provided for those motorists who pass the safety-check inspection is a sign the owner cares about making the highway a safer place to drive. It means he is conscious of the potential hazard an automobile not in good mechanical running order presents to the owner and others on the highway.

Many states have recognized the importance of the vehicle safety-check program and have enacted laws for man-

datory inspections. Although Michigan does not as yet have such a law in effect, much attention has been given by state lawmakers to establishing one.

The high percentage of motorists who find their vehicle lacking in some mechanical aspect, be it a faulty head lamp or a bad tire, and have the situation corrected so as to be able to return to the safety-check center and pass inspection has proved to officials in charge of past programs in Farmington their efforts are worthwhile. These free safety-check inspections are conducted by qualified men who give up time from their busy schedules to perform this community service. Last year every automobile dealership in the community of Farmington took part in the program and provided their service managers to supervise at the local inspection centers. In addition to the excellent support from the car dealers, the students in the Driver Education Department of the Farmington Public Schools also provided valuable assistance to the success of the program.

This year's Vehicle Safety-Check in Farmington will be staged during Michigan Week, May 15-21, which is several weeks earlier than last year's program. Be ready to have your car meet inspection and get the 1966 Safety-Check sticker.

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No Apologies Needed In Farmington

Who among us hasn't seen a special event come and go — without the resulting lament, "We should have done something about that!"

Or — if we have been a part of some special happening, we may have felt something lacking and had to say, "It was the best we could do at the last minute."

No apologies are needed in Farmington regarding arrangements for special events. Our Board of Commerce has become Farmington's "official hosts."

When a special occasion arises, we can depend upon the Board of Commerce to come through with the right plans, at the right time in the right place. The organization adds the "nice touch" to special events. To name a few such occasions:

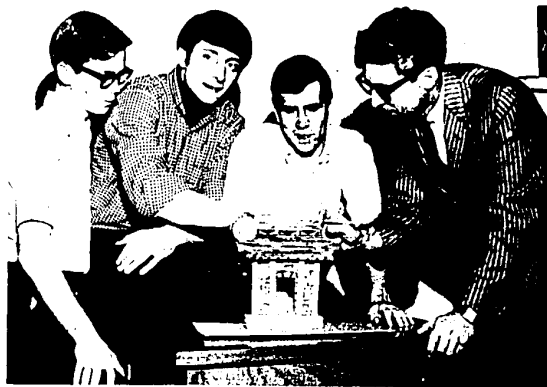
The Board went all out with plans for the visiting dignitaries with Farmington, New York, at last year's Founder's Festival; they formed the Rex Cawley committee and gave Farmington's Olympics

gold medal winner a memorable homecoming; they gave a going-away luncheon for two prominent citizens who left the community last month; and they feted Farmington's Miss Bonnie Britton, Michigan's Junior Miss, at a send-off luncheon last week.

We must make it clear that we realize the Board of Commerce is not the only organization in Farmington that participates in these community events; but somebody has to take the lead and coordinate the efforts of other people and groups, and this is where the Board comes in.

Special events happen only once and there is only one opportunity to recognize them. The Board of Commerce has shown that we in Farmington can rest assured that appropriate recognition will be given when any occasion arises.

We heartily commend the Board and those individuals who have helped it to earn the title, "Official Hosts of Farmington."



ACTORS IN THE FARMINGTON High School Musical, "Shangri-La," study a model of one of the stage sets with the director of dramatics Lee S. Peel. The full-length musical will be presented at Farmington Junior High School on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. Tickets will go on sale at special reduced rates on Saturday, April 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. until noon, at Farmington High School. The play is an adaptation from

James Hilton's "Lost Horizon" and was done by FHS alumna Brian Dault. The project has received considerable praise from music and drama people in the State. Musical arrangements are by Don Preston, arranger for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Pic-dure above (L to R) are student actors Dennis Moore, Mike Gregory and Bob Miller and Director Lee S. Peel.

Supt. Floyd Sallow Keeps City Clean

BY HAROLD GREEN
Farmington Senior High
Supervision of 700 tons of salt and handling about that many complaints concerning it is Mr. Floyd Sallow, Superintendent of Public Works for the City of Farmington. At his official residence, 33720 West Nine Mile, he is the central figure in keeping the city's streets clear of snow and in handling many more monumental tasks.

"My department maintains the streets, their markings, signs, sidewalks, lawns, cemeteries, storm drains, Christmas decorations, tree trimming, and all the complaints in conjunction with our work."

WINTER BRINGS with it many humorous anecdotes besides the snow, Mr. Sallow commented. Although an emergency crew of one is prepared to

cope with emergency problems, Mr. Sallow is still on call 24 hours a day.

"They called me out on Christmas Eve because some kids wanted to form an ice rink around a Floral Park sewer. The kids had pushed a large plank under the cover and by the time I got there, a pool of water 100 by 30 feet was under it. And after I got home they called me out again because of a flooded basement."

Concerning the pipe freezing affair two years ago, he said, "We had to use electric heating devices to thaw the pipes out because the lower frost line came on gradually."

When winter wind begins sweeping, "We drop everything and attend to the snow," he said. "The only problem it really presents is to keep the streets and hills clear, and in case of last year's blizzard, remove the snow."

Serving in Public Works for 12½ years and acting as a Farmington policeman for 7½, Mr. Sallow has found that the latter helped him somewhat in obtaining his present position. "It helped me in one sense because I knew the city layout and the streets, both from police work and having spent my childhood here."

Before he was appointed by the Mayor, Sallow went to a school in Ypsilanti to brush up on maintenance techniques. He went once a week for six months.

"One time we had lunch in one of the sewage disposal plants; it was that clean."

While discussing necessary improvements in the department, he said, "I would like more equipment, more help, more money, and more fringe benefits, preferably a fully paid Blue Cross policy. And less static from the public."

A native of Casper, Wyo.,

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OBITUARIES

JAMES H. DONOVAN
Mr. James H. Donovan of 32723 West Eight Mile Road, Livonia, passed away on Friday morning, March 18, 1966, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Donovan was born on July 16, 1889, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Michael and Della Crimmins Donovan. On May 16, 1917, he was united in marriage to Marie Bydowski.

Services were held on Monday, March 21, with Prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the Hickey-Sundquist Funeral Home to St. Gerald's Church at 10 a.m. with Fr. James P. O'Hagan officiating. Rosary was said on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. and interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Donovan are his wife, Marie; one son, James H., Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Phelan, Mrs. Edward Chouinard and Sister Mary Susan, O. P.; and two sisters, Mrs. May Schroeder and Mrs. Eileen Race, all of Detroit.

ADELINE M. DORMAN
Mrs. Adeline M. Dorman, a former resident of Farmington, passed away on Sunday afternoon, March 13, at her home in Rosemead, California.

Mrs. Dorman was born in Detroit on July 30, 1915, the daughter of Charles and Marie Ming Spies. She attended school in Clarensville and on August 30, 1933, was united in marriage to Donald Dorman in Cheboygan, Michigan.

Funeral services took place on Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Elsie A. Johns of the Clarensville Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Surviving are her husband, Donald; one daughter, Mrs. Donald of California; and two sons, Charles of Farmington and Harold of California. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Charles Spies of Farmington.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

MARCH 23, 1961

Local Election
Voters from both the City and Township of Farmington will be going to the polls April 3 to cast ballots for the candidates of their choice. In the top contests, Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall is seeking re-election. Opposing Hall is Democrat Harold Spiechle. In the City, five men are in the running for three available seats on the City Council.

Church Dedication
The new Our Lady of Sorrows Church will be officially dedicated at services this Sunday at which Archbishop John F. Dearden will officiate.

Liquor Sale
The Blue Bowls Bowling Alley has petitioned the Farmington City Council to obtain clearance so they can proceed to seek a liquor license for the establishment.

City Assessments
The total assessed valuation for the City of Farmington, as approved by the Board of Review this week, is \$19,117,459, an increase of \$949,799 over last year.

10 Years Ago

MARCH 22, 1956

Valuation Up 24 Per Cent
The total assessed valuation of all property in the City of Farmington has been set at \$7,097,175 for the year 1956. Kathryn C. City Treasurer, said this represents a 24 per cent increase over last year or \$1,713,065 in additional valuation.

Ratsky Resigns
Assistant City Manager for the City of Farmington, Norbert Ratsky, has resigned to assume a new post with the American community Builders, a Detroit firm. Ratsky had been City Manager Earl Schert's "assistant for the past two years."

Heavy Vote Expected
A heavy turnout of voters is expected for the March 28 School Election which will decide a \$2,000,000 bond issue.

Off-Street Parking
The Farmington City Council authorized a sub-committee to proceed with the necessary steps to have the Oakland County Planning Commission conduct a survey of the off-street parking needs of the downtown Farmington business district.

15 Years Ago

MARCH 22, 1951

Charter Vote
The voters of Farmington will not only be electing men to fill key offices in the Biennial Spring Election April 2 but also will decide whether the new City Charter, calling for a City Manager form of government, should be accepted.

Growing Tax Base
The City of Farmington has an assessed valuation of \$3,248,968 this year, it was announced by Mayor Delos Hamlin at the City Commission meeting on Monday night. This represents an increase of \$260,000 over last year.

Blood Bank
A total of 122 pints of blood were donated this past week to the Red Cross as the Bloodmobile visited Farmington.

Baseball Season
Early spring drills have opened for the Farmington High School baseball team, under the tutelage of William N. Use. Several top players from last year's team are back in the fold, including All-Conference centerfielder Jim Bates who batted a hefty .333 for the Falcons last year.



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