

Cab Fares Up, Drivers Age Drop

FARMINGTON Not only will the City of Farmington have three additional taxi cabs starting Jan. 1, but also higher fares, higher insurance coverage and maybe younger drivers.

Monday night, the city council took four separate actions involving the taxi business in Farmington.

THE FIRST (reported on page one) was authorization of three more bond plates making a total of 14 cabs which can operate in the city.

The three additional cabs will be operated by the Empire Cab Co., a Farmington

Township firm owned by Mrs. Elsie Newberry. The council felt there was a need for additional cabs in the city, based on a national average of one cab for every 2,582 persons.

This year, the ratio has been 1 cab for each 1,000 persons. With the three new cabs, the ratio will be one cab for 857 persons.

AFTER APPROVING operation of three more cabs in the city, the council then introduced an ordinance to raise taxi fares effective in January.

The new fares will be: 50

cents for the first one-fifth of a mile; 10 cents for each additional one-fifth of a mile; and 10 cents for each minute of waiting time.

The fare hike was asked by Vern Foster, owner of the Red & Yellow Cab Co. and general manager of Suburban Checker Cab, Inc. These two firms now operate 11 cabs in the City of Farmington.

Foster said the higher rates are needed to remain competitive with other cities; otherwise, he would lose drivers.

Foster said Detroit sets the pattern for cab fares, and the new charges have already been approved for the cities of Detroit, Wayne and Bloomfield Hills and are to be approved by the City of Southfield and Redford Township.

Cab drivers, he explained, are paid a percentage of what is paid into the meter, for a between \$125 and \$135, for a 60-hour week.

He explained that charges for waiting time are not a big item and generally affect parcel deliveries to businesses or industries. Waiting time amounts to only about 7% of the total meter time, he added.

A resolution was adopted Monday night making the new fares effective Jan. 1. The ordinance is to be amended at the first meeting in January.

THE COUNCIL ALSO introduced an amendment to raise the minimum insurance requirement to \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per accident for liability and \$10,000 for property damage.

Empire Cab now has \$100,000/\$200,000 and \$50,000 and Foster's cabs are insured with \$50,000/\$100,000 and \$50,000.

City Manager John Dinan had recommended that the minimum be raised to \$100,000/\$200,000 and \$50,000. This limit would have made the city one of the highest in the area, equaled only by Southfield, Novi and Walled Lake. Livonia's insurance minimum is \$50,000/\$100,000 and \$50,000.

Foster asked that Livonia's minimum be considered instead of Dinan's. He said if Dinan's minimum were adopted, Foster's firm would have to go to the insurance pool, which would be expensive and time consuming.

As you go east toward Detroit, Foster said cab companies must pay more for auto insurance. He said it costs \$1,000 to insure one cab in Farmington and \$1,550 to insure the same cab in Redford.

It costs 3 1/2 times as much to insure a cab in Farmington as in Novi, he added. Mayor Wilbur Brotherton said he felt the present restrictions were adequate. "If we raise the insurance coverage, we'll encourage higher settle-

Councilman John Allen said he had no objections to the city's present minimum \$50,000/\$100,000 and \$5,000 because the city has had no bad experiences.

FOSTER SAID since 1957 the largest claim against his firm was \$4,200 for a combined payment for liability and property damage. He explained it is cheaper to insure a cab in Novi than in Farmington.

ments, and pretty soon we'll need to raise the limits again," he said.

A THIRD ordinance amendment was introduced to lower the maximum age for cab drivers from 21 to 19. This action was also asked by Foster and recommended by Dinan. Dinan explained that Michigan law has been changed to allow drivers 18 or over having a chauffeur's license to operate public vehicles.

The city manager recommended lowering the maximum age to 18. All cab drivers must qualify by having their background and driving records thoroughly checked, he said.

At the present time, added Dinan, every person under the age of 21 who has qualified for a Michigan chauffeur's license has received professional driver training.

Dinan said he felt it would be better to have younger drivers than drivers over 60 with slower reflexes. Foster said he intends to provide driver training through facilities provided by the National Safety Council. Foster added the change should result in better trained and qualified drivers.

He said the change would also allow him to provide employment to students attending local community colleges.

Farmington Calendar

SINGLES INTER-PARISH CLUB

Dec. 21. The Singles Inter-Parish Club will hold its Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows parish hall. Single church members ages 21-35 are invited; members accepted from all denominations.

ROTARY CLUB OF FARMINGTON

The Rotary Club of Farmington meets at noon every Tuesday in Botsford Inn.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Dec. 26. The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room. There will be an election of officers and a social afternoon with cards following the business meeting. Bring a sandwich.

Auto-Trans Boon For Transferees

A new plan for transporting the family automobile by rail, for people moving from eastern cities to the West Coast, has been announced by the Chesapeake and Ohio/Baltimore and Ohio railroads.

The new C&O/B&O service, to be known as "Auto-Trans," is expected to have wide appeal for large business corporations, with cross country chains of plants and offices, whose costs for moving personal automobiles are sky-rocketing, John Mogg, C&O/B&O marketing executive in charge of the operation, said.

"Our new service will substantially reduce these costs for moving employees' automobiles," Mogg added. "One of the principal advantages," he said, "will be a saving of the valuable time of people being moved for business reasons, and elimination of the wear and tear of long-distance driving."

INITIALLY, the service will

Awards Dinner

FARMINGTON North Farmington Raiders wound up the 1969 football season with their annual awards dinner recently. Guest speaker Aldo Forte related anecdotes about his gridiron career from high school days to his years with the Chicago Bears.

Outstanding players receiving recognition included Keith Braun for defense, Steve Loe, lineman; Bob Hughes, top back; and Jay Pease, most valuable player.

European Holiday

FARMINGTON North Farmington students may enroll for a 38-day "fun-study" trip to Europe next summer. Sponsored by the World Horizons Program, the tour will be directed by counselor Gerry Silare.

Countries on the itinerary are England, France, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

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478-3335 478-5318

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GR 4-0584

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Farmington, Mich.
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5:45 p.m. - 3 Youth Groups
7 p.m. - Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday Prayer Service
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6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service
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GR 4-3563 GR 4-6902

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Oakland at Grand River Farmington
WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:15 a.m. (Nursery)
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Parsonage GR 6-0487
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