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It's Fun To Get "Lost" In Christmas Toyland



The Toyland departments of stores in Farmington are becoming more and more popular these days as the time for the arrival of Old St. Nick on Christmas Eve draws near. Young boys and girls in increasing numbers can be seen browsing about in the toy departments and getting lost among the volume of toys, dolls, etc. Young Sharon Nulis is shown above taking another long look and a little bit of alcoholic fuzzy wuzzy. The picture was snapped Saturday morning in the basement toy department at Gumbell's Store.

Final United Fund Total To Go Over \$16,000 Figure

Committee Continues To Receive Funds

Nearly complete figures show that the 1954 Farmington Area United Fund, Community Chest and Community Chest Drive will exceed the \$16,000 mark, Omar Sanderson, Campaign Chairman, announced this week. Sanderson stated that, although the campaign solicitation has been over for several weeks, contributions continue to come in from individuals and organizations. The \$16,000 figure is the largest total ever collected in a Farmington United Fund campaign. It represents approximately 65% of the \$24,457 goal set for the 1954 Drive. The largest single contributor to the Farmington campaign was Scar Cutter Company, who gave \$1,000. Of this amount, \$500 was contributed by the employees and \$500 by the management. Other manufacturing plants, business concerns and individual residents contributed the balance of the fund. A FINAL report on the Campaign is expected to be announced by Sanderson at a meeting of the (Continued on Page 5A)

Committee Named To Study Formation Of District-Wide Sewage Authority

Loomis Files Letter Explains Reasons For Resignation



KENNETH LOOMIS

In a letter filed with The Farmington Enterprise this week, Kenneth Loomis explains the reasons for the submitting last Monday of his resignation as Mayor and member of the City Council. Loomis states that "The voters of the City of Farmington have three times elected me. I have been greatly honored in the faith placed in me. The people elected me to perform a service through the city government for the best interests of all the people who live in Farmington. "During the past few months I have been brought to realize that the present city charter does not provide sufficient authority for the Mayor to direct the management of the city nor sufficient authority for the Mayor to correct inefficiencies in management of the city. Without this authority it is hopeless for the Mayor to even attempt to perform the services through the city government which the people are entitled to (Continued on Page 5A)

Residents Protest Rezoning Of Gas Co. Property

Object To Enlargement Of Present Facilities

A large group of property owners from the Franklin Knolls Subdivision appeared before the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening to protest the filing of a new petition by the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company for rezoning of property adjacent to the present installation on Northwestern Highway near Fourteen Mile Road. Representatives of the Gas Company explained the new petition, which includes five parcels of land along Northwestern and Fourteen Mile Road. It was pointed out that the large parcel to be rezoned was being excluded from the new proposal and that regulations regarding odorizing of the gas were added to the petition. The parcel nearest to the Franklin Knolls is situated as a buffer zone in the new proposal, officials stated. The property owners stated that the gas plant had been there for several years and asked if there was any limit on the number of times it would be resubmitted. They stated that approval of the rezoning change would deteriorate their property. The property owners added that establishment of a buffer zone would not protect them against odor, which sometimes come from the installation. Following the discussion, the Board, by a unanimous vote, decided (Continued on Page 5A)

Tenant Elected Head Of New Southwest Oakland County Group

Initial steps were taken at a special meeting held Tuesday evening in the Municipal Court Room to establish a proposed sewage disposal authority for the southwestern section of Oakland County. A committee of public officials, representing the City of Farmington and the Townships of Farmington, Novi, Southfield and West Bloomfield, was selected to study the proposed plan. James Tennant, Farmington City Manager, was appointed chairman of the committee. Other members included: Ernest Blanchard, Supervisor of Farmington Township; William Hoeser, Supervisor of Southfield Township; Francis Staman, Supervisor of Novi Township; and Harmon Thatcher, Supervisor of West Bloomfield Township. Ralph Main, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, and Russell Colston, County Sanitation Engineer, will serve as advisors to the committee. The committee agreed to meet on December 16 to discuss in detail the overall sewage problem and to formulate a plan of procedure in establishing an area-wide authority. In the meantime, the committee members were requested to survey their respective areas regarding the sewer problem in order that tentative boundaries for the proposed authority might be set up.

Plan Campaign For Lighted Field At Clarenceville

Optimist Club To Act As Sponsoring Agent

Plans are now being developed in the Clarenceville School District to erect a fund raising program to provide a lighted field for the high school property. The Board of Directors of the Optimist Club has approved a motion to act in the capacity of sponsoring agency for the fund raising effort. It is anticipated that in the very near future invitations will be sent out to other clubs and organizations within the School District to meet and discuss possible procedures to raise the necessary funds. Optimist Club officials stated that only tentative plans have been made thus far, but it is hoped that additional information will be available in the next few weeks. SIBBS has already been taken by the School District to relocate the football field. The field will be located slightly south of the present site in order to provide a regulation track around the gridiron. The relocation will also provide for better drainage and more adequate parking. It is expected that the district will be able to finance the relocation of the football field and fence the property. However, funds are not available to provide for lighting facilities or for the installation of permanent-type bleachers. School officials stated this week that engineering work on the relocation of the field, as well as the drainage, is now under way.

Discuss Duplex Housing Project

Township-wide Interest Was Indicated Last Week in the Field of Residents of the Schroeder Road Area to Prevent the Moving of Duplex Rental Units onto a 16-acre Parcel of Land West of Schroeder Road and North of Twelve Mile Road.

Over 100 persons were in attendance at a public meeting of the group at the Town Hall on Friday evening. Included were representatives from nearly every subdivision association in the township as well as a number of other interested persons, not residents of the Schroeder Road area. Victor Rust, chairman of the Schroeder Road Committee, opened the meeting by summarizing the earlier activities of the group. Mrs. Margaret Schaefer, attorney for the group, explained the conditions of the temporary injunction obtained to prevent William A. Safady, Detroit, from moving 38 duplex units onto the land purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder. In addressing the group, Rust stated that the fullest support of everyone would be needed to finance (Continued on Page 5A)

Post Office Hires Added Personnel To Handle Rush Of Christmas Mail

Twenty-Five Temporary Employees To Join Regular Farmington Postal Staff Next Week

Officials of the Farmington Post Office announced this week that all positions for additional personnel to handle the anticipated record flow of holiday mail have now been filled. Henry Trombley, Postmaster, stated that 25 persons have been employed. The additional personnel will assist the regular carriers and office staff in the processing of Christmas mail and packages. The Postmaster stated that the temporary employees will begin work next week. In the meantime residents are being reminded to use three-cent stamps on their Christmas cards so that they will be forwarded if the addressee has moved or returned if unable to be located. Trombley pointed out that another advantage of using First Class Christmas cards is the fact that written messages can be included with the Christmas cards. All mail for out-of-state delivery should be posted by December 15. Cards for local delivery should be mailed at least one week before Christmas.

TOWN CLUB PLANS SMORGASBORD DINNER SATURDAY

The annual highlight of the Christmas season for members of the Town Club and their husbands is the Smorgasbord Dinner to be held this year on Saturday, December 4, at the Livonia Riding Club. Entertainment for the evening will be something of an innovation as the committee has planned a hayride or weather permitting, supply labels reading "All for the Out-of-State Delivery" and "All Smorgasbord Dinner" by members of the Town Club. The chairman of the program is Mrs. Werner Claus. The opening of the holiday season, and with the stamp in the upper right hand corner.

Township Zoning Hearing Set For December 29

Plan Discussion Of 3 Proposals At Meeting

A public hearing on three proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Wednesday, December 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, announced Monday. The Township Board, last Tuesday evening, declared its intent to amend the zoning ordinance in connection with the three proposals. Copies of the amendment were filed with the Zoning Board following the meeting. Kelly said that members of the Zoning Board were contacted immediately and arrangements were completed for the holding of the public hearing. The three proposals include the petition of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company for rezoning of property adjacent to their present installation on Northwestern Highway and Fourteen Mile Road. (Continued on Page 5A)

JAYCEES SPONSOR CHRISTMAS HOME LIGHTING CONTEST

The first annual Christmas home lighting and decoration contest will be conducted the week of December 13 under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The contest is open to all residents of the city and township. Judging will take place during Christmas week and will be based on the most original and attractive lighting displays. Contestant entry blanks will appear in the December 9 and 16 issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

Goodfellows Set For Paper Sale

Final organization plans are now being completed for the Annual Farmington Goodfellow Paper Sale to be held Friday, December 17. Fred Menke announced this week. All of the civic and service organizations in the Farmington community are being invited to participate in the sale. Fred Menke stated that volunteer Goodfellows are still needed in the northeast section of the township. Residents from this area who wish to contribute their services are requested to contact Menke at Farmington 0946-W. Efforts are being made to secure as complete coverage as possible throughout the entire city and township area. The Goodfellows will sell a special tabloid edition of The Farmington Enterprise during the sale. The edition will include a number of special features of interest to the residents of Farmington. Besides the paper sale, the Goodfellow will collect canned and packaged goods contributed by students of the Farmington School District and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Proceeds from the paper sale (Continued on Page 5A)

WORK COMPLETED ON SECOND NEW WELL IN CITY

Work has been completed on the development of a second well on the city-owned property south of the Grand River Cut-off and west of the Grand River. City officials announced this week. Final tests were run on the well last week and preliminary reports indicate that the second well is approximately 10% better than the initial well, which was completed several weeks ago. The two wells are expected to produce approximately 100 gallons per minute under normal conditions, with considerable cushion for emergencies. The combined pumping of all city wells could reach 2,000 gallons per minute with the addition of the new installations.

Business Places Robbed Saturday

Two cases of grand larceny were reported in the City of Farmington last Saturday with the thieves in each case escaping unapprehended. The first theft occurred late Saturday morning from Mac's \$2,500 store. A sum of \$65 in cash was taken from a desk in the office at the back of the store. City police were not notified until about 1:30 p.m., when it was discovered that the money was missing. Early Saturday evening a young man, believed to be about 15 or 16 years of age, walked off with \$160 in cash from the Novels Brothers Service Station at 31520 Grand River. He removed the cash from a cash register near the door of the station while the attendant was outside. Police were notified of the theft around 11:30 p.m. but were unable to track down the thief. From descriptions of suspects submitted to the city police, it was indicated that the thefts were not committed by the same party or parties.

OPTIMISTS PLAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Clarenceville Optimist Club will conduct its annual Christmas Tree Sale on December 15 through December 23 at its lot located in the Grand River - Eight Mile Road area. A new procedure is being adopted this year with Optimist Club members selling tickets in advance. If a person purchases a ticket or tickets and does not find the tree he would like in the Optimist lot, the money for the ticket will be refunded by the club if the refund is requested by December 23. Funds from the Christmas Tree Sale are used by the Optimist Club to help defray the expenses of the boys' work and youth activities of the club. These activities include the sending of a boy and girl to Wolverine State each year; the purchase of equipment for baseball teams, trips to athletic contests at Briggs Stadium and various colleges; contributions to the Cub Scouts as well as the Clarenceville Recreation Commission.

Abandon Closing Of McGee Hill

As a result of numerous objections, James Tennant, City Manager, stated this week that plans for the closing of McGee Hill to auto traffic during the winter months are now being revised. Tennant stated that present plans call for the closing of the road only during the extremely hazardous periods. The City Manager added that this will include periods when normal control of snow and ice is ineffective. McGee Hill is located on North Farmington Road between Shilawasse and Ten Mile Road. The City Manager had announced that plans were being considered for the closing of McGee Hill to auto traffic during the winter months because of the hazard involved. It was also proposed that cash registers be allowed on the hill after the road is closed. Tennant stated that a number of objections have been filed with the city since the original proposal was announced.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

THERE'S NO QUESTION... Christmas is just around the corner. Most of the Farmington stores have been transformed into a land of wonder and magic. The Farmington Merchants' Association has already started work on the decorating of a Christmas tree in the Town Hall Park. Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is also making plans for the erection of a Nativity scene in the park. The City is planning the erection of colorful, decorated trees. The Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the annual visit of Santa Claus. The Lions Club is seeking donations for their annual children's Christmas Party, and the Farmington Goodfellows are preparing for their regular paper sale and canned goods collection. Christmas is just around the corner. There is no question about it... Christmas is just around the corner.

THE LARGE TURNOUT

Large public officials at the special sewage disposal and water authority meeting held Tuesday evening in the Farmington Municipal Court Room was most encouraging to say the least. Representatives of the cities of Farmington, Novi, Southfield, and West Bloomfield, and most of the cities and townships around the Farmington area were present. The discussion was objective and constructive with a general spirit of cooperation being displayed. It is too early to determine just what can and cannot be done, but The Enterprise has long felt that this type of organization is necessary for the proper development of the entire area. A start has been made, let's hope that it becomes a living reality!

ANOTHER NEW SEASON

Under way. It is neither fall nor winter and you won't find it in any amount. But to sports enthusiasts, it is definitely a season just the same. In case you are still wondering what we are driving at... it's basketball. Both the Farmington Falcons and Clarenceville Trojans are opening their cage seasons this week. Farmington will play at Berkley Friday and will play host to Wayne on Tuesday, December 7. Clarenceville opened their season Tuesday evening against Taylor Center and will meet Keego Harbor at home on Friday, December 10. So, if you like excitement and spirited competition get set now, because there is plenty of both in store for you. Get behind your favorite team and become a real booster. The team will appreciate it... and you'll have lots of fun, besides.

Large Number Attend Meeting



Shown above is a portion of the crowd of over 100 concerned township residents who congregated at the Town Hall Friday evening for an up-to-date report on the progress of Schroeder Road area families in their fight to keep duplex rental units off property in their vicinity. Pictured in the foreground, left to right, are Mrs. Margaret Schaefer, attorney for the group, and Victor Rust, chairman of the Schroeder Road Committee, who sold the land on which purchaser William A. Safady has proposed to move 38 duplex buildings from the emergency housing project at Eight Mile Road and Wyoming.