

Seek Action on Safety Problem At Shiawassee-Prospect Street

A petition was filed with the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night calling for action to correct the serious traffic and pedestrian safety problem which exists on Shiawassee Road and Prospect Street.

The petitioning letter was signed by approximately 65 families owning property on streets in the vicinity of this intersection at the southwest corner of the Farmington Senior High property. It was noted in the letter that an exceptionally heavy number of both grade school and high school

children had to cross Shiawassee and Prospect streets to get to and from schools in the area.

It was pointed out in the letter that many cars are failing to stop despite the fact that this is a four way stop street and further that many cars were traveling at excessive rates of speed.

THE PETITIONERS urged that a patrol car be stationed at this location during the period when children are going to and coming from schools.

Maurice Poltz, director of public safety, stated during discussion that he was aware of the fact that this was a dangerous intersection but that it was just not possible to guarantee that a patrol car could be there every school day morning and afternoon.

The public safety director said that he felt the most practical solution would be to have an adult crossing guard at this location. Councilmen and the city manager agreed with him.

The city manager was instructed to contact officials of the public school system to see what arrangements might be worked out for such a guard.

Mrs. Eugene Brunk and Mrs. Robert Yurk, signers of the petition and homeowners on Valleyview Drive present at the meeting, suggested that in addition to the adult crossing guard signs on Shiawassee stating that there was a school crossing ahead might be beneficial. The city manager suggested that signing advising drivers that they were approaching a stop street might be helpful also.

Allow Parking Zone at Front Of Cleaners

The City Council took action at its regular meeting Monday night loosening its no parking restrictions slightly on the east side of Farmington Road in the downtown business section because of a serious problem caused by the owner of Grimes Cleaners at 23350 Farmington Road because of the parking ban.

Bondy Gross, owner of the cleaning establishment, appeared at this location, appeared at the Council meeting with his attorney, David E. Utley, to outline his problem to them and ask for relief.

IT WAS explained that the store has only the front entrance onto Farmington Road and that with parking forbidden loading and unloading of laundry and dry cleaning could not be done without having to carry it some distance. Parking in the parking lot area to the south not only means that items must be carried some distance but that a second car is needed to watch the truck to avoid pilfering, both Gross and his attorney lamented.

An earlier suggestion by the director of public safety that the delivery truck be parked on the opposite side of Farmington Road and the buses carried across the road was also termed totally unsatisfactory and unsafe by the attorney for Gross.

THE DECISION of the councilmen was to designate the area in front of Grimes Cleaners as a parking zone at a time for up to 10 minutes at a time for unloading and loading purposes only. The period in which this will be allowed, however, will be during the none rush hours between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

It was further stipulated by the councilmen that permits for this parking zone be granted on a 30 day trial basis.

Gross and his attorney expressed satisfaction with the action taken by the councilmen as they left the meeting.

4 Running for School Bd., Millage Increase Sought

At the annual school election coming up on June 14, Farmington School District electors will have a choice of four candidates from which to select two for the trustee terms which are expiring this year on the Farmington Board of Education, and will have a millage proposition to decide.

Five candidates filed before the deadline last Saturday but one Joseph R. Dodd, 32671 Eleven Mile Road, has withdrawn his name from the slate

to accept a position with the Defense Department and will be assigned to Munich, Germany, for the next year. (See Letter to the Editor, Page 9A.)

Of the four other candidates who filed, only one, Herbert R. Neal, is an incumbent, running against Neal for a seat on the seven-member board will be three newcomers to the local governmental scene.

The three new candidates are John Douglas Cojane, 7411 Briarcliff Knoll; Joe T. Col-

lier, 27667 Forestbrook; and Sylvia Schwartz, 22911 Warner. Briarcliff Knoll is in Farmington Subdivision, north of 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Forestbrook is in Forestbrook Subdivision, south of 12 Mile Road and west of Inkster Road. Warner Street is in Warner Farms Subdivision in the City of Farmington.

Neal resides at 30443 Rockshire in Forest Hills Subdivision, south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Orchard Lake Road. He was first elected to the board in 1961, and is seeking a second, four-year term.

Mrs. Patricia Dates, whose four-year term of office expires next month, has served eight years on the board. She said she is not seeking a third term because she is now employed full time.

The millage proposition is County-wide and asks that voters approve a half-mill tax increase for support of special education. This would amount to one-twentieth of one percent, or fifty cents per thousand of assessed valuation as equalized. In other words, if a home has an equalized valuation of \$10,000, the tax would amount to \$5 a year.

The purpose of the half-mill tax, passed in 1964 by public vote, is to cover construction costs of special education classrooms, to pay the difference to local school districts between state subsidy and the actual cost of running the programs, and to provide specialized services at the county level to certain kinds of handicapped children.

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Masonic Lodge to Observe 100th Birthday Saturday

Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151 will celebrate its 100th birthday anniversary this Saturday, May 22. A gala affair is planned which will be attended by Grand Master, C. Commander and Poppy Days Chairman for the American Legion Post 441 Quinn is pictured (center) above making the first sales of the 1965 campaign to Mayor Pro-Tem Howard Thayer (left) and City Manager John Dinan. Funds raised through the sale of poppies annually goes to help hospitalized war veterans.

The program which includes entertainment by the Chanters from Moslem Temple and Dick Kefgen will be followed by dancing to the Jim Prichard Orchestra. Due to the limited facilities at the Temple the meeting will be held at the Farmington Junior High School. Tickets are available only upon reservation.

HOWARD LEGG, P.M., centennial chairman, announced that committee chairmen include Robert Dusenberry, P.M., co-chairman; George Dorset, P.M., historian; Donald Smith, ticket sales; Andrew Thomas, programs; James Williamson and Edward Hammond, assisted by Job's Daughters and DeMolay, decorations; Gus Trikes, posters and advertising; Marion Wallace, caterer.

Historian George Dorset, P.M., stated that the newly prepared 60 page "History of Farmington Masonry" will be ready for distribution at the dinner. The book represents the complete history of the lodge. It was compiled by George Dorset with the aid of many interested members including Ralph Evert, photographer, and Kenneth Burt who assisted in the printing. Any one wishing to purchase a copy may call George Dorset or write him.

WORKSHIPPED MASTER, Jack Curry and George Dorset reflect that the history of Masonry in Farmington greatly parallels the history of the community.

Organized Masonry in Farmington dates back to 1863. A dispensation for a lodge was granted on October 15, 1863. Oliver B. Smith was elected to serve as the first Master of Farmington Lodge. Many of the names of the early

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City Endorses 'Drivers Test' Slated on TV

The City of Farmington went on record at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night, May 17, as being solidly behind the National Safety Council's "National Drivers Test" to be presented (WBK-TV, Channel 2 in Detroit) from 10 to 11 p.m. on Monday night, May 24.

The test was jointly set up by Farmington City Manager John Dinan that the "National Drivers Test" will be one of the most massive one-shot safety communication efforts of all times and one of the most extensive efforts to educate by television. The program is expected to contribute greatly in alerting drivers to the need for developing defensive driver skills.

A scoring chart for the "National Drivers Test" is printed in this week's issue of the Farmington Enterprise. City officials urge citizens to clip out the score chart and participate in the May 24 driver improvement program.

Four File For Cville Board of Ed.

Four candidates filed petitions indicating their desire to seek election to the Clarenceville Board of Education. Those filing were Dorothy M. Altman, Fred Bailey, Alfred B. Forman, and Edward P. May.

These candidates' names will appear on the June 14 Annual Election Ballot for election to a four-year term of office.

This year only one candidate will be elected as all other candidates have a part of their term remaining. Fred Bailey is the only incumbent in this election.

Parking Lot Improvement Hearing Set

The second public hearings on the second annual Farmington Vehicle Safety-Check program will be staged Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, at two locations in the community—the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center (Grand River Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road) and the Kendallwood Shopping Center (12 Mile Road at Farmington Road).

The vehicle safety-check lanes will open at 12 noon on Friday, June 4, at both the locations.

City Budget Hearing Lasts But 17 Minutes

The public hearing last Thursday night, May 13, on the City of Farmington's proposed operating budget for the 1965-66 fiscal year lasted just 17 minutes.

Only two citizens and a representative from The Farmington Enterprise showed up for the hearing before the Council and no single objection was voiced.

The only question raised came from W. Allen Nelson of Warner, Grand River Avenue who asked whether or not the councilmen had authorized the various expenditures called for in the budget as they came up.

City Manager John Dinan explained that while this was not a charter requirement he also made it a point to get approval by the councilmen on any expenditure running over \$1,000.

Councilmen were in unanimous agreement that the budget as prepared by the city manager was exceptionally well done. A comment by Councilman John Allen was that he felt that in next year's budget serious consideration should be given to the appropriation of some funds for an assistant to the city manager and for some more administrative help for the water and sewer department and department of public works.

Since there were no objections or changes called for in the budget, official resolutions were adopted approving the budget and setting the city tax rate again this year at \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Plans for Second Vehicle Safety Check Completed

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To Make Alley One-Way Street

A new traffic control order was officially adopted by the City Council Monday night, May 17, making the alley-way directly north of The Farmington Enterprise office a one-way street off Farmington Road.

The new traffic control order also forbids parking in Grand River Avenue to the alley on the west side of Farmington Road.

Plans also call for forbidding parking from the alley south of State Street as soon as the off-street parking lot improvement to the rear of the business establishments on the west side of Farmington Road is completed.

Managers From Farmington, Automobile Dealerships, Garage and Service Station Mechanics, Will Be Open on Friday until 8 p.m.

THE CHECK LANES will be open at both locations on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

All motorists driving in the Farmington area during the two-day Vehicle Safety-Check program are urged to get their free inspection and join the "Circle of Safety: Check your car, check your driving, check accidents."

Vehicles which pass the safety inspection will receive the 1965 Safety-Check windshield sticker.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN of the 1965 Farmington Vehicle Safety-Check program is Frank Stefani of the Capital Tire Company, 22843 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington.

All seven of Farmington's automobile dealerships are participating in this year's Vehicle Safety-Check program.

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Joseph Dodd Withdraws From Slate

Joseph L. Dodd, 32671 Eleven Mile Road, who had filed as a candidate for trustee on the Farmington Board of Education, yesterday announced his withdrawal from the slate.

Dodd said that he has accepted a position as a civilian employee of the Defense Department and will be assigned to Munich, Germany, for the coming year.

In a letter to the Enterprise (Page 9A) he stated that, if elected, he would advocate much greater use of all existing school facilities. He said he is presently in the process of promoting evening use of the public school libraries.

Dodd's withdrawal leaves one incumbent and three new candidates vying for the two, four-year terms on the board.

Offenses by Youth Up

At its monthly meeting on May 9 the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee received its 1964 report from its Fact-Finding Committee.

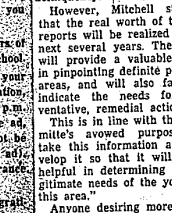
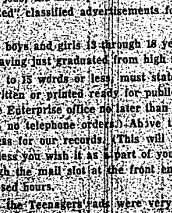
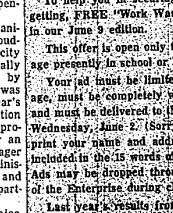
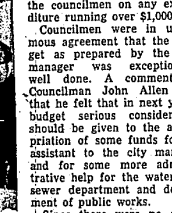
The chairman of this group is Wesley Mitchell. The data shows 250 reported juvenile offenses committed in Farmington City and Township during the previous year. This compares with 233 in 1963, and 268 in 1962.

THE REPORT ALSO analyzes these data from three separate aspects: (1) Frequency of offenses listed by the offenders area of residence; (2) Frequency of offenses in terms of definite geographic area where the offense was committed; (3) Frequency of offenses calendarized by month.

For immediate use, this analysis provides a basis for reports to the community and the school system and also indicates the needs for preventive, remedial actions.

This is in line with the committee's major purpose "to take this information and develop it so that it will prove helpful in determining the legitimate needs of the youth of this area."

Anyone desiring more information on this report may phone the Youth Guidance office at 426-0100. The General Citizens' Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.



THE FOUNDERS DAY PLANS presently being laid by the Farmington Board of Commerce this week are beginning to take shape as committee chairman set about the many tasks involved in the giant undertaking. Pictured above at a meeting

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