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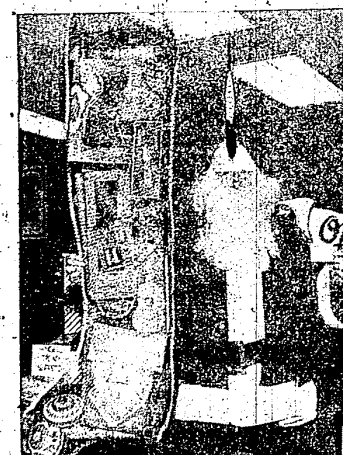
Let's see. What size pajamas does Cousin Billy wear?



Nice for brother John. I'd like this one for myself.



That's rather expensive jewelry for young Mary Jane.



A stocking to top any child's dream was a prize for Marcia Walck, 30015 Eastfield, from Zolnowski's.

## Area Responds To Last Week's Goodfellow Plea

Early fears that less fortunate families with children in the Farmington area might have to settle for somewhat less joyous Christmas seasons than the Goodfellows had hoped to provide were disproven the latter part of last and early part of this week.

The fears were expressed when the annual Goodfellow newspaper sale failed to yield anywhere near the amount that was expected toward a total goal of \$4,000. Due to extremely bad weather the day of the sale, less than \$1,000 was realized.

During the past week to ten days, however, Farmington businessmen and residents alike made it clear that they were not about to see any of the children of our community go without a happy Christmas season. Contributions headed in from all sources, Goodfellow Drive Chairman John Allen commented. Among them was a check for \$35 from a man who only last year was financially unable to provide extra Christmas things for his family and was aided by the Goodfellows as a result, Allen said.

AMONG OTHER generous contributions mentioned was 150 loaves of fresh bread from American Bakeseries and a total of 96 crates of apples collected by a local man from orchard owners in this area.

Goodfellow boxes filled with toys as well as toys and clothing have now been distributed to 140 needy families in the area having more than 400 children, Allen said.

It was high in praise for all those organizations, business people and individuals who contributed to the success of the drive as well as the many others who contributed so freely of their time and energy to collect, package and distribute the Goodfellow gifts.

"ALTHOUGH WE didn't quite reach our goal of raising \$4,000, we did receive enough to provide the fullest possible Christmas for all," Allen remarked. Canned and packaged goods contributed by children at the various Farmington schools, as has been an annual practice for the past several years, also helped as was the toys collected by members of the Farmington Elks Club. Another big donation to the cause was over 100 special Christmas stockings filled with candy and toys given by the Farmington Lions Club.

## Dunkel Wing Plans Okayed

At a special meeting Sunday night, the Farmington Board of Education approved final plans and specifications for the new 16-classroom addition at the O. B. Dunkel Junior High.

Only minor changes in the plans submitted by the architect last Monday night were called for. The building sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee, the administrative staff and members of the School Board all reviewed them carefully, it was reported.

Necessary steps to get advertisements for bids placed were also taken. The date for opening bids was set for Tuesday, January 12.

It is expected that construction will get underway almost immediately after the contracts are let, school officials have stated.

## CHS Accredited By U. of Michigan

Clarencenville High School has been placed on the list of secondary schools accredited by the University of Michigan for a four year period which will begin July 1, 1959 and end June 30, 1964.

Action accrediting Clarencenville High was taken at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bureau of School Services.

## Development of Downtown Gets 'No' on Funds

There will be no Santa Claus this year for the downtown business district and its future. City council was informed Monday night that the syndicate which had proposed to develop the downtown area, build several stores and bring in an A&P store, had dropped all plans, and that their project was dead.

There were several reasons cited. Foremost was the fact that the properties on Grove and Orchard streets, and some facing on Grand River, could not be acquired at reasonable costs. This cost would have to be sliced in half to make the financing possible.

This statement was made by Arthur Garian, former city appraiser, to the council. He said the impact of Farmington shopping plaza and other shopping centers on downtown business had decreased values of property in the former business district greatly. As one example he told of a property purchased in 1951, now offered for somewhat more, but actually less valuable today in his opinion than it was in 1951.

There are no investors willing to put money into the proposed downtown development and his associates had planned to bid at the lots involved. These include outside investors, and he also said it is significant that no local investment funds are now forthcoming from people who know the area.

Virgil Cornwell was asked by councilmen if he still wanted to buy the city-owned lots at the Bradley and Hinkle stores. He said he didn't much care, but perhaps the matter should be left in abeyance until he said at the next decision fully.

IT APPEARS now there is still a possibility that a couple of new small stores, like those Cornwell built for Bradley Drug and Hinkle's, might be built later on Farmington Road.

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## Early Copy Again 'Must'

Again next week we'll need your news and advertising copy earlier than usual because of the New Year's holiday.

You will receive your paper on Wednesday, Dec. 30, instead of on Thursday when New Year's Eve activities will be foremost in your mind.

In order to do this we will have to insist on some copy well in advance and all copy a day earlier. Correspondents, churches, clubs, and organizations must have their news copy in by Sunday night. The absolute deadline for both other news copy and display advertising will be Monday at 5 p.m. Classified advertising will be accepted until 10 a.m. Tuesday.



FOUR YEAR OLD Bobbielu McClure of Royal Oak, Oakland County New March of Dimes poster child, was the center of attention at a meeting of area polio drive chairmen and workers held last week at Saratoga Farms Restaurant in Farmington. Shown here with Bobbielu are, left, to right: Mrs. Ben Schan of 33995 Harlow, Farmington, Stanley C. Colby, field director of the Oakland County March of Dimes chapter and Mrs. Florence Yuill, 23700 Cass Ave., Farmington.

## Local Chairman For March of Dimes Named

With the approach of the January 1 kick-off of the 1960 New March of Dimes fund raising campaign, the appointment of local volunteer chairman has now been completed.

Farmington area chairman for the drive is Bayard dew Turper of 3325 State Street. Mrs. John Yuill of 23700 Cass has been named chairman of the Mother's March for the City of Farmington and Mrs. Howard Legg of 23338 Springbrook as Farmington Township chairman.

Plans are now being made for various fund raising projects as a part of the drive. Chairman Turper stated this week.

THE APPOINTMENTS were announced by The Rev. G. Burton Hodgson, Oakland County Chairman for the 1960 drive. Rev. Hodgson pointed out that the New March of Dimes drive will be doing more than just aiding polio patients.

Some of the money raised will be used to continue caring for 250 polio patients in the county. But money will also be used to finance the National Foundation's expanding program, he added. New targets of the March of Dimes are birth defects and arthritis, Rev. Hodgson said.

One out of every sixteen U. S. babies is born with one or more significant birth defects or ailments.

## Grand River Sewer Signers Are Needed

With a few more signers the petition for the new interceptor sewer trunk on running along Grand River will be up to the required 51 per cent, says Supervisor Hill.

He suggests that property owners on either side of Grand River from the city limits east to the Grand River-Inster road intersection may wish to come to the township hall to sign petitions here.

One other trunk line petitioners are nearing completion also and may be ready to present soon to the township board.

## GREW UP IN AREA

### Russ Catherman Named to Hall of Fame

Russel Catherman of Dearborn, who grew up in Farmington and is now a resident in the community has been accepted into the Michigan Hall of Fame.

His long and devoted years of service to the youth of Dearborn has earned him this high state honor.

PRINCIPAL of the O. I. Smith Junior High School there, Catherman was notified of his selection last week by the Michigan High School Coaches Association. He and 11 others will be honored at Jensen Field House at Michigan State University on March 19, between halves of the Class A high school basketball finals.

A 1921 graduate of Farmington High School, Catherman completed his education at B.A. degree from Alma College in economics and history, M. A. from Wayne State University and administration and has completed more than 80 additional hours of study at Wayne and youth activities; including the annual Bicycle Derby.

Catherman is currently on the board of directors of the Big Brothers Organization. His professional career, like his after-school activities, has always centered around children.

From 1928 until 1944 he was coach and social studies teacher at Fordson. In 1944 he became assistant principal at Smith Junior High and is now principal there.

## Enterprise Closed Next 2 Saturdays

So that members of the Enterprise staff can also enjoy the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends coming up, the newspaper office will not be open either this Saturday, Dec. 26, or next Saturday morning, Jan. 2.

Saturday morning hours will be resumed again on January 3, with the office being open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

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## Residential Zoning Rules to Complete Revisions By Twp.

Future zoning for residential development in Farmington township is now being studied by the township planning board in a series of meetings. The results will largely determine the kind of growth here.

The planning board and the township board have been rewriting the original zoning ordinance which was set up in 1951. Industrial and commercial zoning have now been accomplished. Only the residential changes need to be completed.

The planning board and the consultant firm do much of the groundwork, with the township board kept informed. When the rezoning details are complete they will go to the township board for final action, which may include any changes the township board deems necessary.

## City Will Pass An Ordinance Against Litter

An anti-litter ordinance was introduced by the city council Monday night for further study, and may be brought up at the next meeting Jan. 4 for final action. It is subject to changes of course.

Enforcement of the proposed ordinance would create some changes in distribution of business and would get at the problem of residents throwing litter and refuse into nearby vacant property.

THERE HAVE been attempts by the city and some merchants to control litter and blowing paper, and complaints by some property owners about litter and refuse thrown or blown into their own or other property.

Heretofore there has been no ordinance under which such matters could easily be stopped. NO PERSON could throw litter anywhere, except in public or private receptacles, under the ordinance. Owners or occupants of buildings, including commercial, would be responsible in seeing that their own sidewalks and premises were kept clean, no matter where the litter came from. Litter See CITY WILL Column 7 - Page 6A

IT IS the larger lot sizes now proposed, in the face of the new sewer coming, which brought some protests from the developers. Most developers feel larger lot sizes aren't necessary, and higher development costs will price new homes out of the market.

The planning board believes the larger lot sizes will protect interests and investments of those who have built on the large sizes. Members pointed out at this meeting that they believe people from other areas have moved to the township because they want to share with us the kind of living we are attempting to build in this community.

ORIGINALY the zoning ordinance was drawn up with these square footage minimums:

R-4	15,000
R-3	9,000
R-2	2,100
R-1	5,000
About two and a half years ago the minimums became:	
R-4	20,000
R-3	12,500
R-2	6,100
R-1	5,000

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RUSSEL CATHERMAN