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City Dept. of Safety On the Move in '59

The Farmington City Department of Public Safety force did a lot of traveling last year (1959) in providing both police and fire protection as well as performing a variety of other duties for the residents in the approximately two square mile area they serve.

Members of the force—comprised of a director, lieutenant, three sergeants, eight patrolmen and two clerks—traveled a total of 117,705 miles in all vehicles used by the department during the 12-month period, according to a report released this week by Director Joseph DeVriendt and his assistants.

This is 30,665 miles more than was traveled in 1958 and averages out to over 320 miles o ravel a day. A total of 35,760 adio calls were handled by the department in 1959 as compared to 22,945 taken in 1958.

BECAUSE OF more efficiency in operation teletype messages handled were fewer, however, according to Director DeVriendt. There were 47,162 his past year as compared to 8,152 a year earlier.

A total of 157 auto accidents were handled in 1959 or five more than the previous year. Forty of these were personal injury accidents. This was 19 fewer injury accidents than handled in the previous year. For the second year in a row the city record was not marred with an auto accident fatality.

The integrated department answered 56 fire calls during 1959 and brought several fires under control without the necessity of calling out the fire truck or volunteer fire-fighting force.

THE POLICE clerks and other members of the force were also kept busy at the counter. A total of 10,356 counter complaints were handled. In 1958 there were over 125 fewer. The number of auto operators license customers services in 1959 was up substantially. There were 5,302 customers in the office for new licenses, renewals, changes of address, etc. in 1959. In 1958 the number

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Some Changes Proposed for Rules of Twp.

Changes in the building code, a fee for zoning changes and a proposed tightening up on indigent exemptions on taxable property were the highlights of the meeting of the township board last Friday evening.

Kenneth Fuoco, recently named to the planning board, has also been named deputy zoning inspector by Supervisor Curtis Hall, and his appointment was confirmed by the trustees. The supervisor is the chief zoning inspector.

DETAILS OF the building code requirements will be reviewed at a meeting to be called soon by Mr. Hall. Apparently there have been some changes in specifications of various materials, and the present minimums may be too stringent.

The meeting will be with members of the township building department, and interested contractors and building suppliers will be able to air their ideas on specifications for the code. One restriction is on composition shingles, and there may be other categories which need revision.

A FEE OF $75 is likely to soon be in effect when a request for a zoning change is made of the township.

This had been discussed earlier, and the board Friday passed a resolution of intent to change the zoning ordinance. When finally passed an applicant will have to give a certified or similar check for $75 when he makes application for a zoning change. This will partly defray the cost of the investigations involved for a change.

A TIGHTENING up on tax exemptions for indigent persons has been proposed by Supervisor Hall. He told trustees Friday that the county tax commission had indicated there was an unusually high number in Farmington township.

Exact status of these exemptions will be studied. There is no law which says they should or should not be made, and other communities have been tightening up.

When an indigent property owner is exempted from taxes, that sum is spread so that other taxpayers make it up. This is sometimes called a "widow's exemption," but there is no such thing. The exemption should be made only on the basis of real need.

Kendallwood Women Plead For Sidewalk

A group of Kendallwood Subdivision No. 3 women appeared before the Farmington Board of Education Monday night requesting that the school system install a sidewalk along 12 Mile from Kendallwood Drive to the Dunckel Junior High.

The Board made it clear that they would build a sidewalk only on school property and that it would be the citizens responsibility to stand the cost of having a sidewalk put in from Kendallwood to the east property line of the school.

Trustee Douglas Hammial proposed that action on the proposed sidewalk be delayed until some settlement could be reached on an easement from Kendallwood No. 2 subdivision to Dunckel property.

After lenghty discussion it was agreed, however, that the two matters had no connection with one another.

A motion was unanimously approved to proceed with the construction of the sidewalk on school property as soon as work on the Dunckel school addition is reasonably well completed to warrant it.

In a separate motion made by Trustee Hammial, the Board also authorized the school attorney to take immediate steps to get a settlement on the case of the easement from Kendallwood No. 2 to school property.

Two Families Now in Need Due to Fires

Two families in the south east section of Farmington Township were left homeless this week as the result of fires on Sunday and Tuesday.

The worst of these was the blaze early Tuesday morning which completely destroyed a home rented by the James Hoskins at 22790 Colgate Street.

The fire alarm was turned in at 4:40 a.m. Because there was no phone in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins went directly to the township fire station on Wheeler Street more than a mile away and, with a township policeman, aroused Fire Chief Ray Geary from bed.

DUE TO high winds, the blaze was out of control before firemen arrived to bring it in check. Water had to be brought in by tank truck.

The Hoskins family is temporarily residing with relatives at 21843 Hamilton Street.

They are badly in need of food and clothing as well as furniture, Fire Chief Geary said.

Contributions of clothing and money are being accepted at the township police office in the fire station on Wheeler Street. To help citizens wishing to contribute clothing, Mr. Hoskins, 29, wears a size 38 coat and Mrs. Hoskins a size 20 dress. Their two children, also badly in need of clothing, are Wilma J., 4, and James, 2.

ALSO DRIVEN out of their home by fire were the David Beckwiths of 21409 Oxford Street.

This fire occurred Sunday evening around 8:30 o'clock.

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Second Sewer Bid Accepted

The bid of the firm which originally was second lowest before the low bidder discovered a mistake was accepted by the township board last Friday evening for sewer work in Franklin Knolls subdivision.

The construction work will be done by Gordon Selway, Inc. of Berkley, for the sum of $109,066.

ORIGINAL low bidder had been Oak Park Excavating Co. but before the bid was accepted the firm discovered a $20,535 mistake which brought its total bid up to $113,870.

Had the original low bidder been held to his bid, his certified check could have been forfeited, but undoubtedly the work would have been help up and bids would have had to be called again. Because this sewer work at Franklin Knolls had to be done in winter, it was necessary to go ahead in this manner, the township board decided.

THE BOARD some time ago had suggested a "hold harmless" agreement with the township health officer be entered into. After some discussion over a period of time the board approved such an agreement Friday. It protects both parties in case of a lawsuit arising from activities of the health officer.

Supervisor Curt Hall at the meeting proclaimed February as American History Month, at the request of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

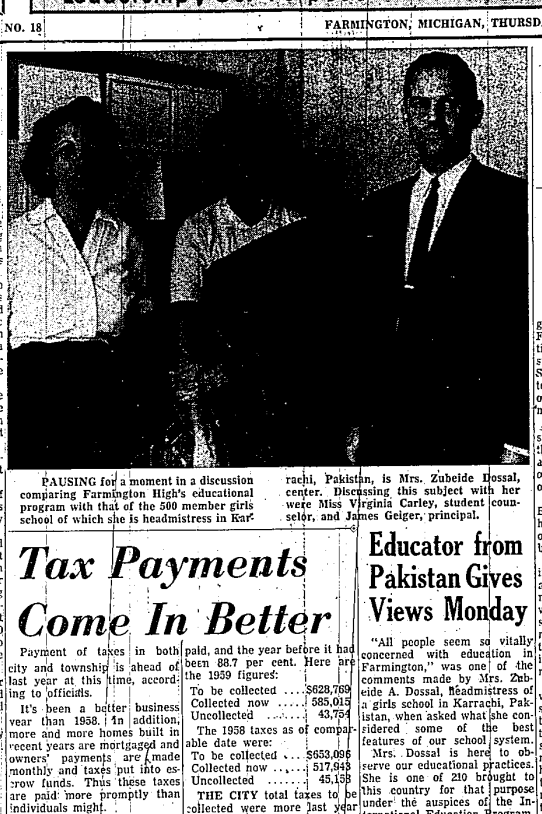
Dog Vaccinate Clinic Sunday

A special clinic will be held this Sunday afternoon at which time Farmington area residents will have an opportunity to get their dogs vaccinated.

The clinic will be held at the Farmington Township fire station on Wheeler St. (one block east of Middlebelt just north of Grand River.) A veterinarian will be in attendance.

Persons will also have an opportunity to obtain licenses for their dogs at the clinic which will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dog owners in the City of Farmington as well as Farmington Township and the outlying areas may take advantage of the clinic, it was pointed out.



PAUSING for a moment in a discussion comparing Farmington High's educational program with that of the 500 member girls school of which she is headmistress in Karachi, Pakistan, is Mrs. Zubeide Dossal, center. Discussing this subject with her were Miss Virginia Carley, student counselor, and James Geiger, principal.

Tax Payments Come In Better

Payment of taxes in both city and township is ahead of last year at this time, according to officials.

It's been a better business year than 1958. In addition, more and more homes built in recent years are mortgaged and owners' payments are made monthly and taxes put into escrow funds. Thus these taxes are paid more promptly than individuals might.

IN THE CITY taxes paid at the end of last week figured out to 93 per cent according to Treasurer Kathryn Cotter. A year ago 92 per cent had been paid, and the year before it had been 88.7 per cent. Here are the 1959 figures:

To be collected	$628,769
Collected now	585,015
Uncollected	43,754

The 1958 taxes as of comparable date were:

To be collected	$653,096
Collected now	517,943
Uncollected	45,158

THE CITY total taxes to be collected were more last year for two reasons. There was a nice amount of building added to the tax rolls, and the millage was also more than the previous year.

Assessed valuation on which the latest taxes were figured was $16,631,150, up about a million dollars from the prior year. The valuations being placed on property this month for taxes next year will also be greatly increased because of added building.

Mrs. Cotter notes that taxpayers now have until the end of February to pay with the 4 per cent penalty now being imposed, and payment will pick up again just before that time.

THE TOWNSHIP figures totaled by Treasurer Elise Avery also show a healthy pay ment increase to date.

Of the $2,106,437 in taxes spread on the rolls for collection, the sum of $1,411,862 had been tabulated through Jan. 21 leaving $694,575 not recorded. A year ago the tax spread was $1,903,088 with $1,107,979 having been recorded.

THIS IS NOT an exact figure for taxes paid, however, because quite a number of payments had been made and were not processed on that date. The township situation at tax time is similar to that of the federal government. So large a quantity of money comes in just before the deadline that it is not possible to process it immediately.

Thus it's marked upon arrival, and the regular force wears through it and completes the records as fast as possible.

Twp. Takes Option On Wheeler Land

The township board decided Friday to take an option on a lot and house adjoining the Wheeler street fire station, at $4,000.

There are so many meetings at this township station, and parking facilities lacking, that with continued township growth board members feel parking is already a necessity at this site.

However, the board can not purchase land unless the cost is in the annual budget. This item will be put in the budget for approval by residents at the township meeting April 2.

Educator from Pakistan Gives Views Monday

"All people seem so vitally concerned with education in Farmington," was one of the comments made by Mrs. Zubeide A. Dossal, headmistress of a girls school in Karrachi, Pakistan, when asked what she considered some of the best features of our school system.

Mrs. Dossal is here to observe our educational practices. She is one of 210 brought to this country for that purpose under the auspices of the International Education Program. Nine such foreign educators are presently observing various school systems in Michigan.

MRS. DOSSAL who arrived here January 8 had been observing educational procedure at the Farmington Senior High school until the first of this week. She is now visiting elementary and junior high schools in the local public school system.

Residing with Mrs. Florence Coveyou, a fourth grade teacher at the William Grace School while here, Mrs. Dossal will be leaving Farmington on Feb. 8.

Her comment about our vital concern with education was one of several made at a special dinner meeting of the Farmington Board of Education Monday night, prior to its regular meeting.

Mrs. Dossal stated that she was also very much impressed with the fact that we educate all children regardless of physical or mental handicaps.

"YOU HAVE so many tools for teachers to help them in teaching pupils better," was an

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Keep Porches Lighted Tonite

Keep your porch lights burning tonight!

This is the appeal being made by volunteer women workers who will be taking part in the New Mothers March and calling door-to-door in most areas of the city and township tonight, Thursday.

Funds raised will go into the new, expanded programs of the National Foundation in the fight against crippling birth defects and arthritis. They will also continue to provide medical treatment and equipment for 250 paralyzed polio victims in Oakland County, some of whom reside in Farmington.

THE VOLUNTEER women's corp will also be soliciting information. A leaflet "Door Count", will be left at each home. They are to be filled out confidentially giving information about the incidence of birth defects, arthritis and polio and how many in the family have had three or more Salk shots.

This information will enable the Foundation to plan its future patient aid and research program better.

This year the Oakland County chapter of the National Foundation needs $178,000 to finance its local patient aid and national research education program, according to Rev. G. Burton Hodgson, Oakland County Chairman for the campaign.

Rec. Program Attendance Up

The Saturday morning recreation program is becoming a very popular activity for the youngsters in the area, according to Farmington Area Recreation Commission Director Warren Piche.

All schools report an increase in attendance over last year, he stated.

On the first three Saturdays about 1,800 children have participated. Kenbrook School has had the heaviest enrollment with 270. Both junior high schools report good attendance, Piche added.

Those who haven't yet attended one of the programs are invited. Open for children 8-12 are the Cloverdale, Eagle, Gill, Kenbrook, Shiawassee, Ten Mile, William Grace and Wooddale schools.

The two junior highs are open for junior high school age boys only with the program at Dunckel running from 9-12 and the program at Farmington Junior High from 1 to 4 p.m.

IT'S OURS, all ours now, is the expression on the faces of members of the Farmington High debate team and their coach as they clutch the Inter-Lakes League championship trophy. Left to right are: Michael Hamilton, Murlene Dowding, Coach Lloyd Smith, Irene Hyland and Terry Davis.

Make It Three in Row

The Farmington High School debate team walked off with the Inter-Lakes League championship for the third consecutive year last week, thus earning the right to keep the league debate trophy permanently.

Members of the championship team are Terry Davis, Michael Hamilton, Murlene Dowding and Irene Hyland, all seniors. They are under the able direction of Lloyd Smith.

DAVIS AND Hamilton, the affirmative team, won all four of their league meets. While Miss Dowding and Miss Hyland, the negative team, won three while dropping one to southfield.

Three of the four members of the varsity squad have been members for the past three years. Miss Hyland is the only new member.

Members of the team are now making preparations to compete in the district which will be held at Troy, Michigan on February 17. Schools participating will be Auburn Heights, Avondale, Madison, Troy, Warren-Lincoln and Southfield.

VICTORY HERE will win them the right to vie in the quarter finals. This will be followed by semi-final and state final competition in April.

Team members have indicated that they will be going all out to bring home a state title.

Schools in the Inter-Lakes League besides Farmington are Cranbrook, Southfield, Waterford, Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake. These schools finished in the league in the order listed.

Downtown Development Now Nearly Certain

A large development plan in downtown Farmington, off and on in recent months, appears now to be a practical certainty. City officials and the backers can see nothing which might stand in the way.

Finances certainly are no problem. A corporation is in the process of being formed, with all money pledged by local citizens. Most are businessmen or property owners who have faith in the downtown area, and are determined to protect it from any deterioration.

City Council will receive a report next Monday evening, Feb. 1, on progress, and will probably affirm the special assessment roll, which is a vital part of the plan.

The special assessment district was requested a couple of months ago when a special committee got signatures of all affected property owners on a petition asking this project.

THE PLAN contemplates complete self-liquidation. In other words, while the city will go ahead with portions of the project, it is anticipated that nothing will have to be added to future city budgets because of the development.

Earlier there was talk that, because of deteriorating valuations of property in the downtown area and expected resulting tax losses, the city might be wise to support such a development in a modest amount, rather than shift taxes to residence property.

IF THIS PLAN succeeds, Farmington would probably be the first Michigan community which has brought about a major development in its business area through the cooperation of the city and its own people.

Usually such development is by outside financiers, and in wide open spaces not involving procurement of many parcels of land. Some cities have used federal funds through the urban renewal program.

COMMERCIAL development by the backers would eventually include 77,000 square feet of store space, with one of the first units to be a 15,000 foot store for A & P.

The main group of stores would be on the north side of Orchard street, facing north onto a parking lot. Another group of smaller stores would be built just south of the Hinkle store on Farmington Road, facing south. A third group would be south of Grand River, on the Gullen property, with the stores facing southeast.

TOTAL COST of the project is estimated at $469,000. Of this $405,000 would be for land acquisition, $4,000 for demolition, and $60,000 for improvements, including sewer, blacktopping, and lighting.

To get an absolutely accurate plat, surveyors early this week went over the area involved. Study of the longtime city plat involved disclosed some discrepancies.

Planning Moves Ahead on New High School

The wheels are all turning to get construction on the new Farmington Northern combination junior-senior high school started on schedule, Supt. of Schools G.V. Harrison indicated in a report to the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Construction will have to be started by July of this year if the building is to be completed and ready for occupancy by the opening of school in September of 1961.

HARRISON informed the Board that several meetings have already been held to go over details on plans for the building.

The Citizens Advisory building Sub-Committee and school administrative staff members met with the architects last week, Harrison reported. A study of the site has also been made and authorization given the architect to proceed in having a topographical survey made.

Meetings are also being held with members of the present secondary teaching staff to determine how many might be interested in serving at the new school, Assistant Supt. Marinus VanAmeyde stated. Some have indicated they would like to move to the new school while many others have indicated they would be willing to teach wherever they were felt to be most needed, he commented.

HEADS OF various departments at the high school have agreed to serve on the planning committee for the new junior-senior building and are already at work, the assistant superintendent said.

It was revealed that the architect is checking now with regard to water and sewer facilities for the school. The county has already given its approval for tieing-in with the Kendallwood systems.

Businessmen's Meet Feb. 3

A general meeting of all commercial, industrial and professional people doing business in either the city or township of Farmington has been called for next Wednesday evening, Feb. 3.

The meeting will be held at Himmelspach's Restaurant, starting at 8 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting will be to outline a course of action for the betterment of business throughout the community. A united effort to make Farmington a better place in which to live and shop will be the objective.

Business and professional people wishing additional information are asked to contact Daniel Hickey, GR. 4-1869.

Local Jaycees Name Bridges Man of Year

Charles F. Bridges, Jr. has been named as Farmington's outstanding young man of the year.

At a banquet in his honor on Tuesday night, January 26, he was awarded the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

This award is presented annually by Jaycee organizations throughout the state to the men in their area who, in their opinion, have contributed most to the community during the year.

BRIDGES is now eligible for consideration as one of the five outstanding young men in the State of Michigan.

Among the organizations which he actively participated in during the past year were The Little League Baseball program, Little League Football program, Farmington Goodfellows, American Field Service, Volunteer Citizens' Committee for Boys Republic, Cloverdale PTA, United Foundations, and Farmington Jaycees.

HE WAS chairman of the Boys Republic Committee, father vice-president of the Cloverdale PTA and president of JCs. He served as coordinator for United Foundation for his employer.

Bridges has been a very active member of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce since 1952.

A sales representative for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Chuck, as he is known to his many friends, resides at 22629 Power Road with his wife, Vi, and their three daughters.

A resident in this section of the state all his life, he is a graduate of Walled Lake High School.

220 Petition For A School In Section 14

Residents of Springland, Forest Hills and LaMuera subdivisions have made it clear to the Farmington Board of Education that they want the next elementary school in the district to be constructed on the site in Section 14.

A delegation, headed by Don MacKichan, president of Springland subdivision, presented a petition to this effect to the Board at its regular meeting Monday night. It was signed by residents in the three subdivisions.

THE PETITION cited eight reasons why the residents feel the next grade school should be constructed in that locality.

Pointed out was the fact that work on homes in new Kimberley subdivision in this section is moving ahead rapidly. Also emphasized was the fact that some children in this section have already been transferred from one school to another several times.

Construction of a school on the Section 14 site was called for earlier but plans were changed when difficulties in obtaining necessary easements were encountered. These easement problems have now been resolved.

Among the delegation of residents, in addition to MacKichan, was Harold Roe, president of Forest Hills Subdivision Assn.

The Board tabled action on the request but promised to give it careful study and consideration.

Quick Action Saves Four Year Old Boy

Quick action by the rescue squad which is a part of the township fire-fighting force working out of station on Wheeler St. was credited with saving the life of four year old William Mundy of 21714 Wheeler last week. Going into convulsions as the result of a severe cold, he had almost stopped breathing when members of the rescue squad arrived. Working rapidly they restored his breathing and immediately rushed him to Redford Community Hospital.

Gas Station Thief Nabbed

Two of three men implicated with a break-in at Jammie's Grand River-Halsted service station at 27410 Grand River last week and two other service stations in Novi have been apprehended, Township Police Chief Irving Yakes disclosed Tuesday.

H. M. McClung, 31, of Second Ave. in Detroit was captured in Pleasant Ridge with part of the loot from the service station break-ins in his car, Chief Yakes said. Stolen from the Farmington station were 13 tires, two electric drills, a soldering gun, two wrenches, $67.00 in cash and money from a cigarette machine.

A second man implicated by McClung, William Coallins, also of Detroit, has likewise been picked up and is being held by State Police. A third party believed to be involved, Raymond Rittenberry of Detroit, had not yet been picked up as of Tuesday.

Okay Eagle School As Voting Place

A request from West Bloomfield Township for use of the Eagle elementary school as a voting place for township handles elections was approved by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The school is located on the West Bloomfield side of 14 Mile Road.