

## A Problem That Deserves Action

A lot of modern, new stores and commercial buildings have sprung up in Farmington City and Township over the past few years and it is natural that they should keep pace with the rapid residential growth of the community.

But, like a number of other communities, we find ourselves with a big problem to be faced up to as the result of the swing to new buildings rather than the remodeling of the old and the continued use of them. The old buildings which have already been vacated and others which are being vacated are not being filled. They are sitting idle and become more and more run down as the years wear by.

There are five or six vacant buildings on Grand River Avenue in our community right now and at least two or three more are going to be vacant within the next year. We also have at least three other buildings in the older commercial district in use that have been allowed to become pretty badly run down and should get some major repairs soon or be vacated.

Probably two or three of these buildings should be condemned and the owners forced to tear them down. The others likely still could be used for several years yet but are not being re-

modeled for new tenants for a couple of very good reasons. One of these reasons is that city officials and merchants in newer stores are bringing no pressure to bear on the owners of the old buildings to put them into good shape for use again. The other is that the city is not coming forward as it should be with any feasible plan of providing enough additional off-street parking in the areas where these buildings are located.

Nearly every business operating needs ample off-street parking area for its customers if it is going to survive. Few walk anywhere to do anything today. Unless ample free parking area is located near one's store his chances against competition in the same business are pretty slim.

A business section with old buildings in it can be revitalized and be healthy and thriving if city officials should be taking positive steps toward this end. Merchants in newer stores, with sufficient parking area should be cooperating closely with City officials on this matter.

It can be done and anyone who feels that it cannot need only drive over to Birmingham to be convinced otherwise. The neighboring community of Plymouth is also making some big strides on this problem.

## Goodfellows & Elks Toy Drive Rated Success

The Farmington Elks and Goodfellows have extended their toys for the Toy Drive for the Boys Scouts of Troop 163 of Kalamazoo County. Troop 163 contributed a batch of toys to the Elks-Goodfellows Toys for Toys drive that literally threatened to crowd the Elks out of their Lodge on Grand River.

Many other organizations and private citizens have turned in toys since the drive got under way in earnest this fall, but the Boys Scouts of Troop 163 are credited with performing superb service in the drive, which annually provides gifts for children at Christmas time in less fortunate families of the community.

EVERHART and Rystrand wish to express their warmest thanks on behalf of their fine service organizations for the tremendous efforts of the Boy Scouts.

Commenting on the success of this year's Toys for Toys program, Everhart said, "We've got plenty of toys in shape and ready for St. Nick."

To give an idea of the tremendous size of the drive, Everhart pointed out that more than 200 dolls were dressed by the Elks' women in the Veterans Club and by women at the Farmington City Hall.

Everhart said a good deal of credit is due to the Elks and the Veterans for their cooperation in helping to put the used toys in shape for their future feminine recipients.

The Elks, themselves, took charge of renovating most of the contributions with a large portion of the toys needing very little work to get them in top condition.

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The mission is two-fold; first, to train individuals; and second, to organize units to be used in the event of an emergency.

Disaster normally occurs with little warning. It is apparent that survival of the initial shock will depend largely on the preparation made by individuals for their own protection.

THE ROLE OF THE Emergency Service is to provide assistance to individuals until they can re-establish themselves and take up normal activities. The Emergency Service Welfare Service goal is re-establishment of families and the community, all efforts will be directed to keep families together.

EWS includes Registration and Information which is responsible for planning and operating a system for registering all persons including local residents, welfare evacuees and medical casualties.

It is the responsibility of the Registration and Information Branch to provide accurate information as early and often as possible. It is a panic averting service and a means of returning to a stable community by reuniting families.

Emergency Lodging provides temporary lodging for persons made homeless by enemy attack. Emergency Clothing meets the immediate needs resulting from enemy attack. Emergency Feeding prepares food for medical services and feeds victims of an enemy attack and Civil Defense workers.

The training course is short and effective. A complete course runs five days or ten nights. Special courses can be arranged for school groups.

For further information contact Salie McCurdy, EWS Zone Director, GR-4830, Farmington, Michigan. Address: 2534 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington.

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MARKSMANSHIP AWARD — Lt. Richard Cregar (R.) receives a trophy for his marksmanship from Maj. Gen. Jonathan O. Seaman, VI Corps commander, in recent ceremonies at Fort Wayne, home of the 10th Division Training, 1st Infantry's reserve unit. The Farmington man won the first place award in the Corps Commanders Small Bore Matches.

## MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION Will Expand Role of the Court In St. Apportionment Planning

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles prepared by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a national, non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government. The views expressed are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

A new dimension was added to the apportionment situation by the March, 1962, decision of the U. S. Supreme Court which stated that courts have jurisdiction in this area. Previously it had been held to be a matter for legislative and citizen action only.

In Michigan, this decision led to the state Supreme Court's ruling that the senate districts in the present constitution were illegal. Enforcement of the Michigan ruling was postponed by the U. S. Supreme Court. Until the situation is clarified by further federal court action, it remains cloudy.

It is possible that the courts will lay down guide lines for apportionment in the states. If so, all states will have to follow these guide lines.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION calls for using an apportionment commission of eight, four to be appointed by the state central committee of each party and the major parties from four different areas of the state. This commission will draw new apportionment plans for both the house and senate. It must also work when the new constitution becomes effective and after each federal census as soon as the results of the census are known, the commission must finish its work within 180 days.

At present, the county boards of supervisors set up districts within counties entitled to several representatives or senators; the new constitution gives this job to the apportionment commission. The present system has resulted in extremely unequal districts within some of the counties such as Wayne, and it is felt that an outside body might be able to do a better job.

Public Letter Box Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 100 words.

Expresses Thanks Dear Editor: All of Jehovah's witnesses in Michigan Circuit 5 would like to express their appreciation to you for your cooperation in publishing our recent assembly held at Farmington, School, November 30, December 1, 2, 1962.

We especially in the News Service Department want to say thank you. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to place our releases. Be assured that our cooperation and devotion mean much to us and all Bible loving people in the Farmington area.

In this day when man needs so much to have Jehovah's Word and instruction as outlined in the Bible, we enjoy being able to come together to "Spread the Word of Life." Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours, Leonard Selsky News Service Director

"Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board, touch hands. The false forged, the foe forgive, for every great will and every fire burn low and dabble empty gland. Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christmas day may ever come to us!" — William Henry Harrison

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## Oak Tree Grows Great Acorn?

The familiar old adage, "Great Oak trees from little acorns grow," got a new twist this past week when 10 year old Jeffrey Dugan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dugan of 3366 Glenview Drive, discovered an acorn that was by no means "little."

It was the second occasion recently that the Enterprise has learned of a kingsize specimen grown in Farmington. Jeffrey's acorn, which is more like the size of a lemon, rivaled the earlier story carried in the Enterprise concerning a lemon tree bearing specimens looking more like grapefruit than Taylor Tree description in Farmington.

Jeffrey found his kingsize acorn beneath the mighty oak tree near his home on Tuesday.

Jeffrey is a student at Ten Mile Elementary School.

## Holiday Break For Soldiers

All those enlisting in the regular Army or WAC will be granted an immediate leave in order to stay home with their families over the holiday period. SFC O'Brien, local Army Recruiter, announced today.

Those interested in a written guarantee of their choice of school assignment or duty station within the United States, "before enlistment" have the added advantage of taking leave before actually moving to their basic training center.

Anyone desiring further information on the Army's new liberal leave policy during the holiday season is urged to contact the local recruiting station for this area at 2929 Grand River in Farmington or call GR. 6-3996.

Don Shuster Wins MSU Turkey Trot Don Shuster, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shuster of 2901 Middlebrook Road, won first place in the recent Michigan State University Intramural Turkey Trot.

The Turkey Trot is a cross-country type run which is approximately one mile long. Don is enrolled in MSU's working school, and is working toward an M. A. in philosophy.

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## A Purchase That Will Warm Your Heart

Farmington's old newshoys will be located throughout the City and Township tomorrow, Friday, and perhaps again on Saturday, conducting their annual Goodfellow newspaper sale.

You'll find no special offers in this edition of the paper nor will you find any startling or completely new news. But, despite this fact we urge you very strongly to be sure to buy a paper or maybe even a couple.

Like the United Foundation Torch it will serve as a symbol that you are in accord with the true spirit of Christmas which is a spirit of giving and sharing the fruits of your labor with your fellow man.

We have no way of knowing how much you'll be spending for Christmas gifts for your friends and loved ones this year but would venture a guess it will be up

into the hundreds of dollars if you have any number of children or grandchildren in your family. If this is so then we feel certain you should be able to spare another dollar or maybe even \$5 to help provide a merrier Christmas season for the less fortunate children of our community.

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## An Organization to Help Teenagers

A lot is being said these days about the problem teenager who has no place to go or nothing to do and who finds it very difficult to make some extra spending money to supplement the amount his or her parents can give.

Teenagers with idle time on their hands today are a problem and one which should not be looked on lightly. A recent Readers Digest article tells an interesting story about what was done in Phoenix, Arizona, some years ago and is now being done in some 35 other communities across the country with considerable success.

Groups known as the Youth Employment Services, dubbed YES, have been formed in these communities. These YES groups, organized and headed by students themselves under adult super-

vision, serve as clearing houses for teenagers wanting after-school or summer jobs. Countless thousands have been found work through such groups, it is reported.

In conversations with a number of local business people and also some homeowners we have often heard them lament about the fact that they could not find young help for this or that job they wanted to get done.

Forming a group such as the YES groups in other communities could be formed in Farmington. If it could be operated successfully it would be to the benefit of not only business people and citizens but also area teenagers who have time on their hands and want part time jobs for extra spending money.

## Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago DECEMBER 11, 1947 OK Bldg. Program Voters of the Farmington Township School District, by a comfortable majority, approved a millage increase and a bond issue for the purpose of constructing new schools.

The District, at a special election held last Saturday, December 6.

Royal Ball Control Farmington's Falcon basketball team dropped the first game of their 1947-48 season Tuesday night at Wayne High School in the last minute of play, losing 26-25 in a non-league contest. (Basketball has been changed with such a certain change in a football game nowadays.)

Trojans Drop Two The Clareneville High School basketball team opened their season with two games. The Trojans fell bowled to Walled Lake, 26-24, and lost to Inkster, 37-19, in non-league road games. (More like half-time scores in high school basketball nowadays.)

New Look Revealed Down came the boards that have been in front of the buildings burned in last January's fire ... and we find two good-looking stores are rapidly nearing completion. Now we are all for trucks and other commercial vehicles that will be coming to law if the second proposed ordinance carries.

10 Years Ago DECEMBER 11, 1937 Transfer Funds The Farmington School Board voted unanimously Tuesday night to place in escrow the \$73,600 needed to meet the obligations of the 1938 Debt Retirement Fund.

Goodfellow Edition Farmington's old newshoys will be making street corners this Friday to peddle papers in the annual Goodfellow Campaign. The sale will provide less fortunate families in the area a Merry Christmas. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase food, clothing and other necessities for needy families.

Library Plans Facts and figures as well as suggestions on the construction of a new library for the Farmington area will be discussed with a representative from the Detroit Public Library Board and members of the Farmington Friends of the Library at a meeting Tuesday in the Town Hall.

New Ordinance The City Council is expected to take action Monday night on the proposed ordinance which would place a one-cent tax on all commercial vehicles that will be coming to law if the second proposed ordinance carries.

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5 Years Ago DECEMBER 12, 1957 Goodfellow Paper The Annual Goodfellow Paper Sale will be conducted by Farmington businessmen this Friday, December 13. The Farmington Exchange Club will be joined by other local service organizations in raising money for the one-day paper sale which provides funds to insure less fortunate families a merry Christmas.

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