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## In Our Opinion . . .

### Too Few Heard the Important Message

At the Board of Commerce meeting last week we were privileged to see and hear a very authoritative and graphic presentation on the effects that poor traffic flow patterns can have on a community or neighborhood.

Our only regret is that the very revealing information given was received by so few. We are sure that not only every business and professional man or property owner but also every residential homeowner within a mile or so radius of a commercial area or a major thoroughfare would have found the presentation extremely interesting and informative.

Corporal F. E. Simoneau of the safety and traffic bureau of the Michigan State Police, who made the presentation, showed maps to demonstrate how inadequate roads and poor intersections, hampering smooth traffic flow in and around many communities in this general area, are greatly reducing property values and curtailing business.

He demonstrated quite clearly how on-street parking in front of business establishments not only hurts business in that area many times, but also has adverse effects on the property values of residential neighborhoods some distance around.

In some communities where surveys were made, it was found that when traffic was heaviest and business in the area should have been heaviest, it was actually at a low point, Corporal Simoneau said. People were just not stopping to shop in these areas because of the heavy traffic congestion situation, he stated.

The traffic safety expert made some

other very revealing points.

He showed how accidents are heavier for some distance back in all directions at inadequate intersections where traffic accident rates are exceptionally high. The adverse effects to business in all directions from a high accident rate intersection is remarkably greater than one would expect, he said.

At heavy accident rate intersections and on roads leading to them where accidents are also high, motorists frequently use residential streets in the area to avoid the congestion points on a main road, Simoneau stated. Accidents then start mounting in the residential areas, he showed.

Insurance rates in heavy accident areas are substantially higher than in accident-free areas and property values are also reduced substantially, he emphasized.

Corp. Simoneau was critical of the lethargy which prevails in many communities, not only among community leaders but also by the general citizenry. To recognize the adverse effects that poor traffic flow and high accident rate areas have on them personally, there is money available to get roads widened and other poor road conditions corrected in many high accident areas if citizens will only get aroused and start pressuring to get the bad situations improved, Corporal Simoneau stated.

If he is right, then maybe it is time for business people and citizens of Farmington to start getting aroused. We have a fair number of high accident rate intersections and traffic congestion areas right now.

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### An Endeavor Everyone Must Get Involved In

With this issue of the newspaper, we are kicking off another community clean-up, fix-up, paint-up campaign with the sincere hope that it will not be only as good as last year's campaign but an even better one.

This marks the fourth year for such an organized clean-up campaign in the community. The whole idea began four years back when officials of the south Farmington Civic Association approached us to determine what assistance the newspaper could give them in sponsoring an organized clean-up movement in the southern portion of the township.

The campaign has now grown to include all of the Township and the City of Farmington as well. Each year we have felt that more and more has been accomplished in sprucing up the appearance of the community and we are very proud to have had a small part in the endeavor.

Like many other projects, however, it takes a united effort on the part of everyone to make an undertaking of this kind successful. It takes a whole lot of people in organizations and individually getting involved.

A certain percentage of the citizenry in any community need a lot of prodding to get them to recognize the fact that their small efforts do play an im-

portant part in a community-wide endeavor. A group such as the South Farmington Civic Association or any other organization cannot do the job alone.

Make it a point during the rest of this month to not only do a good, thorough cleaning-up, fixing-up and painting-up job around your own home and property but also to do a little prodding around your neighborhood. Encourage the subdivision groups or community groups you are active in to get behind this annual community clean-up project.

We would also like to see subdivision organizations and business and professional men's groups in the community set up special committees to keep a vigilant eye on uncleanly conditions as they develop in their own areas during the entire year and take steps to get the uncleanly conditions corrected in each area as they develop.

This would be the real way to get and keep an attractive and exceptionally clean community and one that we could all be really proud of.

For right now, though, let's all get out and do a good cleaning up job in May and then consider the proposal we have made for a continuance of this effort throughout the year afterwards.

## Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

MAY 7, 1959

Fete Treasurer

Kathryn Cotter was feteed on her tenth service anniversary with the City.

Wolverine State

Six boys from Farmington have been selected to represent the community at Wolverin State this summer. They are Joel Greenberg, Bruce Boltz, John Anderson, Harvey Chapman, Chuck Thompson and Jack Swift.

Girls State

Marjorie Lam and Carol Dustin have been chosen to attend Wolverin Girls State this year from Farmington.

Thincleads Win

Farmington High School's track team won first place in the Central Valley last Saturday. The Falcons' Warren "Rex" Cawley broke one national hurdle record and tied another one, only to have both marks wiped out of the record books because of aiding winds.

FHS Diamondbacks

The Farmington High School baseball team suffered its first loss of the 1959 season last Friday afternoon.

10 Years Ago

MAY 6, 1954

Polio Test Shots

The Polio Vaccine Test Program was started in Farmington last week with 127 school children from Clarenceville among the first to receive the shots.

FARC Director

Warren Picke has been named Director for this summer's Farmington Area Recreation Program. Picke holds a physical education degree from the University of Michigan and is well known in the community.

License Bureau

Final plans have been completed for the establishment of a drivers license bureau in Farmington Township. The bureau will open for the first time on May 11.

Pitches 3-Hitter

Wayne Dryden, Farmington High School southpaw, pitched the Falcons to their first victory over the Vikings in a fine three-hit performance against the Wallied Lake baseball team. The Falcons shutout the Vikings, 7-0.

15 Years Ago

MAY 5, 1949

School Budget

The Farmington School Board approved a budget of \$337,493 for the coming school year. This is \$45,581 above the total expenditure of the school district last year.

Falcons Nine

Farmington High School's baseball team added out Holly's nine in an Inter-Lakes Conference game last Friday afternoon. 21 John Rudberg, scored the winning run, scored his second victory of the season by scattering three-hits to the Holly batsmen in an outstanding performance on the mound.

FHS Thincleads

Farmington High School's thincleads won their second straight dual meet of the season last Friday, defeating Keesee Harbor by the 10-5 lopsided score of 78 to 13.

Bad Break for FHS

Three Farmington High School baseball players have been declared ineligible for the balance of the year, and the season starts this Saturday, their playing days for the Falcons are over. The trio was ruled out after having been reported playing federation baseball in Detroit.



WORKSHOP CHAIRMEN planning the all-day program coming up this Friday at the East Junior High School are pictured above at a session last week. The May 8 program will be held for elementary teachers and administrators from the Farmington School District and will deal with the topic of school drop-outs. Pictured above (L to R, seated) are Jean Ralph, Weidon Petz, Minnie Zielke, Grannis McCarty, Ken Eggleston and Hugh Watson; and (L to R, standing) Opal Pate, Lorna Kachelske, Jean Scott and Nick Abid. Planners absent from the meeting were Cy Minella, Al Lanigan, Bev Sherpliss, Charles O'Neil and Leona Crouse.

## Kendallwood Komments

By KATHY (I'll Write If You Call) ZISKA GR. 4-7261

Weekend guests at the Bill Dempssters on Farmington Road were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leake for several years and to Alma Sandbothe who was secretary of the League for seven years. The members presented Steve Sandbothe with a trophy in appreciation.

The Kendallwood Farms Women's Club extend thanks to all who participated in their Annual Card Party in helping to make it the success it was. Chairman, Mary Jane Curme and co-chairman, Elaine Dempster state that the goal they were working towards for the donation to the Plymouth State Home and Training School was reached.

The Kendallwood Mixed League Bowling Banquet was held on Saturday, May 2, at the Edgewood Country Club. Neal Hale of Kendallwood 4, a professional entertainer, did a pantomime, which was enjoyed by all that attended the banquet. The League has been bowling at the Northwest Lanes and will move to the Country Lanes at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in the Fall. If you are interested in joining the group, call Secretary, Olive Paddon at GR. 4-9221. Members of the first place team, who were awarded a trophy, are Rosemary and Frank Tol and Barbara and Dave Karbel. The individual high game for men trophy was awarded to George Gruner with a 288 game. The high game for women trophy was awarded to Edith Watson with a 244 game. High three series for men went to Nick Clippinger with a total of 628 and high series for women to Rosemary Tal with 590. Season over-average for men was awarded to Dave Karbel with 19 pins and for women to Florence Webber with 16 pins.

The Kendallwood Mixed League's newly-elected officers are: President, George Gruner; Vice President John Muir, Secretary Olive Paddon, Treasurer Paul Paddon. The League is highly appreciative of the ef-

Peppermill, turned five and celebrated her birthday on Saturday, May 2, with a birthday lunch which was enjoyed by Bobbie and Susan Lee, Susan Crump, Ralph, Katie and Rosie Downey, Linda and Hobie Ferris, Shelly Ziska, and Cindy Wallace.

A SURPRISE party was held at Bob and Cris Cross' home in honor of Donna Fleishman who had completed her elementary teaching requirements at Wayne. The party celebrating this event was attended by members of the Red Tree Bridge Club.

Busty White of Baintree is in Old Grace Hospital. His condition is improving. A big welcome to new neighbors in the area goes to Bill and Donna Pullins of Peppermill who moved here from Detroit. They have two boys, Dean, 2 1/2, and Todd, three months. Bill is employed by the General Motors in accounting at the Ternsted Division Office. We wish also to welcome Richard and Becky Rasmussen of Thorny Brae who moved here from Hammond, Indiana. Their three children are: Evelyn, 8, James, 5, and Paul, 3. Rasmussen is an accountant at the Ford Rouge Plant. Both Richard and Becky play bridge and bowl.

Happy birthday wishes were sung to my daughter, Michelle, on May 1 when she turned six and all day Saturday, May 2, when her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pazymsky of Dearborn and her aunt, uncle and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Konrad and Sheryl and Paul also of Dearborn, spent the afternoon with us and in the evening, her Godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mucha and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knyaz and great-uncle, Mr. Adam Mucha, arrived to bring more good wishes.

Susan Clayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton of

## Facts for Men About Cancer Stated May 26

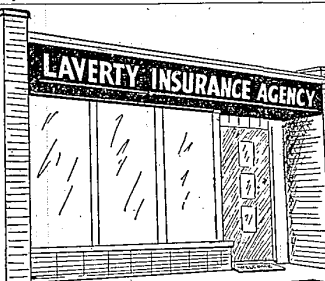
The Farmington Optimist Club will have as its program for their Tuesday evening, May 26, dinner meeting a speaker from the American Cancer Society who will show a film and discuss the important phases of this disease of interest to men.

All men in the community are welcome to join with the Farmington Optimist Club for this May 26 cancer program at 8:00 p.m. 2000 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. The dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. with the cancer program to follow. Persons interested in attending this revealing program which promises to be of great importance to all men are urged to call in their reservations (GR. 4-6225) prior to May 15.

The Farmington Optimist Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of every month and welcomes guests at any of their dinner meetings. The Optimist service club is devoted to boys work and youth activities in the community.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society was founded in 1946 to combat a disease for which prevention and cure are still unknown. It has chapters, branches, and affiliates in 47 states and the District of Columbia, finances research projects nationally and internationally, and operates a program of community patient services, including chapter-supported clinics, clinical programs and centers.

Multiple sclerosis strikes mainly at young adults in the twenty to forty age range, in the vital, productive prime of life.



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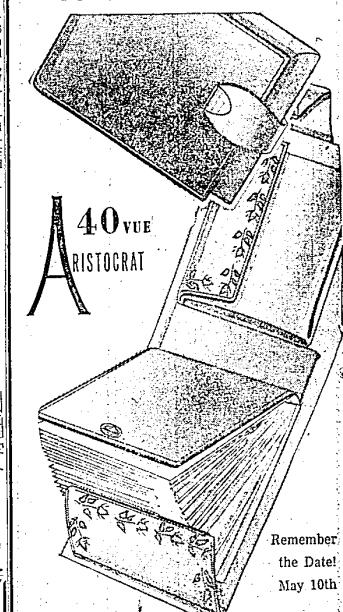
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