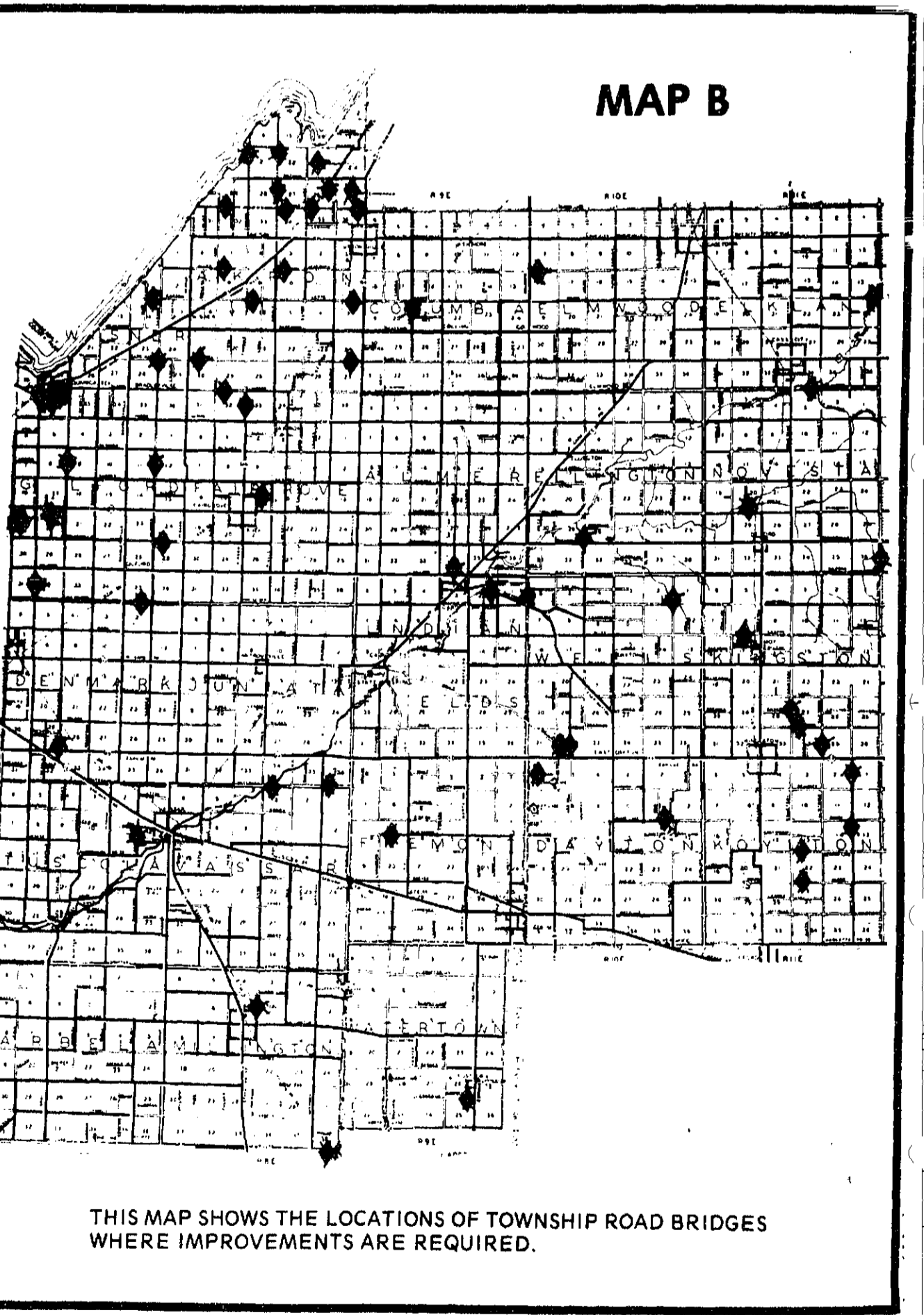
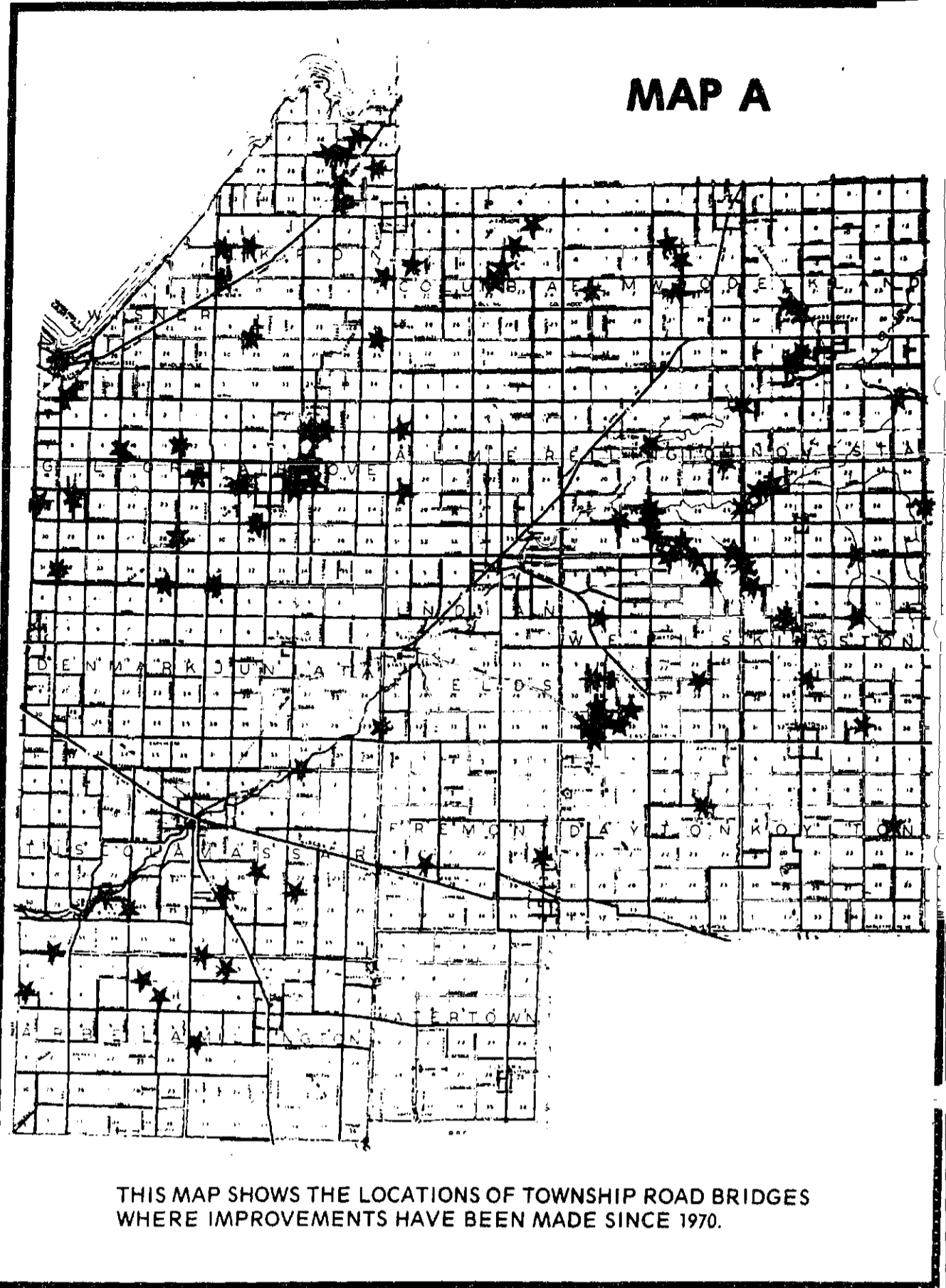


ON AUGUST 5, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A LEVY OF ONE (1) MILL FOR THE YEARS 1981 THROUGH 1985 INCLUSIVE. ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL WOULD GO TO THE TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING TOWNSHIP ROAD BRIDGES AND LOCAL STREETS. THE OTHER ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL WOULD GO TO THE TUSCOLA COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES. THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS PRESENTED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THAT PORTION OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH REQUESTS ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL FOR IMPROVING BRIDGES AND STREETS.

The Bridge Millage Is Being Proposed Because Additional State And Federal Funds Are Becoming Available To Tuscola County. In Order To Obtain This Money, The County Must Have Matching Funds Available And Have New Bridges Designed And Ready To Be Constructed. It Is This "Matching Fund" Money That The Millage Would Raise. The 1980 Proposal Does Not Request An Increase In Bridge Millage; The Expiring Rate Is One (1) Mill For Bridge Improvements, While The New Proposal Would Actually Reduce The Amount Earmarked For Bridge And Street Improvements To One-Half (1/2) Mill. (As Stated Above, The Other One-Half (1/2) Mill Would Go To The General Fund For Operating Expenses.) A Continued Millage Would Also Make Possible The Handling Of Emergencies As They Arise.



PLEASE REFER TO MAP A

Since 1970, Previous Millages Have Made Possible The Improvement Of Ninety-Nine (99) Bridges On Local Township Roads Throughout The County. During The Calendar Years 1971 Through 1979, A Total Of \$4,587,208 Has Been Expended For Bridge Improvements. Of This Amount, \$3,067,978 Has Come From The Bridge Millage; \$817,464 From The State Or Federal Government; \$435,357 From The County Road Funds; And \$266,409 From The Townships In Tuscola County.

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At The Present Time, Sixty-Two (62) Bridges Are In Need Of Improvement. Some Are Posted With Load Limits, Meaning They Are More Restrictive Than The Roads On Which They Are Located. Others Are Closed To Traffic Altogether.

TO DATE, THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED OVER \$817,000 IN STATE OR FEDERAL MONEY FOR LOCAL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION. AN ADDITIONAL \$744,000 IS PROMISED FOR 1980 AND 1981.

THE PROPOSED ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL (Based On The Present Equalized Valuation) WILL MEAN THAT APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 WILL BE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR FOR LOCAL TOWNSHIP ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS (And \$50,000 For City And Village Streets)