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## Farmington Aids Camille Victims

By EMORY DANIELS

A couple of Farmington Township housewives for two days this week collected a whole lot of clothing for delivery to victims of Hurricane Camille.

For four days, the two ladies spearheaded the collection and tonight (Saturday) the shipment is on its way south to aid victims in Pass Christian, Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss.

**THE IDEA ORIGINATED** with Mrs. Charles Brown of 30980 Pearridge, Farmington Township. She decided Tuesday night to act and talked with her neighbor, Mrs. Jean Ickoff.

The two decided that clothing was needed and clothing would be sent. That night, the operation began with phone calls to neighbors and friends.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall was contacted Tuesday night and agreed to provide the township hall as a drop-off point. Two other points were selected in the City of Detroit and the campaign was underway.

Wednesday morning, Mrs. Ickoff called Detroit radio stations which began running spot announcements on the hour. For the Farmington area, the township hall was designated as a drop-off spot.

**MRS. ICKOFF** gave her number at work to the radio stations (WTAK and WJR) for persons to call. Mrs. Ickoff works for Superior Girl at 18400 Woodward, Detroit. The firm picked up the enthusiasm of her venture and receptionists began answering calls.

"All four of our lines have been lit up continually," Mrs. Ickoff told The Enterprise & Observer. "If our customers need us today I'm afraid they are out of luck."

While Mrs. Ickoff was receiving calls, Mrs. Brown was making them—to more friends and to more neighbors. And while the ladies manned the phones, the clothes began coming in to the three drop-off points.

Mrs. Brown says clothing is one of the most critical needs for hurricane victims. And she knows from first-hand experience.

In 1937, the Browns were living in Biloxi while Master Sergeant Brown was serving in the U.S. Air Force. A hurricane hit Biloxi and the Browns lost everything they had. "I know through personal experience that those people are in bad need of clothes," she explained. In 1965, Brown retired from the Air Force and moved his family to Southfield. A year later, the Browns moved to their present home in the township. Five years later, a hurricane hit Biloxi again and the Browns remembered.

And the memory of being wiped out by a hurricane, without clothing, food or shelter, stirred that first phone call to Mrs. Ickoff and the hundreds that followed.



PACKING BEGINS -- Thursday morning was packing day as the loads of donated clothing was prepared for shipment Saturday night. In the midst

of packing are (from left) Mrs. Edward Ickoff, Mrs. Charles Brown, and Township Supervisor Curtis Hall. (Everett photo)

**THE SPONTANEOUS** requests for help soon resulted in spontaneous replies. Boxes and bags of clothing began arriving at the township hall.

"It's really amazing," says Mary Legg, secretary for Supervisor Hall. "My phone was ringing all morning Wednesday with people wanting to help."

And help arrived in bundles. Dress shirts, freshly wrapped from the dry cleaners . . . Piles and piles of men's suits and slacks . . . Ladies' dresses, a box of shoes, girls' and boys' shorts, bermudas and sun suits . . . A

bundle of 50 baby blankets in one delivery . . . And more, and more and more.

The clothing was piled into the area once occupied by the building department. It was just vacated over the weekend when township departments moved into the new civic center and became a handy drop-off point for residents.

The response was sudden, fast, heavy and unexpected. With short notice, Farmington folks responded. And the Browns and Ickoffs express thanks for that response. And so do a few hundred folks in Biloxi, Pass Christian and Gulfport.

### today's hot line

#### Bargain Battle

School negotiators still must resolve basic differences on three non-economic articles in addition to salary as "scheduled" bargaining goes into its last week.

The two sides resolved several items in a marathon session Thursday (which lasted until early Friday morning) — including a compromise on teacher evaluation.

But bargainers are still battling over (1) binding arbitration, (2) class size and (3) a dismissal clause for the agency shop.

Teachers want a neutral third party called in to give a binding decision if contracts aren't signed by expiration date. The school board opposes binding arbitration. Teachers want absolute limits on classroom size. The school board will go along with a maximum average size but not with absolutes on specific classes. Teachers want to fire any teacher who refuses to pay union dues. The school board is hesitant about a dismissal clause.

The 1968-69 teacher contracts expire next Sunday. Teachers have already voted a no-contract no-work strike.

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#### Builders Respond

Residents with housing problems are getting responses: Ronart is starting to make repairs; Tom Duke says he's reviewing the situation; and petition gatherers have over 200 signatures calling for board action.

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School opening is nearer yet and this week The Farmington Enterprise & Observer tells you about the hours of registration, orientation, book sales and classes plus the elementary bus schedule. (Watch next Wednesday's paper for the junior high bus schedule.)

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### "One call did it!"

The first caller bought both the camera and the projector . . . we're very pleased with the results we got," said Mrs. Michael Blen. Place a Want-Ad in the Observer to Buy, Sell or Trade, today!

YASHICA LYNX-1000, 35 mm. with electronic flash. Kodak Ready-matic slide projector. Use new \$80. Call 538-0900.

Classified WANT ADS 422-0900

## 1-City Ballot Wording To Add Confusion

By EMORY DANIELS

The Farmington area apparently will be a guinea pig in the process of implementing legislation to smooth the making of boundary changes throughout the state.

Act 191, adopted in June 1968, created a State Boundary Commission, empowered to review petitions and set elections for consolidation and incorporation moves.

Farmington is the first municipality in the state to make application to the Boundary Commission. The Commission recognizes that Act 191 needs polishing and is watching the Farmington vote carefully for edification.

**LESSONS LEARNED** in Farmington very probably will be translated into legislation to amend the Boundary Act. Meanwhile, Farmington residents must vote on the future and attempt to understand the imperfections of the present procedure.

The process established by Act 191 is basically sound and has long been needed, but a gem is not obtained without polishing and it will be Farmington's fate to add luster to the gem.

The imperfections need not be roadblocks, however. In fact, if they are understood by voters they will pose little problems.

An example is the wording which will appear on the ballot Nov. 4. The exact wording has not yet been written, but Act 191 is quite specific on what language shall appear on the ballot.

**ACTUALLY**, the decision voters will be making Nov. 4 is: "Shall a charter commission be empowered to write a charter for the purpose of consolidating the City of Farmington, Wood Creek Farms, Quakertown and Farmington Township?"

But that is not how the ballot will read. The language specified by the Boundary Act will result in a ballot wording of: "For consolidation of the City of Farmington, Farmington Township and Villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms. Yes . . . No . . ."

That will be the wording of the first ballot. There will be two ballots for each municipality.

The second ballot will be for the election of members of the charter commission. The second ballot will be different for each municipality with villagers being instructed to vote for one candidate each, township residents for five, and city residents for two candidates.

Actually, the two ballots add confusion to the basic question. The question to be voted on Nov. 4 is not "shall we consolidate," but rather "shall we elect a charter commission to study the feasibility of consolidation?"

### analysis

**THE FACT** that the Nov. 4 vote is not a final vote on consolidation is recognized in Act 191. The act provides that should the charter be denied by voters, the commission may write a second charter.

If the second charter is denied, or if a charter cannot be adopted within two years of Nov. 4, 1969, there will be no consolidation. The exact wording is: "The consolidation proceedings shall be ended."

The language "the consolidation proceedings" defines the process of electing a charter commission, writing a charter, and approving a charter. This is the proceedings of consolidation.

Act 191 also specifically states the Nov. 4 vote is not a vote for consolidation per se. In Sec. 15, the act reads: "the consolidation in the charter shall be operative at such time as shall be stated in the charter." Or, in other words, consolidation will never be operative until an effective date is stated in a charter approved by a majority of the residents in each municipality.

James Hyde, executive secretary for the Boundary Commission, told The Enterprise & Observer that the language on the ballot question will not include the words "charter commission."

Hyde said the Boundary Commission has specific instructions to follow on the wording of the ballot from Act 191, Sec. 14, and Act 279 (Home Rule Act), Sec. 15.

Hyde said that although the wording may result in confusion for voters, the Boundary Commission has no choice but to adopt the language called for in the enacting legislation.

**THE DANGER** that voters will be confused by the wording of the ballot and feel they are making a final decision on consolidation Nov. 4.

Unfortunately, the Boundary Act will not be in the voting booths for voters to read. But, without question, the act specifies there can be no consolidation without adoption of a charter.

A separate vote on the charter will be held after the commission completes its work. And it is the second vote which is the final decision on the question of consolidation or not.

Other imperfections in the consolidation process set up by the act, discussed at length in previous articles in this newspaper, are: the veto powers of villagers; residency requirements for charter commission candidates; and a ruling that present government officers, elected or appointed, cannot run for the commission.

Farmington will have its vote, and problems encountered will be studied by the Boundary Commission.

#### TROPHY WINNERS

Farmington's East Junior High School's cheerleaders recently captured a first place trophy in competition with several other school squads.

The five-day competition was sponsored by the Mary Evelyn Thurman's Cheerleading and Baton Twirling school in Ypsilanti. Members of the East squad are: (top, from left) Cathy Semack, Diane Jeorger and Judy Zink; (bottom, from left) Donna Krasnowich, Patti Daering, and Diane Harvey. Janine Toffanetti is doing the splits.

