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Growth & Schools

As Farmington grows, the strain on its schools increases. A look ahead shows a need for more schools, including 10 additional elementary rooms for existing buildings, according to school officials who must keep up with Farmington's growth.

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Which Lucky Miss

The Farmington Jaycees, looking for this year's Junior Miss, this week announced who the preliminary judges are. The semi-final judging and selection of the winner will be held Nov. 22 in the community center.

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Artists At Work

When Sue Shaughnessy visited the Bloomfield Art Association, she found a number of Farmington artists in the various classes. The BAA is explained in both words and pictures on

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On The March

Observerland students - and a good many townfolk - are arguing heartily about the peace march on Washington, taking part in some cases and conducting local activities in others. We've given it the better part of a page of coverage.

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On Politics

Some authorities on suburban crime offered ideas to a Republican Task Force which met in Livonia last week...and Jim O'Neil is running (again) for higher office. Here are some fresh looks at the forthcoming political year.

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The Ingredients of Destruction

Sears Picks Township For Center

by WYLIE GERDES

The exploding Farmington Area took one more step towards becoming a part of a Detroit megalopolis this week when a Southfield firm announced plans to build a shopping, office and residential complex in the northwest corner of Farmington Township.

The 300-acre site for a "regional retail development" is on the north side of 13 Mile between Halstead and Haggerty Rds. The HTK Detroit Co., a partnership between Homart Development Co. and The Taubman Company, Inc. of Southfield, is the developer. Homart Development Co. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sears is the only announced tenant of the proposed complex which will open in 1974.

THE SITE chosen is in a triangle formed by I-496, Northwestern Highway, and proposed M-275. M-275 is a freeway planned to run north and south just west of Haggerty Rd.

The site is near Walled Lake and a proposed interchange of M-275. The Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS) has predicted a population of 100,000 for the Walled Lake area by 1990.

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Home Made Bomb Mishap Injures Farmington Youth

The hands of a 15-year-old Farmington Township youth were severely injured Nov. 11 when a pipe bomb he was building exploded.

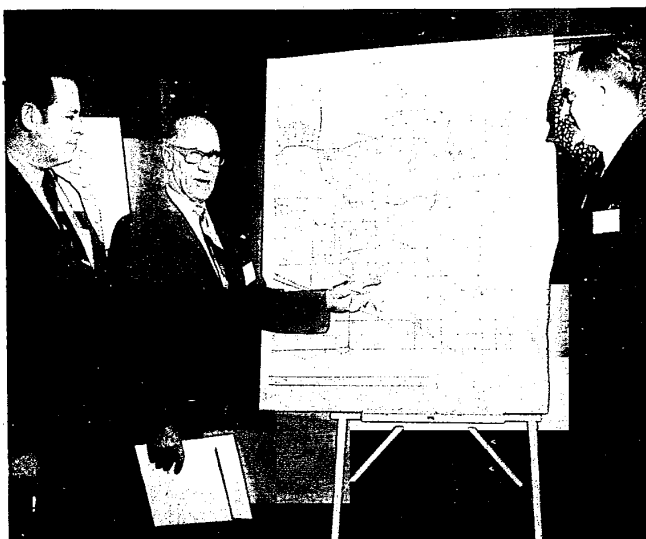
Farmington Township police say the youth required extensive surgery on his hands after the explosion. He was taken to Botsford Hospital, then transferred to Grace Hospital in Detroit. The police also report one of the boy's eyes was injured.

The explosion occurred at 1:10 p.m. in the youth's bedroom at his home. Township police said his mother, the only other person in the

house at the time, drove her son to the hospital. The boy was apparently screwing the cap on a six-inch piece of galvanized pipe one-inch in diameter filled with gun powder when the explosion occurred. Two other bombs, one completed and another partially assembled, were also found.

Police investigation showed the boy made the gun powder with a formula supplied by his cousin.

Both the other bombs found were eight inches long, one made of 1 1/2-inch pipe and the other of one-inch pipe.



PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER - Township Supervisor Curtis Hall, (center) points to the area between Halstead and Haggerty just north of 13 Mile. The area is the

site of a proposed shopping center. Township Trustees Tom Nolan (left) and Earl Oppenhaus look on. (Everett photo)

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State Weighs City Arguments

By EMORY DANIELS

The State Boundary Commission intends to make a decision on the Farmington Township incorporation matter on Dec. 17.

Last Wednesday, the commission met in Lansing and heard arguments presented by the petitioner and each of the four governmental units of Farmington.

BASICALLY, the five presentations boiled down to three separate positions.

Both villages urged that a consolidation election be set rather than an incorporation vote.

The City of Farmington urged outright rejection of the petitions on the grounds they were not presented in the proper, legal form.

The petitioning residents and the township urged acceptance of the incorporation petition as written; and, if that is not possible, scheduling of a consolidation election.

THE BOUNDARY Commission simply heard the arguments and asked a few questions but did not give any indication of their position or views at Wednesday's hearing.

Speakers at the hearing were: Robert McConnell, petitioner; Joseph T. Brennan, for the township; David Goldman, for Wood Creek Farms; Robert Orlean, for Quakerstown; and Bernard Shifmann, for the City of Farmington.

Also attending the meeting from the Farmington Area were: John Dinan, Robert Kelley, John Richardson and John Allen from the city; Floyd Cairns and Keith Deacon from the township; Robert Allaben and Gerald Ellsworth from Quakerstown; and Dave Greenspan, attorney for McConnell.

Sitting on the Boundary Commission were Chairman G. S. Francke, Al Vanderlaan, Irving Rozian,

and the Oakland County representative, Ray Lahti.

ACTUALLY, the Boundary Commission has not yet decided if it will accept jurisdiction over the petitions.

That was one of the purposes of Wednesday's hearing. The City of Farmington argues the Boundary Commission should not assume jurisdiction claiming the petitions are not valid as written.

The township, of course, is urging the commission not to reject the petitions outright. Brennan and McConnell would like the commission to accept the petitions as written or if this is not possible, to alter them by calling for consolidation election.

On Dec. 17, the commission will decide whether or not it can legally assume jurisdiction. If it refuses, Oakland County will then have to decide on the city's petitions seeking an election to annex the southern half of the township.

If the Boundary Commission assumes jurisdiction, the commission must then decide if it will accept the incorporation petitions as written, alter them, or convert the question into a consolidation vote.

EACH OF the governmental units and the petitioner have until Dec. 8 to file written briefs with the commission. Each party must also give a copy of that brief to the other four involved parties.

Rebuttals to the written briefs must be filed with the commission by Dec. 10.

The only comment from commissioners approaching a viewpoint on the issues at hand came from Chairman Francke when he noted there are "real legal differences" between the words consolidation and incorporation.

Upcoming

The Farmington Area is once again embroiled in a boundary controversy as the township seeks to obtain cityhood for its 40,000 people. What is the position taken on township incorporation by each of the four governmental units? Why does the petitioner feel the township may be dealt an unjust blow? Wednesday, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer will report the positions of the petitioner, township, city and both villages.

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