

County Committee Recommends Nov. 3 Annexation Election

An attempt is now in progress to place the annexation proposal on the Nov. 3 general ballot. Residents of the City of Farmington and the area of Farmington Township to be annexed would vote on the question.

The local affairs committee of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted Wednesday afternoon to approve the annexation petition and recommend to the full county board that the question be placed on the Nov. 3 ballot.

THE ANNEXATION petitions, filed by Richard Tipper last October, request an election on the proposed annexation of the southern half of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington.

The request to be placed on the ballot will be taken up by the Board of Commissioners at its Sept. 17 meeting.

This makes the timing very tight because Sept. 17 is also the deadline for ballot proposals to be submitted to the clerk's office.

Oakland County Clerk Lynn Allen told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer that the proposal must reach his office by Sept. 17 or there will not be enough time to order printing of the ballot with the proposal included.

The Board of Commissioners will begin its meet-

ing at 9:30 a.m. on that date so there is time for all the necessary actions to be taken to place the annexation question on the Nov. 3 ballot.

THE LOCAL AFFAIRS committee approval Wednesday was the first hurdle which had to be cleared to meet the Sept. 17 deadline.

Two other necessary hurdles are: a vote by the Board of Commissioners setting the Nov. 3 date; and a formal court order calling for an annexation election.

Oakland County Circuit Court Frederick Ziem Monday announced his decision which lifted the injunction preventing the county from processing the annexation request.

But Ziem's decision and written opinion must be followed by a written order instructing the clerk to conduct an annexation election.

A THIRD, possible hurdle is probably forthcoming but has not yet been set up. If Farmington Township appeals Judge Ziem's decision, a request could be made for another injunction pending decision of the higher courts.

On Wednesday, Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan sent his recommendation to the township board that an appeal be made.

Brennan is asking trustees approval to make an appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Brennan explained his exact strategy will not be finalized until the board votes on making an appeal. But two courses of action are available: he can ask Judge Ziem to reissue the injunction pending decision of the Court of Appeals; or, if Ziem denies this request, he could ask the Court of Appeals for an injunction.

ALLEN REPORTS that an injunction must be issued before Sept. 17 or the proposal will be on the Nov. 3 ballot, providing all other steps are taken.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the township board is Sept. 14, three days before the deadline. Thus, it is certain the township will call a special meeting soon so that, if an appeal is approved, the request for an injunction can be made before Sept. 17.

The only decision the county may make on an annexation request are: (1) Are there sufficient signatures on the petitions? (2) Is the map describing the annexation proper? And (3) what date shall an election be held?

The local affairs committee Wednesday verified the signatures were sufficient and ruled the petitions

Continued on Page 2A

today's hot line

Vol. 82, No. 97 58 pages, 4 sections

bulletin

'Mart' Burns

The Merchandise Mart in Farmington Township was completely gutted by fire which struck about 1 p.m. Friday.

Three fire departments were immediately on the scene at Grand River and Inkster Rd. Farmington Township responded with three units, the City of Farmington sent its equipment including its snorkel, and Redford Township was there with its large ladder truck.

The fire was under control by 2 p.m. but it appeared the department store was destroyed. Witnesses report it was the biggest fire in recent Farmington history, larger than the Himmelspach fire two years ago.

There were a number of explosions, most probably from paint cans, during the fire with large billows of black smoke hovering over the intersection.

what's inside

Buy Trees Now

If you live in Farmington Township on a shadeless lawn, you still have time to order trees from the Farmington Beautification Committee. The deadline is Sept. 10, but if you fill out the order form inside and mail it today with check, your tree will be arriving this fall.

Page 3A

School Facts

Schools open next week throughout the Farmington area and starting times for all the schools, plus information on bus schedules, can be found inside. Consult the Farmington Community Calendar for school starting times and other community events.

Pages 10-12A

Missionary Sculptor

A missionary who carves ice paid a recent visit to Observerland. His story is in the church section.

Page 8A

Delightful Comedy

Can a rich white boy find happiness in a New York tenement? The answer makes for delightful comedy, according to Dan Gilmartin.

Page 6A

Amusements.....	6A
Churches in Action.....	8-9A
Classified Want Ads.....	Sec. B
Sports-Prep and Pro.....	5A
Spotlight on Women.....	7A

WEDDING STORY

The story of three winter weddings will be told September 26. Watch for this very special section.



INTERVIEWS BARBER — Reporter Victor Omelczenko decided the best way to do a story on men's hair styling was to volunteer use of his locks to find out exactly what a stylist does. He did and now knows. (Ralph Evert photo)



SILENT CUT — Gino DeRoma gives "silent" haircuts, using only scissors and comb. The buzzing sound of electric clippers cannot be heard in DeRoma's Roman parlour in which he styles men's hair to suit the individual's taste. (Evert photo)

Will Hair Survive? Stylist Urges Survival

By VICTOR OMELCZENKO

"A haircut is just a haircut, but a hairstyle is a creation." And with this philosophy, Gino DeRoma has resolved to care for the hair of Farmington men in his new barber shop at 20764 Farmington Road.

"Men have become more fussy about the way they look," said Gino, who was only 10 when he began his apprenticeship as a barber 28 years ago in Italy.

"A few years back, flat-tops and Princetons were popular but now you see very few because people change," mentioned Gino.

THE CHANGE Gino sees is the emphasis on more individuality in grooming men's hair. Nowadays, fewer men come in wanting a standard-haircut so Gino styles men's hair "to make them look their best."

"A lot of men ask me to do whatever I think is suitable for them," explained Gino, who formerly ran a regular "hair-cut barber shop" after coming to America from Italy in 1952.

"The shop's clientele ranges from young boys to older men and even women may get a haircut," mostly businessmen come in for hairstyling, but we do have carpenters, bicklayers and truck drivers as customers, too," added Gino.

BESIDES GIVING plain cuts, DeRoma does sculpture styling, shear blending, hair coloring and razor shaping.

"There are a lot of so-called long haired kids who know they'll get scalped when they go to a barber," said Gino. "But I think hair can be long and still be nicely trimmed."

While young men usually ask for trims and hairstyling, Gino gets older customers who want trims for their hair or toupees, one of which, formerly red, sat on a styrofoam head, drying into a natural dark brown color.

"I do the basic cutting with scissors," explained Gino, who then twisted the chair around and placed my head in a sink for a shampoo.

"After a thorough washing, my hair was then cut with a razor. 'We want everything to blend in,'" said Gino, and he

then fastened a hair net around my head and placed me under the hair dryer.

FIFTEEN MINUTES went by and I almost finished reading an article in "Esquire" when the hair dryer was clicked off and the net removed.

Gino then began using a brush and a gun-like device which spouted hot air, explaining that this was the styling process in which he made the hair blend in and look full.

Hair spray was liberally applied, a few final touches administered here and there, and I was set.

"How do you like it?" asked Gino, handing me a mirror.

I looked at the back of my head and saw a taper that seemed a bit ragged and not as straight as I was accustomed to.

"Men don't like to look like they've just come out of a barber shop," mentioned Gino, when I asked why there wasn't a straight taper. "They say give me a hairstyle that doesn't look like one."

Set Special Hours For Registration

Special hours have been arranged for Farmington Township residents to register for the Nov. 3 general election.

The Farmington Township clerk's office at 3155 11 Mile will be open until 8 p.m. on Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30.

On Saturdays, Sept. 12 and 19, the office will open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 26, the hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, the office will be open Friday, Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Do Modulars Have A Place In Suburbia?

The desirability of "portable" buildings seems destined again to become an issue in the City of Farmington.

It first became a hot issue when the Farmington School District purchased portable classrooms to provide supplemental space until new buildings were constructed.

City residents objected when the school district located a portable classroom on the Farmington Senior High site on Shilohsee east of Power.

Now, objections are being aired again because the district wants to locate two portable buildings between its administrative building on Shilohsee and 10 Mile Elementary school.

ONE PORTABLE will be located within the fenced area of the bus yard for use by bus drivers during winter months.

The second will be located outside the bus yard near the tennis courts and be used by the Farmington Area Advisory Council, overseer of the Drug Rap Line program.

There was heated discussion among school trustees when the board of education approved location of the portables at the bus yard site.

After approval was given, however, the city refused to issue a building permit until the matter came before the city council.

Thus, the issue shifted to the council which now must decide whether the building permit should be approved to allow location of the portables near the bus yard.

ON AUG. 31, the city planning commission was informed of the schools request to locate the portables.

The commission was given the opportunity to make a recommendation to the council but did not alter one motion failed.

But the portables did generate a lot of discussion among commission members.

City Manager John Dignan explained the FAAC portable will be located behind the tennis courts and north of the bus lot. The tennis courts lie directly between the bus yard and 10 Mile Elementary school.

THE RAP LINE portable will be used as a drop-in center for Farmington teens and will include the hot-line phones which drug users in trouble may use.

John Allen, city commissioner who serves on the council, remarked the school property is zoned for education and Rap Line is not really educational in scope.

But Allen voiced his real objection when he said: "I just don't like to see a temporary building in the city."

Commissioner James Platt observed that the school district is going to donate the land and portable for Rap Line.

"I assume there is an educational purpose or, the district wouldn't donate the land."

ASKED FOR a description of the portable classrooms, Dignan said they were a "modular type of temporary building."

Platt said he was not prepared to vote against location. Continued on Page 12A