

City's 1970 Progress Will Continue -- Mayor

By MAYOR WILBUR BROTHERTON

(Mayor Wilbur Brotherton, who wrote the article below, feels much progress was made in 1970 by the City of Farmington and foresees an even more eventful year in 1971.)

The year 1970 was not only the start of a new decade but one of continued progress. It has been highlighted with many significant events that we should feel the course of the city's future growth pattern. We believe that the planning commission's development of a new Central Business District (CBD) zoning ordinance provides this directional change.

The city was being bombarded with requests for quasi drive-in restaurant and convenient food operations with what could have made us the "hamburger capital of the Midwest" unless we placed more stringent restrictions on the uses allowed in our Central Business District. With the enactment of this ordinance and refinements to our C-2 Community Commercial and C-3 General Commercial districts, we believe we have the tools to plan a more orderly growth for our commercial developments on our major arteries.

The ANNEXATION proposal merging the southern half of Farmington Township with the City of Farmington, created tremendous community interest and involvement. Ad hoc committees were formed, both pro and con, and lines were drawn for a hard fought campaign. Although city residents voted in favor of this expansion by more than a 2-1 majority, township

of Orchard Street, multi-story buildings, redevelopment of the downtown shopping center, expansion of surface off-street parking, pedestrian circulation facilities, commercial expansion south of Grand River. Improved traffic and pedestrian movement north side of Grand River. It is the intent of the master plan to "adopt and retain a progressive role in planning, continue to implement new redevelopment (plans, to maintain and update ordinances related to reasonable regulation of property along with answers of our future requirements."

THE CITY INITIATED the new Drake Road Park after qualifying for a state grant of \$26,354 toward the development of the facility. The first phase of construction of this park area was oriented around the development of a needed ball field facilities. We have a unique design for the new lighted ball diamond because it can be used for hardball play during the day hours and softball during the evening hours. In conjunction with the major diamond, there are also two additional Little League diamonds that can be used for organized Little League play as well as being used for softball.

OUR BEAUTIFICATION committee should be complimented in completing a very active year designed for the betterment of the community. Their tree planting program was again a great success with over 300 trees being planted. In addition, a gas lamp planting program was implemented as one of their new innovations during the year. Youth groups were kept busy at the direction of the committee in providing for Jeen fall cleanup and high school spring cleanup. Cleanup letters and enactment of ordinance of shopping centers were designed for eliminating litter in commercial areas.

Our historical preservation committee had a very successful year developing the central city concept through installation of the "Old Village" signs throughout the central city boundaries. The committee developed a research program to qualify many of the historical buildings and sites as having authentic historical value to insure their preservation.

Major road construction program is planned to commence this summer, paving Shiawassee from Farmington to Grand River, Gill from Grand River to Freedom and Drake from Grand River to the south city limits. Major storm relief sewer will be constructed to provide for construction area on the west side of Farmington-Rd. north of Freedom and storm relief sewer that has been constructed through the city in more than 15 years. Implementing capital improvement programs to the downtown area in conjunction with the newly adopted CBD master plan will receive top priority in our capital improvement programming. Implementing the second phase of construction of the Drake Road Park area will be given a very high priority.

More than 20,000 square feet of sidewalk replacement were made in the Bel-Aire Subdivision which is the first phase of a continuing program to upgrade sidewalks that are in poor condition throughout the city.

THE YEAR 1971 looks like one of great promise and

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Teeples Looking Forward To 1971

By EARL TEEPLES
Farmington Township Supervisor

This past year was one of upset. Some say it was a surprise, others call it a relief. As one person said: "Out with the 'old' in with the new."

The old administration was ousted after many years of control and a development of a system that only they understood. And this system left with them.

On Nov. 23, 1970, the new supervisor, entering his new office for the first time, found nothing. The desks were empty; the shelves, too; not even paper clips or stationery remained. The usual notes or correspondence one might find were missing.

A feeling of "scorched earth" left by a retreating defeated army was experienced for some time. But the business of running the township MUST go on daily. Many problems were left behind. And many unhappy, and now hopeful, citizens were left too. But there were obvious accomplishments too.

ONE CAN LOOK at the maps of each succeeding year and see regular growth. And we see a growth in ALL of our area. We, in Farmington Township, are a part of that growth.

We have newly built subdivisions, public utilities and roads. And looking back on my 17 years in this area, I see a great improvement. Sure, there is a hole in YOUR road. But at one time, we didn't even have the road. It'll get better all the time. And I am so glad to be a part of it.

Perhaps, to some, my progress in government may appear slow. I've only had one month, and I did have to find things. I had hoped for an orderly transfer of authority and that I might get a call from SOMEBODY (anybody) suggesting that I come in (I was present every day) and sit down and talk. I had hoped for an orderly transfer. I hoped the losers might, in the interest of 40,000 people and the millions of dollars here, at least say

Earl Teeples, Farmington Township Supervisor, takes a look backward at 1970 and gives a forecast for 1971 in the article below.

where the paper clips were. It did not happen: But I'm catching up. I was most fortunate to have been here as part of the township government by serving daily with the police department. I feel especially qualified because more so than anyone else, because of my police experience and the fact that I live here, shop here, worship here and have several children in school here.

This is my home town ... and I love it. And I know its problems. I've seen those problems develop. And I know where they left the tracks too. OUR POLICE department, staffed by some good officers, willing to serve, work and to progress, was in a fine mess.

Our building department was not good and appeared totally confused. As someone said: "Farmington Township is a million dollar corporation, and they are running it like an alley garage." Well, shake hands with your new service manager. I may not be a miracle worker but I do intend to provide that which we are supposed to provide - service.

During the last month (my first), we began Section 36 (improvement) association; began using program of work orders in township hall; requested and received job descriptions; made a complete inventory of all township property; inspected all township cars and remedied inadequacies.

Improved township hall security; provided longer operating hours for our building department; requested a complete audit; requested itemized bills from township attorney; checked phone bills and curtailed out-of-town calls; scheduled telephone survey for January 4 to improve service to citizens; begun using mailing machines on a trial investigation basis; opened planning commission positions to all who apply; formulated rules for fire department; scheduled police department changes; scheduled building department changes.

I SEE, coming into Farmington Township, many good things. Churches, library, schools, roads, progress, shopping centers, and improvement of the many good things we already have along with the improvement and maintenance of the properties of Farmington Town-

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