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State Approves City Vote With Entire Township Intact

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How Much Tax?

The Farmington Board of Education might decide Tuesday night whether to ask for additional operating millage this spring. A report inside reveals how much might be asked and for how long.

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The Men Decide

In the midst of the rezoning controversy in Wood Creek Farms, villagers are preparing for the annual election in March. A report on the zoning battle and upcoming election includes the fact that village officers are nominated by men only.

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Falcons Triumph

Harrison, North Farmington and Farmington competed in gymnastic matches with the Falcons the lone victor. To see how each school matched up, read today's sport section.

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Don Ellis and his jazz band will be the next attraction in the Clarenceville Entertainment Series, after "The Emperor's New Clothes." Both are scheduled for February.

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Bibles To Baseball

Oakland Community College is scheduling a variety of short courses ranging from a study of the Bible to a study of baseball. Now is the time to register.

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Religious Freedom

Our religion columnist takes up the question of whether freedom of religion extends to the newspaper reporter covering the church beat. Read Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update in our Church Section.

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Suburbia

A cityhood election for Farmington Township will be held sometime in the spring with all township territories being included in the incorporation vote. The State Boundary Commission Wednesday denied the City of Farmington's request for exclusion of five township parcels and ruled the Village of Quakertown would be included in the incorporation. An election date will be determined within the next couple of weeks, shortly after the Legislature sets the date for a proposed spring presidential election. The commission would like to be taken on the primary ballot to avoid added expense to the township.

THE COMMISSION met at 3

p.m. Jan. 26 in a conference room of the new Holiday Inn in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park, Farmington Township. Commissioners decided against making any adjustments and ruled the territories to be included in the incorporation will be exactly as petitioned for in October 1969 by Robert McConnell for the Future Farmington Association. The incorporation election will decide the question of cityhood for the township and elect nine charter commissioners on the same ballot. The commission advised against a suggested April 4 election because that would be too short a campaign period to elect an acceptable charter commission.

QUAKERTOWN had asked

for exclusion from the vote so it could go it alone as a fifth-class city. The commission denied that request because it felt the village lacked sufficient vacant land to develop the kind of tax base to provide services on its own. Quakertown could become heavily dependent upon adjacent communities for services on a contractual basis, said Commissioner Irving Rozian. The fact that Quakertown petitioned Oakland County for annexation of the strip between the village and the City of Farmington, Rozian added, is evidence of the village's need to obtain services on a contractual basis from a contiguous community. Rozian added that

so Quakertown was not distinctively different in economic status or home style from the rest of the township to be incompatible. A REASON for denying exclusion of the two township strips on both sides of Farmington Rd. south of Eight Mile was that the city failed to back up its exclusion request with annexation petitions. If these two parcels were excluded they could become township areas by themselves when the township incorporated and if residents living in the two areas voted against annexation to the City of Farmington. In the last two boundary elections, residents in these two parcels voted "yes" for consolidation and against

annexation to the city, which the Boundary Commission took as an indication annexation would be voted down again. In Area One, which is west of the city and south of I-96, the commission was presented petitions signed by 85 per cent of the residents expressing a desire to become part of Farmington Hills, the name picked for the township when it becomes a city. The commission also found that the township can serve this area with water and sewer. AREA TWO, on the east side of the city between Nine Mile, Grand River and I-96, is a heavy commercial and industrial area which the township can serve with sewer and water, the commission

determined. If annexed, Rozian said, it would represent an irregular narrow extension of the city to the east. The commission also ruled that the city failed to demonstrate that any of the five parcels were essential in order to continue services to present City of Farmington residents. Officials from Farmington area at the meeting included: Floyd Cairns, township clerk; Fred Lichtman, township trustee; John Dinan, Farmington city manager; Robert Deadman, city public safety director; Burton Shiffman, special counsel for city; McConnell; Howard Bond, Quakertown attorney; and William Smolek, Wood Creek village president.

Gilson Is Named Citizen Of Year

Louis Gilson was announced Wednesday night as recipient of the 1972 citizen of the year award conferred by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce. Gilson was honored at the annual meeting of the chamber held in the Botsford Inn. He is the second recipient of the award, initiated last year by the chamber. Last year's top citizen was Ron Holland, North Farmington High head football coach. The choice of Gilson was announced by Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers Inc., and a member of the chamber's board of directors. The citizen of the year project was chaired this year by Power and George Ray of Ray Interiors.

GILSON WAS picked for his outstanding service to the total community above and beyond the requirements his job. The lifestyle adopted by Gilson began when he worked his way through college during the depression and completed graduate work at University of Michigan and post-graduate work at Wayne State University. Gilson began teaching in 1942 and after three years later moved to Farmington to teach history and English, vocational education and became deeply involved with special education. He retired from Farmington Schools in 1965.

"This award is not given for those purely career biographical reasons," stated Power, "but is given to someone who has contributed to his community far beyond that which can be expected from anyone." GILSON HAS held all club offices in the Farmington Kiwanis Club since joining that group, has worked on the Farmington Founders Festival committee and is involved in ecology through the Farmington Naturalist Club. Gilson, who is active in the Orchard Lake Methodist Church as a teacher and youth leader, has devoted 25 years to the Boy Scout movement. For his scouting leadership, Gilson has been awarded the Silver Beaver award which is a high scout honor. He is now active with Troop 230 in Farmington. In 1971, Gilson completed a massive research project to identify 19 historical sites in the City of Farmington for presentation to the Michigan Historical Commission as part of the process of making the historical district a national shrine. Although Gilson spent many hours and took numerous trips for the project, he turned down a check given him by the city for his services. The money, instead, has been used to purchase a historical display case which is now in use in the lobby of the city hall.

POWER TOLD of the time last year Gilson was at 13 Mile and Farmington Rds. at a site workers were clearing for a pond. Some bones were discovered which Gilson took to the University of Michigan where it was determined the bones were from an Elk of about 8,000 years ago, believed the only Elk deposits to be found in Michigan. Gilson also found a large chunk of ice which U-M scientists suspected might be a remnant of the glacier; however, the ice melted before confirmation could be made. Gilson said he enjoyed all the work done for the historical commission but did feel badly about losing the ice cube University archaeologists thought might have been a glacier remnant. Although Farmington may be a community where big ice cubes can be found, Gilson said, it is also a community where great friendship can be found. His wife, Blanche who is also active in community affairs, and family were present to see Gilson receive the plaque for being Farmington's citizen of the year.



TOP CITIZEN -- Louis Gilson (right) receives an award and plaque for being named 1972 citizen of the year by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce from Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers, Inc. (Evert photo)

Kelley Addresses Chamber; Declines Senate Announcement

Attorney General Frank Kelley dashed hopes of residents Wednesday night that he would choose Farmington as the location to announce an expected candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Kelley, speaker at the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting, was asked a couple of times by residents whether he would run for the Senate seat now help by Sen. Robert Griffin. Each time he explained the decision has yet to be finalized. But the attorney general did have much to say on issues during a question-answer period and in a prepared speech. KELLEY BEGAN by noting Wednesday was the birthday of Michigan's being admitted into the Union in 1837. Briefly scanning the changes in the attorney general's office from 1837 to now, Kelley hit his first keynote: "Man has to innovate and adapt to change, but he must also preserve those

things that have a lasting and moral value." Kelley expressed concern over a paralysis of today's society which has resulted in a growing distrust in elected leaders; an unwillingness to compromise; a loss of faith in our country; and a galloping mood of cynicism. The speaker then recounted several times which was a means of repressing dissenters. During the 1920s, Kelley continued, dissenters were jailed on suspicion of being subversive, and after World War I, a wave of cynicism swept the country. FILMS OF their visit, a tape recording of the discussion plus "man on the street" interviews with Oakland Community College students will augment their oral class report. Coeds making the unusual presentation are: Denise Giachino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Giachino of 26301 Dundalk; Bette Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nash of 30162 Pipers Lane Court; Kim Berner,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Verner of 27414 Beacon Square; and Laura Eckel, daughter of the Robert Eckels of 30221 Barwell. Denise's brother, Tom, who is an assistant attorney general, arranged the interview. The visitors also talked with a representative of Kelley's consumer protection staff. "Frankly, we got bored listening to the usual class

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Girls Interview Kelley

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