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File Petitions for City of Clarenceville

Last Heavily Populated Area Asks Incorporation

Another speedy action to escape annexation possibilities by the City of Farmington and leave the township took place over the week end, and Monday morning petitions were filed at Pontiac asking a vote on incorporation of the City of Clarenceville.

This is the little over four square miles in the southeast portion of the township left last week when similar petitions were filed for the north and east portion of the township by the City of Farmington Woods. There were 484 names on the petitions filed by Judge Allen C. Cingle.

The proposed city includes all of sections 35 and 36, the major portions of sections 25 and 24, and the east half of section 25, all east of the city of Farmington. There's more than 2,600 people involved, to comply with regulations an area must have an average of 500 per square mile to incorporate as a city.

The area also includes a large share of the industry in the township, as it already has a water system which serves much of the industry and homes.

MOST OF THE township is now "laid down" against any other move and must await outcome of votes in the four areas involved. Dates for voting on these last two requests will be set in about a month by the county board of supervisors, after review and recommendations by the county boundaries committee.

Workers in both Clarenceville and Farmington Woods frankly told their citizens this was a move to forestall possible annexation by the City of Farmington. Farmington City people were reported to have been circulating annexation petitions in the Clarenceville area just prior to the sudden action by the group which filed their own petitions Monday.

VOTING ON two other changes, annexation of the southwest area to the City of Farmington and formation of Quakerstown Village, will be balloted on by these citizens Aug. 5, simultaneously with the primary election.

It's likely, but not certain, another date will be chosen for the Clarenceville and Farmington Woods elections. A practical reason is that only so many additional propositions can easily be voted with voting machines at a primary election.

Remaining intact for the township is only one area—about five square miles in the northwest corner of the original 36 square miles. This is all of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, and portions of 4 and 18.

Township Asks Committee for Plan to Re-Unit Entire Area

municipality of some kind, rather than break into a number of small areas with duplicating services and costs.

IF SUCH a plan could be generally agreed on, the officials or committee might ask voters in the several proposed areas to vote down the present proposals so an overall program could be advanced to the ballot boxes.

There are several possibilities for such a united municipality, which might include all of the township, the city of Farmington, township officials think.

Circulators of petitions in both Farmington Woods and Clarenceville told their signers theirs was to some extent a delaying tactic, and in Farmington Woods the committee said it would welcome and support any plan to re-unite the neighborhood, similar township areas to join with its proposed city.

Thinking of the township officials in the future might be better off if all remained in one large

Township Hall Hours Changed Immediately

New hours are now in effect at the Farmington township hall. From Monday through Thursday the hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Fridays the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. As in the past, offices are not open Saturdays.

Unoccupied Home Burns To Ground Monday Night

An unoccupied home at Dunkirk and Salisbury roads owned by Harry Green of Detroit, which was being prepared to be rented, burned to the ground Monday night.

Reported shortly after 11 p.m., the fire had a good start before firefighters from the township fire department arrived. Running short on water, the township firefighters called for City of Farmington assistance by the time they arrived, but by the time they arrived.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Thieves Spotted From Air, Captured

A new approach in the apprehension of thieves resulted in Farmington Township last Saturday.

While flying over his property at Lakeside and Nine mile (the old Boys Republic site) Joseph Lynch noticed two men removing soil and loading it into a truck. He promptly notified police by phone from his plane. Lynch captured the two men, Edward Pankowski and Warren Truman of Taylor Township, in the act.

Distribute 1st Quarter Motor Vehicle Funds

The distribution of Michigan Motor Vehicle Funds for the first quarter of 1958 is now being made by the State Highway Department.

The City of Farmington will receive \$9,147.99 and the Village of Clarenceville \$14,454.55 as their proportionate shares of the gasoline, weight and Diesel fuel taxes collected by the state for the first quarter of 1958.

Although Farmington Township receives no money directly, a portion of the total amount to be paid to Oakland County - \$1,599,200.00 - will be used for the repair and maintenance of township roads.

A model home on West Farmington Road was broken into last week and drawn out at approximately \$200 stolen, the Farmington Township Police Department disclosed.

City Tax Rate Set at 10 Mills, Budget Adopted

A tax rate of ten mills (\$10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) was adopted along with the budget at the regular meeting Monday of Farmington City Council.

City Manager Earl Scherffus pointed out that last year the city's assessed valuation was \$8,159,010. This year, after reappraisal, it is \$16,423,910.

ADDED TO the rolls has been all new development in the city, including the shopping plaza and the 170 acres annexed south of the expressway. The former valuation of this area was \$1,000,000, but the tax rate was set exactly for half.

This means the average taxpayer will be paying slightly less the coming year than last year. Because of the reappraisal, of course, some taxpayers were boosted or cut to place all property on a comparable basis.

Unkind Cut Likely To Affect City Budget

For many months the city of Farmington has been getting short of money. It has had to cut \$1,000 sometimes up to \$1,200 a month in fine money from justice cases brought in, mostly by state police.

Tuesday City Manager Earl Scherffus learned the April fine money amounted to \$149,500. Because of various circumstances, it is not unusual to have a shift in where state police take cases, and he estimates that so far as Farmington courts are concerned the immediate shortage is \$100,000.

There will be some slight effect on the budget if this certain "recession" continues.

Need More Blood, Give May 27

More blood donors are needed badly to realize a quota of 250 pints of blood in the Farmington blood bank to aid in the fight against leukemia and cancer.

The American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway. The blood supply in the Farmington bank is dangerously low at this time. The bank's director and chairman of the local blood bank, disclosed Tuesday.

Persons wishing to register as donors and sign up for a specific time may still do so at the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit. Registrations will be taken until 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow. Donors will also be accepted without pre-registering but may have to wait longer.

Those who are not able to register in person may call Mrs. Allen Nelson, GR 4-5533.

Blood donations will be taken at the Legion hall the hours of 7:45 and 7:45 p.m.

Ruling Delayed On Twp Meet

A different procedure will be followed on the request for a ruling on legality of the annual township meeting than that announced recently by Supervisor Frank Stephenson.

Request by Clerk Floyd A. Cairns brought information that correct procedure for a ruling was to file a request with the Oakland County prosecuting attorney. He turned would give the ruling request to the county corporation counsel, who might make a ruling or turn it then to the state attorney general's office.

The proper request has now been made, with the suggestion it go to the attorney general as fast as possible.

Now the township board will not have any opinion before the scheduled meeting of the county corporation board.

Sewer Work Soon

The successful contractor will probably start the first of next week on the new sewer line which will follow the road on the 27th and 28th streets. The road is 27th and 28th, to 8 mile, planned to serve the area annexed last summer. The water line installation is expected to start about a month later.

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Youth Losses Control Of Cycle, Injured

Sixteen year old Marvin Lilly of 21715 Whittington suffered serious injuries late last Wednesday afternoon when he lost control of his bicycle while making a turn off from independence into Whittington.

After running into a ditch, the bike crashed into a utility pole. Lilly suffered broken ribs and a ruptured spleen. A passenger riding on the bike with him was thrown clear and escaped uninjured.

Bar Broken Into

The Chataway Bar at 31031 Grand River was broken into sometime early last Wednesday morning when between \$40 and \$50 were taken. Change from behind the bar as well as money from the cigarette machines was taken.



New Industry For City Likely

A bid of \$10,000 for 2 1/2 acres of city property was accepted by the council Monday with the understanding a new industry would be started here by this summer.

The land is located on the north side of 5 Mile Road, west of the city pumps and east of that owned by a Farmington University. It is also just south of the new expressway.

THE INDUSTRY is American Bakers Co., producer of Tastybread and Greenman cakes. Total plant cost would be about \$150,000. American plans to erect this summer a 70 x 200 foot building, which will be used immediately as a distribution center. Next summer the firm has stated it would add a second story, where baking operations would be handled. In such an operation the baking is done on the second floor, with loading downward to trucks.

Admits Several Area Break-ins

Seventeen year old Richard Prato of 22116 Hawthorne, Farmington, is now confined at the Oakland County jail awaiting trial in connection with several recent break-ins in the area.

Prato has been set for Monday, May 26, in Oakland County Circuit Court on a larceny from a building charge.

Apprehended last week, he confessed to recent break-ins and robberies at the Grand River Drive-in, Gilson's TV, Miller's Restaurant, a gift shop and two service stations.

MESC 'Hire Now' Campaign Starts

A "Hire Now" campaign, sponsored by the Michigan Employment Security Commission, which began Wednesday, and will continue through June 30 has been given the Farmington City and Township officials.

An all-out effort will be made to put as many people as possible back to work in an attempt to reverse the recent upward trend of unemployment.

"There are now over 5,000 people here even one person now have the best selection of help ever available in the state. We have on our registers today one of the widest varieties of potential employees," Geml commented.

"The Farmington branch office at 28125 Grand River, GR 4-6620, will accept any telephone calls from persons asking for help referrals or further information," Geml concluded.

H. Bensch Wins JC Road-E-O

Herman Bensch of 24301 Healdstead won the Jaycee Teen-Age Road-E-O Sunday and a \$25 cash award.

He will now compete in state competition at a meet in Detroit June 13 and 14.

Bensch, a 1957 Farmington High graduate, received a total of 315 points out of a possible 400 for his demonstration of driving skill. Both written examinations and actual driving tests were required.

Second place winner was William Gauthier of 21380 Marbledale with 283 points and third place winner was Clarence Ryan of 1108 Slocum with 278 points. Both are Farmington High students.

Local auto dealers who donated tires for the Road-E-O were Blocke-Ed, Bill Root Chevrolet and Berling-McLough Ford.

Civil Registrations Taken Until June 2

Correct last day of registration for the annual election of Clarenceville school district is Monday, June 2, until 5 p.m.

In a legal notice published on page 4B of this issue an incorrect date is given. The correct notice is published on page 6A, and the correct final day for registering to vote is June 2.

Registration is not necessary for those whose prior registration is still in effect.

Fred Bailey, present secretary of the Clarenceville school board, is the only candidate on the annual election ballot. The term is for three years.

Library Plans Now Complete, Ready for Move

When the postoffice moves to its new building, probably by June 1, the first of July, the government will terminate its lease on the old building and a deed will be delivered to the Township-City Library Board so that remodeling can be started soon.

These arrangements have now been completed between the library board and Farmington Development Corporation.

TO BE PAID by the Library Board will be \$40,000, plus sums paid by the development corporation including \$2,000 pre-paid insurance for a five-year period, taxes and other small items.

The Library Board hopes to have possession of the building in July, when it will start remodeling. Plans are being prepared by Architect John Allen.

THE BOARD is grateful to Farmington Development Corp. and its officers for their cooperation. The owners sold the building to the library at no profit, receiving the amount the corporation paid plus certain out of pocket expenses, most of which the library would have had to pay in any event. Kennedey was also very helpful, foregoing any commission for his efforts.

Board members believe the community will soon have a library more nearly suited to its needs.

IT WILL OPEN with approximately 10,000 volumes, to be increased from time to time as funds become available through liquidation of the Wilbur estate, and amendment of the present contract between the city and township.

IT IS hoped there will also be gifts of books and funds from citizens.

Ask Rezoning to Allow Stores

Rezoning of 44 acres of the Novels property for a commercial development was asked of the city council Monday, and the request turned over to the planning commission for a report prior to the 7:30 p.m. council meeting.

A hearing on the proposed change will be held at 7:30 o'clock that evening.

THE LAND is at the north end of the Novels property, fronting on Shilavess, between Meehan and Orchard Lake Roads. It is east of the Crossett property which is approximately north of the present Farmington Shopping Plaza.

Prospective buyer is Sam Leib of Detroit, and the council was told prospective tenants would include a chain store, a major oil company, and a 30-lane bowling alley.

Dietrich McFarland, who appeared in behalf of the developers, said he had hoped to have definite leases to show the council, but those interested were holding back until they learned if the property would be rezoned.

At one time the planning commission had been ready to rezone the entire tract commercial, then recently on another request, had ruled until the city had a better idea of what kind of businesses would go in there.

McFarland said one of the large chain stores interested in this tract was also interested in another in the city, but that several had been studying the community.

Shop In Friendly Farmington!

A miniature replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and grounds surrounding it is now on display in the window of Grimes' Cleaners at the northeast corner of the main intersection in the Farmington business district. The artistic work was done by Clarence Renitt of 21525 Hancock, a member of the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars, who serves as a reminder to us of those that many died that we might live in a land of peace and plenty.

C-C to Choose Beauty Queen as Part of Music Circle Promotion

PURCHASING the first poppy to be sold is Farmington City Mayor Robert Lindbert. Making the sale is Polly Schan, poppy sale chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary and Members of the Legion Auxiliary and the V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary will be on the streets of Farmington today, Friday and Saturday for their annual Poppy Day Sale and ask that you make a contribution to aid needy veterans still recovering from war injuries.

Memorial Parade Plans Completed

Plans for the annual Memorial Day Parade in Farmington in honor of our war dead have now been completed. A joint announcement made by Harold Quinn, Commander of the Groves Walker American Legion Post, and Treva Quinn, Auxiliary President, disclosed this week.

Groups taking part in the parade will assemble at the Farmington Junior High site on Thomas Street at 10 a.m. on the procession on Grand River will begin. A stop will be made at the Unknown Soldier Monument at the Township Hall grounds where a wreath will be placed. Paraders will then continue on to the Oakland Cemetery for a ceremony there.

Grand Marshal of the parade will be George Groves of the American Legion Post. Participating in the parade besides members of the American Legion and V.F.W. posts and their auxiliary units will be the Star Mothers, Boy and Girl Scout units and members of the Michigan National Guard. Music will be furnished by the Farmington Junior and Senior High School bands.

Following ceremonies at the cemetery, and the parade back to the Junior High, refreshments will be served to children at the school grounds and the customary open house will be held at the American Legion Hall on Grand River.

Town Club Holds Pres. Luncheon

The Farmington Town Club annual presidents' luncheon was held Saturday, May 17, at Rotunda Inn with approximately 40 in attendance.

Following the invocation given by Marilyn Door and the luncheon, a welcoming address was given by Betty Coon and the club history by Edna Wickham.

The presentation of the gavel was then made by Wanita Davis, outgoing president, to newly elected president, Edna Wickham. Mrs. Edna Wickham is Mrs. Dennis. This was followed by the introduction of all past-presidents of the old Farmington organization.

Stephenson in Sheriff Race

Frank J. Stephenson, Farmington Township supervisor, Monday filed nominating petitions with the Oakland County Clerk for the office of sheriff on the Democratic ticket in the Aug. 5 primary election.

Last week he had announced at a township board meeting he was not a candidate for that office.

Mr. Stephenson, 51, of 2041 Haynes Rd., operated a home construction company but is presently in charge of the county as supervisor.

Born in Nova Scotia, he was a deputy police chief there four years before coming to the United States. He became a naturalized citizen in 1956.

He is the first candidate to announce he would try to unseat Republican Sheriff Frank W. Irons.

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