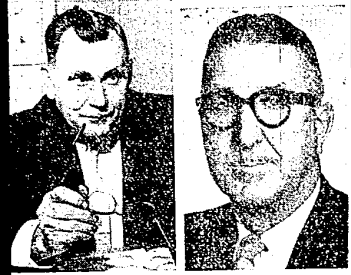
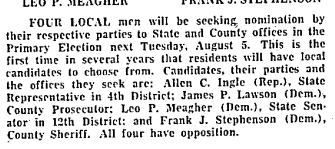




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Work on 2 New Grade Schools Nearly Done

The two new elementary schools are to be completed and ready for occupancy by August 15th, progress reports given at the regular meeting of the Farmington School Board Monday night disclosed.

A representative from the Earl Meyer's architectural firm and main contractors each of the facilities in charge. Confidants of the jobs stated that they could foresee no major difficulties in having work done prior to this date. It was generally agreed that materials on the job and installation completed could be worked out satisfactorily.

Administrators and Board members are waiting both the architectural firm and contractors on their progress on schedule to date.

A separate report revealed that work on footings for a third new elementary school on Power Road at Alameda was now well underway.

A school operating budget, submitted by the administration some time ago, was approved with minor revisions.

These areas are the downtown school area. Robert Kelly was hired as school attorney for another year and sanction given to the appointment of three more new teachers. Also approved was an expenditure of around \$10,000 for various pieces of school equipment deemed to be needed by the administration.

A REQUEST from developers in the vicinity of a school site between Eight and Nine Mile roads, along Grand River Road, for permission to widen a drainage ditch across the school parcel was looked on unfavorably by the school board.

Through the middle of the site, Trustees Douglas Hammill and Vernon Fisher agreed to meet with the developers and school board to re-creating the ditch along the edge of the school owned parcel.

Another request that the school district share for water and sewer facilities now being extended down Farmington Road was tabled for further study.

Under this plan each area would handle many of its own parking meters. Under the plan each area would be welded into one larger "no parking" signs along merchants division.

Waiting List For Gas Long

Don't rush out and file application for a gas space heating permit with the idea that an immediate hook-up will be possible.

Although additional gas is now being made available for 20,000 space heating customers, the waiting list is long. Consumers Power Co. officials stated. It is doubtful whether this is enough to meet the demand for additional gas consumers now on file.

Applicants now on file will be receiving notices in a few days informing them of the availability of more gas. A card to be attached to each card to send back if still interested, an official Consumers' spokesman said.

The highest on the waiting list will receive gas heating proposals which they in turn can take to their contractor. He will be asked to indicate the type of heater proposed for installation to Consumers. In turn, Consumers will check local ordinances and requirements before giving final approval for installation.

Attempt to "Crack" Local Company Safe

Merucci Brothers Excavating and Sewer Contractors at 31700 Eight Mile Road was broken into last week by thieves. The thieves made an attempt made to crack the company safe.

Torches in the building were used in an unsuccessful attempt to get into the safe. The Township police officers investigating stated. Perfect cuts indicated that a person or persons experienced in the use of cutting torches were involved.

They also broke into offices and soft drink machines in the establishment, but took only \$200 in cash, police added.

C-C Breakfast Is Vote Day, Aug. 5

The monthly breakfast for members of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will be the morning of the primary election, Tuesday, Aug. 5.

As usual, Earl Guffin's restaurant, 1200 Grand River, will be the site. City Manager Earl Scheriff has been invited to attend.

Injured on X-Way

A four car pile-up on the Farmington-Brighton Expressway on Sunday evening resulted in injuries to Violet C. Monro of Highland Park, driver of one of the four cars involved. She suffered a laceration on her forehead and lacerations about the legs.

Improvements At Several Schools Okayed

Work on the rehabilitation of the Ten Mile elementary school heating plant will get underway immediately. Considerable work has been done on the heating system there for the past several years.

Bids from four contractors were submitted by Architect John J. Gagner that only property owners were contacted at the school board meeting Monday night and discussed. On the recommendation of the architect, the contract was awarded to the Appliance and Heating Company of Farmington, low bidder.

Also approved was the laying of a new floor in the art room at the Farmington Senior High. A decision was reached following a report by Architect Peter Parapata that he did not feel that it could be repaired satisfactorily at a time plus material basis at a price not to exceed \$1,250.

In other action, the Board approved an expenditure of funds for driveway improvements and grading work at the Middlebelt elementary school. The administration is to be instructed to obtain quotations on the cost for laying a blacktop path to the Kenbrooke elementary school and other school sites.

Twp. Police On Duty 24 Hours

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes wants it known that the Township will have police protection 24 hours every day. Reason for this was an erroneous statement in a brochure circulated here that the city and county would have police protection 24 hours every day.

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City, Township Each Give Views On Proposed Annexation to City

The City Statement

Advantages of annexation to the City of Farmington are summarized here, with most of the information coming from a brochure prepared by the City circulated to the residents of the area, as well as city residents who also vote on the proposed annexation.

Experts on local government, speaking before various community groups, have unanimously voiced their opinions that the entire area needs to be incorporated as "city" status. This is borne out by the many recent moves for incorporation of Cities and Villages throughout the Township in other Townships where heavy growth occurred earlier than here, the pattern has always been the same—City status.

The problem you are faced with is not "if" but rather "when" and "with whom" you will form your new city government.

This consolidation makes good common sense. The present City of Farmington desperately needs new undeveloped land for expansion and growth. Well planned development of the surrounding area will provide additional industry and commercial growth. City officials feel that the ability to meet and solve problems brought about by very rapid growth. As evidence they point to things the city has accomplished:

1. Solution of sewage disposal problem.
2. Adequate water for its citizens.
3. Extensive paving program and street maintenance.
4. Adequate codes for control of building.
5. Expanded and modernized Department of Public Safety.
6. Sound engineering practices for both public and private.
7. Weekly garbage, rubbish and sanitation program for all.
8. Adequate street lighting.
9. Modern, well equipped public works and water and sewer departments.

The above has been accomplished without excessive bonded indebtedness, and at a city tax rate that is quite low in comparison to most surrounding communities.

THE CITY urges residents to ascertain ALL of the facts which go to make up tax bills before making their decision on how they should vote.

Assessed valuations, tax rates and equalization factors are all relative. One tax rate compared with another tax rate means nothing unless you know the assessed valuations and equalization factors are taken into consideration.

The only reliable figure one can use in comparison is the total tax bill in actual dollars that any resident would pay. Until you have these figures you will not be able to make a sound decision.

THE CITY ASSESSOR will be glad to call on any resident requesting such information, and give actual figures on what the total tax bill would be should you own property be consolidated with the City.

The Township Statement

This report on the effects of annexation to be voted on August 5 was made under contract by Farmington Township by two professors from the Department of Political Science, Wayne State University. They are Dell S. Wright and Nicholas A. Masters.

Having completed a survey of the immediate and long-range effects that face the voters in the August 5 annexation vote, we present the following statement that summarizes the findings in our more complete report which will be available after July 31 in the Township Clerk's office.

The purpose here is to present the pros and cons and to highlight the issues concerning the proposed annexation of the southwest eight square miles of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington. There is considerable vacant land in this section that is suited for high-grade residential and for industrial uses.

The advantages of annexation to the residents of this area are:

1. The City can provide water to the area immediately west of Farmington road and to other areas which are presently without water.
2. The City can presently provide more intensive services, especially with respect to road safety, and refuse disposal.
3. The City, as contrasted with the Township, has had longer and more varied experience in handling the many municipal services required by the growing concentrations of population in the Township.

There are certain advantages for the residents of the area in remaining within the Township. They are:

1. Township taxes are lower than City taxes — \$1.75 per thousand of assessed valuation (.85 mills as equalized) in the Township as contrasted with \$10.00 per thousand in the City of Farmington.
2. The Township is progressing faster than the City in providing municipal services such as water, recreation, and sewage disposal.
3. The City, as contrasted with the Township, has had longer and more varied experience in handling the many municipal services required by the growing concentrations of population in the Township.

Chamber Polling Members on Removal of No Parking Signs

Members of the new Mer Grand River, except at business Division of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce are to be asked to remove "no parking" signs within the new merchants division of the city on Grand River.

It is likely this will result in the removal of "no parking" signs within the new merchants division of the city on Grand River.

Chairmen of both these committees resigned to clear the way at a later meeting for a new committee to be formed.

EACH of the three large shopping centers will have its own subcommittee, each with its own chairman and secretary.

Under this plan each area would handle many of its own parking meters. Under the plan each area would be welded into one larger "no parking" signs along merchants division.

New Paving Use Imminent

Some of the city's fine new concrete paving is ready to use this week, and the remainder is expected to be ready next week.

Earlier this week it had been tentatively planned to open Power street Wednesday and State street Friday.

Work on the new paving is being done on Orchard Lake east of the city and it must wait until next week.

Weather was good for the city paving program, and drivers cooperated well in not driving on and weakening the new concrete.

Nab 2 in Connection With School Break-ins

William H. Clark, 35, of Livonia and a 16 year old Livonia youth were apprehended by Farmington Police Tuesday last week in connection with break-ins at the Westbrooke and Central schools in the Clarenceville school system.

On probation in Wayne County, the youth was turned over to county authorities there; Clark was arraigned on charges of burglary and entering in the night-time. Pleading "not guilty," his trial date has been set for August 12.

Water and Sewer Facilities for that area of Farmington Township east of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads annexed to the City of Farmington last year is not far away now. The "lift station" (shown at right in the foreground) has now been completed and work started on the laying of water and sewer lines northward to connect with the sewerage system. The "lift station" raises sewage high enough to permit gravitational flow the rest of the way to a connecting point at Nine Mile. City Manager Earl Scheriff said that work on the sewer annexation should be completed within the next two or three weeks. Construction of homes in the subdivision proposed at the north-east corner of Farmington Road and Eight Mile is not expected to get underway here until late this fall, the city manager said.

Meeting Tonight on Annexation Facts

Tonight's meeting will be the last of three held by the City Council to discuss the proposed merger of the southwest portion of the township with the city. Others were held Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mayor Robert B. Lindbergh invited anyone interested to take part in these meetings, to discuss mutual problems, the council and administration's questions and to answer any questions.

The meeting is at the city hall, 33312 Grand River, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Special School Sign-Up Date Set August 13

Based on school census figures taken in May, there are still 160 children in the Farmington Public School District eligible to start kindergarten in September who have not been registered. School officials disclosed Monday.

According to the census figures there are 810 youngsters eligible to start school. Most of the youngsters were registered during the registration period held in June.

A special registration date has been set for Wednesday, August 13, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at each of the elementary schools in the district.

Announcements will be mailed to the homes of known eligible children. However, it is urged that all eligible children be registered on this date, whether announcements are received or not.

To be eligible to start kindergarten in September, a child must be five years of age on or before December 1, 1958. Parents are requested to bring to the registration date proof of age as well as medical and immunization histories.

New residents with children in grades 1-6 are asked to use this special registration date.

Ex-Policeman Admits Theft

Willard Vignoe, fired from the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety recently for drunk and disorderly conduct, confessed Monday to the theft of a large cultivator (discussed in Everlast column) at 21200 Grand River.

Vignoe, 28, of 20817 Sunnyside, Farmington Township, was picked up Monday by former fellow police officers. He entered a plea of guilty before Municipal Judge John J. Schulte Jr., Tuesday on a charge of simple larceny and was committed to custody at the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac.

SENTENCING was withheld for 48 hours pending further information in connection with the theft of other larger implements stolen from local business establishments.

A warrant has been issued on George Gagnier, 3234 Grand River, for questioning on the implement thefts. Indications were given that both he and Vignoe were being considered.

Latest reports Wednesday were that Beard had not yet been located for questioning.

Two Brothers Drowned in Bay

Patrick and John Rollins, young sons of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rollins of 28368 Newcastle, Farmington, drowned Wednesday last week. Patrick was eight years old and John, 10.

Funeral services were held Monday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Diving off a point of land into 13 feet of water, neither boy ever surfaced, a companion, Don Quigley, 10, of Lansing, stated.

The boys were vacationing with their parents at Sun Bay Resort, two miles north of Windsor in Tuscola County.

Narrowly escaping drowning in another water mishap over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis of 24722 Westmoreland and their two boys. The boys were out boating with their father on Sear's Lake near Milford Sunday. Three persons in a small boat were out on the water. Davis indicated that his wife could not swim at all, but her husband only a little ways.

Grand River Firms Fight Parking Ban

Whether the Sunday traffic jam dumps more cars on Grand River than it can handle should mean a parking ban on Grand River seven days a week became a "bitter" issue Monday noon.

Nearly 50 business men met with Sgt. Mike Silahl of the state police and two traffic engineers, Sam Levine and Joe MacLowe, to protest the plan.

IT TURNS OUT the parking control order was issued July 28, and the state is studying statistics about percentage of accidents occurring in the area on Saturdays and Sundays before taking the "no parking" in effect.

Under it there would be no parking on Grand River all the way from the city limits to the city limits at Hawthorne.

MR. MARLOWE advised the merchants the study is still under way, and that the highway department would consider the state agency apparently treats another state agency exactly as it would any other private concern.

Just recently the Michigan Employment Security Commission signed a one year lease on a building on Grand River just west of 8 Mile. The city is now the west end of unemployed picking up their checks crowd the south side of Grand River. There is no offstreet parking available at all.

If the parking ban is ordered into effect on this stretch of Grand River, many of the visitors at MESC to park their cars. There can be no exception, say the state police.

requests of the business men, but he indicated that the final decision would be made mostly on what the statistics show.

The state police and highway men advised that the business men, and local business men did not question this.

THE POINT they made was that it is only a weekend parking ban necessary, that on business days of the week no parking would hurt some of them. They stated there would be no parking on Saturdays or Sundays, but that it allowed week days.

City officials would not commit themselves on this suggestion.

AL GAIN, who presided at the meeting, said business on the Grand River caused few traffic problems from a parking angle, and that even on the south side week day parking was not a problem on the south side on week ends would immediately cause trouble, he admitted.

It was stated that a Middlebelt man whose studies had convinced him parking was a problem only Saturdays and Sundays.

He told his experience when he was on James Couzens expressway. When parking was banned there, cars parked in residential areas. The residents complained and succeeded in getting many no parking areas there, but there was no place to park. He predicted this would happen here.

HUGH OWEN said it was 1.2 miles from the 8 Mile corner to the expressway, and there were 15 businesses in that stretch. He had pictures taken Sunday to show the problem with parking on the expressway. There was no parking on Grand River to hinder the incoming rush.

On a recent Sunday he said one traffic officer stopped northbound traffic at Middlebelt through seven light changes, and the cars were backed up to the west. He believes also the Middlebelt traffic light is one of the biggest problems. It was retired last Sunday.

IF CLARENCEVILLE votes to incorporate as a city, it was brought up by the city manager. Main point of contention is the stretch from 8 Mile to the expressway ending.

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