

# PRO AND CON Woods Committee Puts Out Report to People

A report designed to answer questions which have arisen as a result of the incorporation proposal is being distributed now to residents of the Farmington Woods area.

The committee backing the proposal will be made possible through other reports on the many aspects of home rule government.

**THE REPORT** discusses many important factors involved in the proposal, says the committee.

Members claim that up to now these have had to be resolved by the individual solely on the basis of conjecture or by opinions expressed by an organized opposition group.

**AN EXAMPLE** which the committee feels requires clarification is: the incorporation proposal is being called "splintering" action since it involves 14.5 square miles of the township, and they say areas of the township are being divided into two separate municipalities. Boundaries would be encouraged to merge with Farmington.

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## New Dumping Law in Effect For Township

Effective immediately are new township regulations on disposal of rubbish and garbage. The regulations were passed Tuesday night and made effective on publication in the Enterprise.

The regulations are specifically aimed at sanitary fill, in hopes it will stop any repetition of filling such as on the Mrs. Emma Keller property. In that instance, the township had no permission to the City of Detroit for sanitary fill, but was forced to permit it after a court case.

**THE NEW REGULATIONS** prohibit any dumping of rubbish without a permit costing \$100 annually. When done, the dumping must be covered daily with compacted six inches of dirt.

Also prohibited is the dumping of any garbage, or use of garbage as fill. The regulations require the township clerk to file an affidavit with the county regarding any sanitary fill, so that a future purchaser of the land will be warned. A permit is not transferable.

**TWO OTHER ORDINANCES** were presented by Twp. Atty. Joseph T. Brennan and will be brought up for action at the next meeting. They pertain to police and fire departments, and to Civil Defense.

Fifteen members of the Civil Defense police force asked the township board to transfer them from Civil Defense authority and place them under the township authority. An action was taken under the C-D ordinance can be studied.

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## Break-In Loss at Siler's Market Heavy

Siler's Market at Orchard Lake Road and 12 Mile was broken into sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and robbed of a considerable amount of merchandise. Township Police Chief Irving Yakes disclosed.

The proprietor indicated that 20 cartons of cigarettes, 20 bottles of wine, approximately 40 pounds of meat, around 30 small pieces, some comic books and beer had been taken.

Entry was made by breaking a garage door and another door leading to the upper story of the building.

## Service Bldg. Plans Approved

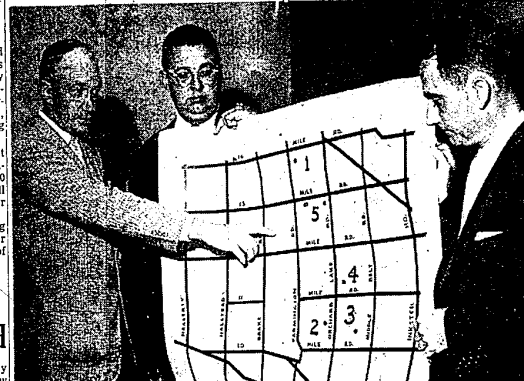
After lengthy discussion by the School Board and a review by the building sub-committee of the Board, meeting elsewhere in the building, plans for the new Farmington School District service building were finally approved Monday night.

Architect Peter Tarapaga was retained to begin work on final working drawings immediately.

**SEVERAL** minor points regarding layout in the interior of the building were raised by Board members. Architect Tarapaga emphasized the fact that cramming was necessary to provide the facilities called for in the administrative unit to make it functional.

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**A VOTER REGISTRATION** campaign of about a week's duration is being launched this evening by the League of Subdivision Associations. It was announced by Bernard Cantor, League Vice President.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns has agreed to spend five evenings during the next week at different locations throughout the township for the purpose of registering voters. This will be helpful to residents who are unable to register during the day at the Township Hall.

Cantor stated that these five locations are illustrated on a Township map (photo above) and the dates and exact addresses are:

1. Thurs., Sept. 25: At the home of Richard D. Wirth, 30950 Ferris Rd., N.E. #2065.

2. Fri., Sept. 26: At the home of Nalf H. Kehl, 31500 Rocky Crest Drive, GR. 42437.

3. Mon., Sept. 29: At the home of Harry

T. Fitzpatrick, 24887 Springbrook Drive, GR. 4-0558.

4. Tues., Sept. 30: At the home of William G. Ward, 26533 Springfield Drive, GR. 4-5391.

5. Thurs., Oct. 2: At one of the Westbrook Manor Model Homes, on 13 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake Road.

The above numbers correspond with the numbers on the map. The purpose, said Cantor, is to enable residents to register at a place near their homes. He emphasized, however, that if a resident is unable to register at a nearby location on the particular evening that the Township Clerk is there, he can go to one of the other locations on another of the scheduled evenings. Residents may find it helpful to clip the map and list for this purpose, he said.

In the picture above, left to right: Clerk Myers; William E. Ryan, League Committee Director (government); and Maynard Ross, Greenacres subdivision.

**NO RESOLUTIONS**

After the township board passed a certain resolution Tuesday night all the audience got up and left. One board member jokingly said they'd better not pass any more resolutions or everyone would leave.

The visitors were interested in board action on a request to replat four lots in Farmington Hills subdivision into 11 lots. The township board refused the request, following the recommendation of the township planning board, and carefully outlined its reasons for refusal.

# City Buys Lutz Land to Start Free Park Lot

## Authorize Sale Of \$1 1/2 Million School Bonds

Sale of \$1 1/2 million worth of building and site bonds, authorized by voters of the Farmington School District earlier this year, will be made in the near future.

Authorization was given by the School Board Monday night to have the necessary resolution for the sale drawn up for action at the next regular meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT G. V. Harrison** told the Board that, although the money was not needed at the time, a considerable amount of time would be needed to complete all necessary transactions before it would be available to purchase the new property. He was feeling that before the end of 1938 some of this money would be needed.

A date for receiving bids on a \$650,000 loan proposed to be made on anticipated school bonds will be opened at 8 p.m. at the next regular meeting on October 13. Borrowing of money in this manner has been done here, now that excellent parking will soon be available.

**VIRGIL CORNWELL**, who will soon complete a fine new store on Farmington Road, will have plans available for his plan. He has been negotiating with several outstanding firms, but the stall on parking space has handicapped him.

**Mahlon Bradley** owns a tract north of the new Cornwall store, and has planned to erect a new drug store there.

**THE CITY** will also now attempt negotiation with the Howard Warner estate for a 20-foot strip running from the new parking lot northwesterly onto Grand Avenue, which would allow entrance and exit on a second road.

This strip is now under lease to Bert H. Hines, and used for parking by Homestead House customers.

## City Opponents Outline III Effects on Oak Park

Changing from a township to city form government has brought crowding, vastly higher taxes and an influx of industry to the neighboring community of Oak Park.

**THE CASE** history of Oak Park after incorporation was mailed this week by the Committee to Oppose the Proposed City of Farmington Woods. It is the first of four studies conducted by the Committee to Oppose the Proposed City of Farmington Woods, which have recently incorporated.

The committee is leading the fight against the proposed incorporation of the City of Farmington Woods.

"AS ANYONE can see by driving through it," Wendell Brown, president of the Committee to Oppose the Proposed City of Farmington Woods, said, "Oak Park is no longer a suburban community at all, but merely an extension of the city. Since incorporation, Oak Park now contains 50 percent more people than Farmington Township, and less than one-tenth the area."

City taxes have more than doubled, and property valuations have also increased. Home owners who study the results. As a result of the mushrooming population, Oak Park school taxes have been raised per capita — to be paid in future taxes — has multiplied 72 times.

## "Kids Day" Set By Kiwanis Club

Farmington Kiwanis Club will celebrate "Kids Day" on September 27 by a peanut sale, George Foster, Kiwanis Kids Day chairman announced. Starting on Friday, September 26, Kiwanis club members will canvass the business areas of the community to accept donations in return for a peanut.

Funds raised in this manner last year provided to fund a boy to Boy's State provided food and clothing for children of several families who otherwise could not have attended school, and provided educational and recreational material for child patients at the W. K. Hospital.

Started years ago as a privately operated semi-charitable promotion, the rights to the "Kids Day" name and function were purchased by the Kiwanis Club. The club has since been limited to and are controlled completely by local Kiwanis clubs. In areas having nearby Air Force installations, the U.S.A.F. cooperating with Kiwanis clubs by holding "Open House" for youngsters wanting giving demonstrations of Air Force equipment and staging shows of military aviation.

Foster said that funds raised this year will be used exclusively for youth activities and services for children, including the support of the Forney Clement Foundation at U. of M. Hospital, medical and other aid for children in distress, and expenses of delegates to Boy's and Girls State and in any other area where funds may directly help young people.

## Clerk Praised On Registration

Twp. Clerk Floyd A. Cairns was highly praised Tuesday night in a letter from the Township Planning Board for his cooperation in getting registration of 93 voters there.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson, who read the letter, said that the township must be 2,500 voters in the township not yet registered.

Clerk Cairns reported he has been receiving voters from various parts of the township every night up to Oct. 6, in addition to taking registrations at the township hall.

## C'ville School Bonds OK'd

After weeks of delay by the state Municipal Finance Commission, the \$200,000 bond issue for new building at Clarenceville Public Schools was finally approved this week.

The building plans for the new building were approved, and the Dept. of Public Works for approval, and it is likely the board of education will pass the necessary resolution at its meeting on Tuesday.

About the earliest bids could be opened on the bond sale is Oct. 23, and it is possible bids for construction will be taken about a week after that. School officials are pushing with all haste possible so that work can start by the fall of winter, when the school is not ready when school opens next fall, the school will suffer greatly.

## Losers Control of Car After Tire Blows Out

Thomas Leadbetter, 24, of 21537 Lundy, Farmington, suffered deep leg lacerations early Sunday morning, when the rear tire of his car after a tire blow out. The auto hit a utility pole and rolled over.

Mary Fells, 39, of Detroit who was asleep in the back seat of the car suffered minor head injuries.

The accident occurred on Grand River at Waldron.

## Farmington Lumber Entered, Robbed

The Farmington Lumber Company at Grand River was broken into last Friday night and an unsuccessful attempt made to crack the safe, the City Department of Public Safety disclosed.

Entry was made by breaking open a rear basement door and then prying up a step from the basement to the main floor. Tools on display were taken and bricks around the safe knocked out. Desk drawers were also rifled, police officers investigating stated.

## House Fire

An early morning fire last week at Treeshaw Farm, Nine and Haggerty Road, destroyed the living quarters of Henry and Lydia Jennings who operate the stables at Treeshaw Farm.

The cause of the fire was not disclosed.

## School Survey Will Be Made

A survey will be conducted again this year in the Farmington School District to determine the number of children coming from homes in which the breadwinners are employed in Federally connected businesses.

All the percentage is great enough and a definite need can be shown for more classrooms in which to train these youngsters, the Federal government makes a grant to help the district construct them.

A major portion of the cost of the new Cloverdale elementary school was paid for with a Federal grant of this kind.

Even though the need for additional classroom space is not as great as it was in year ago, the School Board was in unanimous agreement that the survey should be taken and application for Federal assistance made.

## Gov. Williams Here Sept. 28

Gov. G. Mennen Williams will visit Farmington next Sunday, Sept. 28, as part of his campaign activities in the county that day.

The announcement was made by Ted Zukosky, chairman of the local Democratic organization, showing the two plans, "The FDR Story" and "Hyde Park," beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Savings and Loan Friendship Room.

GOVERNOR Williams is scheduled to arrive at 9:30 p.m. Also attending will be the three Democratic candidates for county offices from this area: Leo P. Meagher for state senator, James P. Lawson for prosecutor, and James O. Gentry for state representative.

Everyone, regardless of party affiliation, who wishes to meet the Governor and candidates will be welcome, Zukosky stated. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## School Board Hearing Today

A hearing on the transfer of a small portion of the Farmington School District in Livonia to Livonia School District will be conducted by the State Board of Education in Lansing tonight, Thursday.

The transfer, proposed some time ago by the Farmington Board in an effort to straighten its southern boundary, has been strongly opposed by Livonia school officials.

Superintendent G. V. Harrison, School Attorney Robert Kelly and Board Treasurer Leonard Clifford will attend the hearing.

## Twp. Also Changes Name For Cut-Off

To avoid further confusion at the postoffice, the township board Tuesday night voted to ask permission of the county road commission to change the name of the old cut-off road, north of the expressway.

The city changed the name to Freedom Road some months ago. The township portion of it had not been changed.

## Suit Hinted on Lilac Blocking

Blocking of Lilac street at the north city limits last week did not end the controversy. A new petition was presented by the city to the township planning board with hints a suit might be brought.

Frederick J. Grose, 22374 Livonia, gave the council a petition against blocking Lilac signed by members of 20 out of the 32 families living on Lilac between Fink and Sawtooth streets.

ONLY SEVEN families on Lilac actively demand the barricade, in his belief. He also thinks the council and councilmen misrepresentation and misunderstanding.

All the former arguments were re-hashed, and councilmen were re-asked to give the problem more study. V. O. Bates suggested the city conduct its own survey of resident wishes, but go on immediate support.

BIDS WERE opened on \$148,000 special assessment bonds, and the sale awarded to First of Michigan Corp. at a net interest rate of 3.66 1/2 per cent, which is regarded as quite reasonable in light of recent interest rate increases. Only other bid was at 4.48 per cent.

Bids will be asked again on \$250,000 Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Bonds, and will be received until 8 p.m. Oct. 6. There were no bids on these bonds.

ANOTHER petition was received regarding possible plans by the city to sometime later store a building or other property it owns 9 1/2 mile between Brookdale and Orchard Lake, now used as a sewage plant.

The petition was presented by Attorney Theodore Hughes and Mrs. Alfred E. Brown, 32080 9 1/2 Mile. The area has been zoned residential many years, and it is believed it would harm the residential characteristics if it were developed as a department of public works facility.

CITY MANAGER Earl Scherfius reported he hoped to have a contract by October for the city crews already do some of this, and a contract would mean Farmington might be paid as much as \$5,000 a year for work it has been doing anyway.

A fairly strict dog ordinance was passed by the council and published in this issue. It has the support of Alta Loma subdivision group, and others.

Dog owners are urged to study the new provisions. Among other things, a dog is not deemed to be under proper control unless when outside the owner's premises it is on a leash. Also, a violation can be taken to court without actually catching the dog.

## Ask U.S. Aid Sewer Project

Application has been made for federal aid in construction of the Farmington interceptor sewer. The project is being planned by the city. Cost was listed at \$4,236,000, and the request was for the maximum amount of \$2,500,000.

Applications total \$5,192,576 in the state, for federal aid in construction of \$58,983,222 worth of such work. Only \$1,900 is to be allocated to Michigan this year. There were 19 projects approved for federal funds last year, and 13 the year previous.

Many of the applications were from southern Michigan.

## Nothing Filed On Woodcroft

A couple of weeks ago Albert Gain told The Enterprise the petition asking a vote on incorporation of Woodcroft Village had not been filed with the county clerk.

A check Wednesday morning showed the petition has not yet been filed. Gain said it had been turned over to an attorney who was supposed to file it, but that apparently he had not yet done this.

To place a display or classified ad in The Enterprise, call GR. 4-6225.

# Guess Grid Scores, Win Cash

Listed in the advertisements are prizes sponsoring merchants will be college, professional and high school football games for the coming week end. The reader who picks the most winners wins the cash. This week it's \$10.

Next week's may be more. You'll find full details on page 2-A.

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