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## Township Petitions to Incorporate As City

Petitions were filed early Monday morning with the Oakland County clerk's office calling for an election on the incorporation of all of Farmington Township, including Quakerstown and Wood Creek Villages, as one home rule city.

The plan to get sufficient number of petitions signed and filed was kept extremely quiet in order to avoid any chance of new annexation attempts being petitioned for by the City of Farmington or some other neighboring municipality prior to the filing of the township's

petitions. Township Supervisor Curt Hall commented in a private interview with a member of The Enterprise staff on Monday following the surprise announcement.

**THE CIRCULATING** of petitions was not actually started until the weekend and most of the circulating was done Sunday afternoon and early Sunday evening. The supervisor reported that a total of 320 signatures on petitions had been obtained from qualified electors even though signatures from only one per cent of the population

of the last official census is required. Less than 275 signatures were actually needed, he said.

Townships, charter townships and even villages are very vulnerable to annexation by neighboring municipalities under Michigan law and this has been a concern of all township officials for some time now. Hall commented, "Incorporation as a home rule city is the only way to prevent this from happening, he asserted.

"Reports and rumors are continuing to be heard that new

annexation attempts may be made in the near future by the City of Farmington and that other neighboring municipalities might well be considering attempts to annex portions of Farmington Township as well," the supervisor said.

"ALL OF US Farmington Township officials feel that we have an obligation to the citizens of this township to protect the present township boundaries and the township's tax base," Hall said.

Members of the Township Board and Township Planning

Commission had expressed unanimous agreement in prior "executive sessions" that they felt the placing of a proposition to incorporate as a home rule city to a vote of township electors at this time was necessary, the supervisor stated.

The letter as prepared by Supervisor Hall that petition circulators presented to electors in seeking their signatures stated in part as follows:

"YOUR TOWNSHIP has expended many thousands of dollars and thousands of man hours of time toward the de-

velopment of an intelligent comprehensive plan for the development of the area. We have spent, or committed the Township, to millions of dollars for necessary public services.

"You have dedicated tax money to the construction of water and sewer services to serve the Industrial Park area in order to develop a balanced tax base which will permit us to afford to live in the kind of community that we want Farmington to be.

"A successful annexation attempt by a city will make a

shambles out of our comprehensive plan and destroy the years of work which are now showing tangible results in new factories being constructed and operating in our Industrial Park.

"There is only one way that annexation attempts can be forestalled. Only a home rule city is immune from these grabs of its territory."

**THE INCORPORATION** vote petitioned for must now be studied and approved by the boundaries committee of the County Board of Supervisors

and then by the Board of Supervisors as a whole before an election date can be set.

Hall was of the opinion that an election date would probably not be set before January or February by the county board and that the actual election would very likely not be called for until sometime in April.

There will definitely be two propositions on the ballot and very likely three, the supervisor stated.

In addition to being asked to

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## Questions Raised On Incorporation

As of Monday night not too many Farmington Township citizens were yet aware that incorporation had been filed to incorporate the entire township as a home rule city.

But, a group of Quakerstown Village homeowners knew of the move as well as a couple of other citizens who made it a point to attend the regular Township Board meeting to voice their opinions and raise questions.

The Quakerstown Village citizens questioned why they were included and made it clear they were quite happy to leave things governmental-wise just as they are.

the most outspoken objectors to the township officials' incorporation move and didn't accept the explanations given him on why it would be practical to exclude Quakerstown Village or other areas of the township. Some of the other Quakerstown homeowners seemed to, however.

**HAD QUAKERSTOWN** and Wood Creek Village been excluded, then these villages would have had the Township of not only taxing to raise \$7,000 or more yearly to meet a proportionate share of the

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## Sewer Hearing For Part of Section 36 Set

A public hearing has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall on the establishment of a special assessment sewer district for the area between Grand River Avenue and Shiawassee Road from Hancock St. to Oxford in Section 36 in the township.

Official action on the setting of this date for the "necessity" hearing on this proposed project has been set by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, Nov. 8.

**THE COST** estimate for the project is set at \$137,700, according to Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

This first hearing will be only for the purpose of establishing the necessity for this improvement. A second hearing must also be held at which time desiring property owners are advised of the approximate cost of the improvement to be made.

If sufficient number of formal objections at either of these hearings can block the township from going ahead with the proposed improvement.

## Oldie Yule Log Game Saturday

The Oldie Yule Log game between North Farmington's Rangers and the Falcons of Farmington High will be played this Saturday afternoon, November 13, on the Clarence Bell Field in FIS, Shiawassee Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road, 2 p.m.

The Raiders are taking a series to record into the season finale against their cross-town rivals while Farmington sports a 3-3 record. North Farmington is rated seventh in State Class A football standings but Farmington defeated a third-ranked power in East Detroit and is upset minimum.

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**THE COMMUNITY ATTITUDE** Survey currently being conducted by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has already brought some response from families in the City and Township, but the Jaycees are quick to get the word from many above are (L to R) John Jay and Roger Lancelotti, in charge of tabulating the sur-

vey; publicity chairman John Bailey and Community Development Chairman Dr. John Richardson. The Jaycees urge all citizens who have not as yet sent in their questionnaire to get a form immediately from the Jaycees or at the Enterprise office and register their opinions.

## Free Turkeys Ready For Lucky Shoppers

Free turkeys will be gracing the tables of 20 lucky families of this area again this Thanksgiving Day, thanks to the generosity of an equal number of Farmington business places.

The Annual Farmington Turkey Contest begins this week and continues through Saturday, November 20, at all of the participating stores and business establishments.

**IN ORDER** to be a winner, all that is necessary is to have the entry blanks appearing on Page 2 of this week's Enterprise filled out and turned in at each respective store or business place.

Each of the business places will select its own winner following the close of the contest and notify the person to re-

ceive the turkey. The contest is open to anyone in a family over 16 years of age, except employees of the participating businesses or this newspaper.

The contest is open to all residents in the Turkey Contest area: A & P Super Market, Camera King, Farmington Center Florist, Farmington Cleaners, Farmington Sausage Center, First Farmington Savings, Hinkley's of Farmington, Madeline's Children Shop, Montgomery Wards Appliance and Catalog Store, Penwise Discount Store, Scott's 5 & 10, H. A. Smith Lumber Co., Philip Thomas Jewelers, Town and Country Dodge, Town Toggery, Welsh House of Music and White House Valet.

## Deadline To File Survey Mon. Nov. 15

The community attitude survey sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees is well under way. Questionnaires from all over Farmington City and Township are starting to arrive at survey headquarters.

Once all questionnaires are in and all tabulation completed, the results will be published in The Enterprise.

Entries must continue to arrive for the survey to be considered a success. A Jaycee spokesman stated, "It is a gain reminding all community-minded citizens to take part in this worthy cause."

Only through widespread participation will the survey be successful.

November 15 is the final day of the survey and it is hoped that all questionnaires will have been received by then.

Questionnaires should be sent to the Farmington Jaycees, Box 33, Farmington.

## Predicting Light School Vote

School officials are predicting a light voter turnout at the Special School Election held last night Monday, November 15.

"Since the total tax rate will not be affected by passage of the three proposals," said Supt. Gerald V. Harrison, "it is our feeling that many voters will not think it necessary to go to the polls in his budget a special fund to provide matching funds with funds collected from parents in the subdivision to install the long sought and fought for walkway."

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MRS. NATHAN Firestone, head of the subdivision's special sidewalk committee, advised the Township Board in an official letter that approximately \$1,800 for the sidewalk had been raised by the subdivision and asked the township to match this amount to underwrite the cost of the improvement.

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**SCIOLO** Board members and school officials will have made twenty-eight presentations of the election facts at public meetings (three of which are scheduled for this evening, Wednesday, at Longacre, Larkshire and a d Farmington Junior high school); a brochure has been prepared and distributed throughout the district; and several newsletters have been sent to parents of school children.

In all publicity officials have emphasized that passage of the three proposals will not affect the tax rate. The first proposition, the bond issue, if passed, would be paid out of debt retirement funds. The second proposition is an extension of three mills already being paid; and the third proposition would allow the district to use property already being levied; for operation instead of debt retirement.

All registered, resident owners of property in the Farmington Public School District are eligible to vote in the election. The polls will be open at 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and all voters who are in line at 8 o'clock will be allowed to vote.

## Twp. Funds for Sidewalk Granted

The long and diligent effort of parents in Forest Park Subdivision to get a sidewalk along Shiawassee Road to the William Grace School to provide a safe walking route for their children has finally paid off.

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## School Water Line Bought

The Farmington Township Board took official action at its meeting Monday night approving the purchase of the water line at Arundel Street from Gill Road to the Longacre School to the west.

The Farmington Board of Education installed the eight inch line a few years ago when the Longacre School was built and was hooked into the City of Farmington water system.

At the meeting prior to the district officials was \$7,000 and it was the opinion of County DPW officials that this was a reasonable amount for the township to pay. It was pointed out in brief discussion at the Township Board meeting that the water line is a new line the same distance today would run substantially higher.

People in Precinct 1, bounded by Grand River, Orchard Lake Road, Eight Mile Road and Haggerty Road, will be asked to vote at Farmington Public School, 33000 Thomas Street.

Residents in Precinct 2, bounded by Grand River, Haggerty, Fourteen Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road, vote at Dunckel Junior High, 32800 Twelve Mile Road.

People in Precinct 3, bounded by Orchard Lake Road, Twelve Mile Road, and Inaker Road (this includes residents of West Bloomfield Township in the school district) vote at Eagle Elementary School, 22410 Fourteen Mile Road.

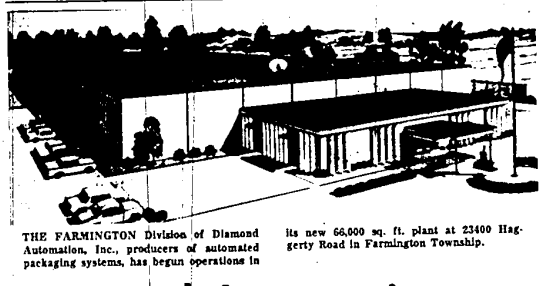
Voters living in Precinct 4, bounded by Twelve Mile Road, Inaker Road, Orchard Lake Road and Grand River, vote at Middlebelt Elementary School, 21400 Middlebelt Road. (See map, Page 8A.)

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## Diamond Automation Starts Production in Twp.

The Farmington Division of Diamond Automation, Inc., producers of automated packaging systems, has begun operations in its new plant at 23400 Haggerty Road in Farmington Township.

The new 66,000 sq. ft. structure, built on a 15-acre site, houses the Division's main offices and manufacturing facilities. It is three times larger than the previous facility on Glendale Avenue in Detroit.

**NEW PRODUCTION** equipment includes some of the latest automatic tape-controlled machine tools. The plant department has also been mechanized and fully equipped to handle the increased volume and variety of production.

The new plant was made necessary by the firm's recent growth and the anticipated future demand for Diamond Automation's products including Page Automatic Egg Handling and Grading Systems, and Automatic Blood Spot Detectors for rejecting eggs containing blood spots.

**OTHER LINES** of new automated packaging equipment have also been developed and are now being scheduled for production. There are currently approximately 150 people employed at the plant and the number is expected to increase as new products are added to the line.

As part of the expansion pro-

gram, the firm's Engineering Development Center has moved into the vast 20,000 square foot facility at 22515 Glendale Avenue. The added space provides much needed room for carrying out the expanded development program on new automated packaging equipment. The Engineering Development Center was formerly located in Livonia.

Diamond Automation, Inc., a subsidiary of Diamond International Corporation, New York, recently began the manufacture and sales of its equipment throughout Europe through its Diamond Automation Verpackungsmaschinen G.m.b.H. of Bremen, Germany.

## Non-Public Schools Now Get Service

Special services for non-public school children are being provided in the Farmington Public School System in accordance with recent changes in state law, according to a report given at the Board of Education meeting on November 8.

Merry High School, Our Lady of Sorrows School, and St. Fabian's School will be receiving speech correction services and such health services as vision, hearing and tuberculin testing.

In addition, Our Lady of Sorrows requested a crossing guard at Grand River and Power Road. St. Fabian School has been participating in the Florida program since the Office of Boys Republic have requested no services from the district, but are interested in meeting with Farmington teachers — particularly those in the adjusted study program.

The law requires that a school district which is presently providing certain auxiliary services for children in the public schools has the obligation to provide those same services for non-public school students.

Bus service must also be provided by law for non-public school children but only on days that this service is provided for public school children as well. If non-public schools are in session on days when the public schools are closed, no bus service is afforded.

## Blood Bank

The donation center will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21000 Middlebelt Road on Tuesday, November 16. Donors are asked to come in between the hours of 1:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Co-chairmen Mrs. Earl Lathrop, 22607 Longacre Road; and Mrs. J. O. Koehler, 32320 Raphael Street, emphasize that giving blood is a simple, painless process and urge all citizens to give.

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of four articles regarding the Special School Election to be held November 15.)

For the past three weeks the Farmington Enterprise has presented to its readers all the available facts behind the issues in the Special School Election to be held November 15. Voters, who will decide on a \$6,100,000 bond issue, extension of a three mill levy for operation, and an exchange of a four mill levy from debt retirement to operation, have been asking sound questions on the need for approval of the three propositions.

Typical of the inquiries di-

## Answers Given to Questions Raised on School Propositions

rected to school officials are the following questions: (The answers have been gathered by The Enterprise from Oakland County School District records, from members of the Farmington Board of Education, Supt. of Schools G. V. Harrison, the child-education records of the school district and school district election officials.)

Q: Will approval of the three proposals increase my total tax rate?

A: No. Proposition I, the bond issue, is paid for out of debt retirement levy. Proposition II merely asks voters to extend a tax of \$3.00 per \$1,000 which they are now paying. Proposition III requests voters' permission to levy four mills more for operation and four mills less for debt retirement. Township taxpayers now pay \$11.00 per \$1,000 for debt retirement and \$21.50 per \$1,000 for operation—a total of \$32.50 per \$1,000. Proposition I would lower the debt retirement levy to \$7.00 per \$1,000 and raise the operation levy to \$25.50 per \$1,000. The total tax rate would still be \$32.50 per \$1,000. The rate is applied to each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

Q: What is meant by "State Equalized Valuation"?

A: Different municipalities have different standards for the assessment of real property. The state says that all taxpay-

ers should pay school taxes on an equal assessment basis. Therefore, the state assigns an "equalizing factor" for each community.

The City of Farmington assesses property at about 40 percent of the market value, which is very near the state average. The equalizing factor for the City is 1.5258224.

Property in Farmington Township is assessed at only about 20 percent of the market value, a larger equalizing factor. It is 2.0552824.

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