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Hats Fly in Ring for Charter Commission

The deadline for filing for the nine-man charter commission in Farmington Township which will be elected June 6 when Township residents vote on whether or not to incorporate into a home rule city was yesterday (Tuesday) at the Oakland County Clerk's office.

As of Monday's press time for The Observer the following either had filed or intended to do so Tuesday:

- Joseph T. Brennan, Township attorney and chairman of the Study Committee examining the incorporation question;
- Thomas Duke, a member of the Township Board and a member of the Study Committee;
- Thomas Nolan, Township Trustee and a member of the Study Committee;
- Mrs. Elise P. Avery, Township Treasurer;
- Charles W. Stevenson, President of the Village of Quakerstown and a member of the study committee, plus being chairman

of the GOP organization in the Township;

- Calvin F. Opperthauer, a member-at-large of the study committee;
- Richard Gaul, member-at-large of the study committee;
- Douglas MacArthur, member-at-large of the study committee;
- Russell Nankervis, a member of the Township Planning Commission and a member of the study committee;
- C. W. Fitts, a member-at-

large of the study committee;

- Clifford Moorhead, a member-at-large of the study committee;

There was talk of Charles Lorton, a member of the Planning Commission and also filing, but he could not be reached for confirmation Monday.

In addition to the above nine additional persons — forming a type of a slate also filed. They are:

- Richard L. Hart of Meadow-

brook; Nick Mondella of Holly Hills; Mrs. Eva Ross, who lives in the Clarencville section; Mrs. Carlin M. Lapinski of Westgate; Aldo Vagnoni of Kimberley; John I. Bain of Springland; and Norman E. Kreider, William B. Smolek and Robert Swain, all of the Village of Wood Creek Farms.

Kreider is president of Wood Creek Farms and has served on the study committee. Vagnoni is chairman of the Farmington Democrat Club, while Mrs. Ross

and Bain are both active in the local Democrat organization. Indications are that the Democrats will probably take a stand in opposition to the question, while Stevenson told The Observer that he did not expect the local Republican organization to take a stand forming the matter "above partisan consideration."

In addition to the above Irveta Knight of northern Farmington Township has also filed. Township Clerk Floyd

A. Cairns said Monday that his petitions had been circulated and were all filled out, but that he did not know if he would file them on Tuesday.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall told The Observer that he was not filing for the commission as he "thought it best" not to do so.

Wendell Brown, who heads the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township told The Observer that no representatives of that group were

going to file for the commission because "we are out to defeat this question and don't think that it is fair to play both sides of the street."

The nine-man commission will be elected June 6, but will not draft a city charter if the proposal for the incorporation of Farmington Township into a home rule city is defeated at the polls.

Next week The Observer will publish the complete list of all those filing for the commission.

Township Preliminary Budget Totals \$772,800



CHILDREN WERE brought to the public hearing in Pontiac last week about a necessity for a traffic signal at 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Township. Above 21-month-old Jimmy Seay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Seay of 28066 Village Lane, Village of Wood Creek Farms, sits on his mother's lap waiting for the session to begin.

Schools Set 1966-1967 Boundaries

The Farmington Board of Education has approved several changes in attendance areas for the 1966-67 school year.

These revisions follow their policy of annually analyzing their policy of annually following each school to see where overcrowded conditions exist.

The following changes were announced in various elementary schools:

FAIRVIEW—All students in kindergarten through Grade 6 who live east of Middlebelt Rd. and north of Northwestern Hwy. with the same exceptions on Orchard Lake Rd. as per this year.

EAGLE—All students living west of Middlebelt Rd. and north of Northwestern Hwy. with the same exceptions on Orchard Lake Rd. as per this year.

HIGHMEADOW—Will lose those students on the north side of Northwestern Hwy.

WILLIAM GRACE—Transfer students on Tulane and Albion who live west of Middlebelt Rd. near Grand River to Shawasssee, making Middlebelt the west boundary line and Nine Mile Rd. the north line.

SHAWASSE—Transfer all students on Tulane, Albion, Colgate and Purdue north of Shawasssee Rd. to Larkshire, making the boundaries: Astor from Middlebelt to Glenmore, South Stockton from Glenmore to a new subdivision.

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OPERA CAME to Farmington last week when Marilyn Truitt of Farmington as Madame Kirsten, Harriet Murdoch of Birmingham as Terentia, and Yvonne Johnson of Birmingham as King of the Farmington Musicals. From left, are: Laurentia.

Commission Turns Thumbs Down On More Multiples

Reoning requests for multiples aren't getting very far with the Farmington Township Planning Commission these days.

Last week the commission turned down three requests, all involving multiples, after public hearings and one as a part of a preliminary review of a new subdivision.

The apartments proposed in section 28 south Grand River at Drake Rd., in section 1 at Northwestern and Middlebelt, and those to be included in a new type of development including

single residences, town houses and multiples at Inkster and 11 Mile all fell through when the commission denied the requests for changes in zoning.

The proposal for garden type apartments by Louis Rose & Associates in section 28 was opposed by the residents of the Woodcroft Subdivision. The

hearing was set over from last month's agenda when requested by the builder and the residents for additional time.

Originally brought before the commission last August, the proposal never got as far as a public hearing last fall. In January the request was refilled and the commission granted the hearing.

The corner of Northwestern and Middlebelt has been termed problem corner in the Township, but the Commission denied the request for rezoning in November on the theory that there were enough apartments in the Township at this time.

Needle... In the Haystack

The Farmington Board of Education has found out the hard way that two wrongs don't make a right and that their sins do catch up with them.

Seems that a deed to a tiny piece of property has either been lost, not filed or never written. The error wasn't discovered until a sale of the land was considered.

It all started back in 1946 when minutes of the Board of Education were taken in long-hand by the superintendent of School Board secretary. A staff

Meet Legislators

Members of the League of Women Voters of Michigan discussed pending legislation with senators and representatives when they went to Lansing for the League Capitol Day last Thursday.

The Farmington League was represented by Mrs. E. Heumann, Mrs. H. Voorheis, Mrs. S. Grabowski and Mrs. R. Grinaker who met with legislators Raymond Baker and Albert Kramer for luncheon in the Jack Tar Hotel.

Income Balances With Expenditures

Farmington Township Trustees approved a \$772,800 preliminary budget Monday night for its fiscal year beginning April 1. The Township will hold a public hearing on its budget and take final action after the County Allocation Board acts in June.

It's a balanced budget with the incoming revenue of \$772,800 just meeting the estimated outgo of \$772,800.

Revenue to the Township is broken down into four main categories: taxes which total \$242,700; revenue from the state, \$260,300; permits, licenses and fees, \$164,800; and interest and miscellaneous sources, \$5,000.

The disbursements break down into: salaries for the supervisor (\$18,000), Clerk

(\$8,500); Treasurer (\$8,000) and Trustees (\$3,600) which total \$30,100. The Justice court will incur expenses of \$600, while it will cost \$1,300 for elections. The building department's budget is \$72,400.

General operating expenses will take \$114,500, while the police are allocated \$253,350. The volunteer fire department has a budget of \$43,000, while staff agencies and consultants will take \$37,400 of the Township funds.

Roads, highways and signs.

(Continued on Page 10A)

Traffic Light Seems Far Off at Hearing

(See editorial on Page 16A)

Residents of northern Farmington Township met with Oakland County Road Commission and members of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the County Board of Supervisors last

week to try to convince them that a traffic signal was needed at the intersection of 13 Mile and Middlebelt.

They didn't get their signal right away and the prospects don't seem very bright for one.

What they heard was an explanation from Commission staff member Bob Osogood on how the necessity for a traffic signal is determined.

Honest Boys Find \$640

Richard Gazyeny of Dan Dee Meats in the Bel Air Shopping Center has recovered \$640 in lost money thanks to the honesty of four boys.

Three boys, Fred Champagne, 2224 Powers, Farmington, Marty Bourgaults of Detroit and Richard Keeler of Flint — found \$628 in bills blowing around the center's parking lot last weekend. They reported their find to the City Police.

Bill Walker of 28820 Bella-vista, Farmington Township, found a \$20 bill in the lot. He reported it to the police also.

When the Farmington City Police began to check the center for any lost money Gazyeny told them of a hole in his right front pocket and how he had lost about \$200. He identified the denominations and the funds were returned to him.

Well Dressed Burglar

Louis E. Abbot of Detroit has reported to the Farmington City Police that a suit valued at \$80 was taken from his auto March 23 while the car was parked behind the Elks Lodge on Grand River. According to the police report the right rear window of the car was smashed to gain entry.

The action provides additional officers for the force thus making provision for a duty officer on each shift. Stainbrook is the Township's Juvenile Officer.

Egg Hunt Slated

Farmington's Annual Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Farmington City Park, Shawasssee east of Farmington Rd. All City and Township residents under the age of eight are invited to attend. Prizes will be awarded to the best hunters in the various age categories. The event is sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.

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LAST CHANCE

 TO WIN \$50
 See Page 6A
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3 Promoted to Corporal in Township

The promotion of four Farmington Township Police officers to the rank of Corporal was announced Monday night by Supervisor Curt Hall at the regular Board meeting.

Promoted were: Allan Nalepa, John Brown, Richard Krueger, and Norman Stainbrook.

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Meeting in May

The final session of the study commission that is examining the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township into a home rule city will probably be held around the first of May, according to an announcement by Committee Chairman Joseph T. Brennan. At that time the committee is expected to make its final report and to make a recommendation. Township residents will vote on the incorporation issue June 6. The actual date and meeting place will be announced when scheduled in The Observer.

It Takes A Lot of Beer for Thirst

Someone was very thirsty over the weekend because two separate cases of stolen beer from private homes have been reported to the Farmington City Police.

Four six packs of the beverage were taken from the garage at 32935 Alca Loma on March 26 according to a report filed by Lisa Sundberg.

Lawrence Holley of 21425 Chestnut Lane, told the police that a case containing about 18 bottles of beer was taken from his garage on March 27.

Course Offered by National Rifle Association

LINING UP HIS SIGHTS is Bob Tucker while course offered by the National Rifle Association. They took the course at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association Target Range.

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RAYMOND L. BAKER

Baker Announces His Candidacy for Re-Election

Farmington Republican Raymond L. Baker, State Representative of the 6th District, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

The District includes the City of Farmington and Farmington Township.

Baker, a three term representative, is a registered pharmacist and former owner of a retail pharmacy. Since his retirement from that profession, he has devoted his full time to the office of state representative.

In the Legislature, he serves on the Judiciary, Liquor, Insurance and Metropolitan Affairs Committees.

A lifetime resident of Oakland County Baker has been active in the GOP having served on the County Executive Committee and as legislative liaison with the Republican State Central Committee.

His wife, June, are the parents of four grown children and reside in the City of Farmington.

There Are Two Sides To The Issue

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter expresses the feelings of a resident of the Village of Wood Creek Farms on the incorporation issue. Dr. Robert Gardon, author of the letter, was the gentleman who was quoted in last week's Observer as being warned by his friend Terry Brennan in a debate. We are reprinting his letter here in an effort to give both sides equal coverage and thus assist the Township residents to make their decision on how to vote June 6.)

By ROBERT GARDON

The reports of the committee appointed by the township Board to study the issues in-

corporation of the Township as a city.

This is really not surprising, considering that — even before this "objective" study committee started its work — Township Supervisor Curt Hall wrote in his open letter to the voters that "Your Township Government believes that a favorable vote on the incorporation of Farmington Township is imperative. This view of the apparent one-sidedness of all issues was further fostered by the manner in which public meetings of the study committee have been conducted.

As I intend to show in this (Continued on Page 10A)

involved in incorporation present an altogether one-sided picture, from which one might infer that no arguments were against incorporation of the Township as a city.