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Rhonswood Paving in Sight Under Joint Program



WAKE UP and get the facts. The Farmington League of Women Voters is sponsoring a public meeting Tuesday, May 17, at East Junior High beginning at 8 p.m. when speakers in favor of and in opposition to the incorporation of Farmington Township will speak. There will be a question and answer period following the speakers. The sleeping beauty in the picture is four year old Gayle Gaskin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gaskin of 24383 Lakeland, Farmington Township.

Top State Honor for Jaycees

Farmington's Jaycees walked away with the highest state honor at the 41st annual convention of the Michigan Jaycees last weekend in Lansing. They received the William Otto Award presented annually to the local chapter demonstrating the finest capabilities in all areas of Jaycee activity.



A GREAT HORNED OWL, stuffed that it, has been presented to the Flinders Elementary School by the Women's Civic Club of Farmington. From left, at the presentation, are: Mrs. G. Noble, secretary of the club; Frank Delewsky, principal of Flinders; Mrs. W. C. Springmeier, president; and Mrs. T. Edgson, treasurer. The bird, which is a rare species, was found by Delewsky in Box Ace last November. He had to acquire a special permit from the state to keep the bird and have it stuffed. The owl will be placed in a permanent display at the school. (Continued on Page 15A)

Residents of Section 32 in Farmington Township have appeared in the past complaining about the condition of Rhonswood between Gill Rd. and Drake Rd. and how it becomes impassible in the spring. It looks as though these residents have some relief in sight. The School District has purchased a school site in the area and wants to pave Rhonswood from Gill Rd. west to its land so that school buses can get back and forth.

Purple Heart Awarded to Local Soldier

There's not much new here Mom except killing and shooting. Those were the first words on a tape recently sent to Mrs. Florence Altemus of the City of Farmington by her 23 year old son, Pfc. William L. Altemus from Vietnam. There really wasn't much new on the tape with the exception that the soldier remembered to tell his mother he was currently in an Army hospital recovering from shrapnel wounds in the legs and arms and was receiving a purple heart.

The schools approached the Township and asked what could be done. After consulting with the Oakland County Road Commission the following plan was worked out. One third of the cost of paving the entire street from Gill Rd. to Drake will be paid by the County. One third of the cost of paving from Gill Rd. west to the school site will be paid by the school. The rest will be paid by a special assessment district.

Study Committee Has Final Report in Works

Calvin F. Opperthaus, secretary of the Farmington Township Pre-Incorporation Study Committee, has issued a statement on behalf of the committee outlining the conclusion of the group. The statement, which is directed to residents of the Township, states:

"We are pleased to announce that this committee, appointed by your Township Board, has completed its study on the question of incorporation of our township. During our four months of diligent study, we amassed great volumes of facts, statistics, and information concerning this very important matter. It would not be practical to provide it all to you, so we have condensed it into a very meaningful, objective report which is currently undergoing final preparation and printing. We hope to have a copy of this final report available to you in a week or 10 days.

Pools Will be Utilized Fully, Teaching Stations and Recreation

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Farmington Jaycees, who headed the drive to place the pools and auditoriums proposal on the June 13 school election ballot, have prepared the following article as the first in a series explaining the proposal. The Observer is printing this series as a community service to help provide information to the voters.

Police records there were 245 drownings last year in Michigan. Many of these drownings were children under 15 years old. It is an accepted fact that if we are to reduce drownings and water injuries to our children, their swimming abilities and safety habits must be improved. It is also true that these things can be improved if our children are exposed to proper instructional and water safety programs. At the present time in Farmington, any such program would be impossible. The Farmington School District has no facilities to hold such programs.



WILLIAM L. ALTEMUS

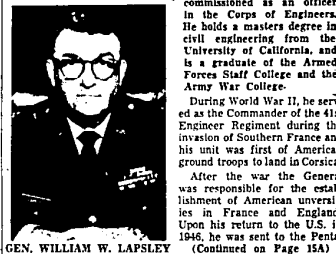
mission just as his unit was loading onto trucks to return to the base. According to Altemus some of his buddies were also wounded—so badly that they were returned to the States. He was "one of the lucky ones," he said.

According to Altemus the highlight of the nine day mission searching for the Viet Cong was the day he hid from water supply was discovered and thus he was able to take a grand total of nine showers within a day.

Open Meeting Set The Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc., will hold an open meeting May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Junior High School on 12 Mile Rd. The session will begin at 8 p.m. The committee will outline the reasons for its opposition to the move to incorporate of Farmington Township. (Continued on Page 15A)

General To Visit City for Memorial Parade

Major General William W. Lapsley, commanding General of the 1st Army, will visit Farmington for the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies May 30. A West Point graduate of the U. S. Military Academy in 1945, Gen. Lapsley was commissioned as an officer in the Corps of Engineers. He holds a masters degree in civil engineering from the University of California, and is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.



GEN. WILLIAM W. LAPSELEY

Neighboring Birmingham has a swimming pool. Frank Wilkey, present boss, "there have been no drownings among children who have completed the Birmingham swimming program in the 30 years of its operation." This is proof of the merits of a good swimming program and shows the high degree of success that can be attained.

Jack Cotton, Farmington's Director of Physical Education has said, "A well organized instructional swimming and water safety program would greatly reduce drownings and injuries to Farmington children who participate in these programs. The Farmington Jaycees have given us, the people of Farmington, the opportunity to get three swimming pools, one each on the two existing high schools and one at the site of the new high school to be built in the near future, and I certainly hope that we take advantage of the opportunity and support the proposal."

The cost of each pool would be approximately \$600,000. Con- sideration would be given by the sale of qualified bonds which would not increase the present debt rate. However, (Continued on Page 15A)

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INCORPORATION II Whats Needed in City That We Don't Have?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series on the incorporation question facing the voters of Farmington Township Monday, June 6. In addition to deciding whether or not they wish to incorporate as a home rule city in that date, residents of the Township will also elect a nine man charter commission to serve should the overall vote be in favor of incorporation. By SUE SHAUGHNESSY If the residents of Farmington Township decide to incorporate as a home rule city after all the votes are cast and life settles back to normal the biggest new service facing the newly formed City would be those which are normally performed by a Department of Public Works.

Chairmen Appointed for Founders Festival

Farmington Founders' Festival Co-Chairmen John K. Colton and Harley Walters this week announced the appointments of the various activity chairmen to direct the various activities planned during this year's Festival July 28, 29, and 30. Heading up the Parade Committee will be C. A. Spencer and Bud Reame. They are already at work contacting local bands and other parade units and ask that any groups interested in participating this year notify them through the Farmington Board of Commerce office.

German Course Added to High School Program

Students in Farmington and North Farmington Senior High School will be able to take classes in German next September. The course was added to the curriculum by a unanimous vote of the Board of Education at their regular Monday night meeting.

The program has been under study for some time, according to Assistant Superintendent for Instruction M. Van Ameyde. A long-range survey conducted at the two senior high schools shows that there is sufficient student interest to warrant the introduction of the course. Van Ameyde said that another fact which helped warrant the inclusion of German in the curriculum was that Wayne State University requires two years of the language for all bachelor degrees awarded in chemistry.

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Supervisors has accepted the Chairmanship of the Dignitaries Committee. The Special Events Committee will be headed up by Charles Williams. Publicity Chairmen are Russell Gilbert and Thomas F. Jolley. The kick-off dinner for this year's Founders' Festival will be staged next Wednesday evening, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Farmington Senior High School. The guest speaker for the program, sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce, will be Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh who will speak on "What Does Municipal Government Expect From The Business Community." Bob Lindbert and Ed Balder will report at the kick-off dinner on the progress of the Board of Commerce membership drive. An added feature will be a good representation of entries in the Founders' Festival Beard Growing Contest and music provided by Welsby House of Music. Tickets are \$2.25 per person and are available from any Board of Commerce Director or at the Board office (474-3440).

What's Inside FARMINGTON Amusements — 9:00B A&P Food News — 13A Business Directory — 12B Church Directory — 7B Editorial Page — 20A Food Fair News — 17A Home Improvements — 5:4B Kroger Food News — 15A Lunch Menu — 2:35B Sports Pages — 11:25B Women's Pages — 4:27A

Farmington Teachers To Be Taught

Farmington's elementary teachers will learn about "Improving Communications" at their annual spring day-long workshop May 13. The session will explore the many facets of teaching language arts. The key topic title will be followed through improved means of communicating in poetry, music, drama, reading, audio-visual aids, films and guidance, and music and rhythm. Co-chairmen of the workshop are: Doris Lachmann, principal of Wooddale School, and Ronald Jackson, principal of Shiwassee School. All elementary teachers and specialists will participate. There will be no classes May 13 for elementary students.



RUSSELL W. ELLIS of R. W. Ellis Assoc., Inc., one of Farmington's Realtors, places the National Realtors' Week official seal on his office door as a kickoff to the national observance, May 22 to 28. This is the first of several activities Farmington's Realtors will be engaged in during the next three weeks.