

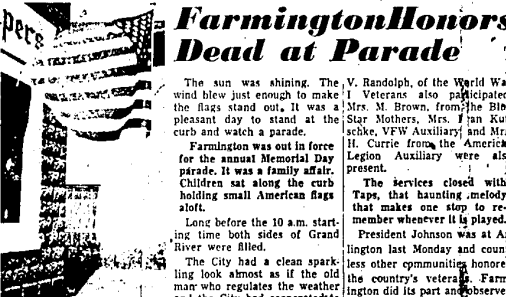
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# Voters Set To Decide Incorporation Monday

With both sides predicting victory a light turnout is expected for Monday's election on the incorporation of Farmington Township.  
 Township Clerk Fred A. Cairns predicts a 30 percent vote by the 14,103 registered voters in the Township. For a

map of the new precincts of the Township and the polling places see page 20B of today's Observer. The polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.  
 Two separate questions face the voters. On one they will be asked to vote yes or no on whether or not the Township

should take the necessary steps toward incorporation. On the other proposal voters will elect a nine man charter commission to draft a charter for voter approval should the overall vote on the first proposition be favorable. If the incorporation question is defeated then the commission will not meet.

### AN EDITORIAL

## Commission Must Be Representative

By SUE SHAGNESSY  
 Next Monday when the voters of Farmington Township go to the polls they will be expected to vote on the question of incorporation and to elect nine members of a charter commission to serve should the majority of voters approve incorporation of the Township.  
 The Observer has studied the qualifications and background of the 26 individuals filing for charter commission. Below are our choice for the nine member group. They represent a balanced representation of the community reflecting various areas and segments of the population as well as many professions.  
 While there are many capable candidates the following nine, listed in alphabetical order are our choice:  
 • John Bain, a Democrat who has shown that he can work well with the present Township administration;  
 • John T. Brennan, Township Attorney and one of the foremost persons of incorporation and as such probably has the most extensive knowledge of municipal law and the various methods of city government of any of the candidates;  
 • Charles W. Frit, a citizen member of the study committee who exercised good judgment during the group's sometimes stormy sessions;  
 • Norman E. Kreider, president of the Village of Wood Creek Farms;  
 • Russell Hankeris, a member of the Township's Planning Commission who served on the study committee;  
 • Thomas R. Nolan, Township Trustee who also served on the study committee;  
 • Margaret C. Schaeffer, Trustee of the distaff point of view Mrs. Schaeffer brings an impressive background as an attorney to her candidacy;  
 • Charles W. Stevenson, President of the Village of Quakerstown and chairman of the local Republican organization; and  
 • Aldo Vagrosi, chairman of the study committee.  
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### AN EDITORIAL

## Question Deserves 'Yes' Vote at Polls

By SUE SHAGNESSY  
 The decision to be made by the voters of Farmington Township next week is one that will affect not only them but future generations.  
 The Observer urges a 'yes' vote on the proposal for the incorporation of Farmington Township.  
 We don't think the proposal as presented is entirely fair, but believe that refusing to take a stand because of this would not do justice to the community.  
 Incorporation will not be the utopia and many of the same problems facing the Township will continue to be present if the area is incorporated. Any form of government is, only as good as its elected officials and the interest citizen take in government's policies and actions.  
 We believe that Farmington Township is growing too rapidly to function effectively under the township form of government. However, under a home rule charter the local governmental unit will have additional powers and authority to deal with these problems.  
 We must point out that the residents of the Village of Wood Creek Farms have a legitimate gripe on the question. If the Township officials had taken a little more time and contacted residents of the Village then the uproar that the proposal has caused could have been avoided in a great part.  
 Woolf Creek is a separate entity. It is separated geographically from most of the Township and it has established an identity distinct from the rest of the Township. The residents don't want to be part of the Township and are in effect having the proposal forced down their throats. They don't really have much to say about the matter because of their relative strength at the polls as compared to the rest of the Township.  
 The Village of Quakerstown is different, however. It does not seem to have established a completely different identity from the Township. It lies in the center of the Township. It would find it very difficult to exist as a separate governmental unit should its surrounding area incorporate.  
 Added to this we don't like to see the City of Farmington landlocked. Maybe it is not politically feasible for a consolidation move at this time, but if the citizens of both the Township and the City had bothered to express their views on the question, before and after the fact, consolidation might have been politically feasible.  
 As to the argument that incorporation might have been avoided in a great part.  
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## 'Open Letter' Gets Reply from 'Brown'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter from Wendell Brown, chairman of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc., arrived in The Observer office last week. It is an answer to Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan's open letter to the voters of the Township which was published in the issue of May 25.)  
 By WENDELL BROWN  
 An Open Letter to Mr. Joseph T. Brennan:  
 It was with great interest that I read your open letter of May 25 in which you attacked the Home Callers' Fact Book of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township as a compilation of lies.  
 Calling a fact a lie does not make it one. And when you condemn, in toto, a book as carefully researched as the Fact Book, you have substituted hysteria for reason. Your extrajudicial attack can only have come about because you do not know those sections of the law which make zoning restrictions more easily broken in a city than in a township; which give a city 20 times the taxing power of a township; all those laws, in short, which have caused us to oppose incorporation.  
 We did not invent those laws. They existed long before this campaign. It was our study of those laws which convinced us that incorporation would be a grave error; which caused us to form the Committee; which prompted so many residents of our Township to contribute their money and to give up time from their private businesses and private lives to work on the Committee.  
 No, Mr. Brennan. Calling our Fact Book lies does not make it lies. Nor does that tactic change the most important fact of all—that the move to incorporate our Township threatens everything for which we moved to Farmington Township. That is why so many of us have worked so hard during the past few months and that is why so many of us will vote NO on June 6.

## J. A. Parisi Outlines Both Sides

The executive director of the Michigan Townships Association came to Farmington Township last week to discuss the pros and cons of incorporation. The people who were in attendance at North Farmington High School heard an objective—almost scholarly presentation.  
 Joseph A. Parisi told the audience that the voter is entitled to the answer to three questions before voting on the issue. These are:  
 • "What do I get out of this?"  
 • "When do I get it?"  
 • "How much is it going to cost me?"  
 As a prelude to his closing remarks the above questions Parisi outlined the strengths (Continued on Page 20B)

## LWV Guide Published

This week The Observer in cooperation with the Farmington chapter of the League of Women Voters publishes a candidate's guide on all 28 individuals running for the nine man charter commission. Township residents are invited to study this guide on page 11A to assist them in making a decision on who to elect.

## Telegram Clarifies Stand

The following telegram was received Friday morning by The Observer from Joseph A. Parisi, Jr., executive director of the Michigan Townships Association.  
 "This telegram is sent to clarify any doubt about my position on the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township into a City. In my presentation at the North Farmington High School on May 24, I thought I made my position clear regarding the proposed city incorporation. I have not, do not, nor do I contemplate advocating that Farmington Township become a city. I can emphasize that this is my opinion only. When I made this statement I am representing no one but myself. However it is my candid opinion that Township Government in Michigan is the most efficient, most economical and the type of government which is truly an asset to the citizens."

## City Honored

The City of Farmington has won recognition for its fine voting and registration record. In an award presented in connection with the Michigan Week celebration the city is cited as the third place winner in voting percentage and registration gains at the last year's election of cities having 1,000 to 5,000 registered voters. Michigan Secretary of State James M. Hare signed the award.  
 The present number of registered voters in the City is 4,071.

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Miss Farmington Founder's Festival will be chosen in conjunction with the second annual Founder's Festival July 28, 29 and 30. Contestants will be chosen on the basis of personality, poise and appearance. The contest is open to single girls and between the ages of 17 to 22 who reside in Farmington.

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