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City Tries Again for Woodcroft

The City of Farmington filed petitions last Friday afternoon to annex an additional 457 acres of the Township thus bringing the total acreage which the City has filed to annex to 2,285.

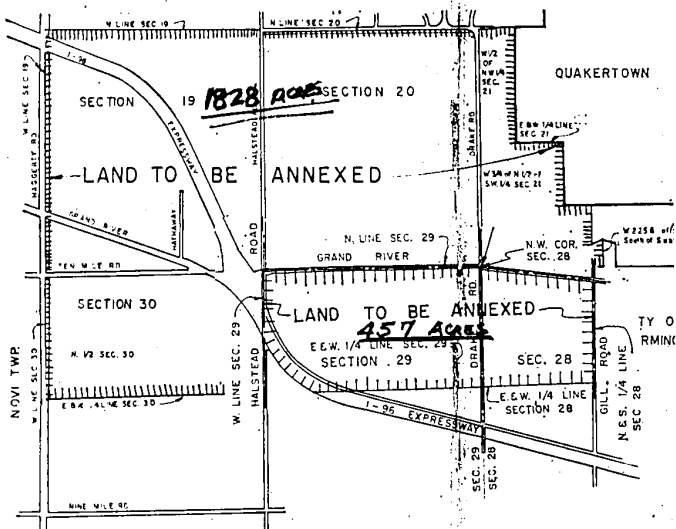
The petition filed last week includes the Woodcroft Subdivision and is about 35 per cent of the area the City tried to annex last November. At that time the proposal was narrowly defeated in the affected area.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan explained that the reason behind the two petitions was the fact that in the Woodcroft area 35 per cent or more of the landowners had to sign the petition since it had less than two years since the last annexation attempt.

An election on this question, as on the petition previously filed is expected to be held in November at the time of the general election.

Two separate proposals will be on the ballot—one for the 1828 acres and the other for the Woodcroft area. It is conceivable that one might be successfully annexed by the City while the other is defeated. Township residents not living in the areas to be annexed will not have an

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THE CITY filed annexation petitions for the Woodcroft Subdivision Friday. This squares off the parcel outlined in the annexation petition filed by the City two weeks ago. The area in the most recent petition is 457 acres and adds this to the 1828 acres of industrial land named in the

previous petition brings the total to 2,285 acres of Township land which the City hopes to annex. The two separate proposals are expected to face the voters in the City and in the affected areas of the Township at the time of the general state election in November.

Rent Checks Held By Tenants in Battle

A small scale rent strike is underway in Farmington Township with 11 out of a possible 38 tenants in the Bedford Place Apartments withholding their rent from landlord Irving Stollman until their demands are met.

Nichols Rd. did not answer the phone and the other listing was answered by the manager of the Little More Apartments in St. Clair Shores.

Residents charge that they were forced to wait for the air conditioning units, and that when delivered, the units often sit in an apartment for a week before they are installed.

Bill Taylor, went to work. After discovering that the buildings had not been cleared for occupancy by the Township, they threatened a court case. As a result the rubbish was hauled away, sidewalks were installed, and some sod was laid out down the dust, and the basements were cleaned out.

Stollman could not be reached for comment on the action by The Observer over the holiday weekend in time for the press deadline. Stollman's office on West Me-

There are no safety locks on the back doors of the buildings and many of the tenants moved in with the understanding that adequate safety measures would be taken.

Garbage was merely thrown outside the buildings and then burned.

Tenants agree that the situation is much better now than it was on June 21 when 27 residents signed a letter to Stollman listing their complaints.

See related pictures on page 8B.

The issue goes back to when tenants began to move into the complex of luxury housing and were told that the construction would be completed by June 1.

At this point, slightly more than a week ago, the residents took their story to the Township authorities.

Ringlanders in the move to withhold the rent which was due July 1, Marie Murray and Fountain Corner, admit that they are disappointed in the fact that only 11 people

City Employees Set Union Vote

The City of Farmington's D.P.W. and Water and Sewer Department employees will vote July 15 on whether or not they wish to designate the Metropolitan Council No. 23 of the American Federation of State and County Employees to serve as their bargaining agent in respect to wage, hours and all other conditions of employment.

Date for the election was set by the State Labor Mediation Board. Such elections are being held throughout the state under the Hutchinson Act passed last year by the state legislature authorizing public employees to organize unions.

At of last weekend there was one paved parking lot and no sign of a swimming pool or tennis courts.

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Brown Asserts Preservationists Will Fight Annexation Attempt

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week The Observer published portions of an open letter to Wendell Brown and the members of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. signed by a longtime Township resident Edge Cope. This week Brown replied to that letter in the communication which follows. The

portion of the letter referring to the long standing personal friendship of the two men was included in the copy received by The Observer. It was, however, edited out of the copy because of space limitations. Dear Edge: Thank you for your letter of recent date which I received on June 29, 1966. In

as much as it is addressed to Official Members of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, as well as to me, I will see that your letter is brought to their attention. Your letter is dated June 24, 1966, and I wondered why it came in an envelope post marked June 28, 1966. I received your letter on June 29.

The evening of June 29 I saw the Farmington Observer which carried a portion of your letter. — and then understood the reason for the time lapse between the date of the letter and date of its mailing. It is interesting to note that at least 17 lines of your aforesaid letter, pertaining to our personal friendship, were not set forth in the Farmington Observer. Can it be that the "Open letter" which you supplied to the Farmington Observer did

Brownies Fly Up to Scouts

Members of Brownie Troop, 527 in Farmington held a Fly Up ceremony recently for seven new members of the Junior Scout Troop 1036. Girls flying up were: Kim Devroy, Jill Hayes, Linda King, Lynn Lower, Diane Passow, Brenda Sayles and Karen Stevens.

Other members of the Troop are: Cheryl Buckner, Mary Walters, Susan Winterbottom, Laurie Sivy and Wendy Wiklund.

Citizens Group Needed To Fight Annexation

Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club, called for the creation of a broadly representative citizens committee to go to work to fight the proposed annexation of 1,828 acres of Farmington Township by the City of Farmington. In his remarks at the Third Annual Dinner of the Farmington organization, Vagnozzi noted that

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Subdivision following a bicycle parade

Subdivision following a bicycle parade. Above the young ladies of the subdivision try their luck at playing catch with all kinds of objects.



Founder's Festival Will Have Something for Everyone

Plans for Farmington's second annual Founders Festival are rapidly taking shape with committee members finalizing arrangements for the three day

event which promises "something for everything." The Festival opens July 28 and continues through July 30.

Plans for the three days include concession stands with a variety of refreshments, a merchants' sidewalk sale offering bargains, and the Elks OX Roast;

while special events are scheduled for each day. On Thursday, July 28, the final judging for the Founders Festival will be at the Betsford Inn. This will be followed by a motorcade to the Village Green area from the City Hall, where the winner will be announced. This will

be at approximately 8 p.m. The Franklin Village Band will entertain at the Village Green following the crowning of the Festival queen and the senior citizens' hold an ice cream social. Later the same evening a teen dance will be conducted in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Friday evening festival goers can enjoy a dinner at the Masonic Lodge, then walk over to the Downtown Farmington Center to watch the judges of the Festival Beard Growing contest. Judges for the contest are world-renowned photographer Tony Spina and Rita Bell and Gene Avram. Locally popular TV personalities seen over WXYZ-TV.

The judging will be over in plenty of time for everyone to get to the Farmington Junior High gymnasium to see the Founders Follies, a "top entertainment" variety show directed by George Assmann.

Saturday's festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with the Festival Parade. The parade route will begin at Nine Mile and Grand River, travel west on Grand River to Farmington Rd., north on Farmington Rd. to Shawwassee and east on Shawwassee to the City Park.

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conclusion of the parade at the park. He and many other dignitaries will ride in the parade. Saturday afternoon, following the parade and speeches, the Little League All-Star game will be held at the City Park where the annual Jaycees Chicken Bar-B-Que will also be held.

A skirt-whirling, open air, square dance, sponsored by the City of Farmington, will wind up the three days of festivities Saturday evening. Harley and Georgina Wood, western style square dance instructors and popular callers, will direct the dance in the parking lot of the Downtown Farmington Center.

A complete schedule of Festival events will be published in next week's Observer.

rad Donpierre and Roger Goers. The winner of the contest will be picked Friday, July 28, in judging beginning at 7 p.m. at the Elks OX Roast.

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