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Twp. Home Building Double '65 Quarter

New home construction starts in Farmington Township more than doubled during the first quarter of 1966 as compared to the same three-month period last year. A total of 192 residential building permits were issued by the Township during January, February and March at an estimated valuation of \$4,342,300. This compares with just 81 new home starts in the first quarter of 1965 which were valued at \$1,571,850.

The City of Farmington issued a total of ten residential building permits for the first quarter of 1966 valued at \$164,900. During the same period last year, the City issued six residential building permits valued at \$123,281.

ALL OTHER TYPES of new construction in the Township, including additions to buildings and remodeling, totaled \$273,150 in valuation. This is considerably off last year's first quarter figures of \$2,615,378. Last year's first quarter also included industrial and commercial additions valued at \$124,000.

In other building categories in the City, a total of 12 permits were issued for home additions valued at \$22,229; three garage permits valued at \$3,640; two commercial permits valued at \$90,000; one commercial addition valued at \$4,100; and one industrial addition valued at \$26,000.

THE LARGEST single construction

Hunting Season Opens For Eggs

The Easter Bunny will be at the Farmington City Park this Saturday, April 9, for the annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a. m. with all Farmington Township City kiddies 8 years old and under invited to attend.

There will be prizes for children in various age brackets for finding especially marked eggs. All of the eggs will be made of delicious chocolate candy and a separate area will be roped off for the smallest searchers to assure their safety.

This year's hunt is being sponsored entirely by the Farmington Jaycees who have stated that the event will begin as scheduled unless the weather forces a temporary delay. A Jaycees spokesman said that the Easter Bunny, however, will be there regardless of the weather. In case of a postponement, the Jaycees will notify the community of the time of the rescheduled event.

Quakerstown Opposes Inc.; Atty. Resigns

The Council of the Village of Quakerstown, at a regular meeting on April 4, adopted a motion officially opposing the incorporation of Farmington Township into a Home Rule City.

The motion adopted was: "We the Village Council of the Village of Quakerstown issue a statement to the press that we go on record as opposing incorporation of Farmington Township for the following reasons:

1. To preserve the rural environment of the community of the Township and the Village;
2. To preserve present zoning;
3. The Township form of government meets the needs of the people living in our Township and Village. It has proven this Township form of government to be most successful in this Farmington Township is operating in the black and still not depriving its citizens of a good form of government."

After action was taken on the motion, the resignation of Joseph T. Brennan's connection with the incorporation movement, (Brennan is chairman of the Pre-Incorporation Study Committee) his appointment as attorney of the Village should be voided.

Brennan, present at the council meeting, then requested that his appointment be withdrawn. Action was taken by the council to comply with his request.

Easter Recess Set For Area Schools

School bells will be silent in Farmington after the close of the Easter recess, Thursday, April 7. For public schools, classes will resume on Wednesday, April 13. Parochial schools of the area, however, will not open until Monday, April 18.

A COLONIAL PAINT JOB (charcoal gray with white trim) was applied to this week, to ironing enough, one of the oldest buildings in downtown

Andy's Shoe Repair, at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road. Maybe the building doesn't date back to colonial times but the original frame structure built in the late 1800's is one of the few remaining from early Farmington still standing. The paint job looks good.

THE FFFBGS BLASTED OFF on Saturday with 28 men reporting for registration. In addition to Roger Coers (shown at right in the barber's chair in our "before" picture last week), Don McDonald and Dave Rents signed up with George Ames at the Komer Barbershop; (the DonPierre brothers signed at the Elks along with Jim Funi, to mention only a few. Let's give these men some encouragement that they will win the long and hard contest judging time in July. Getting past the first couple of weeks is the hardest. It takes awhile to get used to those wiskers.

CAPT. JOHN T. BUCK is home for a brief visit and house hunting for his family. The Air Force is sending him to Viet Nam in June and he would like to have his wife and five children settled back in their hometown before he departs. Whether he fights the war in the cockpit of a jet fighter or on the ground he doesn't know since he just completed Green Beret training with the Army's Special Forces, the first Air Force pilot graduated from the school.

IN THE MOTHER GOOSE DEPT: An acquaintance of ours has a six-year-old who is very proud of her reading progress. Here is her almost letter-perfect rendition of a famous nursery rhyme:

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocketful of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds
Baked in a pie;
When the pie was opened
The birds began to sing—
Now when that is a dirty dish
To set before a king.



THE MALIBU EAST MODEL home in Olde Franklin Towne Subdivision had a nocturnal burglar last Thursday night. The burglar turned out to be not such an easy touch. Police spotted the rented truck and scared

Police Foil Burglary In Olde Franklin Sub

Farmington Township Police arrested three Detroit men early last Thursday morning and charged them with the breaking and entering of a model home in Olde Franklin Towne Subdivision, Middlebrook Road just north of Northwestern Highway and the attempt to get away with a truck load of furniture.

Arrested before Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Byron D. Walter on Thursday, March 31, were Clarence Baker, 20, Ray Wilkins, 34, and Rosell Kizer, 35, all of Detroit. They were arrested by

C'ville School Supt. Seeks St. Rep. Office

Louis E. Schmidt, who resigned as superintendent of the Clarenceville Schools last fall, has announced his candidacy for the office of state representative in the Livonia Northville District, 35. He has announced that he will be a candidate on the Republican ticket.

Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Schmidt served in the Navy during World War II and upon release returned to civilian activities as a lieutenant. He is past president of the Oakland County Association of School Administrators, was on the original Oakland County Circuit Court Committee and is still active in that area. He is a past-president and present secretary of the Clarenceville Optimist Club.

SCHMIDT HAS SERVED as chairman of the committee on educational problems in evacuation, reception and care for Central Michigan University students in Michigan. For ten years, he was a member of the Livonia Traffic Commission and at present is a member of the Livonia Youth Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Schmidt live on Antago in Livonia, have one married daughter and a family and a ten-year-old daughter who is a senior at Clarenceville High School.

Twp. Group To Oppose Incorporation

The Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. this week issued the following statement, signed by Audrey H. Rogerson, Executive Secretary, and Wendell Brown, President:

"The Township form of government for Farmington Township, Oakland County, is presently under attack by Township Officials and some of their appointees. They would scuttle it, in favor of forming a Home Rule City. Last November they secretly prepared, circulated and filed a petition for incorporation of the Township, excluding the City of Farmington, following statements signed by the Township officials. The Township Board voted to employ a legal advisor on the incorporation. The Township expenditure of Township funds for these purposes was, by an appropriate action, filed in the Circuit Court of Oakland County by Mr. Raymond Felix, first restrained, then temporarily enjoined, and on March 21, 1966, was permanently enjoined.

"The Township Officials have apparently been planning for incorporation of our area into

Special Hours Set for Voter Registration

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns announced on Monday special hours will be scheduled in the coming weeks in which to allow voters at day-long hours to register before the May 9 deadline for voting in the June 8 election.

The special hours at the Township offices for voter registration are as follows:

April 15, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; April 16, 12 noon to 4:30 p. m.; April 22, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; April 23, 12 noon to 4:30 p. m.; April 29, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; May 6, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; May 7, 12 noon to 4:30 p. m.; May 8, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Persons may also register at any time during normal Township office hours, 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

"Taint So, Twp." Says Council

The Farmington City Council went on record at their regular meeting Monday night, April 4, to "clarify" their position on the consolidation of the Township and City.

The official policy statement made by the Council Monday night, read by City Manager John Dinan, came up towards the end of the two-hour meeting and was accompanied by individual remarks from several councilmen.

THE COMPLETE text of the policy statement is:

"Since certain Township Officials have taken the liberty of quoting to the press the Farmington City Council's position on the possibility of consolidation of the Township and City erroneously, we believe in all fairness to the general public that the record should be clarified.

"According to the press, a sub-committee was appointed by the Township Incorporation Study Committee to meet with the City Council to review and analyze the advantages and disadvantages of a consolidation of the two governments. To this date no contact has been made with the City or City Council for such a meeting or investigation of such a proposal. The press quoted the Chairman of the Township Incorporation Study Committee that all members of the City Council were opposed to the consolidation of the Township and City. The

Killed In Auto Crash In Twp.

Farmington Township recorded its fourth traffic fatality of 1966 when a Union Lake man's car rammed into the back of a truck hauling steel on Northwestern Highway just west of Middlebelt Road on Friday, April 1, at 2 a. m.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Eastern General Hospital was John H. Holmes, 49, of 2170 Edgewood in Union Lake. His car was headed northwest on the divided highway and struck the rear of a truck driven by Carl N. Koehler, 52, of Warsaw, Ohio. Koehler, who escaped serious injury, had just started from the traffic signal at Middlebelt Road, also headed northwest.

Chief Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor John J. Bain issued the warrant on a complaint from Town and Country Builders, 2540 Colledge in Franklin. An inventory of the items taken from the model home was completed Saturday but no value had been set on the property, since suppliers who outfitted the model were still being contacted by police. Entry was gained into the model by breaking a backyard window. The furnishings and appliances were removed through the front door and loaded into the truck parked in the front drive."

City Council Takes Action On Sewer, Land Sale

The Farmington City Council took action on several matters which have been under consideration the past several weeks at their regular meeting Monday night, April 4, including approval of the buying and installing of a sewer alarm warning system for a troublesome line in Bel-Aire Subdivision and approval of a resolution to accept bids for the sale of one-third of an acre of City land between the Rouge River and Grand River Avenue.

The sewer warning system will be installed as estimated \$500 to \$2500 and was called for in efforts to forestall any future basement flooding in the homes on Colchester near Lamar.

PURCHASE OF THE City land south of the Rouge River, first tabled until further studies and recommendation could be made available to the Council, was finally agreed to Monday night and sealed bids will be sought and opened at the April 18 Council meeting. The Council emphasized it reserves the right to refuse all bids should the proposed plan for a joint development and beautification program by the three abutting property owners fail to materialize.

The property owners, Charles Hannan, Virgil Cornwell and Terry Hardware, have agreed to submit a joint bid and share in the development costs on the land, in accordance with City regulations. The parcel was purchased by the City at \$4500 an acre and it is estimated the minimum bid acceptable for the one-third of an acre to be sold is \$1500.

THE BACKFILLING request brought before the Council last month by the Ballou Home Sewerage District (Page 8A)

Candidates Invited By Democrats

Candidates for Charter Commission in Farmington Township will be invited to appear at the monthly meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 8 p. m., Wednesday, April 13, at the City National Bank of Farmington, Ten Mile at Orchard Lake Roads (entrance in the rear).

Each candidate will be given a brief opportunity to state whether they favor or oppose the proposed incorporation of the township into a city and the major provision they would like to be included in the charter.

The Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagozini said the meeting will offer township residents an opportunity to meet the candidates and find out where they stand on the important incorporation question.

The meeting is also expected to discuss the recent admission of Township officials that they can't get any road repair services out of the county. "Township Supervisor Hill's claim that he is on friendly terms with county officials but can't get any services leads me to believe that he should get firm and demand that we receive our share from the taxes that we send to Pontiac," Vagozini declared.

Vagozini said he is still waiting for Township officials to join the Democrats in supporting equal representation legislation for the county which he said is the key to improved services.

City Revises Plans For Spring Cleanup

The annual City of Farmington Spring Cleanup will be held on April 25, but will be slightly modified from previous years.

"To end the needless backtracking and extended periods of rubbish waiting at the curb for pickup," Ted DeBarna, Director of Public Services for the City of Farmington, said "we have divided the city into five pickup zones. Each zone will have its own day for pickup, so please have the material at the curb ready for loading before 6:30 a. m. of your particular date."

April 25 — Area south of West Nine Mile Road
May 2 — Area west of Farmington Road
May 9 — Area from Powers Road to Farmington Road, north of Nine Mile Road
May 16 — Area from Powers Road to Orchard Lake Road
May 23 — Area east of Orchard Lake Road

"We hope that these revisions will result in quicker and better service for all," DeBarna concluded.

Eighteen Winners Bring Home Hams

Eighteen lucky Enterprise readers were winners of Easter hams in the contest sponsored by merchants of the area. At Conroy's, Chuck Edwards, 32492 Shady Ridge, was the holder of the "lucky" coupon. At White House Valet, it was Dorothy Ferguson, 36511 Quakerstown. Farmington Cleaners presented their winner, Robert Batchelder, 32822 Slocum, Smith Lumber to Paul Brewer, 10050 Royal Grand; First Farmington Savings and Loan, 21822 Hamilton; Farmington Hobby Shop, Jean Cochran, 24124 Alta Loma; A. P. Doris Store, 28333 Park Hill; Scott Stuber 5 & 10, M. Layne, 31701 Lamar; Madeline's Children's Shop, Lenore Gildemester, 35528 State; and Towne Toggery, James M. Anderson, 34670 Nungler Dr.

From Montgomery Ward Appliances, Mary Oehl, 32380 Marblehead, took home the ham. From Farmington Savings Center, it was D. M. Knapp, 29405 Quail Hollow. Ray Intertons, W. Patterson, 30045 Piper's Lane; Philip Thomas Jeweler, Mrs. H. Gaddie, 33219 Shilwaukee; and from Welby's, Mrs. Robert Travis, 33316 State.



A BEFORE AND AFTER view of one Farmington Founders' Festival Beavert Growing Contest (FFBGC) entry who shaved off a luxuriant growth of whiskers last week in order to be eligible for registration April 2 is provided by Roger J. Goers who is holding up the March 30 issue of the Enterprise which has the picture of his shaving at the barber shop. Goers, who makes his home at 35171 Gary in Farmington, now is starting all over to grow back the beard he's worn for the past four years.

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