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City Files For 457 More Twp. Acres

Attendance Doubles At Budget Hearing

Twice as many citizens as last year showed up Tuesday evening for the hearing on the Farmington Public School District's 1966-67 budget. Last year there was one citizen in the audience, Aldo Vagnozzi of 26193 Killarney. This year Dr. John Richardson DVM, 34609 Alta Loma, joined Vagnozzi in hearing the Board of Education's discussion and adoption of the budget.

The \$7,694,696 budget is up more than a million dollars over the 1965-66 budget, and is about \$352,000 more than the preliminary budget approved in March.

THE GREATEST increase over the preliminary budget is due to salary improvements for teachers and secretarial personnel under the Master Contracts approved by the Board of Education last 1 1/2 months. Increases over the preliminary budget are: \$504,873, teachers' salaries; \$7,000, secretaries' salaries; \$21,380, two additional administrative positions; \$5,000, new budget item for negotiation expenses; \$3,000, proposed expansion of the use of County IBM equipment in business operations; \$4,616, additional supervisory and secretarial help in plant operation; \$4,780 in transportation services.

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Richard Peters Elected Pres. Board of Ed

The Farmington Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, July 5. Richard Peters, who has been president of the board for six years, opened the meeting by announcing that he would not be a candidate; and the nominated Richard Peters for the position.

The four officers elected by unanimous ballot were Richard Peters, president; Herbert Neal, vice-president; Barbara Brown, secretary; and George Nahall, treasurer.

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City's Expansion Plans Now Total 2285 Acres

Another portion of Farmington Township land was added to the City of Farmington's expansion plans last week when petitions were filed to annex 457 more acres from the Township.

The area proposed to be annexed is bounded on the east and west by Gill and Halstead Roads, on the north by Grand River Avenue and on the south by the Nine and a half mile line from Gill Road to the I-96 expressway, then along the expressway to Halstead Road. This area, which includes

Woodcroft subdivision, is the same area that the City attempted to annex last year with the exception of the triangular parcel between the expressway and the Nine and a half mile line.

Last year's annexation attempt failed at the polls on November 2, by a vote of 85 to 60. ON JUNE 29, LAST month, the City filed annexation petitions for 1828 acres of Township land bounded by the City and the Village of Quakertown on the east, Eleven Mile Road on the north, Haggerty

Road on the west and Grand River Avenue and the Nine and a half mile line on the south.

The latest area proposed to be annexed, between Grand River and the Nine and a half mile line, will square off the total package wanted by the City, making a total of 2285 acres of predominantly industrial property.

Separate votes will be necessary on the two annexation proposals; but City Manager John Dinan stated that only one election will be scheduled.

Dinan said that all required signatures were obtained with petitions having been signed by the taxpayers in the affected areas. See ANNEXATION Page 6-A



LINDA, SANDRA AND PAM LOVE OF 23224 Thornybrae pull their prize winning float overdrive to avoid a sudden shower. It was one of the many entries taking part in the parade which was part of the Rendillwood 1 Fourth of July celebration.

Festival Plans Now Taking Shape

Plans for Farmington's second annual Founders' Festival are rapidly taking shape now, and committees are finalizing arrangements which promise "something for everyone" on July 28, 29, and 30.

Plans for the three days include concession stands with a variety of refreshments, merchants' sidewalk sales offering many bargains, and the Elks Ox Roast; while special events are scheduled for each of the three days.

Thursday, July 28, the final judging to select Miss Founders' Festival will be held at the Botsford Inn, followed by a motorcycle to the Village Green downtown across from the City Hall, where the winner will be announced.

The Franklin Village Band will entertain at the Village Green that evening with the senior citizens' holding an ice cream social. Later the same evening, at the Farmington High School gymnasium, a teen dance is scheduled.

FRIDAY EVENING festival goers can enjoy a dinner at the Masonic Lodge, then walk over to the Downtown Farmington Center to see the judging of the Farmington Founders' Festival Beard Growing contest. Judges for the contest will be world-renowned Tony Spina, Free Press photographer, and Rita Bell and Gene Avram, local TV personalities from WXYZ-TV.

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

The gala Festival Parade will start the festivities on Saturday at 10 a.m. Lieutenant Governor William G. Milliken will be in the parade along with many other dignitaries and will be guest speaker at its conclusion. Other participants will be the Selfridge



THE LINED AREA in the above map of the southern half of Farmington Township shows 457 acres for which the City of Farmington last week filed petitions to annex.

The shaded area in the 1828 acres already proposed to be annexed by the City of Farmington.

New Traffic Ordinances Adopted By City Council

At their Monday evening meeting, members of the City Council voted to accept three new traffic control ordinances. The other point which was tabled until it could be checked out with members of the school safety council involved a change in the speed limit on Freedom Rd. in the vicinity of Cloverdale School.

At present there is a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on the section which fronts the school. The ordinance would change this to 35, and some of the council members felt this would be a temptation to drivers to speed up unduly.

The points which were accepted were removal of parking on the east side of Power Rd. between Grand River and Shilwassee, posting of a 40 m.p.h. limit on Nine Mile Rd. from the eastern to the western limits of the city, (this to be subject to the approval of the county) and reduction

of the speed limit on Freedom Rd. west of Farmington Rd. to 40 m.p.h.

MAYOR BROTHERTON said that because of the number of complaints received about motorists becoming a nuisance in residential areas he would like a study of the possibility of some controls in this area. It was reported that 34 tickets had been issued over the past 30 days for equipment violations on these vehicles.

Residents on Macomb and Oakland Avenues between Cass and Wilmarth had signed a petition requesting trash pickups to be made in the alley as it had been formerly for years. City Manager John Dinan pointed out that the DPW was trying to be consistent throughout the city and have trash removed from the streets and that during the spring said alley was impassable.

A motion to allow the exception was carried with the stipulation that the DPW should maintain a watch and decide whether it would pose too many special problems.

John Allen asked for a survey to see whether it would be practicable to retain a landscape company to maintain the city park areas. He felt the estimates on such public locations would give sufficient indication of whether

the costs would be too great. To be included in this pilot study are the cul de sac of Glenview Ct., the small patch at Shilwassee and Warner, the triangle at Grand River and Shilwassee, and the Masonic Lodge property.

ALTA LOMA Home Owners Association stated in a letter that they had adopted a resolution signed by 79 of 108 property owners to improve the conditions of the roads. After two years of extensive survey, they have drafted a four phase program for the Council's consideration, and requested an opportunity to discuss the plans and financial arrangements with them.

Since the association rather than the homeowners individually plan to underwrite their share of the expense, it was deemed necessary to hold an executive session with the officials of the Association to discuss matters of procedure. This will be done by August 1 after the city engineers have had an opportunity to arrive at some rough estimates.

Bayard Tupper was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

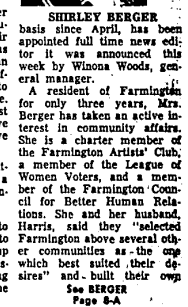
Authorization was granted to the city manager's office to receive bids on a 1/4 ton pickup truck and a rubberized asphalt bid for street sealing to be available in time for the fall sealing program.

Shirley Berger Appointed To Staff

Shirley Berger, newest member of the Enterprise staff who has been with the organization on a part-time basis since April, has been appointed full time news editor. It was announced this week by Wilina Woods, general manager.

A resident of Farmington for only three years, Mrs. Berger has taken an active interest in community affairs. She is a charter member of the Farmington Artists' Club, a member of the League of Women Voters, and a member of the Farmington Council for Better Human Relations. She and her husband, Harris, said they "selected Farmington above several other communities as the one which best suited their desires" and built their own home.

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Square Dance To Wind Up Gala Festival

An outdoor square dance, sponsored by the City of Farmington, will be the grand finale to the three-day Farmington Founders' Festival scheduled for July 28, 29, and 30.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the dance will be held at the Downtown Farmington Center Parking Lot.

Harley and Georgina Wood, popular square dance callers, will host the dance. They have been teaching and instructing youngsters in square dancing for the past six years and presently call for the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, Dearborn Recreation, Trenton Recreation and the Lincoln Park Board of Education Night School.

They also call regularly for four square dance clubs and are on the staff of Square-Cade, a week-end square dance camp.

Harley is presently president of Michigan Square Dance Leaders Association, a group of square dance callers from Michigan who meet once a month to learn new square dance routines. Georgina instructs and teaches the western round dances.

In September they will conduct another beginner class in western square dancing, sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Clarifies Twp. Trash Pickups

Mr. Harvey Willard of Willard Sanitation Service reports that the sixty-day notice given to the Township Board on June 13, has been misinterpreted by many of its regular customers.

The notice, said Willard, applies only to the monthly Township pickups and will not affect the weekly service to individuals.

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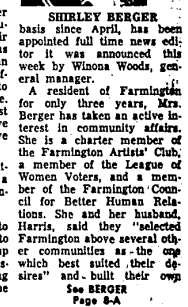
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JUST A FEW OF THE CONTESTANTS in the Farmington Founders' Festival Beard Growing Contest showed up for our camera men this week, but there are enough to show what a tough job the judges will have in deciding the winners. The gentlemen with the face foliage above are (L to

R) Wally Christenson, Doug Snyder, Mark Watson, Tom Leach, Archie Cairns, John Wilcox, Bud Bell, Fred Ihms, Bob Goers, Conrad Domperier, George Ames, Bill Eckler, Roger Ford, Dick Walker, Roger Goers, and John Foley. Tony Spina, Free Press photographer, and Rita Bell and

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in April, when contestants were required to register clean-shaven. We wonder if there will be a rush to the barber shops on Saturday morning, July 30?