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## Light Granted At 13 Mile - Middlebelt

### OK Twp Budget; Set Trash Survey

A record budget of \$800,000 for the year to end March 31, 1967 was passed by the Farmington Township Board at its Monday evening meeting after a duly conducted Public Hearing. During the hearing there were no questions posed except by Aldo Vagnozzi, Democratic candidate for Township Supervisor in the forthcoming November election.

Although the budget year begins on April 1, the budget itself cannot be finalized until the Township receives its allocation rate from the state sometime in June, Curtis Hall, Township Supervisor, explained.

Some interested citizens attended the meeting to express themselves on the new ordinance forbidding trash collection in the Township between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. A letter was read asking that the ordinance be rescinded, and a petition containing 200 additional signatures requesting permission to continue with the nighttime pickup was submitted.

The letter summed up the feelings of the citizens, mostly Kendallwood residents, by

pointing out that trash cans sitting out during the daytime are unsightly and can become unpleasant due to the sun and flies, also during the day more children and dogs are attracted to the trash cans, dumping them over, strewn their contents, and retrieving items of "value" from them; trucks could be an additional hazard to the safety of the children during the daytime hours.

Supervisor Curtis Hall once said "TW, BUDGET" **Page 6A**

### Twp. Planners Due To Elect New Officers

At their regular monthly meeting on August 25, the Farmington Township Planning Commission will elect officers and a petition table. Positions in the board consist of chairman, vice-chairman, and executive secretary. The existing terms of membership will also be clarified.

A rezoning request for property on Freedom Drive between Ruth Street and Orchard Lake Rd. will be considered. C. J. Thorpe, owner of the lots, involved, requests a change from B3 (general business) to B2 (residential classification) to permit apartment usage.

An amendment to the Township ordinance defining the required distance between a separated garage and the house it is adjacent to will be considered.

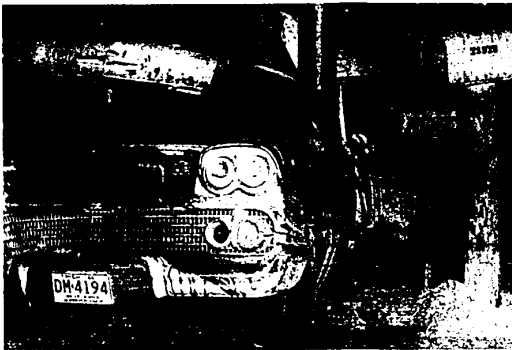
"There will be a continuation of the amendment study relating to placement of utility wires below ground. An effort is being made to determine the practicability of underground placements in future developments in the area.

There will be discussion regarding rezoning properties at the northwest corner of Halsted and Nine Mile Rds. and of an area adjacent to the south end of Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Rds., site of a vegetable and flower nursery sale property.

### Township Police Report Misc. Items

Theft, vandalism, and attempted burglary showed up on the Farmington Township police blotter this week:

- Windows at Alameda School were broken with stones and BB guns;
- Attempted breaking and entering were reported at a beach shop on Middlebelt Road and a hardware store on 12 Mile Road;
- The Grand Marina Boat Store at 28400 Grand River was broken into and a motor and several fishing rods were taken. Entry was made by breaking a window; and
- Goods totaling \$235 was taken from a model home in the Colony Park subdivision after someone apparently reached through a milk chute and unlocked the rear door.



AS A RESULT of this unfortunate meeting of car and telephone pole on August 13, the car when another auto turned out of Whittington St.

### School Food Costs Up, Lunch Prices Stay Same

Farmington Board of Education has been forced to raise prices of adult lunches, chocolate milk, and on its catering service for dinners and banquets. It was announced at Monday evening's Board meeting. Regular lunches for school children will remain the same as last year, 30 cents for elementary students and 35 cents for junior and senior high lunches.

Ella Plichta, cafeteria supervisor, told the Board that added labor and food costs made the increases mandatory. The Board denied her request to utilize paper and disposable serving units in the schools. They wanted to learn more about the incinerator systems in the various schools before granting such a request.

### School Bus Drivers Get Contract OK

A master contract with the Farmington School Bus Drivers' Club was approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting August 22.

The contract runs from September 1, 1966, to August 31, 1969, and provides for hourly rates from \$2.45 for the first year to \$2.70 after five years of employment.

Drivers for field trips will receive \$2.20 an hour and the rate for substitute drivers has been set at \$2.35.

The contract contains a no strike or sanction provision; and under the terms the Club agrees that "There shall be no sanctioned or condoned strike, sitdown, stay-in, slow-down or work interference or curtailment of any kind" during the period of the contract.

THE DRIVERS' organization also asked for a prompt, affirmative action to prevent or stop unauthorized strikes and to take the same action to prevent wildcat strikes.

The Board of Education has the right to obtain injunctions and damages for breach of contract against the Club and may then cancel the agreement in 48 hours after serving written notice of such cancellation to the Club.

The Board of Education has signed two other contracts this year—one with the Farmington Education Association representing the teachers, and one with the secretaries' association.

Recent legislation enacted in the State of Michigan provides public employees with the right to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining.

### B of E Sets Tuition Rates; Acts On Other Matters

Tuition rates for non-residents attending the Farmington Public Schools for the 1966-67 school year were approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting Monday evening, August 22.

The rates, \$150 for elementary students and \$170 for secondary students, are the same as last year.

Board policy on tuition students includes only those children whose parents are in the process of building homes in the district. Exceptions are made for children living in an area where the property has been transferred to other school districts, children who have been previously enrolled in the district for two years and will be high school seniors, and children of employees.

IN ALL CASES, tuition is payable in advance by the semester and refunds are provided in the case of people moving into completed homes.

For these students the District draws state aid totaling \$405 per student.

In other action the Board:

- Approved the continuation of the fluoride program in both the public and private schools in the District for the coming year;
- Authorized the spending of \$5,000 for seeding the grounds at Larkshire Elementary School;
- Instructed its attorney to notify contractors that unless work is completed at the Bond

### New Survey by County Shows Need for Control

Hosannas will undoubtedly go on all around the Farmington area over Supervisor Curt Hall's announcement at Monday night's Township Board meeting that the Oakland County Road Commission has finally agreed to install a traffic light at 13 Mile Rd. and Middlebelt. For years this has been a hazardous corner with a high incidence of accidents.

Signal lights, however, do not seem to be granted on the basis of safety. Rather, they are placed after studies show that there is a sufficient volume of traffic to need control.

Having determined during July of this year that there has been a 2000 vehicle increase at that corner over the one recorded in the previous study, the County Road Commission made the decision which will be a relief to so many citizens of the community.

For years, groups of concerned people have tried to get permission for this particular light at this particular intersection. There have been newspaper editorials about it. Safety committees have always had it at the top of their list of projects. PTAs have agonized over their inability to get a hazardous dip in the road just before the intersection reached has added to the traffic menace there, making visibility extremely poor and the many accidents occurring there have earned it the title of "Suicide Corner."

### Aldo Vagnozzi Answers Opperthausen's Charge

At Monday's Township Board meeting, Democratic candidate for Supervisor, Aldo Vagnozzi, read the following statement:

"I would like to set the record straight on a statement made at the last meeting by Mr. Opperthausen that I think that Mr. Vagnozzi in proposing a consolidation study at this time is helping the City in their annexation proposal whether knowingly or ignorantly."

"In the first place I object to statements being made against people in their absence. When I'm here every-one on the board is quiet. I happened to have been out of town the night of the last Township meeting.

### More Returns Needed For Unification Survey

Gratifying returns are being made on last week's unification survey according to a Chamber of Commerce spokesman. More are needed, however, if there is to be anything approaching a consensus on the subject.

A ballot in last week's Enterprise asked citizens to check whether they were residents of City, Township, Village of Woodcreek Farms or Village of Quakerstown. Then they were to answer Yes or No whether they favored a non-political, non-biased study and analysis of the benefits and liabilities involved in the unification of the municipal governments of the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, Village of Quaker-

town and Village of Woodcreek Farms.

If the ballot cannot be located, residents are requested simply to mail an expression of opinion to the Unification Study Survey, P.O. Box 15, Farmington, Michigan 48024. Replies may be mailed until August 27.

The Board of Commerce and the Jaycees have joined forces to conduct this survey in the public interest and hope that a truly representative opinion will be reflected in the returns. A previous campaign by the Jaycees to poll the area's citizens on their feelings about the community was highly successful and led to a vote on the building of pools and auditoriums in conjunction with the high schools.

### Election Set On Annexation

The Boundaries Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors met last Wednesday, August 17, and approved two sets of petitions for annexation of Township property by the City of Farmington. Questions for both propositions will be placed on the ballot for the November 8 general election.

"We are particularly pleased with the questionnaire being used to determine if there is citizen interest in such a study since it separates the responses from the four governmental units. We particularly feel that people living in the two villages should not be forced to go along with someone else's decision."

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CITY MANAGER JOHN DINAN, Township Supervisor Curtis Hall (with shears), John W. Butler, chairman of the board of Demery's, and Clifford Wright, architect of the new Demery's store are present for the ribbon cutting which opened the department store to the public on Monday morning, August 22. The new facility is located at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads at what was formerly called the Kendallwood Shopping Center but has been renamed Demery's Shopping Center.

TRENA QUINN, CITY CLERK, spent the first week of her vacation entertaining her four grandchildren ranging in age from three to nine years at a summer cottage. You guessed it, she spent the second week recuperating from the first week.

A TEENY WEENY FREEMY has taken up residence at 23431 Cliffview Court. He weighs about five and a half pounds soaking wet (which he frequently is) and is trying to adjust to the name of James William Courter and, as a matter of fact, to the rest of the family. He's adorable.

ONE-LEGGED JOHN BROWN OF GLASGOW, Scotland was fined \$30 the other day for kicking a policeman with his artificial leg when officers tried to stop him from beating his wife. What we can't figure out is how an artificial leg gets an impulse to kick anyone much less a policeman.

WHO SAYS FARMINGTON IS LOSING its rural flavor? At this time of writing, there is a story on the desk reporting the activities of the Farm Bureau, a lady just left after placing an ad for fresh raspberries (pick your own) and corn, a huge load of hay just lumbered by, and a green apple rolled off another truck right in front of the office.

RESEARCHERS ARE TRYING TO PRODUCE champagne from the fruit of the abaca plant which provides the Philippines with one of its main exports, Manila hemp. If they're successful, presumably the world may expect a shortage of champagne and the old adage may have to be changed to "Give a man enough rope and he'll intoxicate himself."

ONE CUL DE SAC OVER IN TWIN VALLEY is an excellent example of what can be done with what sometimes considered a problem area. The residents nearby (presumably) have it looking like a landscape ad from House and Garden.

by Shirley Berger

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