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## Chauffeuring Parents Hit School Boundaries

By SHIRLEY BERGER

Residents of Old Homestead, Pleasant Valley, and Indianbrook, unhappy over the school boundaries which assigned their children to Power Junior High School have been given

a reprieve. It was announced at Monday evening's Board of Education meeting that the school will not be completed by September. Speaking for the citizens group, Joseph Craig of 36201 Quakerstown Lane asked if this meant that the boundaries would remain the same just postponing the time until the children of the area would be "scattered all over the map."

Many families in the affected section north of 11 Mile, will have children in Wooddale, North Farmington High and far to the south at Power. Their main objection stems from the chauffeuring service involved with the many extracurricular activities which are a part of reaching the secondary level.

Craig was told by board president Richard Peters that boundaries would be reconsidered at the time of the new school's opening. He could not guarantee that the children would not be sent to Power. Byron Oliver, administrative assistant for the school district, said there is a possibility that when the fourth high school is completed, children from the section in question will be sent to Farmington Senior High, much closer to Power than North Farmington is.

Mrs. Donald Barth of 26081 Old Homestead pointed out that when they bought their property in north Farmington they expected that their children would be going to schools close to their home. She had attempted to show her daughter where she would be attending junior high school and could not get within three quarters of a mile of the Power site due to the muddy road conditions. "It was," she stated, "like visiting a strange land" to her daughter who was completely unfamiliar with that part of the township.

Mrs. Donald Loe of 25117 Hidden Valley Dr. protested that her son had already built a driveway to the site of the new school. She also asked if any safety checks had been made as suggested by the group when they attended the previous board meeting.

Oliver replied that members of the board had checked out the safety factor and felt that the two main corners on the bus route were less dangerous to buses than to cars. This he attributed to better visibility provided by the higher position of a bus driver above the road.

He also indicated that the corners were no worse than many which must be crossed daily by other school buses.

Charles Mann, 21219 Hidden Valley, requested that notice be given well in advance of the new school's opening so that further investigations of the boundary issue could be conducted. It was agreed by the board that a period of two months would be allowed for this purpose.

Mrs. G. W. Checketts of 26488 Old Homestead asked whether the expense of running two separate buses for ninth graders at O. E. Dunckel and seventh and eighth graders at Power had been considered. Oliver replied that the expense would be negligible.

Peters then pointed out that since the Power opening would not take place until September of 1968 or possibly at the mid-term point at the end of January, all three grades would be going to the new school.



MRS. CLIFF LORETH of 23795 Ely Ct. in the City scans the street in case a school child is in need of "Helping Hands". She is one of the housewives participating in the Jaycee Auxiliary's project designed to give assistance to children. With the goal of two homes

in each block, the volunteers are trained to call the proper authorities in case of an emergency. Children should be taught to look for the Helping Hand symbol in the window in case of an accident or injury.



FIRST UNION CONTRACT—Nine buildings department employees came under Farmington Township's first union labor contract when it was signed at Monday's board meeting. Seated are George T. Crook (left), a union local member, and Supervisor Curt Hall. Standing are Clyde R. Alsup (left), representing the organizing Council 23 of the American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and township attorney J. T. (Terry) Brennan. The two-year contract is retroactive to April 1, 1966; expires at the end of March 1968; and provides raises of \$500 the first year and \$700 the second year per employee, according to the union.

## How To Handle Trash Dumpers

By TIM RICHARD

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Haggerty Road residents one morning found a load of papers and trash scattered in the public right-of-way.

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It worked. This illustrates one imaginative approach to a problem which the group of residents notices more in the spring time, but which public officials say occurs all year long.

Under state law, a conviction for dumping trash on a roadside is a \$100 fine or up to 90 days in jail.

The Township Clerk Floyd Cairns points out that local judges commonly sentence the offender to pick up the trash.

When you spot someone in the act of dumping, Cairns suggested, jot down his auto license number and a physical description. Then notify police.

The description is important. Otherwise, the offender may say in court, "I didn't do it; I hired a guy to haul it off, and he must have done it."

Cairns pulled out a pencil and paper, looked at the auto license number, and began staring at the man to take notes of his description.

The dumper changed his mind. He cleaned up the mess.

WHAT CAN THE conscientious Farmington Township resident do when he has a huge load of trash?

Taulbee Sanitation Co., contractor for the township's trash pickup, can be called in Walled Lake at 624-2265.

For a price, it will make a special trip for a big load.

The township will have its annual spring clean-up in May (announcement later), at which time the contractor will pick up everything movable.

If trash is dumped along a roadside, notify the County Road Commission (but don't expect whirlwind results — its budget is tight) or the township.

A CUB SCOUT den mother told The Enterprise the sad story of the time her civic-minded den picked up all the trash along one stretch of Northwesten Highway.

Once the trash was back at her house, there was no way to dispose of it without paying a price — which the lady didn't want to do, inasmuch as she felt the cubs were doing society a favor as it was.

A county truck, summoned from Pontiac, refused to remove the load, the lady declared.

Exasperated, she took the trash back to the highway and scattered it where she had found it.

Cairns suggested that perhaps she should have made some advance arrangement through the township to dispose of the trash, rather than picking it up first and wondering what to do with it later.

May 20 Civic Pride Day

Saturday, May 20, has been proclaimed "Civic Pride Day" in the City of Farmington.

The City Council took the action Monday following a proposal from the Beautification Committee.

The entire month of May has been designated as Clean-up Fix-up and Paint-up month by the Southeastern Michigan Beautification Council.

## DST Petitions In Circulation

A number of petitions seeking a statewide referendum on the Daylight Saving Time issue are being circulated in the Farmington area.

The DST advocates seek a referendum which would reverse the Michigan Legislature's decision against going on DST this year.

The STATE SENATE voted against bringing Michigan under the federal DST law, which would provide an additional hour of evening daylight for about half the year.

The issue cut across party lines. Senators from the western side of the state and the Upper Peninsula were generally opposed to DST. Democratic Senate Leader Raymond Dezel of Detroit, along with this district's Republican Sen. George Kuhn of West Bloomfield, were in favor of putting Michigan on DST.

Petition forms may be obtained by writing either to Sen. George Kuhn, State Senate, State Capitol, Lansing, Mich.; or to the DST Committee, Box 1375, Lansing, Mich.

If you are a petition circulator, be sure to use separate petition forms for each city and township in which you work. If signatures of city and township residents are mixed on one piece of paper, they can be invalidated.

## around the block

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by Shirley Berger

## Hamlin Pleased By High Court's Remap Decision

Delos Hamlin, the Farmington city representative who heads the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, applauded but wasn't surprised at the Michigan Supreme Court's opinion blocking the "one man, one vote" principle at the county level.

The court's 5 to 3 decision Monday declared a 1966 legislative act in violation of the state constitution.

The Oakland board, whose 87 members represent local governmental units, would have been reduced to 27 members from districts of about 25,000 population under the most popular reapportionment plan.

HAMLIN SAID there is sense to the state constitutional requirement that each governmental unit have representation on the county board. "The county isn't like a city, which has a community of interests. The county is like a federation of local governments, working cooperatively; each should be represented," he said in an interview with The Enterprise last week, when he predicted the Supreme Court opinion.

The Democratic-controlled Legislature last year took the position that county board apportionment, as practiced under the 1963 Michigan constitution, violated the U.S. Constitution's "equal protection of the laws" concept. It therefore ordered reapportionment. "I felt the Supreme Court would uphold the state constitution, so it came as no surprise to me," Hamlin was quoted as saying this week.

THE STATE Supreme Court acted on a request from Gov. Romney for an advisory opinion. Favoring the opinion were Republican Justices Harry F. Kelly, John R. Dehmers, Michael O'Hara and Thomas E. Brennan and Democrat Eugene F. Black.

## Fall Vote Seen On New City

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors is moving closer toward setting a date for an election on the incorporation of part of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

At this point, there is reason to believe the board may get the Farmington Township case at its April 25 meeting and set an election date for sometime in fall.

The County Board's boundaries committee, headed by Commerce Supervisor Thomas Tiley, will meet Monday, April 24, at 10 a.m. in committee room 4 of the courthouse in Pontiac.

THE COMMITTEE had delayed a decision on the Farmington Township petitions when it met a week ago. It wanted to study a Genesee County lawsuit that might have raised a point of law applicable here.

But county corporation counsel Robert P. Allen reported to county officials this week that the Genesee case was inapplicable. As of now, it appears the boundaries committee will approve the petitions.

## Delos Hamlin Again Chairman

Tony Guver, committee clerk of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, announced that Delos Hamlin was re-elected on April 11 to his twelfth consecutive term as chairman.

He has been a member of the board for 24 years. Elected chairman pro-tem for his second term was Hugh Allerton Jr.

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