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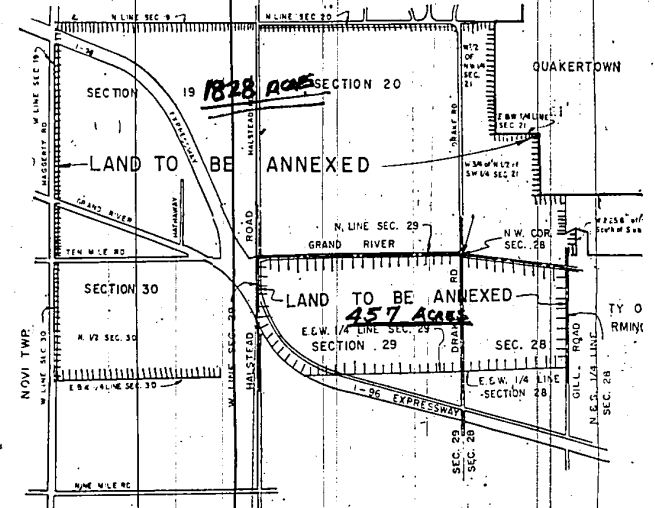
Local, State Issues Face Voters Nov. 8

Annexation Move is Hot Local Question

AN EDITORIAL

Annexation Faces Both Communities

By **SUE SHAGNESSY**
Two proposals vital to the growth and development of the entire Farmington community face the voters in the City of Farmington and a small portion of the Township next Tuesday.
These are the annexation proposals whereby the City is seeking to annex more than 2,000 acres of choice Township land.
The City is up against the wall. Today it is more than 90 percent developed and unless it finds room for expansion, its taxes will soon become prohibitive.
Needless to say, however, the Township doesn't want to lose any of its land and the tax base. This is understandable and the frustrating part is that the Township residents as a whole do not have the opportunity to vote on the question.
Only residents of the City and those living in the affected areas will be able to vote. In order to carry, the proposal must be approved by a majority of the voters in both areas. Since the proposals are almost certain to carry in the City this leaves the decision in the hands of a small portion of the Township residents.
To the residents in what is termed the Woodcroft area, we urge a yes vote on the proposal. The City is in the position to provide services to you at a very reasonable cost. When the City tried to annex this area last fall the proposal was defeated by a narrow margin. The Observer believes that a yes vote will best serve the residents' interests and provide the City of Farmington with some breathing space.
However, the question facing the residents of what has been termed the industrial parcel is much more complex. This is the really rich area in question with the developing industrial base contained therein. In addition the Independence Green Apartment project lies within its confines and apartment buildings pay a higher proportion of property taxes than do single family residential homes.
The residents of Farmington Township have pledged a great deal of money over a long term basis in order to provide water and sewer facilities for its industrial park. The fruits of this investment are just about ready to be enjoyed.
For this reason the Township when it argues that the City's action, while legal, is not "morally" right has somewhat of a case. The Observer can't help but feel that the City is being just a bit greedy in trying to take the entire parcel. For this reason we urge the residents to vote no on this proposal.
Do not misunderstand — we are not criticizing the City for filing to annex the industrial park. The City Council was looking out for the best interests of its residents.
However, we must look out for the residents of the Township in addition to those of the City. If the Township loses its industrial base — and a good portion of it is contained in the parcel in question — it will have no sources of local revenue and thus become ineffective or be forced to raise the tax levy so high that only the very rich could afford to reside within its limits.



THESE TWO PARCELS outlined in the map are the sections of Farmington Township which the City of Farmington hopes to annex. The industrial parcel comprised 1,828 acres, while the Woodcroft Subdivision and area surrounding it total 457 acres. Residents of the City of Farmington and these two parcels will vote on the question Tuesday, Nov. 8. In order to carry both proposals must be approved by the residents of the City and the residents of the affected areas must also agree to the move.

Both sides predict victory. Spokesmen for both the City and the Township are certain that their side will carry on the two separate annexation questions facing voters Nov. 8.

GOP Are Township Favorites

The incumbent Republican administration of Supervisor Curt Hall is expected to sweep all the elective offices up for grabs in Tuesday's local election.
Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. in the Township's 19 voting precincts. As was the case two years ago Republican Curt Hall

Voters Guide Is Inside

Tuesday's election will decide the Farmington Township administration for the next two years along with several other important issues whereby the City of Farmington hopes to acquire more than 2,000 acres of prime property from the Township.
Two separate proposals are on the ballot. The first, involving a total of 1,828 acres is what is known as the industrial area. It includes the Township's largest taxpayer, Star Culler, the Farmington Industrial Park and the Independence Green Development. The Woodcroft section comprises 475 acres. It, with a few modifications, is the same area which the City tried to annex last fall.
All in all two separate questions are on the ballot. City residents must approve both proposals if they wish to annex the areas.
Residents of Farmington Township will not be allowed to vote on the questions.
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Substitute Teachers Needed in Farmington

A plea has been issued to Farmington residents for substitute teachers in the school system.
In a statement released Monday, Farmington Education Association President Gene Szwarc called attention to the need of the schools. Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison termed the situation as "not alarming." He pointed out that many of the teachers who are currently teaching in permanent classroom situations because the District does have unfilled positions.
"However in general we have been able to man our classrooms," he added. "Some days though the principal or another teacher has been forced to take the duty," Harrison continued, "because we just didn't have substitutes to go around."
Szwarc is calling attention to the shortage pointed out by the principals, counselors, secretaries and other teachers.
"The children in these teachers' classes are suffering because of the preparation time lost to their teachers. The principals and assistant principals in the secondary schools need their time to assist and help their teaching staff instead of filling in for a substitute. The counselors need the time to assist and help those students with special problems," he stated.
"We the teachers in Farmington are pleading to those in the community who are substituting in other school systems to look first to Farmington. We and the students in Farmington need you desperately," Szwarc concluded.
If you are interested in substitute teaching in the Farmington schools please contact Marius Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent of the Farmington Schools.

Orchard Lake Rd. Usage Proposal to Be Presented

A proposal of land use study for Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township will be presented to the Township Planning Commission at its next regular meeting Dec. 1. The proposal will be prepared by Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan and Township Planner Charles Lehman.
The question of Orchard Lake arose when the Elks proposed the commission be authorized to construct a new \$250,000 Lodge on Orchard Lake between Westhill and Lamar.
While receptive to the Elks proposal the commission tabled the matter until examining the land use study.
In other action the Planning Commission:
• Set a public hearing for Dec. 1 on a proposal for an apartment project on Freedom Drive between Rutli St. and Orchard Lake Rd.;
• Approved the preliminary plat for the Thompson

Olde Yule Game Tickets Go On Sale

The sale of tickets for this year's Olde Yule Log Football Game Nov. 12 is in full swing according to Ticket Chairman Fred Scott. With the game less than two weeks away, various merchants at all shopping areas in the community are acting as ticket agents as well as all the directors of the Board of Commerce.
The game which is sponsored annually by the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce brings together Farmington High School and North Farmington High for the season finale for both teams. Proceeds are divided between the school athletic fund and the Board of Commerce Christmas Lighting Fund.
Tickets may be purchased for \$2 (adults) and 25 cents for elementary school children. Junior and senior high tickets are available at the schools for 75 cents.
Business establishments where advance sale tickets may be purchased include: Bon High for the season finale; Grimes Copiers, Harris, Hets 'N' Particulars; Greg Shops, Demeyers, Hepners, and the Quik Pak as well as the Board of Commerce office in the Masonic Lodge.



VAGNOZZI

Prank That Isn't Funny

It might have started as a Halloween prank but neither the Farmington Township Police nor the people at Town & Country Dodge on Grand River are laughing.
In fact it's pretty serious. The police classify it as malicious destruction of property and the Town & Country people estimate the damage at between \$500 and \$1,000.
Over the weekend 53 tires were slashed at the dealership. A total of 12 cars and trucks were put out of commission by the vandalism.
In the City of Farmington four separate complaints were filed by residents who had tires slashed on their cars.
Some Halloween prank.

Collie I. Found
Farmington Township Chief of Police Irving Yakes reports that the light brown collie which bit four-year-old Tommy Hamm in Northern Farmington Township last week has been found.

Cyclist 'Strikes Out' in Court
A Farmington motorcyclist who has been convicted on 13 traffic tickets and involved in 14 accidents within the last four years, received conviction No. 14 in Garden City Municipal Court last week.
Acting Municipal Judge John R. Francois, 23, of 20910 Rockwell, pleading guilty to a charge of careless driving, ordered him to pay a fine of \$100 or face a sentence of 60 days in the Detroit House of Correction.
Francois admitted to police officers that he had about six other reports that Francois was "unsteady" on his motorcycle.

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DeMatta Sisters Are Students at Barry
The DeMatta girls—Catherine and Susan—were formally received at the Freshman investiture into the academic collegiate community of Barry College in Miami Shores, Fla. recently.
They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DeMatta of 17404 Drake Rd., Farmington.
Barry College is a Catholic liberal arts college for women conducted by the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich.



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An Editorial

Hall, Cairns, Avery, Nolan Deserve Another Term in Office

By **SUE SHAGNESSY**
On Tuesday the residents of Farmington Township will choose their local officials for the next two years.
This year's election campaign has been quiet. At times it has sounded all too familiar. Even the candidates are the same — Republican Curt Hall is seeking to retain his seat, while Democrat Aldo Vagnozzi wants the job.
Vagnozzi seems to be concerned, however, in getting some kind of public response from the Township administration rather than in presenting really solid proposals of what a Democrat administration could achieve.
The Republicans are all the incumbents. Generally

they have given the Township a good administration. The Observer does not agree with everything they have done and perhaps the most nagging doubt deals with the inability of the officials and the Township building inspectors to agree on a sort of union contract.
Generally speaking however the administration has been a good one and in viewing the overall record we urge support for most of the incumbents.
• Supervisor Curt Hall is not the most popular person around. However, he is competent and has accomplished a great deal in trying to deal with the problems of the fast growing area.
• Clerk Floyd Cairns runs an efficient office. His work

year has increased over the past and with the registration of new residents and keeping track of subjects underway in the area.
• Elise Avery, the Township Treasurer, is also performing efficiently. Her office bills all the special assessment districts in the Township in addition to paying bills, handling the payroll and the tax bills.
• Trustee Tom Nolan has done a good job on the Board. While his temper sometimes gets the better of him and he often gets flustered, he still has served ably in this capacity. He is often brings a fresh approach to the Board table and is willing to try out a new idea.

On the other hand the other incumbent trustee, Arthur Bassette, seldom contributes anything to a Board meeting. Bassette has a long tenure on the Board behind him and has earned the reputation of an effective member. Maybe he is just tired, but he has contributed little during the past year and for this reason we are withholding support of his candidacy.
In his place the only alternative we can suggest is one of the Democrat candidates, Harris Berger. Berger seems to be the more articulate of the two Democrats seeking a spot on the Township Board and could contribute a fresh approach to Township Hall.