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Another Incorporation Drive Opens

A "grass roots" movement by the residents of Farmington Township has resulted in the filing of more than 600 names at the Oakland County Clerk's office for incorporation of a part of the township as a home rule city.

Financing of the \$500 filing fee came from contributions of \$1 from each person or each family who signed the petitions. Spearheaded by the action is a group calling itself the "Citizens for Community Development."

The organization, which has filed an assumed name in the county, is headed by Robert B. Pierce

of 32306 Baintree. Other officers listed are: Harry Kelch of 29205 Glencastle, treasurer; Richard McCort, 28810 Lorikay, secretary; and Ken Perrin, 25534 Castlereigh, assistant secretary.

Excluded in the petition were the Villagers of Wood Creek Farms and Quakerstown along with the area of Section 1 that is north of Northwest Highway. The only portion of Section 1 included is the pie-shaped wedge bounded by Middlebelt, 13 Mile and Northwestern.

It is precisely these excluded areas which were the most outspoken in its opposition to the in-

corporation move last year. That proposal, which was spearheaded and lead by the Township officials, was defeated by a 2-1 vote on June 6.

Under the petitions filed the new city would be called Farmington Hills.

In a statement of organization the Citizens Council said:

"The organizers of this group believe that the public interest is best served when accurate information is promptly given to the public whenever a new organization such as this is formed. We therefore wish to make it known that we are an independent organization composed of Farmington Township-residents who are concerned over the continued development of our Township as a fine residential community. We are dedicated to taking positive action we believe necessary to the orderly development of our area without the influence of partisan politics from either within or without our Township."

The movement is reported to have started at the Kendallwood Swimming Association and grew from there. Pierce told The Observer that the group met with the heads of the various civic associations, and the petitions were circulated and signed in every

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enjoining order on the zoning change.

Brown told The Observer that he would file an amended complaint, but would have to discuss the matter with his clients before deciding whether or not to appeal Judge Moore's decision on the request for intervention.

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Brown added that a group calling itself The Committee for the Right to Vote will file the petitions calling for a referendum on this zoning decision by Thursday, the last possible day.

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City Denies Any Annexation Moves

The City of Farmington Council went on record Monday denying any plans for annexation.

Action by the Council came in reaction to a story printed in last week's Observer quoting Robert Conley of 28419 Hathaway, Farmington Township, that "representatives" of the City had contacted him about supporting a petition that would give the City another chance to try to annex the Township's Industrial Park.

"The City did try to annex this portion of the Township at the time of the general election and was overwhelmingly defeated in the move."

Planning Commissioner Fred Siebert asked the Council if there was any "veracity" to the charges and to The Observer story. He stated that he was bringing the matter up because the making of the charge preceded another incorporation attempt in the Township and because of the "highly flamboyant" conduct and charges of the Township officials during the City's annexation campaigns.

Mayor Sandy Brotherton told Siebert that "I'm glad you asked that question."

"I called Conley," Brotherton said, "and he didn't know who he had talked to and he didn't attempt to find out. The thing that disturbs

me," the Mayor continued, "is that this type of irresponsible or misleading publicity was put out during the last two annexation drives. I felt at that time that like Harry Truman, we had to be able to stand the heat if we were in the kitchen. This time, however, we aren't in the kitchen, but it seems as if

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City Calls for Joint Action on Sledgers

The City of Farmington has taken steps to insure the safety of the sledgers on the hill behind the Board of Education offices and called Monday night for a joint solution to the problem.

In answer to a complaint by C. Bradskey of 24006 Merrilyn Ct., the Council reported that the City had installed a snow fence along Farmington Rd. and that a farm type fence was now separating Bradskey's property from the hill.

Bradskey had written to the Board of Education complaining about the safety hazards and destruction to his property by sleds and sledgers. The school board referred the matter to the city council.

Mayor Sandy Brotherton said that the City Council had met with representatives of the School Board prior to the regular meeting and that all were agreed that this was



SMOKEY THE BEAR in his winter dress has been greeting the motorists on Grand River for the past two weeks. The snow sculpture stands on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Houghton of 23925 Wil-River and three of the Borman children.

Township Faces Court on Zoning

A court case was filed in the Oakland County Circuit Court Monday seeking to set aside the multiple zoning of the 14-acre parcel held by Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Houghton of 23925 Wil-River and three of the Borman children.

On Dec. 19 the Farmington Township Board overturned the Planning Commission and rezoned the 4.8 acre parcel to allow for the construction of an apartment building.

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Hearing Slated For Feb. 3

A pre-trial hearing on the suit between Farmington Township and the City of Farmington has been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3.

In the case, which came up before Judge William J. Beer in the Oakland County Circuit Court Monday, the Township is seeking to have the City restrained from providing any water and sewer facilities in the recently annexed area without charging tap-in fees.

The Judge refused to issue an injunction, but ordered the City to set the funds aside for any facilities which might be provided.

Farmington Township has charged that if the City pays the amount of indebtedness that it contends it should be required to pay the Township would lose \$800,000 in revenue which the Township-at-large would be forced to pay.

Two New Plants Come To Township

Farmington Township's burgeoning Industrial Park will welcome two new plants in coming months.

ABC Photo Finishing, Inc., plans to begin construction of a 70,000 to 80,000 square foot capacity plant which will employ about 200 people.

Another 18,000 square foot building will be constructed by Teletrans currently located at 25807 Schoolcraft Rd., Redford Township. Thomas Murphy, vice president of the firm, told The Observer that the firm hoped to occupy the plant by March 15, 1967.

The go-ahead for the photo finishing firm came

last week when the Farmington Township Board voted to extend the water and sewer facilities to the 14-acre parcel held by the company.

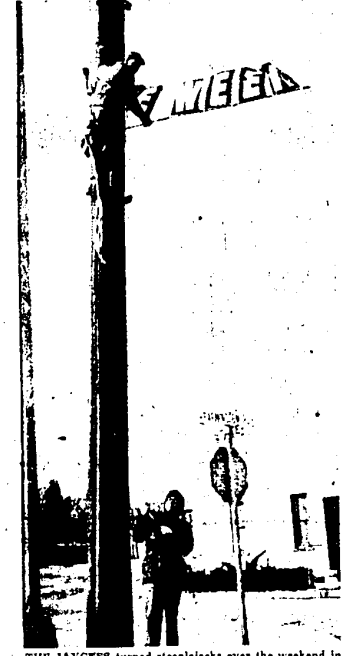
Warren J. Coville, head of the firm, placed the estimated cost of the ABC plant at \$1,000,000. "We have started our preliminary plans and will start construction soon," he said, adding that "we want to move in by the end of this year."

The largest photo finishing firm in the state, ABC currently employs 115 persons and is located at 1734 W. Lafayette near downtown Detroit.

Extending the water and sewer facilities will cost \$72,900, according to the engineering estimates. The Township Board authorized Supervisor Curt Hall to negotiate a contract with the Oakland County Department of Public Works after it became known that the firm was eyeing another site because of the possibility that the necessary facilities would not be available.

The Teletrans firm is most widely known for its work on rapid transit systems for metropolitan communities. It has now diversified into the

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THE JAYCEES turned stepladders over the weekend in order to erect two banners in the community proclaiming National Jaycee Week. When the sign went up at Grand River and Farmington Rd. Bob Chaps held the rope, while Max Kieling did the work from the pole.



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Farmington Jaycees Observe Their Week

With Jaycee organizations throughout the country celebrating National Jaycee Week, Farmington Jaycees are currently beating their own drum.

The local young men "on the go" have strung banners in the community. They are telling everyone about the work of their local organization and its record of achievement.

It's an impressive record. During the past year, while the organization was the top one in the state, the Farmington Jaycees have:

- Sponsored teen dances, junior golf and punt, pass and kick contests, along with a Junior Miss Pageant.
- Worked closely with the Farmington Goodfellows assisting that organization with

the necessary investigations chore.

- Sponsored a Christmas Party for the local children and worked with the Plymouth Home.
- Staged the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the City Park.
- Held a bike rodeo for the younger set.
- They conducted a community survey on needs and spearheaded the successful drive for approval of special millage for pools and auditoriums in the community's high schools.
- The group was active in the formation of a pre-study steering committee now currently at work to arrange for an independent study of the various avenues open to the entire community.
- A meet the candidates night was conducted just before the November election and featured those seeking the posts of U.S. Congressman, State Senator and State Representative.
- In order to help finance its program which helps to meet the Jaycee ideal of "Leadership Training Through Community Service," the Jaycees annually sponsor a musical show, a Christmas Tree Sale, a Chicken Barbecue in conjunction with the Founders Festival, and publish a community directory.
- This year's show, which will be kicked off at a dinner-closing Jaycee Week Saturday night, will be the 20th in an annual series.
- Saturday night the Jaycees will honor the outstanding educator and the outstanding

citizen in the community, as well as present its Distinguished Service Award to members of the Farmington community.

Of all the descriptions of a Jaycee, the one that probably comes closest to the truth has been supplied by the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary. It states:

"A Jaycee is truth, with sweat on his brow, honest blisters on his hands, wisdom with paint in his hair, and hope for the future with 50 cents in his pocket."

"A Jaycee is a composite. He has the appetite of a horse, the liquid consumption of a thirsty cow, the energy of a pocket size Hydrogen bomb, the curiosity of a woman, and the imagination of a

Texan. When he works on a project he discovers that he has five thumbs on both hands.

"Nobody else is so late to meetings; nobody else procrastinates so often and nobody else can strain into one day 100 meetings, 14 hours of work, four cups of coffee, pay bills, bring in a new member, or make a speech and assume the responsibility of a father and husband."

With more than 85 active members, the Farmington Jaycees are currently being led by Nor Kennedy as president. Other officers are: Chuck Williams, first vice president; Art Hill, second vice president; Larry Na-

meche, secretary; and Bob Button, treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are: John Bailey, Bill Mitchell, Bob Will, John Hay, Bill Montgomery and Harlan Lorenz.

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