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# Democrats Host Incorporation Kickoff

The campaign for the Oct. 23 vote on incorporation in part of Farmington Township will get underway tonight when the Democratic Club holds its regular monthly meeting.

At the top of the agenda is attorney Robert B. Pierce, president of the Citizens Council for Community De-

velopment, who will speak on behalf of incorporation as a home rule city.

It was his group that put the question on the ballot. Voters will be asked to approve incorporation as well as elect nine members to a charter commission. That commission will draft a charter for the incorporation of

most of the Township into a City of Farmington Hills under the provisions of the Home Rule Act.

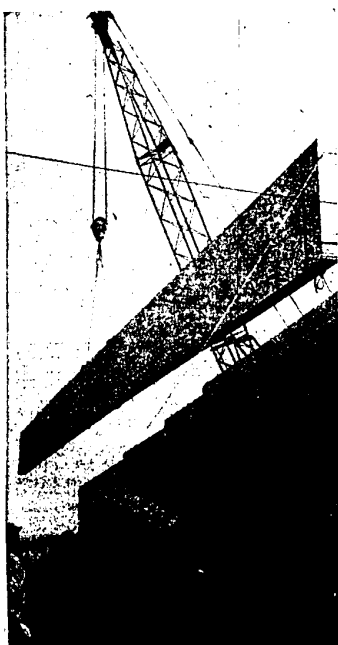
The meeting—sort of an unofficial kickoff to the election—will be held at the City National Bank, Ten Mile Rd., Orchard Lake Rd., in the community room on the lower level.

And, at the same time, Pierce's Council will be meeting in another place—to bring work on the election.

Scheduled to appear with Pierce is a second official of the Council, Fred Lichtman, who will take over when Pierce leaves to conduct the Council meeting elsewhere. Also at the Democratic

meeting will be the Future Farmington Area Study Committee chairman, veterinarian Dr. John Richardson. His group had plugged for an independent study conducted by Michigan State University—a study that was to include both the City and Township and explore the possibility of incorporation.

"Basically, I will comment on the information our committee gathered before we discussed," Richardson said. Richardson's group decided to recess their studies until after the October vote. Earlier this year they made a bid for an independent study of greater Farmington, but were slapped down in May



**BROAD BEAMS** were installed as part of a \$200,000 addition at Country Lanes Bowling Alley on Nine Mile Rd. this week. The beams are required so no interior supports are needed for the roof over the lanes. The beams weigh 22 tons, but were laid carefully in place by workmen and a huge crane, as if they were matchsticks.

## Will Be Short Few Teachers

At least 20 teachers are still needed in Farmington as the public schools gear to open their doors tomorrow.

"Our biggest problem is in elementary library staff, industrial arts and science and math at the junior high level," Farmington personnel director Leroy Bartman said.

The library positions are open to part time people, Bartman explained. People interested in the positions, or know of available teachers, should call Bartman at GR 49151.

The biggest personnel problem, however, is solved; teacher negotiations ended favorably last week. Farmington's 700 teachers voted on a new one-year master contract yesterday at an early morning session called by the Farmington Education Association.

In other school news, record numbers are expected to return to the classrooms tomorrow. The school system expects 2,872 senior high students, 3,669 junior high students and 8,736 in its 18 elementary schools.

Seventh and tenth graders today were to take part in orientation programs aimed at getting them acquainted with their new schools.

And as students pour into the buildings, one other is under construction, Powell Junior High School. And a third high school provided by the voters in June last year is well along in the planning stage.

**BPW Plans Sale**  
Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its annual rummage sale at 8 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Wheeler St. Fire Station, just behind Duffy's Hardware, Grand River and Middlebelt, Farmington.

**Schools Uninformed**  
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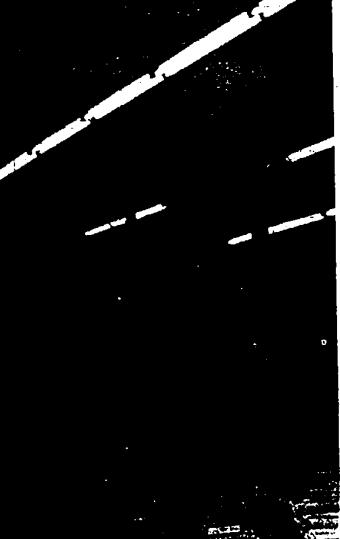
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**FORTY YEARS**—Celebrating 40 years as a postman, Farmington's postmaster Henry L. Trombley, looks over his crowded domain—the local post office. Trombley be-



came postmaster in 1923, can remember when only seven people worked for the post office.

## First Days A Postmaster's 40 Years—At OCC Go Hog Count to Zip Code Smoothly

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Township reached two-thirds of its total anticipated enrollment halfway through the third day of registration.

Dr. Donald Godbold, dean of students, said that he expected to have 2,000 registered students by the beginning of classes.

"We didn't want it to be spread thinner," he said. The new programs—both summer and year around, suffer. Apparently the cuts originate from a recent dispute between Federal OEO officials and school officials over the handling of the program in Pontiac.

The matter had been settled—but by that point, federal planners had dropped Pontiac from the Oakland Head Start financing formula and caused a county-wide drop in funding.

Director McNeely explained the districts still might operate Head Start programs on their own, but would have to get other federal grants. He added that he would request new efforts to get more money for the county.

School officials in Farmington were surprised at the news, which had not formally been given to them.

Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of schools, said he was "very much concerned" with the development. A head start director Cleveland school those comments "We have not been told, and I can't confirm it."

You don't get much conversation about the good old days when you talk to Farmington Postmaster Henry L. Trombley, even though the Farmington post office has been his business address for 40 years.

Trombley is marking nearly half a century in Farmington this month. His appointment as postmaster in 1923 was the first Republican appointment of postmaster in 20 years.

He will mention that when he came to Farmington in 1923, the post office was where the Farmington Office Supply Co. now is on Grand River. The office shared quarters with the old Warner Dairy Co. There was a sliding door between the dairy and the post office.

The staff in those days was seven people: three carriers, two full time clerks, one part time clerk and three rural carriers.

Today, there is a complement of 107 serving 14,000 homes daily—57 carriers, 43 clerks and seven supervisors.

In 1923 the post office was open until seven every night. On Saturday nights, Trombley says, everybody from miles around came uptown.

A popcorn stand at the corner of Grand River was a focal point for visiting.

From the office with the dairy, the post office moved into what is now the library building. Trombley doesn't mention dates, but says it has been located in the present building "for years and has outgrown it."

He won't be quoted specifically, but thinks Farmington may be on the agenda for a new post office. In excess of \$500,000 in postal receipts are handed each year in the 64,000 square feet of present space.

Trombley laughs about people hoarding silver in these days of copper coins because he remembers the days when the government ordered gold exchanged for silver and all the adverse comment that caused.

He also likes to mention that despite our urbanized society, mail carriers are still responsible for taking the hog and cattle count in rural areas.

He lists this as one of the 33 services post offices perform that "you could write a book about."

Today's automation doesn't worry Trombley. It's been done in reverse order in Farmington.

## Not Too Late To Graduate

It is possible, by way of adult education classes, for Farmington residents to pick up missing credits for high school graduation. "Never too late" is the watchword as even senior citizens return to classes for a diploma.

In addition to the more basic subjects, a wide range of leisure time improvers will be offered this fall. Registration dates are Sept. 11 and 12 (Monday and Tuesday) at Farmington Senior High School from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mail registrations will be accepted through Sept. 13.

Drapery making, knitting and upholstery classes will appeal to the domestically inclined. Art buffs will welcome the courses in oil painting, watercolors, drawing and sketching.

Rather than leave the determination to recover that slim figure until later, it is much wiser to begin the program now while bathing suit impressions are still fresh and uncomfortable. Men's gym classes and "almanacs" for women are available for this purpose.

**F'ton Teacher Receives U-M Master's Degree**  
A master's degree in secondary education was awarded to Alice A. Nichols at the summer commencement ceremonies at the University of Michigan, August 6. She is the wife of Donald D. Nichols, former teacher at Farmington Senior High School, now associated with Oakland Community College.

Mrs. Nichols graduated from Farmington High School in 1956 and completed her bachelor of science degree at Western Michigan University in 1960. She has taught two and one-half years at O. E. Dunckel Junior High and one-half year at Farmington Senior High School. She is currently teaching adult education art courses in Farmington.

Mrs. Nichols is associated with the Farmington AAUW and is presently president of the Farmington Artist Club. She resides with her husband and two sons at 21238 Leland, Farmington.

## City Sends Five To Convention

The City of Farmington is one of the 441 cities and villages that comprise the Michigan Municipal League.

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton, Councilmen Howard W. Thayer, Ralph Yoder, John Allen, and City Manager John Dinan will attend the League's 69th annual conference at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, Sept. 7-9, this year.

The League was organized in 1899 and is dedicated to the advancement of home rule and to the improvement of municipal government.

through cooperative effort. This year's convention program is built around the theme—"New Horizons in Local Government."

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## Library Trustee Appointed To County Board

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Oakland County, has appointed Mrs. Mary F. Allison, secretary of the board of trustees, to a full term membership in the Oakland County Library Board effective August 24, 1967.

Mrs. Allison has served on this board since February, completing the term of Frank F. Webber, who resigned.

Mrs. Allison will complete her two-year term as vice chairman of trustee section, Michigan Library Association, in October. She will continue her membership in the legislative committee, M.L.A. for another year, but declining reappointment to any trustee section office due to her interest in county and local library work.

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