

Mayor Seeks 'Communication' Lines

A plan for better communication between city, township and village officials was issued Monday night by the City of Farmington's Mayor Wilbur V. Brobertson.

The Mayor made his pitch at the regular Council session during the discussion on the township's request for city consideration of supporting a move for a consolidation election in Nov., 1968. (See related story on page 1A.)

While asserting that he went along with the Council's basic stand on the proposal which was a refusal to take any action, Brobertson noted that there were some areas which maybe we should investigate.

HE PROPOSED a meeting sometime soon so that we can get together on the selection and approval of the group that is going to make the study.

The Future Farmington Area

Study Committee has been in contact with the Michigan State University Institute for Community Services for a year about conducting a study.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, at East Junior High between MSU representatives, members of the study committee and representatives of the governmental units to hear the most recent MSU study proposal.

COUNCILMAN Ralph Yoder asked Brobertson if he thought that the committee should not make the decision about who should make the study.

"I think this is important," Brobertson observed, "it is foolish for us to get into a disagreement in six months about the quality of the study. If this happens then we will be right back where we started."

Noting that the four governmental units would pay the cost

of the study and, as such, should have a say in who will do the work, Brobertson added that "it is important to keep channels of communication open between the four governmental units and the study committee. I think these channels should be set up beforehand."

Brobertson emphasized that he was not saying that he didn't like the makeup of the committee, but noted that he felt communication was lacking at the

present time.

"I don't want to see this study as a way of further dividing the city and township," he said.

"I feel that we can't put the city residents on a hook for a vote before the facts are all in," he continued, "but I do think we should go further toward developing channels of communication between all four governmental bodies."

"If we don't get out all the

facts and clear the air before the study then I think we are being derelict in our duty," the Mayor added. "We should stand up to some of these problems before they start."

THE COUNCIL reached no decision Monday night, but all present—Allen, Brobertson, Thayer and Yoder—agreed to attend Thursday's meeting to hear the MSU proposal.



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ROYAL TRIO -- Sandra Mallette, (center) Farmington's Junior Miss for 1968, poses with her court. At left is Janet Greene, second runner-up, at right is Jan Davis. All three attend North Farmington High.

NFH's Sandra Mallette Is Junior Miss Of 1968

Farmington's Junior Miss of 1968 is Sandra Mallette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mallette, 25015 Summerwood.

The North Farmington High senior was chosen as Farmington's ideal high school senior girl at ceremonies Saturday at Farmington Junior High School. The pageant is annually sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.

She received a \$250 scholarship from Roger Peck Chevrolet, Inc., and is now eligible to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss Pageant to be held in Pontiac the end of January. If she wins the state title, she will go to Mobile, Ala., to compete in America's Junior Miss Pageant on March 16.

Council Rejects Housing Stand

Farmington's City Council declined taking a stand supporting the current open housing legislation pending before the state legislature Monday night, but instructed that a transcript of the members' comments be sent to Representative Raymond Baker and Senator George Kuhn.

For Councilman John Allen, who pushed for a resolution endorsing the proposed legislation the action was "better than nothing because it is an honest expression."

Allen proposed the resolution when he read a prepared statement at the end of the Council session. In his remarks, the Councilman asserted:

"Our legislators, Raymond Baker and George Kuhn, must speak for us in state affairs and we can support their efforts with our endorsement."

"I, therefore, move that a resolution be adopted by this council supporting the passage of an open housing law. And that those present who agree and disagree be so indicated. And furthermore that this resolution be mailed immediately to our state representatives."

THE OTHER three Councilmen present—Brobertson, Yoder and Thayer—all declared themselves in favor of open housing, but not in favor of the bill currently before the legislature.

Councilman Howard Thayer asserted that the bill was missing the point as it is not set up to help the people in the ghetto.

"I would not object to the bill if an individual selling his home privately could sell to whom so ever he wished, but this is not the case," Thayer said.

SINCE NONE of the Councilmen had supported Allen's resolution it died for lack of a support.

City Turns Thumbs Down On Consolidation Proposal

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY Editor

Farmington Township's request for consideration of jointly filing for a consolidation election in Nov., 1968 hit the City Council table Monday night with a resounding thud.

In formal action the Council "received and filed" the township request, but only after considerable discussion.

After City Clerk Treva Quinn read the township's letter and the complete text of the resolution (three pages), Councilman Howard Thayer asked for permission to make a statement.

In a prepared statement Thayer asserted:

"IN THE FIRST place, the City agreed to pay its share for the study on consolidation. We did so when we were first asked and without any strings attached. The township did not agree to this request until just recently.

"If we all of a sudden are swayed by the urging of the

township officials to adopt their resolution, then what is the point of spending any money for the study. This study may take some time, possibly six or eight months or even a year, and at the conclusion of the study it may prove that a consolidation vote at that time might not even be advisable.

"I am not interested as an official of this city in getting its people bound to a vote on consolidation for a year hence, and with first having the study completed with any time for everyone to consider the pros and cons of such a move.

"This is a serious matter and a big step for all of us and I suggest we not be pushed by a individual of the township board nor by the board as a whole into doing something that we might regret later on."

"We in the city have moved along with this plan in an orderly fashion while at times the township showed no particular interest in the matter as regards the study until they found that the study group really meant business and were going ahead whether the township agreed to pay their share of the cost or not."

"After our presentation and suggestion to the township came forth, a new plan has been devised by a member of that board that would freeze the entire area including the township, city and the two villages so that no annexation attempts could be made not only during the study but until an election in Nov., 1968 could take place on consolidation.

"I question greatly that any such attempt would be made within the next year by anyone or any group and the city has already given its solemn word that no such attempt would be made by us. I don't think the township has any basis for fears



JAMES M. READ

Read Quits

James M. Read, who has served as an assistant superintendent in the Farmington school system since 1951, submitted his resignation to the Board of Education Monday night, but it will not become effective until after July 1.

The 57-year-old Read said he is quitting to accept an appointment as assistant to the president of a state-supported institution of higher learning in Michigan, but declined to identify the college on the basis that it would be premature.

Read holds the title of assistant superintendent for business affairs in the Farmington system, and said his new duties essentially will be in the same field of school finance.

He chose this timing for the announcement so that "both the Board of Education and I may better plan for the coming year."

The actual date for his departure from the school district, which he is now serving for the 17th year will be worked out between Read and Superintendent Roderick Smith.

Schools Boost Staff Salaries

By FRED DELANO

Forty-one members of the administrative staff of the Farmington School District were given retroactive salary increases by the Board of Education Monday night amounting to approximately \$100,000 for the current school year.

The money already had been earmarked for this purpose in the present 1967-68 school budget and does not represent any increase in the budget deficit.

The administrative salary schedule had been under study since the master agreement with teachers was concluded just before the start of the fall semester, and the retroactive clause makes both pay schedules coincide in calendar periods.

THESE SALARY ranges were sanctioned by unanimous vote of the board:

Level I—Senior high school principals, director of special education, director of personnel and director of buildings and grounds; minimum, \$11,800; maximum, \$18,000.

Level II—Junior high school principals and administrative assistant; minimum, \$11,100; maximum \$17,000.

Level III—Senior high school assistant principals; minimum, \$10,900; maximum, \$16,300.

Level III-B—Elementary school principals, director of elementary education, director of adult education, director of athletics, director of special education and director of vocational education; minimum, \$10,600; maximum, \$15,000.

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IN ADDITION, the Board established 1967-68 salaries for the two assistant superintendents, a category not covered in the general administrative schedule.

The assistant superintendent for instruction, Marius Van Ameyde, will be paid \$21,000 and the assistant superintendent for business, James M. Read, will receive \$20,000.

The salary of Superintendent Roderick Smith is set by contract and currently stands at \$22,000.

Study Idea Will Be Unveiled

Michigan State University's proposal for an area-wide study of the governmental development of Farmington will be unveiled Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Members of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee and representatives of city, township and the two villages are expected to be on hand at East Junior High School.

The committee meeting begins at 8 p.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN John Richardson said a decision-making meeting was scheduled rather than an assembly of all.

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In addition to the newspaper sale, the Goodfellows contact the Farmington businessmen for support.

The Farmington Elks annually donate a Toys for Troops Drive seeking usable toys for distribution. This year, as in the past, the Elks will conduct a house to house collection on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Hours of the Elks collection are 8 to 10 p.m. within the city limits. The Elks will stop only at homes that have the porch light on so slogan for the campaign is "Light Up For Toys"

INVESTIGATIONS for the Goodfellows are currently underway. If you know of a family in the Farmington area who needs Goodfellow assistance please call either 474-3440 or 474-2354 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Distribution of the Goodfellow baskets is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15.

Get Your Goodfellow Paper December 8

Farmington's Goodfellows will talk to the streets Friday, Dec. 8, to mark the 1967 Goodfellow edition.

Funds raised by the project will be used to finance the work of the Goodfellows during the Christmas and throughout the year.

The newboys will be drawn from every segment of the community. Businessmen, government, law, medical, professional people, policemen, merchants

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TRIO OF GOODFELLOWS -- Kenn Loomis, Bob Hall, general chairman, and Tom Zoedes, paper sales co-chairman, prepare for the annual Goodfellow paper sale this Friday, Dec. 8.

Read Public Affairs Page; Clip TV Guide

The accelerated coverage of the Observer Newspapers during the strike of metropolitan newspapers hits a new peak this week. You'll find complete listings of all major area television stations on Page 6F.

There's a new Public Affairs page which recounts the activities of the Concerned Democrats and state party leaders. Page 11A.

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