

Geographical Considerations Important In Consolidation

By JOHN ALLEN
City Councilman

In all the studies and reports there has never been mentioned the importance of geographical considerations. Or what outside influences have already shaped much of the ultimate development in the area. It simply has been said that having one name and many common interests, we are in fact one community.

As easily as this is said, one becomes suspect of the competence of the source.

ANY SERIOUS proposal must consider and reveal negative factors as well as the positive if a successful and meaningful solution can be reached.

The political preferences, living habits, shopping influences, and service requirements of both township and city resident want from their community, just as there is a significant difference in their

A large proportion of Farmington Township residences have in the recent past twice rejected a proposal for incorporation which certainly is good indication many of these citizens are not ready at this time to assume the responsibility and cost of city status.

The City of Farmington is comprised of people who prefer the services, convenience and togetherness a small city can offer. The very size of the average township property precludes incorporation for fear the increase in costs would be prohibitive.

No one can estimate the precise amount of increase but every citizen is entitled to a frank and open discussion of relative costs, before he is asked to vote in favor of consolidation.

There is then a considerable difference in what the average township resident and city resident want from their community, just as there is a significant difference in their

development of growth. Further analysis of the geographical aspects of this problem reveal the probability of increased polarization of the area after consolidation.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, the township is bisected by the Interstate Freeway 696 which results in a North Farmington and a South Farmington having limited traffic access from one to another. Each area has already established certain characteristics and is affected by different influences.

Because of this inevitable development, an increasingly significant difference will appear and the desirability of residential areas will shift strongly from south to north. This will accelerate the rate of obsolescence in the older areas and compound essential social and economic problems.

As long as the city innocently but effectively has remained an independent and friendly entity, the polarization has been minimized. Because the city could offer advantages of service and convenience contrasted with the space and independence of the township, a position of relative stability has been realized.

The small city with its limited growth and better services can, with planned renewal, continue to exist indefinitely without dependence on outside areas. Specific examples of this will be later referred to.

HOWEVER, should the city be consumed in this consolidation, then an advantage of service, convenience, size will be severely depreciated and we will, in fact, simply become an older, more commercial, more industrial, less desirable part of the new 36-square-mile area.

The present City of Farmington, as we know it, will no longer exist as the people will have lost to a large degree the control and planning of its immediate environs. Then being swept up in the impetus of total community development, the city will become easy prey to the forces of obsolescence, neglect and ultimate depreciation.

WE urge the people to carefully consider the facts before voting for consolidation. Re-member, once consolidated, there is no return!

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merical areas. Small but successful shopping centers will develop as needed.

THE FUTURE then appears to shape geographically in the north with a predominance of newer residential with supporting commercial areas, and in the south with most of the industrial, present commercial expanded and many older neighborhoods with smaller lots, denser population and a limited opportunity of residential expansion.

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Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

It's Very Tough To House-break Birds

FARMINGTON

If the problem of house-breaking a bluejay has never confronted you, you have been bypassed by one of the higher callings of life.

Takes Training

FARMINGTON

Midshipman Second Class Gerald R. Pech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Pech of 34268 Cooney Court, Farmington, and Midshipman Second Class Daniel R. McCort, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. McCort of 28810 Lorikay, Farmington, are attending three weeks of aviation instruction at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex. They are taking the training as part of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Baker Aboard

FARMINGTON

Seaman Brad K. Baker, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Baker, of 38348 Edgemoor, Farmington, is serving aboard the USS Point Defiance currently in Seattle for the 1969 Seattle Seafair.

Crutches

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like being started at and I got started at for four years. People on crutches or in wheelchairs are always being started at, but I don't stare at them. I learned what it's like to be started at."

WHAT WOULD his boy advise anyone faced with what was faced for most of his growing up years?

"I'd guess I'd tell them to live with it -- not be unhappy -- just accept it. Why fight it when there's nothing you can do about it?"

Considering Dan's exploits on three legs, he should go far on two good legs with a philosophy like this.

Earn \$2500 For Trip To Orleans



FARMINGTON
Some 30 Latin Club students from Our Lady of Sorrows leave today for a four-day convention of the National Junior Classical League Convention in New Orleans.

The students are paying their own way after earning almost \$2,000 through fund-raising activities in their campaign. The convention is the 16th annual and is highlighted each year by mock Olympic Games as well as serious workshops and seminars.

The group will be accompanied by faculty sponsor, Ken Grunow. The students will stay in dorms at Tulane and Loyola Universities.

Smith An Officer

FARMINGTON

Jeffrey Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith of 27805 Kendallwood, Farmington, has been commissioned a second lieutenant at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. A graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan Technological University, he is now receiving 24 weeks additional training at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 1969, in the Council Chambers at 23000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the request to adopt:

ORDINANCE 2-2649
An ordinance to amend Sections 251 through 554 schedule A and 256 through 563 schedule B, Chapter 39, Title V, of the Zoning Ordinance to be known as "Zoning Ordinance."

All interested persons will be given the chance to express their views at the above time and place. Any other information desired regarding the above request is available at the Office of the City Clerk.

ELIZABETH BRINES, CITY CLERK
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Letters To The Editor 'Political Handles' Not Correct

EDITOR:
In your recent article regarding the Farmington Board of Education, you have characterized past school boards as "conservative" and the present board as "split between liberal and conservative factions." I feel that it is incorrect to use politically-colored handles to discuss what is essentially a nonpartisan political entity, the school board.

In almost all matters involving the education of students, curriculum, etc., past school boards have been progressive, giving the school administrators wide latitude to experiment and to introduce new and exciting ideas.

It was this philosophy which,

for example, has made the Farmington district the unquestioned leader in Oakland County in the field of special education.

I think that it is also only fair to point out that past boards have, almost from necessity, been forced to leave the field of educational policy to the educators and devote almost all their efforts to the job of providing funds and physical plant for an amazing growth. In this area they have been conservative and we are all better off because they were careful with our tax dollars.

Regarding the student-faculty relationship, etc., it should be pointed out that not all of the

district has been affected by problems and that at least some of the difficulties may be due to the personalities of the individuals involved. I'm sure that all members of this board as well as past boards are dedicated to quality education for all students, and I also am certain that we wish to lead an understanding ear to legitimate suggestions for improvement.

One final point. In all but three instances in the past 15 years, board members who ran for reelection have been returned to office. During the same period only one millage vote on bond issue was defeated, and this was subsequently passed. It would appear, therefore, that past Farmington Boards of Education have been in tune with community desires.

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Don't Criticize

EDITOR:
As past president of the Farmington Artists Club I would like to comment on a specific section of the article "Festival's Just Like Moon Shot" appearing in the Observer.

In this particular article a member (or members) of the staff who wrote it praised all portions of the festival but were very critical of the art exhibit held on the city hall grounds. They criticized artists by name and specific paintings.

The Farmington Artists Club has sponsored this exhibit during the festival for several years now and it is open to all residents of Farmington. These people load up their cars with art pieces, chairs and equipment and go to a location to sit in the sun for eight hours (not to mention rain on several occasions). They do not profess to rank with the great old masters, but are willing to share their talents with the public. It might be mentioned, however, that several of these persons exhibiting on Saturday were awarded prizes in past FAC exhibits by judges such as Michael Church of the University of Michigan and Jean Harding Brown of Detroit.

Each individual prices his own works and does not dictate to the public as to purchases. These artists are hopeful of selling a piece or two in order to continue painting, as well as paying tuition at Bloomfield Art Association, OCC and the U of M. Our sales, I might add did include that many people felt pieces were worthy of purchase.

THE FARMINGTON Artists

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
92145

Estate of CONRAD LEITERMANN, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on October 21, 1969 at 2 p.m. in the Probate Court-room Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or after said hearing file their claims. In writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon George Leitermann, Executor, 400 S. Edin, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: July 25, 1969
NORMAN H. BARNARD
Judge of Probate

Edwin R. Oglesby, Atty.
3314 Grand River Ave.
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