



**JOHN I. BAILEY** of 30215 Stockton is a township candidate for the charter commission. The 31-year-old representative of Investors Diversified Services, Inc., lived in Farmington since March 1965. He and his wife Barbara have two daughters. Bailey attended Wayne State University, and was a candidate for charter commission in the 1967 attempt to incorporate the township. He is president of the Farmington Jaycees and a vice president of the Michigan Jaycees. In addition, he is a vice president of the Farmington Community Center. Bailey favors consolidation.



**HOWARD I. BOND** of 23956 Ardmore is a candidate for the charter commission from Farmington Township. A life-time resident of the Farmington Area, he is the son of a former township supervisor. Bond is a municipal attorney and presently serves Oakton Township among other communities. He has drafted three charters, one for the new City of Novi, one assisted in the drafting of two others. Bond supports consolidation.

# Selected Nine Stewards Make Working Team

In making endorsements for the charter commission, the intent is to select nine qualified individuals who collectively compose a team believed capable of writing a charter for the proposed new single city.

Our preferences do not reflect endorsement of nine individuals but recommendation of a slate which, as a team, can best do the job for the community.

Endorsements are based on biographical background of the candidates, their statements of positions, and our personal knowledge of the persons themselves. We offer the following as most deserving of your vote.

**For Farmington Township -- John Bailey, Howard Bond, Fred Fairfield, Richard Gould and Ronald Wyszynski; For City of Farmington -- Robert Sawyer and Charles Smith; For Quakertown -- Gerald Ellsworth; For Wood Creek Farms -- David Goldman.**

**JOHN BAILEY** is currently an investor and has past public relations experience. He has served the community as president of the Farmington Jaycees, vice president of the Michigan Jaycees, and board member and vice president of the Community Center. He supports a charter with maximum advantages for all with the least amount of conflict.

**HOWARD BOND** is a life-time resident of the Farmington Area and has served as municipal attorney for a number of communities. He has a rich knowledge of charters, having drafted three charters and assisted in the writing of two others as a municipal attorney. Bond hopes the charter can include a concept where districts will be established for taxation with the districts' being taxed according to the services demanded and services people in that area can afford.

**FRED FAIRFIELD** is a public relations expert for Ford Motor Co. and a resident of Farmington for 14 years. He displayed leadership potential by joining the Army as an enlisted man and leaving five years later as a major. His work with subdivision associations in the township dates back to 1957. Fairfield promises to make every effort to keep residents informed on steps taken by the charter commission while it drafts a charter.

**RICHARD GOULD** is currently employed as an architect and planner and possesses a rich background as a planner. In the past, he has served on the Washtenaw County Planning Commission and on the Milan Area Regional Planning Commission. He also holds a master of city planning degree from the University of Michigan and earned a master of city planning degree from the same institution. Gould favors consolidation.

**GERALD ELLSWORTH** is a vice president of a manufacturer's representative firm and has lived in Farmington for 14 years. He was among the original group of homeowners which petitioned for the consolidation election. Ellsworth is a fresh thinker with progressive ideas based on the community's welfare and not selfish motives. His sole opponent from Quakertown is against consolidation. We cannot see voting yes for a man who seeks a commission seat but urges defeat of the question.

**DAVID GOLDMAN** is unopposed in Wood Creek Farms but we recognize Goldman as a highly qualified candidate. In fact, we were commissioners to be elected at large, we would recommend Goldman first among the 28 candidates. He is intelligent and understands people. He is an experienced municipal attorney and promises villagers he will do his best to protect village zoning. We think highly of Goldman and are sure Wood Creek residents do also.

**OUR ENDORSED SLATE** of candidates represents the following balance: an investor; public relations expert; two municipal attorneys; a planner; a legislative expert; minister; recreation advocate and a homeowner.

We recognize that Richard Tupper is a highly qualified candidate from the city. However, we deleted him as an endorsed candidate because of what we consider to be rash conduct in filing the recent annexation petition.

The Enterprise & Observer feels it would not be morally right for the city to annex the township's industrial park. The township invested in the park and it was developed for township residents. It would be wrong for the city to take it should it consolidate.

We recognize Tupper acted out of the best interest of the city. As a city official, he may have been right in doing so. But it does not qualify him as a candidate for the consolidation charter commission.

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## Verbiage Only Confuses Issue

(In recent weeks, City Councilman John Richardson has been telling residents why they should vote "Yes" Nov. 4. He concludes his arguments in the article below.)

A lot of verbiage has been spread throughout this community over the past several months regarding the press and the municipal consolidation. A shroud of confusion still seems to engulf a large share of the voters as to just exactly what we are voting for on Nov. 4.

The ballot will read: "For the consolidation of the Township of Farmington, City of Farmington, Village of Quakertown, and Village of Wood Creek Farms: YES—NO—". The second part of the ballot will provide for the election of charter commissioners.

The wording on the ballot is provided by statute, it is unfortunate, however, that it infers this is the final vote on consolidation which is NOT the case. This vote merely authorizes the formation of a charter commission to commit us only to further study so we can decide at a later vote, whether or not we should consolidate.

A VERY LOGICAL parallel to the question we are faced with Nov. 4 might be the family, which is living in a comfortable home today but a practical forward looking family, realizes this home may not satisfy the needs of tomorrow.

The first step for this family in planning to meet the requirements of tomorrow is to hire an architect to design a "dream home of the future."



**RICHARD TUPPER** of 23180 Cass is a city candidate for the charter commission. Tupper is owner of Tupper Associates, a Farmington business firm. He is a member of the City Planning Commission, chairman of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and vice chairman of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Control of the Farmington Education Club and a former chairman of governmental affairs for the Farmington Jaycees. He favors consolidation.

Next, the plans that are prepared by the architect are submitted to a builder for an estimate of what the house will cost.

Once the family knows what the home will look like and what it will cost, then it is finally in a position to decide whether it wants to go ahead and build. The family is in no way obligated to start construction up to this point.

It may decide that its present home can best serve its future needs and the idea of building a new home at this time may be rejected. In the meantime, the family has satisfied itself that it is better off right where it is.

So it is with the question of consolidation. City residents are living comfortably in a well run city which meets their needs today but may not be designed for the problems to be faced in the future.

A "YES" vote on Nov. 4 will allow us to take a look at the plan for the future which we may accept or reject. Consolidation does not take effect unless the charter (plans) as drawn up by the charter commission (architect) is approved by each of the four municipalities voting separately at another election in which each of these governmental units has veto power over the other three.

In the meantime we will continue to live under our present government and nothing changes unless and until the charter is accepted.

A SINGLE, unified municipal government for the Farmington community has been given "lip service" for as long as even the "old timers" can remember.

If we don't give it one more bit of "lip service" by saying "YES" on Nov. 4 to a charter commission, the formation of two cities is eminent and this virtually precludes the probability of a unified Farmington for our children and grandchildren.

We owe it to our service to this final step of "lip service" before we close our mouths to consolidation.

A "YES" vote has received the endorsement of virtually all community organizations, business, professional and industrial leaders, past and present elected officials, and other community leaders who have spoken out on the issue.

Consolidation comes to us too highly recommended by professionals and specialists in the field of community planning and governmental affairs for we have all the answers.

I urge you to vote "YES" on Nov. 4.



**RONALD WYSZYNSKI** of 23657 Stockton Dr. is a township candidate for charter commission. Wyszynski, 29, is married and has two children. He has lived in Farmington since 1965. He is in charge of legislation and federal projects for Garden City Public Schools. The candidate is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Wayne State University's Law School. Wyszynski taught five years at Garden City and was president of Garden City Education Association. He favors consolidation.



**GERALD ELLSWORTH** of 34155 Harkers Row is one of two candidates for charter commission from Quakertown. He is a vice president of a manufacturers representative firm and has lived in the area 14 years. The candidate is a member of Citizens for a Better Farmington which petitioned for the consolidation vote. His involvement includes: PTA, Friends of the Library, subdivision and Stoughton activities and Little League. Ellsworth favors consolidation.



**ROBERT N. SAWYER JR.** of 32150 Freedom Rd. is a candidate for the charter commission from the City of Farmington. Sawyer, 31, is assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. He was one of the organizers of Citizens for a Better Farmington, the group which petitioned for the election. The candidate is married and has lived in Farmington for five years. In addition, he is a board member of the Farmington Area YMCA. He supports consolidation.



**DAVID GOLDMAN** of 28682 Millbrook Rd. is Wood Creek Farms only candidate for consolidation charter commission. The 36-year-old attorney is a partner in the law firm of Levin, Levin, Garvell and Dill. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and was debating awards in college. He was a research clerk to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bert D. Chandler and has taught at the VSDU Law School. He favors consolidation.



**CHARLES E. SMITH** of 23060 Manning is a candidate for charter commission from the City of Farmington. The vice president of J.E. Berger Corp. is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and has done graduate work at the University of Detroit, University of Michigan and Michigan State University. He has been a Farmington resident since 1954. Smith supports consolidation.



**JOSEPH T. BRENNAN** of 29630 Fernhill is a township candidate for charter commission. Brennan, 44, has lived in the township for 13 years, practiced law for 14 years and has been township attorney for 11 years. He is married and has four daughters, and is a 1954 graduate of University of Detroit. He favors consolidation.

## Judge Says 1-City Should Improve Court

FARMINGTON Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand says consolidation would eliminate confusion and improve the efficiency of the court.

Judge Hand issued a statement this week explaining what benefits consolidation would have for the District Court.

"FROM THE standpoint of organization of the District Court," explained Hand, "it would simplify the matter greatly if the Farmington Area were to be consolidated into one unit of government because the District Court encompasses the entire Farmington Area of 36 square miles."

"The provisions of the present statutes require the District Court to maintain courts in the city and in the township," he explained, "so that the dockets, separate pleadings, separate financial books and files must be maintained for each unit of government in the court."

"The court sessions must also be held in each division of the District Court in the proportion that that unit of government bears to the population of the area in general."

"AS A CONSEQUENCE, there are two divisions of the District Court—one operates in the City of Farmington and one operates in the Township of Farmington."

"The facilities in both areas are excellent and the courtroom, chambers and other areas furnished for the use of the court are presently fairly adequate, with some exceptions."

"If the Farmington Area were to be consolidated into one unit of government, it would then be possible to locate the court in one court building and to consolidate the two court staffs, files and financial books, which would result, in my opinion, in a saving in money and manpower."

"Because of the maintenance of the two separate divisions of the court, there has been quite a bit of confusion caused to the residents of the Farmington Area and to other people who have received traffic violations or who institute civil cases as to which division of the court the cases must be commenced and tried."

"I believe," Hand concluded, "that a single location resulting from consolidation would go far to eliminate this confusion and to improve the efficiency of the court."

## Mayor Stays Noncommittal

(Wilbur Bratherton, mayor of the City of Farmington, gives his views on the question of consolidation in the following article.)

During the past few months many prominent citizens of the city of Farmington have made public statements either favoring or opposing the consolidation issue on which we will vote Nov. 4.

My personal respect for many of these individuals is great as they have proven records of wisdom and good judgment as their success in both business and public service careers clearly indicate.

Upon reading their statements, I have found many points raised both for and against consolidation worthy of careful consideration. In fact I am in full agreement with a good number of points raised on both sides of the issue.

IT HAS BEEN my hope that the MSU Study would produce more factual information about the dollars and cents implications of consolidation for the City of Farmington residents as opposed to continuing in our present form.

It was also my hope that the MSU Study would contain some concrete proposals for avoiding some of the problems which have plagued other Detroit area townships who have taken the "Giant Leap Forward" moving to full city status in one mighty leap. Unfortunately the study did not.

Later developments revealed other serious areas of concern involving the level of services and the type of zoning desired in different parts of the city and township.

It also became clear that the needs of the City of Farmington, which is relatively fully developed, lean more toward renewal and revitalization of older sections of town particularly in the business district, while the needs of much of the township lean toward expansion of basic utilities such as hard surface roads, sewer and water.

While the number of contacts I have had from citizens of the City of Farmington regarding consolidation have been few, I have been urged to make some statement on the subject prior to election. This letter has been written in response to these requests. Unfortunately, however, the facts which have been made available to me to date indicate that the question of consolidation is not a clear-cut issue.

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**LONG RANGE** benefits to most citizens of the overall Farmington area would undoubtedly be substantial. Many of these benefits would be mainly in the form of better zoning and planning, and probably more efficient use of public safety and public works, equipment and personnel.

Whether or not significant economic benefits could be realized is difficult, if not impossible, to determine at this time.

From a short range standpoint consolidation would certainly mean exciting, stimulating challenges in city and township alike. It could lead to temporary changes in some operating policies and levels of service and permanent changes to others. To what degree this occurs will depend on the nature of the charter under which a consolidated city would operate as well as the city administration itself.

It has long been my belief that each of us as citizens of the City of Farmington must decide on the basis of all the facts whether or not we wish to vote for consolidation.

**WE MUST DECIDE** if we are willing to accept some disruption of city affairs and current levels of services during the early years of consolidation for the possible long range benefits of area wide planning, zoning and administration.

We must also decide if, as some claim, consolidation will result in the loss of the special "small town" qualities which many of us see and love in the City of Farmington as we know it today.

Each of us has our own ideas about the kind of town in which we want to live and raise our families. Each of us has today the choice of whether we can best find these qualities in the City of Farmington as it is today or as it might be as a part of a larger municipality.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

## Editorial

tional decisions. His insight into the role of a charter commission is sound.

**RONALD WYSZYNSKI** is an administrative assistant for Garden City public schools in charge of legislation and federal projects. He has past experience as a teacher and last year earned his law degree from Wayne State University. He is a qualified expert on state and federal legislation, including available grants, and is knowledgeable in the area of law as well as education. He sees the final charter as a product of lengthy study, comparison, drafting, compromise and re-drafting.

**ROBERT SAWYER** is the assistant minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington and was a member of the original group of homeowners which petitioned for the single-city election. He has served as chairman of the Farmington Human Relations Council, chairman of the New Farmington Committee, and presently serves as board member of the Farmington Area YMCA and member of the minority group understanding subcommittee of the Farmington School's Family Life Education Committee. His background in human relations and needs of people would make a valuable addition to the charter commission.

**CHARLES SMITH** has been a Farmington resident for 15 years and is highly respected by those who know him. He is a business executive who has devoted his personal leisure time to recreation, especially youth athletic activities. Smith knows the area well, understands problems facing the community, and is willing to devote more of his leisure time to help make Farmington a better place to live. What else can we ask?

## Letters To The Editor

**EDITOR:** Open Letter to the Farmington Public School Board: After writing a closed letter to the school board and receiving no consideration or reply, I feel I must resort to an open letter to communicate my feelings.

I was very disappointed in the school board's appointment of Steve Hack to the Family Life Education Committee; not because of Mr. Hack but in the manner in which he was appointed.

I wrote to you several weeks before you decided on Mr. Hack and I also talked to several board members expressing my desire to serve on the F.L.E. committee. In my letter I stated the following reasons for my qualifications:

- 1. I am a member of the minority study sub-committee.
- 2. I am an alternate to the sex education subcommittee.
- 3. I have attended more F.L.E. meetings than most of its members have.
- 4. I can gather, from talking to some of the board members, better my name over my letter were ever considered. I can't help but feel my stand on sex education during the last school board election had some bearing on your decision not to consider me--where's the dissent factor that Richard Frankel and Aldo Vagazzini talked about so much during their campaigns? Is it only proper to be against the same things they are? Or are they really afraid of opposition?

I wanted to become an F.L.E. committee member to assure that the people who feel the way I do, and there are many, are heard. We need a voice in what is taught our children. You now have the F.L.E. committee "loaded" with educators, doctors, and the clergy.

What's wrong with some "PARENT" participation? You probably say, "Well, Mr. Hack is a parent" to which I will agree, but he is also a member of the "New Detroit Committees," therefore, I feel he loses the "PARENT" identity.

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