

Court OKs Annexation; Nov. 4 Vote Is 'Possible'

By EMORY DANIELS

The City of Farmington has the green light to try to annex the southern half of Farmington Township to the city.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem Monday ruled the State Boundary Commission was correct in rejecting cityhood petitions for Farmington Township.

WHILE UPHOLDING the state's actions, Judge Ziem also denied a challenge to the annexation petitions made by the township.

First to learn of the decision was the Farmington Enterprise & Observer, which had a reporter in Ziem's office in Pontiac when the judge filed his decision.

The decision makes it possible for an annexation vote to be taken in the Nov. 4 general election. But timing is tight, and it is probable a special election on annexation will be held sometime before January.

ZIEM'S DECISION dissolves the injunction he issued earlier preventing the Oakland County Board of Commissioners from acting on the petitions filed

by Richard Tupper last October requesting a vote on the question of annexing roughly the southern half of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington.

In order for the annexation question to be placed on the November ballot, the formal request must reach the county clerk's office by Sept. 15.

This means that before Sept. 15 the County Board of Commissioners must approve the annexation petitions it has been holding in abeyance pending Ziem's decision.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP has 20 days in which to appeal Ziem's decision.

It is expected the township will ask Ziem to extend the 20-day limit while appeal is being made to the State Court of Appeals.

Joseph Brenhan, township attorney, is also expected to ask for a further freeze on annexation proceedings pending a decision from the Court of Appeals.

If those motions are filed, Judge Ziem would probably hold a hearing and decide sometime before next Wednesday (Sept. 9).

In making his ruling, Judge Ziem stated it was

his opinion the Boundary Commission was correct in rejecting the township's incorporation petition because combination of two villages and unincorporated area must be accomplished through the procedure called consolidation.

ZIEM EXPLAINED in his ruling that state statute
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Library Is Going Up

Ground was broken Sunday for a \$1.2 million public library to rise south of Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile just west of Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township.

THE TWO-STORY structure was designed by Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates, Inc., architectural, engineering and planning firm of Bloomfield Hills.

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were: Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis Hall; Farmington City Councilman, John A. Allen, himself an architect; and Library Board members Thomas P. Czubiak, president; Albert P. Terzog, vice president; Ernest E. Sauter, treasurer, and Mrs. Mary F. Allison, secretary.

Also present were Russell Ellis, president of the board at the time the building site was purchased in 1963, and Howard W. Thayer, one of the original board members.

Representing the architectural firm were Richard R. Albyn, AIA, a principal of Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates and Clarence E. Bentley an associate and job captain for the project.

Also in attendance was the noted Michigan artist John Glick of Farmington who had designed for the groundbreaking a ceramic urn to house the first shovel of earth.

Czubiak said the library, which was some 10 years in planning will be completed by July 1971. Freeman Darling, Inc., Livonia, is building contractor.

WHEN COMPLETED the library will be approximately 37,500 sq. ft. in size, with 10,000 sq. ft. devoted to open-space stacks for 150,000 volumes, with a capacity of 250,000 volumes.

Features will include a public facilities room for continuous daily use, a special multi-purpose room, a 230-seat capacity meeting room, complete with a stage and audio visual furnishings, a tiered, carpeted "story hill" section for children, and a 45,000 sq. ft. reading room, specially designed for future expansion needs.

Extensive use of architectural concrete will be made and brick floors are planned for heavy traffic areas. Reading rooms and work stations will be carpeted for acoustical control and ease of maintenance.

The Farmington Area Library is the second major library building to be designed by Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates in less than two years.

In January of this year, the \$1.4 million Bloomfield Hills Township library which they designed was opened to the public.

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A parent will get the most enjoyment out of today's photographic special offered by Fran Evert depicting the "Joys and Miseries of a Two-Year-Old." Even if you're not a parent, you'll enjoy Fran's picture gallery.

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Harrison To Open

A last-minute decision has been made that the Harrison High student body can move into their new school building on opening day, Sept. 9. Details on the decision reached Monday night are included in a full report inside.

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Resident Killed

A Farmington Township resident was killed Sunday night while police tried to stop a family fight. The man was threatening his wife with a gun and was killed by a shot fired by a township patrolman.

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There'll be a property tax hike from two different directions for Clarenceville School District residents this year. Here's the story of the budget and why more money is needed.

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Ron Mardiros, who rarely did anything politically without at least a mild uproar, has quit as chairman of the 19th District-Wayne Democratic organization. Why? What'll he do next? Who's in charge now?

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NEW LIBRARY — A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday on the site of the new library for Farmington Township. Participating were, from left: Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall; Richard Albyn of Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates,

architects for the building; Mrs. Mary F. Allison, secretary of the Farmington Library District board of trustees; and Thomas P. Czubiak, president of the library board.

School Audit Shows 'Surprise'

By WYLIE GERDES and EMORY DANIELS

The Farmington School District has ended its 1969-70 school year with a surplus of funds higher than expected. But it still had to borrow \$2 million to finance the first few months of the new school year.

At the last school board meeting, a report on the annual audit revealed a surplus in operating funds of \$707,000. The total surplus can be broken down as follows:

- A new bookkeeping procedure (accrual accounting) accounts for \$275,000 according to Business Manager William Prisk.
- Another \$200,000 is due to higher than anticipated state aid revenue.
- About \$140,000 was budgeted as estimated surplus when the operating budget was drawn a year ago. This figure was updated as the year passed, and the estimate grew to \$200,000 a couple of months ago.
- However, while the audit was being prepared, another \$200,000 surplus was discovered which the

board learned about just before the audit was released.

OF THE TOTAL surplus, \$275,000 was realized on paper only and does not actually represent any "additional revenue" for the district.

The additional revenue, or actual surplus, amounts to about \$430,000. Of this amount, \$230,000 was anticipated and known about before the board set the tax rate for 1970-71 a few weeks back.

Existence of the other \$200,000 of the actual surplus was not known by the board until sometime between the meeting when it adopted the tax rate and the meeting at which the audit was revealed.

During its secret "executive" sessions, which the public is not allowed to attend, trustees learned the projected surplus was rising from the originally estimated \$140,000 to \$200,000.

But the additional \$200,000 bonus came as a "surprise" to the board within the past couple of weeks. The \$275,000, which cannot really be counted as

actual surplus, was created by the change to "accrual" accounting.

THE ACCRUAL accounting system is one in which funds are entered into a budget on the date the money is due instead of the date the money is on hand.

The State Department of Instruction has asked all districts to use accrual accounting, but the request came after the 1969-70 Farmington operating budget was prepared.

Thus, the district did not include in the '69-70 budget some \$275,000 special education rebates from the county and state because the money would not arrive until after June 30, 1970.

But because the rebates were due on June 30, 1970 (end of the fiscal year), the \$275,000 was added as revenue in the 1969-70 budget even though the district had not yet received the funds.

The \$275,000 is not "extra" money because it
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