

In Our Opinion . . .

Give Facts and Let the People Decide

Talk about annexing parts of Farmington Township into the City of Farmington has been heard time and time again in previous years but most of the time it has been nothing but false rumors.

This is why the very fast and secretive weekend petition circulating move and filing of petitions for annexation of 560 acres from the township into the city on Monday morning of last week caught us very much by surprise. It is our hope that there has been a real surprise to most other homeowners in both the city and township as well.

The election on the proposed annexation will still be some time away yet so it will give us ample time to study all aspects of the proposal and weigh the pros and cons carefully before the date for a voter decision must be made. For this we are very thankful.

We were somewhat surprised, and we might say very well pleased, with the comments made by Township Supervisor or Curt Hall upon being approached for comments on the city's surprise annexation move.

He made it clear that he did not want to see the substantial land area proposed to be annexed lost by the township. But, Hall also took the position that he did not feel the township had any legal basis for challenging the move.

His publicly expressed opinion was that all the facts both favorable and unfavorable to annexation of this 560 acres of land to the city should be presented clearly not only to all property owners in the area being considered for

annexation but those in the city-at-large today as well.

It is the township supervisor's contention that there would be many disadvantages not only to those in the area proposed to be annexed but to present City of Farmington property owners as well.

Some of his points seem very well taken but so also do many of those set forth by the annexation proponents.

Between now and the date of the election, The Enterprise will be bringing to the attention of the citizenry all the pertinent points made both pro and con on the proposed annexation. Naturally, there will likely be some very sharp disagreements expressed on points made. Despite this fact, it is our hope that whether the annexation is rejected or approved by the voters there will be no serious breach in relationships between City of Farmington and Farmington Township officials or the general citizenry.

Farmington must remain one united community regardless of what portion is city and what portion chooses to remain and operate under a limited township form of government.

Townships have no real protection against having portions of their land area chipped away through annexation rather than to change to be a city form of government.

The Enterprise is in one hundred percent accord with Supervisor Curt Hall's attitude on this matter. . . . Let's give the people affected all the facts and then let them decide for themselves which form of government they want.

It Can't Be Done Without Money

A lot of people talk about the need for more and better recreational facilities for the youth of the Farmington area but they just don't seem to be able to get together to do anything about it.

At the last regular Township Board meeting held at the North Farmington Baseball for Boys organization appeared to ask for an allocation of funds to provide more baseball diamonds to take care of the ever expanding Little League program in their area. The Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball and Little League Football organizations in both the northern and southern portion of the community have had to depend on donations from businesses and citizens each year to underwrite the costs of their programs.

The only real organized recreational program we offer in the community is the short six week summer program and very limited Saturday morning play program during a few weeks of the winter which is under the direction of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Letters from citizens bemoaning the fact that we don't provide more recreational facilities and programs for our youth come into this newspaper frequently. They have some definite ideas about the kind of programs and facilities we should be providing but none of them come up with the answers on where to get the money to cover the costs that would be involved.

The Farmington Jaycees and Farmington Area Recreation Commission worked hard to come up with a possible recreation program a couple of years back and convinced the township to put the proposal to a vote. It was soundly beaten by the electorate.

The Enterprise has always been a strong advocate of a good recreational program for the youth of our community at least and will continue to be. The program will never be possible, however, unless taxpayers are going to be willing to dig a little deeper into their pockets to come up with the money.

Township Bd. Gets Report on Pension Plan

Dean Ziegler, chairman of the pension and salaries committee appointed recently by the Township Board to study and make recommendations on a pension plan for all township employees, gave a report at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night.

Ziegler stated that the committee had worked closely with an actuary to study various possible pension plans and felt that the plan they were recommending the Township Board to initiate was a good plan. It will provide a pension plan and cover all full time township employees under 61 years of age, Ziegler said. There are 40 full-time employees under 61 and one over that age who do not qualify to enter the program.

The need for a pension plan to keep a high caliber of township employee was emphasized by Ziegler. He also emphasized the fact that the presently proposed pension plan would probably have to be modified and improved upon in years to come.

No official action on the pension plan was proposed. It was taken out all indications were that the Township Board would act favorably on the recommendations of the committee.

All board members were high in their praise of the time and effort put forth by the special citizens committee. A motion was passed officially commending the members for the job they had done and instructions given to the supervisor to send special letters of thanks to each of the committee members.

12 From Here Earn Degrees At Mich. State

Michigan State University lists 3,185 candidates, 12 of whom are from Farmington, for degrees which were awarded at spring commencement exercises on Sunday, June 13, in Spartan Stadium. Those receiving degrees from Farmington were: Darryl Allen, 32012 Leelanau, BA Accounting; Diana Alter, 29326 Gladstone, BA Special Education; Beverly Baker, 23578 Wesley, BFA Art; Leon Baldwin, 33947 Kirby, BA Psychology; Douglas Bergman, 29522 Grand Ridge, BA Genl. Bus. Adm.; Gary Blome, 23203 Lilac, BA Political Sci.; Barbara Lorenz, 31880 Kottlingwood, BA Art Preceptor; Judith Lukins, 34233 Northwick, BA Special Education; Robert May, 24365 Powers, BA Accounting; Douglas Swartz, 28221 Arandel, BS Psychology; Peggy Zimmerman, 28955 Salem, BS Mathematics; and Jill Winterle, 28211 Peppermill, BA Elementary Educ.

Gary Blome and Robert May were graduated with high honors and Darryl Allen and Beverly Baker, with honors.

Botsford Apt. Plans OK'ed

Final plans for the Botsford Inn Apartment development north of the Botsford Inn on Grand River between Colwell St. and the service drive to the Botsford Hospital were approved by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, June 14.

The plans were approved earlier by the planning commission. The only question raised by Township Board members to John Anhalt, owner of the inn who plans the apartment development, was with regard to the need for any sidewalks.

It was determined that since there were no main thoroughfares at the front or sides of the proposed development sidewalks would not be required.

LEGAL NOTICES

4735 No. 87,562 THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND Estate of LOUISA DUCKWITZ, also known as LOUISA S. DUCKWITZ, Deceased.


It is Ordered that on September 7, 1965, at 9 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Harold A. Larson, Administrator, 33100 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: June 15, 1965 DONALD E. ADAMS Judge of Probate Harold A. Larson 33100 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan June 23, 30, July 7

REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker



As this session comes to a close, the proverbial "capitol observers" are searching with some difficulty for a label to put on the achievements of this Legislature. What makes it difficult is that Michigan has never before experienced a legislative body quite like this one.

A favorite label often given to sessions by editorialists is "do-nothing." This certainly is not descriptive of what we have been experiencing in the last few months. A more accurate account would be "buried up and do something no matter what or how." Reflecting on the major bills, I find that each one was handled with such an attitude.

THIS IS CERTAINLY not the type of fair deliberative processes that one would expect to find in a representative assembly in this country today. Nevertheless, it has existed here from the beginning of this session and there is no sign of improvement.

The result of this approach is legislation which is good in name only; shallow and shoddy fulfillment of campaign promises. In the process the public interest is tricked, and in the long run everyone suffers.



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It is Ordered that on July 20, 1965, at ten A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Nancy Wesseling for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of said estate to Alan Dale Adams, the executor named therein or to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

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

Dated: June 14, 1965 DONALD E. ADAMS Judge of Probate Edwin R. Oglesby, Atty. 23245 Grand River Ave. Farmington, Michigan June 23, 30, July 7

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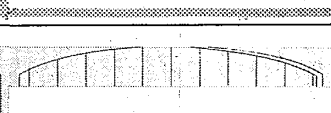
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Looking Back in the Files

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JUNE 23, 1960 Detroit Water The City of Farmington will soon be able to have Detroit water as Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall and Farmington City Mayor Robert Lindert asked the Township Board to open the main Eight Mile Road water line now serving Livonia this week. The Eight Mile line will also serve Farmington and connections are expected to be completed soon.

Mortgage Burning Mortgage burning activities were staged this week in the American Legion Memorial Home, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington. Past Commanders of the Post, Donald Watson, Charles Willard, Joseph DeVriendt, Harold Quinn, James Neourjan and Clarence Barber were present for the occasion. The present Post Commander is Norman Goers.

Kill Two Sheep Two sheep were killed and 20 others injured when a pack of wild dogs attacked the flock on the Spicer farm this week. The farm is located just north of Ten Mile Road on Farmington Road in the Township.

JUNE 22, 1950 Young Hero The rescue of a boy from drowning in a Farmington Township swimming pool was credited to 12-year-old David Harrison of Hartcourt Drive in Farmington. Young Harrison went to the drowning youth's aid after the latter had jumped into the pool on a dare when playmates taunted him.

Lions President John J. Jendritz is the newly elected President of the Farmington Lions Club.

Population Boom The City of Farmington has 43 per cent more people now than it had when a special census was taken only three years ago, 1960 census figures just released place the City's population now at 2,312.

Killed in Crash Earl C. Vinson, Farmington music teacher, was killed Tuesday morning when his car collided with a truck at the corner of Schoolcraft and Farmington Roads. He was 42 years old.

JUNE 23, 1935 New Lumberman Conrad Sullivan has been appointed the new Manager of the Farmington Lumber Company. It was announced this week that Sullivan has been in the lumber business for the past 15 years and has been a resident of Detroit where he belongs to Lodge No. 1, Masons of Detroit.

Court Clerk The Farmington City Council adopted an amendment of the Municipal Court Ordinance Monday night, establishing a maximum salary of \$3,000 for the court clerk. It was pointed out that the salary paid the court clerk would not necessarily be the maximum figure but that the amendment was needed to allow for regular pay increases for the position.

New Church Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Trinity Episcopal Church in Farmington have been set for this Sunday on the building site on LeMura Drive.

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