

# Incorporation Attempts Hi-lite Activities in '58

Here is a resume' of the top activities in Farmington City and Township during the past year. Highlighting the year's activities were incorporation and annexation attempts.

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## January

Discussion programs on anticipated school needs in the Farmington Public School District for next year and proceeding years get underway. Details of a \$1.1 million bond issue to be put for a vote of the people in March are being outlined.

A union strike against Bill Root Chevrolet which started in June of 1957 has ended.

The Farmington city council authorizes the hiring of professional planning consultants to work-out a downtown area development plan as well as a major, thoroughfare plan.

A \$250 sewer connection charge has been set by the Township Board to finance the township's portion of the Farmington Interceptor Sewer.

Construction activities in Farmington city and township were down substantially. Only 429 residential building permits were issued in Farmington in 1957.

Rezoning of Bel-Aire east of the shopping center to permit construction of a bowling alley unanimously approved by the city council.

A \$4,000,000 general obligation bond issue to finance the proposed Farmington Interceptor Sewer has been approved by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

## 2 Killed, One Badly Injured in Highway Fog

Two Farmington residents were killed and a third seriously injured in head-on crash Sunday and Monday outside the city.

Killed in an out-of-state accident Sunday were Charles R. Brown, 41, and his wife, Mildred E. of 21227 Rensselaer.

Their car collided with another driven by a St. Louis man on US-40, a mile west of Van Buren, Illinois. The crash occurred in heavy fog, police said. The St. Louis man was also injured seriously in the crash.

DAVID H. Trombley, 21, of 3245 1/2 street north of W. Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley, was badly injured Monday morning in another head-on crash in fog-shrouded lanes on E. Rogers Jr. road, 29, of Inkster, driver of the second car involved, was killed.

The crash occurred on Levar Road just south of Five Mile. The drivers were apparently using the center-line of the road as a guide in the fog, in investigating police officers said.

Latest reports from the Michigan State Police said, Trombley is recovering satisfactorily. He suffered severe lacerations about the face and a possible broken jaw as well as lacerations to his legs and about other parts of the body.

A CRASH Saturday in the township, on Middlebelt Road, resulted in a serious injury to a local youth. One of the cars skidded sideways into the path of the other, a police accident report stated.

Most seriously injured was Mrs. Doyle Bell, passenger in the car driven by her husband, James E. Rogers Jr., 29, of Inkster, in Massachusetts. She suffered severe lacerations about the face, a broken arm, a concussion and skull fracture, and lacerations of the hands and cuts about the mouth.

Raymond Vanderwilt, 16, of 28434 Greenmeadow, Farmington, suffered broken ribs and a broken arm, a concussion and skull fracture, and lacerations of the hands and cuts about the mouth.

By a narrow margin of 114 votes (1,193 to 1,079) the \$1.1 million Farmington School District bond issue was approved.

Preliminary plats for two large subdivisions have been submitted to the Farmington Township Board. One is for Villa Capri, a proposed 320-lot subdivision at the corner of 9 Mile and Inkster, and the other for Martindale Manor, on a site near Farmington Road and 12 Mile.

A larger township budget for the coming year is being proposed and it will mean that the township will have to ask for a larger share of the 15 mill levy vote of the people.

The tentative route of a proposed new east-west super highway running the entire width of Farmington Township to link Northwestern Highway with the Farmington-Brighton Expressway was disclosed Monday. The proposed path runs between 11 and 12 Mile roads.

Two petitions have been filed with the county clerk for vote on the annexation of about eight square miles in the southwest portion of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington and the incorporation as a village of a large portion of sections 15, 16 and 21.

## April

A tentative plan for re-development of the downtown Farmington business area has already been drawn up. Called for is internal parking lots to provide space for 2,000 cars and businesses having a total commercial floor area of about 485,000 square feet.

The Farmington Township Board is now faced with two big tasks as a result of action taken by residents at the Annual Township Board meeting held April 5: (1) Paring from \$55,000 to \$45,000 off the proposed township budget of \$287,324 and (2) Provide space for a long list of complex questions on the Farmington Interceptor Sewer as well as allowing residents an opportunity to vote on whether they want such a sewer system at all or not.

A record \$2,590,314 tentative school operating budget for the 1958-'59 school year was approved by the School Board.

Township Attorney Arthur L. Robbins has given an opinion to the Township Board that action taken at the Annual Township Meeting is not valid and that it is

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## Hearing and Council Meeting Is Jan. 5

A public hearing on rezoning will start at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the city hall with the council holding its regular meeting at 8 o'clock.

The rezoning request involves about nine acres north-east of the Farmington Road-Freedom Road intersection with a change asked for multiple dwellings. Freedom Road is the old cut-off.

## Light Display Winners Named

Winners in the annual exterior home Christmas lighting display contest, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, were announced Tuesday.

Those homes judged best in the area judging in the city and township were those of Wayne D. Bailey, 2840 Kendallwood Drive; Walter H. Weber, 35718 Lynwood Road; Orla E. Frazier, 17755 Forest Road; H. B. Forest, 31109 Alta; Fred Hartwig, 33720 Alta Loma.

FIRST PRIZE winner for the best traditional religious display was Richard J. Smith of 28455 Herndonwood Drive.

Hundreds of homes were surveyed in an attempt to find a winner in every section of the township. William Nye, chairman of the judging committee, stated.

"Originally and overall effect of the lighting displays were the guidelines for awarding the prizes. The Farmington JCs would like to thank all who sent cards asking that their displays be judged," Nye said.

BESIDES those homes judged best several were given honorable mention. These are: Dolores homes of Walter B. Carr, 25410 Eastfield; Darrell Colby, 23311 Queenborough; S. J. Hubbard, 32200 Marplehead; Frank McGivern, 32008 Farmington Road; Rudy Speerscheider, 28270 G. Duke Drive; Frank J. Kelly, 31901 Staman Ct.; Walter A. Kremkow, 22211 Cass; Gaylord W. Speaker, 33320 Moore; and Ivan Ulmer, 23020 Manning.

## Installed as Head Of Redford Kiwanis

Mitchell Deeb of 1539 Gorton, Bloomfield Township, and president of a Farmington electrical supply firm, has been installed as new president of the Redford Kiwanis Club.

## Approve Plans For School Service Bldg.

Plans for a new Farmington School District service building, including administrative offices, were approved last week at a regular meeting of the school board.

Authorization was given to place advertisements for construction bids and the date for opening bids set Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p.m.

PLANS and specifications for the service building have been under study by the school board and building sub-committee of the Citizens Advisory Council for several months. Numerous revisions have been made in the original plans.

Peter Tarapala, representing the architectural firm of Smith, Ferguson and MacMahon of Birmingham, was asked to have his firm begin work immediately on working drawings for remodeling of the old main (east unit) at the Farmington Junior High site back into classrooms.

He was also instructed to continue work on plans for locker room and shop area remodeling work proposed in the gymnasium-classroom area (west unit).

IT IS THE school board's hope that all this work can be completed prior to the opening of the 1958-'59 school year in September, 1959.

Preliminary plans for a seven classroom addition at the new Kennedy elementary school were reviewed by the board and received favorably. Architect Earl Meyers was instructed to proceed with final plans making any minor revisions which the Citizens Advisory Committee building sub-committee might recommend.

## Will Make Early Bond Pay-Offs

Authorization for an early pay-off on 85 bonds (valued at \$1,000 each) from the 1954 Farmington School District bond issue was given by the school board at its regular meeting last week.

A formal request was made by the bond breaker for the holders of these bonds seeking this action.

Since reserve funds are available, these bonds are callable in May of 1959 anyway. By making payment early, the School District will save a few dollars on each bond as well as interest which would be added until now and may next year, Superintendent G. V. Harrison explained.

## Car Skids, Injuries To Local Girl Minor

Suzanne Jondro, 13, of 32225 Oakland suffered minor head injuries Saturday afternoon when the car in which she was traveling, along with her father, Robert Jondro, crashed into another on Warner Ave. a short distance from Thomas Street.

Police stated that the second car, driven by Linda Ellen Chambers, 24855 Westmoreland, skidded on slippery pavement and that Jondro could not avoid crashing into it.

## Armed Bandits Get \$910 Mon.

Two bandits were waiting at the Grand Halted State station at 3740 Grand River Monday morning when Angel Jaime of 28282 Shawanassa Westmoreland, skidded on slippery pavement and that Jondro could not avoid crashing into it.

DRAWING guns, they forced him to turn over \$910 in cash, proceeds from the past four days of business, before they even got to open the station.

Jaime indicated that both bandits were around 45 years of age, dirty and wearing unkempt hair.

"They did me no bodily harm but told me to remain in my car until they got away," Jaime said. "As soon as they were out of sight I rushed into the station and called police."

THE HOLDUP men were driving a 1953 green Ford station wagon. It had a rotten top panel and the drivers side window told police. It was unable to get the license number.

Anyone seeing a car fitting this description are asked to contact state police detectives at the Redford Post. Call KE 1-4100.

## Vacant School Not for Lease

A request by a private group to lease the old, one-room school on Middlebelt Road from the Farmington School District was turned down by the school board at its regular meeting last week.

The private group's request was that they not only be permitted to lease the building but be given first option to buy it when the building is over put for sale. The illegal was given that it would be illegal for the board to enter into such an agreement as this.

# Pair of Republican Races Will Feature Primary Election Feb. 16

Republican	SUPERVISOR	Democratic
Curtis H. Hall		Francis J. Stephenson
Joseph T. Brennan	CLERK	Ronald C. Hilton
Floyd A. Cairns	TREASURER	Theodore M. Anderson
Elise P. Avery	TRUSTEE	Norman L. Peterson
William P. Fisher		Edward Schmid
Arthur S. Bassette		
Albert Galt		
Floyd R. Jave		
Raymond B. Wilcox	BOARD OF REVIEW	Paul O. Inman
Victor J. Saliba	JUSTICE OF PEACE	Harold E. Shippee
Allen C. Ingle		
Robert H. Nelson	CONSTABLE	Richard Salvaggio
		Frank E. Furlong

The township primary election Feb. 16 will determine the Republican candidate for township supervisor and two candidates for trustee. These are the only two races.

The Democrats, led by Supervisor Frank J. Stephenson, filed nearly a full slate, all as one united group. All Democratic filings were made Monday, last day for filing nominating petitions.

After the primary election narrows these candidates, the two slates will have their real battle prior to the April 6 biennial spring election. Republicans have filed they would unite behind their winning candidates.

FRANCIS J. STEPHENSON, 26041 Haynes, is asking reelection after serving a full term as supervisor. He was the first Democrat elected to that township office in many years.

Mr. Stephenson operated a some construction company here before election in April 1957. He was born in Nova Scotia, was a deputy police chief all term as a member of the Michigan State Police. He became a naturalized citizen in 1956.

RONALD C. HILTON, 24719 Orchard Lake Road, is Democratic candidate for township clerk. He is a graduate of High School, Japanese and Oriental Languages, and London School of Economics and Political Science.

Mrs. Shippee was a secretary at Park high school, and is associated with Equitable Life Assurance Society. He is a former contractor in the township.

THOMAS M. ANDERSON, 25911 Power Road, is Democratic candidate for township treasurer. He is 44 years old, married, has one of two children in school, and served three years during World War II. He studied business administration, two years as a member of the Michigan Institute of Business, and his business experience includes: 12 years as a working accountant and office manager. This includes manufacturing, retail stores, and public accounting.

NORMAN L. PETERSON, 21751 Randall, is one of the Democratic candidates for trustee. He has been a resident of Farmington township 16 years. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, and has a BS degree at Michigan State, and his MA degree at the U. of Michigan. He taught in Michigan schools 7 1/2 years, was high school principal 2 1/2 years.

Married, the father of two children, he has been associated with Michigan Milk Producers 18 years, and is director of membership relations.

EDWARD SCHMID, 25320 Halted Road, is the other Democratic candidate for township trustee. Mr. Schmid is also a longtime school teacher, and has been for some time chairman of the township zoning board.

PAUL O. INMAN, 23356 Tarey, is the other Democratic candidate for board of review. Mr. and Mrs. Inman are parents of four children.

A local broker and manufacturer representative of the Detroit Ass'n of Grocery Manufacturers Representatives, Mr. Inman is a member of the U. of Michigan. He is a resident 15 years, he was first president of

as trustee, then was appointed treasurer in September 1957. Born in a Detroit, the Aveyrs moved to the township nine years ago. They are parents of two children, and have four granddaughters. Mrs. Avery has been in the township since the Republican state convention. She was elected twice as a director of the Michigan Townships Ass'n of Oakland County. She is a director of Farmington Community House Ass'n. In Detroit she organized and was president three years of the 82d Field Artillery Mothers Club, and was active in the Civic Study Club.

WILLIAM P. FISHER, 23850 Glenecree, is the only Republican trustee who is seeking reelection. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have lived in the township four years, and two years ago he was elected to the Township Board of Review. Long interested in the township police and fire work, he was named Sept. 10, 1957, to the township board.

ARTHUR S. BASSETTE, 28701 Thirteen Mile, is a Republican candidate for trustee. He is a graduate in engineering of the U. of Michigan, on the Township Zoning Board, and was president of the North Farmington Civic Ass'n. He was active in the township fire department, and was its director awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassette have two children, both in school. ALBERT GALT, 23222 Longmeadow, is a Republican candidate for trustee. He has been in township affairs some years. He was supervisor six months, and is a building inspector, and has been on the board of recreation and public administration.

A long time builder, Mr. and Mrs. Galt have lived in the township eight years. He helped form and was first president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, and helped organize the Farmington Shrine Club.

FLOYD R. JAVE, 28750 Lorika, is a Republican candidate for township trustee, announcing his candidacy for trustee. Mr. Jave is a graduate of the U. of Minnesota, married, and the father of three children.

and played several years professional football with the Detroit Lions. He is a member of the township auxiliary police, and former ass't director of Township Police.

TERRY BRENNAN, 29245 Hawtherry Road, is a township trustee three years, is a Republican candidate for trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are parents of three children. He is a sales engineer in Detroit, and a graduate of U. of Michigan in architectural engineering. He was active in formation of the Township League of Subdivision Ass'ns, is now chairman of the League's school finance committee, and is a past officer of Kendallwood Sub Ass'n.

VICTOR J. SALIBA, 23880 Glenecree, is Republican candidate for the Board of Review. A Detroit, he moved to Farmington three years ago, and is secretary-treasurer of a Detroit manufacturing firm.

He majored in accounting at the U. of Detroit. He has been active in an army ordinance company, with 31 years in Europe and Africa. He is treasurer of Old Farm Colony Sub Ass'n, was a business adviser in Junior Achievement. Mr. and Mrs. Saliba have a son and daughter, both in school, and has been active in PTA and Scout work.

ALEN C. INGLE, 21944 Tuna, a Republican, is seeking reelection as Justice of the Peace. An attorney, he attended De- troit Institute of Technology, received a BA in business ad- ministration.

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