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# Annexation Fails...But It Was Close

## Annual Grid Game to Raise Yule Funds

The annual Yule Log Benefit Game between North Farmington High and Farmington High will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. The game will be played at Farmington High Athletic Field on Shilwassee just west of Orchard Lake Road adjacent to Farmington High School.

The proceeds from the Oldie Yule Log Game are divided equally between Farmington and the Christmas Decoration Fund of the Board of Commerce. All advertising, promotional expense and coordinating efforts are absorbed by the Board of Commerce.

## Apartment Foes Lose Round One In Court

Opponents of the Independence Green apartment development lost an important battle, but apparently plan to fight on. Appearing in court on Monday, Nov. 1, was Harris Berger. "We will let it go to trial."

On Friday, Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Zient ruled that in a "mandamus action"—one in which you are trying to compel a person or persons to do something—the burden of proof is on the plaintiff—that is on the person who is trying to do the compelling.

What the ruling means in this case is that Berger, and apparently his wife, and other plaintiffs, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Larson, must prove that the petitions they presented to the Township were sufficient to compel the Township to put Independence Green to a vote.

A municipality must do so, where 35 per cent of its residents sign petitions calling for such action. The plaintiffs claim they submitted a sufficient number. The Township's Attorney, Joseph T. Brennan, ruled that they did not.

Commenting to this paper, on March 17, Brennan said that the burden of proof will be on those who initiated the suit. Judge Zient agreed with him.

## Sub Gets New Day For Rubbish

The City of Farmington has rescheduled its rubbish pick-up schedule. Alta Loma Subdivisions one, two, three, and four, will be changed from a Thursday to a Friday pick-up. This is hoped will avoid lateness of pickup.

The announcement, at the City Council meeting on Monday, sparked strong criticism by Councilman Howard Thayer, of the city's rubbish contractor Gus McCreedy.

## City, State Deadlocked

The City of Farmington and the Michigan State Highway Dept. are deadlocked.

The City refuses to participate in the modernization of the "walk and walk" signals at Grand River and Farmington Roads, until such time as the State agrees to put in a traffic signal at Powers and Grand River. Neither side is giving.



FOR THE SECOND year in a row a Farmington resident was the winner of a car given in conjunction with the Oakland County Democratic Party annual jamboree. The winner, Finley H. Gould, 2672 Greythorn Trail, Farmington Township, is shown at right receiving the car from Oakland County Democratic Chairman George Goussain. At left are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bensman, South Oakland ticket chairman for the affair.

## Why More Millage?

proposals on this special school election ballot will read:

In order to renew the three-mill operating tax increase which expires in 1966, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one fiscal year be increased from \$200,000 to \$250,000 on personal property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be reauthorized NURSES, salary commensurate with the amount paid for Farmington and other districts in the Western Wayne County, \$3,000. 6767 W. Outer Drive.

When voters go to the polls Nov. 15 they will be doing their part in attempting to solve the school growth problem in the district. The second of three

## Stevenson Elected President

The City of Farmington narrowly missed in its bid to annex approximately 500 acres of Farmington Township, bounded by Grand River on the north, and Nine Mile on the south; and Gill Road on the east, and Halstead Road on the west. In another election on Tuesday night, Charles Stevenson was elected President of the Village of Quakerstown.

To pass, annexation had to carry a majority in both, the City and in the affected area of the Township. It carried the City easily—860 to 185. But it failed in the affected area—60 to 65.

The City seems to have started far behind. There was no public utility within the affected Woodcroft Subdivision for a change of allegiance. The Township administration was obviously popular there.

The closeness of the final vote is a tribute to the dogged efforts of City Manager John Dinan. He fought all the way. And the package of economic advantages he offered the residents obviously won many of them over.

Quakerstown lies within the Township of Farmington roughly between 10 Mile Road on the south, and 12 Mile on the north; and between Farmington Road on the east, and Drake Road on the west.

It has 244 registered voters. On Tuesday, 157 of them turned out.

Newly elected President Stevenson defeated Charles J. Ott—103 to 52. Stevenson is a state supervisor for Bell Telephone.

Under home rule, a Village has a President, two councilmen, an assessor, a clerk, and a treasurer. All but the assessor have votes.

Other results in Quakerstown are: Mattie Strasser (unopposed) was elected Clerk, with 154 votes. William Cogsdill (unopposed) was elected Treasurer, with 149 votes. Mrs. C. E. Hayes (unopposed) was elected Assessor with 153 votes. In the Council race two were elected: F. J. Orans, with 122 votes, and Frank G. Lockhart with 87 votes.

"HOW LONG will we have to put up with that trash dump on Halstead Road?" was the question Commissioner Charles Lorian asked at the meeting of the Farmington Township Planning Commission, on Thursday, Three days later, on Sunday morning, Lorian, as an auxiliary fireman, was fighting a difficult fire in that dump. Three of the Township's auxiliary departments were involved in the fight. The main Contracting Co., which runs the dump, has permission to use it until the trash there reaches an agreed level. According to authoritative projections, that level should be reached at about the end of the year. In addition to Dept.'s One, Three, Four, Caterpillar Tractors, as shown above, were used to put the fire out.

## Farmington 6th Graders To Appear in MEA Week

Children of the sixth grade classes of Marlene Angelo and Virginia Kent, at Kenbrook school, have been practicing for the past few weeks in preparation for their appearance at the International Understanding Group Meeting, Friday, Nov. 5. A school bus will transport the 60 children to and from Oakland University where the meeting is to be held.

Amy Adelman, music consultant in the Farmington schools, will lead the children in singing and dancing Israeli and Korean folk music. She will also appear in costume singing songs she learned while in Israel. She will accompany the McCreight children who will sing "Korean-children's songs."

Wilma McCreight, Math and Chemistry teacher at North Farmington High School, is the foster mother of the Korean children who also attend Farmington schools. Teachers attending will have an opportunity to see clothing, school books and art work from Korea.

Following the musical introduction, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Canfield of Birmingham, recently returned from Korea, will speak to the group on their work and experiences there. Canfield served as Chief of Utilities Division for the United States Operations Mission Agency for International Development, U. S. State Department. He has now resumed his duties in Detroit as Assistant to the Manager of Customer Service, Detroit Edison Company.

Canfield will speak on the impact of American technology on Korean economy. Mrs. Canfield's remarks will be in regard to life as she is in Korea.

Another speaker will be Mary Burley, a Farmington High School graduate who returned from Peru last spring after serving two years there with the United States Peace Corps. The International Understanding Group Meeting is one of the numerous professional meetings being held as a part of the M.E.A. convention this week. Chairman of the group representing Regions 6 and 7 is Mrs. Jeannette Senob, also a teacher in Farmington.

## Bronson to Discuss Crime in Suburbs

The growing crime rate in the suburbs will be among the topics expected to be discussed by Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson when he addresses the Farmington Democratic Club at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the City National Bank of Farmington, Ten Mile at Orchard Lake.

The meeting will be held in the bank's community room with coffee at the rear of the building.

Bronson, the first Democrat to hold the Prosecutor's office in the county in years, will relate his experiences during the past 10 months he has held the job. Bronson was elected in 1964 to a four-year term which runs until Jan. 1, 1969.

Bronson will be introduced by Assistant Prosecutor John I. Bain, a Farmington Township resident who is also treasurer of the Farmington Democratic Club. Bain, who works out of the Prosecutor's Royal Oak office and is assigned to the Farmington area, was one of Bronson's first appointees upon taking office.

Farmington Democratic Club



SWEARING IN TWO new officers to the Farmington Township Police Dept. is Township Clerk Floyd Cairns. The officers are Tom Godwin, left, and Raymond Marchewitz, Godwin, 29, is married and has two children. He is a veteran of six years of the Highland Park Police Dept. Marchewitz, who is a seven year veteran of the Highland Park Police, is 33, married and has five children.

## Farmington Teachers' Salaries at Minimum Level

Approval of Proposal B does not mean any additional cost to taxpayers but merely extends the present level until 1976.

The three mills which the school district is requesting be renewed produces \$360,000 a year of the annual budget of \$6,206,471. It is a part of the present 2.150 mills spent for operations.

These three mills, according to Superintendent Gus Harrison, are a vital portion of the district's income. The proposed 2.150 mills, approved salary range, liberal fringe benefits, Social Security, 401K, and Drive Nurture Office. RR \$3,000.

In turn a total of \$5,482,016 or 83.7 per cent of this money went for salaries and wages for the people who serve the needs of each child. Teaching supplies, heat, lights, insurance and building maintenance accounted for the remaining 14.3 per cent.

These budget figures do not take into consideration money spent from bond issues on buildings.

Although more than 35 per cent of each school district is spent on salaries and wages, Farmington teachers' salaries in some categories do not measure up to neighboring school districts. Improved salary schedules were adopted last spring and they will be able to be maintained only if this three mill operation millage is renewed. The school administration figures.

In a comparison with Berkley, Lakeside, Ferndale, Livonia, Royal Oak, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Waterford, Farmington teachers' on the bachelor degree minimum scale receive \$12,000.00. The maximum level is \$15,000.00. The Farmington minimum, \$5,500 is within \$250 of the highest. The maximum is \$15,000.00.

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## Township Girl 'Cheers' President With Letter

By JERRY WENDT

Diane Hoppe, of 21632 Tulane, Farmington is a very thoughtful little lady. When she read that President Johnson was going to have a gall bladder operation she remembered the operation of a similar nature, she had had last summer at Henry Ford Hospital.

Although she is only 14 years of age, Diane wanted to express of sympathy. So she wrote a letter to President Johnson and told him she knew of the discomfort he would experience. "I shall pray for you," she concluded, "and hope that you have a speedy convalescence."

Friday, the mailman delivered a letter with the White House Seal on it. Opening it, Diane was thrilled to read, "Your thoughtful remembrance cheered me and I want you to know how much I appreciate it." Lyndon B. Johnson.

Exciting as it is, this is not the first letter Diane has had from a President. When John Kennedy was President, Diane admired his family tremendously and wrote and asked him if she might have some pictures of his family.

He sent her two fine pictures. One of himself with Mrs. Kennedy and another one of Caroline bending lovingly over her brand-new baby brother, John John.

## Meningitis—No Epidemic

THE DEATH of 17-year-old Farmington's Michael Dunn is not a cause of general alarm in the area. This is the opinion of Dr. L. E. Goldman, Deputy Oakland County Medical Examiner, after conferring with the County's Public Health Commissioner Bernard Berman.

Dunn died at Detroit's Providence Hospital Sunday, of spinal meningitis. "This was one of those rare, spontaneous cases," said Goldman. "All having had contact with the boy are under medical surveillance," he assured.

## Planning Commission Tables Zoning Request

At the meeting of the Farmington Township Planning Commission, on Oct. 28, the request for rezoning a 82' by 298' lot in Brookside Subdivision from light industry to general business was tabled by the Farmington Township Planning Commission.

The Commission approved the request of the George Pastor and Sons, Building Co. for rezoning of 12 acres in the north quarter of Section 29 from single residential to multiple.

Set for a public hearing on Nov. 29; was a rezoning request from the present business and office and single residential to all RC-2 multiple.

Tabled till the next meeting was the final plat of Heritage Hills located in the area of 14 Mile Road between Farmington and Drake Roads.

In other developments, Commissioner Charles Lorian criticized the existence of a dump on Halstead Road; and raised the issue of underground wiring for all future subdivisions in the Township. Charles Lorian, the Township's Planning Consultant, will research this possibility. Lorian presented a sketch of a possible acceleration-deceleration approach to subdivision entrances.

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