



Public Letterbox

Gentlemen:

We were very happily surprised to read of the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township as a city under home rule. Many of us have discussed this in small groups recently, and couldn't understand why something like this wasn't being looked into for our own protection.

In the past few years, and especially this last year, this area has become a jewel among the suburbs of Detroit, but only because of the people who have been drawn here by the charm of the Farmington area. We have been here only a little over two years, but I feel this is our home, and that we are all people who want to preserve what we have. It would be a shame to see our community cut up and torn apart by those who would like a piece, if not all, of what has been built here.

The City of Detroit should not be so greedy as an aggressor with this in mind, since most of the taxpayers of Detroit are moving to the suburbs. While it may in some ways be pictured as a great city, and many of us, including myself, have lived there, it has shown itself to be ruthless in the last few years, and is now making even more plans, with no regard for preserving charm, tradition or property rights of the people who made it great. It seems to have changed from a city ruled by the rights and will of the people to one ruled by a political machine, only using the people, even to the point of now misleading them into voting for putting poison in the Detroit water. Not for me, thank you.

The borders of Detroit are alarmingly close, and separated by only a small strip of Redford Township as you approach Farmington Township by Grand River. Only a few weeks ago there was an article in the Detroit papers about how they were taking a good look at Grand River, and the way things are being done in that city at the present time, it won't be long before they find a way to take this entire area, and then at least a part of Farmington Township with it.

There are other surrounding cities with a little less ominous prospect, but which would nevertheless like part of the desirable area we are fast becoming. While we, or at least I,

have a great deal of affection for the City of Farmington, and like to feel as though I am a part of it living in the Township, the way they recently tried to secretly annex part of the Township was just a little sneaky, and is evidence of what could be done by other surrounding cities.

It seems there were those at the recent meeting who opposed this proposal, and stated they want things to stay just as they are. May I remind them that this is what we all would like, but that nothing ever remains the same. Change is inevitable, and since our change seems to be getting better and better, we must do something to protect this trend and not let spathy turn the tide. I believe this plan is absolutely necessary, and that a city under home rule is an excellent answer.

I do not, however, care for the proposal that has been proposed—Quakertown. If the one area already carrying this name wants to keep it just for that area, I don't see any reason why they shouldn't. I like to refer to our area, in the extreme northwest corner of the Township, as Sleepy Hollow, but just because it reminds me of it. The name Quakertown does not seem appropriate for a city such as ours can become. I believe we should retain part of the name of the community that we joined, and suggest the name Farmington Hills for our city. There are a few other names I could list as suggestions which would seem more appropriate than Quakertown. The name, however, is not as important as the action in this direction, and the unity of all the people of Farmington Township.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Betty Yates Magee
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MR. FRANCIS N. Furlong of 35511 Quakertown Lane in Farmington was installed Friday evening, November 2, as High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons, Chapter No. 180 of Highland Park. Installation ceremonies were held following a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Highland Park Temple, 44 East Buena Vista, Highland Park.

Up-Date Twp. Traffic Ord.

Amendments to up-date the Uniform Traffic Code under which the Farmington Township police department operates to make it conform more closely with new state traffic regulations were approved by the Township Board at its regular meeting November 8.

One section changed dealt with the color of flashing lights on police cars and another regarding the wording on the posting of speed and other traffic control signs.

The regulations regarding reckless and careless driving and drag racing were strengthened. Provisions were also included in another section to provide penalties for damage done to other cars by drivers spinning their wheels and hurling gravel and other debris against them.

Takes New Post At Ford Motor

Donald L. Bunday of Farmington has been appointed programming and Distribution Manager, Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Company, according to L. Emery Dearborn, assistant general manager—sales and marketing operations.

Mr. Bunday has been associated with the division since March, 1962, first as Program Timing Manager and later as Production Planning and Control Manager.

BUNDAY JOINED Ford in 1951 as a cost analyst with the Tank Division, moving to Central Staff Finance as an analyst in 1953. From 1954 until 1958 he served the Chassis Parts Division in several administrative and production control positions. He served as manager, Forward Planning and Program Timing Dept., Transmission and Chassis Division, from 1958 until his transfer to the Ford Tractor Division in 1962.

MSU Training For Retailers

Eileen Towers and Catherine McCoy, both 1962 graduates from Farmington Senior High, are now in Cleveland, Ohio, participating in Michigan State University's Executive Field Training Program.

Miss Towers is doing her training at The Halle Brothers Company and Miss McCoy is training at Higbee's Department Store.

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More neighbors from across the sea live at 24151 South Duncan in the persons of Karl and Gisela Baumann. The Baumans, who have no children,

are former residents of Germany. It was difficult to pinpoint just where but Karl said Dusseldorf was close enough. He is a pattern maker for the Engineering Pattern Co. in Farmington. Gisela works in the floor covering department at Sear's Livonia Mall. Karl's hobby is constructing various objects among which is a telescope microscope.

Over at 29683 Moran we find Ward and Marjorie Russell and their gang, Marjorie's, Ward's, Stephen's and David's. The Russells have been in only a short time and are too busy getting settled to think of hobbies.

Sharon Stasak of Barfield Drive gave her husband Jerry the shock of his life last Saturday when she assembled friends and relatives at their home to wish him a happy birthday. Guests from out-of-town included Mr. and Mrs. J.

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"Including the ZIP Code will greatly reduce the number of steps usually required in sorting and distribution of the plates by the Post Office under the old system. ZIP Code will, therefore, not only expedite handling of the 1966 plates but will also insure speedier delivery to the patron," Postmaster Trombley said.

Postmaster Trombley states that the ZIP Code for Farmington is 48024.

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