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Wp. Bd. Sued on Incorporation Moves

A legal suit has been started against Farmington Township Board members and Joseph P. Brennan, township attorney, in connection with their actions related to the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

The plaintiff in the legal action is Raymond N. Felix, 28039 Brandywine Street in Kendallwood subdivision. The attorney representing him is Wendall Brown, 29221 Ardmore Street in the township with law offices in Detroit. A longtime resident of the township, Brown has served both the Farmington School Board and Farmington Township Board.

ON FRIDAY, January 14, Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams ordered that the defendants appear in court on Monday, January 24, at 9 a. m. to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued preventing further activities on the incorporation move until a hearing on the complaints made by the plaintiff can be held and decided on.

The action orders that the defendants be restrained from three specific actions until the show cause hearing is held. These actions are: 1. From spending any public funds of the township for the purpose of promoting the incorporation of a home rule city to take place. 2. From incurring any debt, on behalf of the township, for such purpose.

3. From hiring or appointing any firm or person either with or without compensation to advise, aid or assist in the formation of a home rule city to supplant the township.

THE CONTENTION of the plaintiff and his attorney is that the township officials and their attorney are in violation of state statute by expending township funds to promote a change from the township form of government to a home rule city and by waging a "propaganda" campaign from and through the Township Hall supporting this change in the local government's form.

IN ADDITION to the three complaints for which the restraining order has been granted by Judge Adams, the bill of complaint further asks that the defendants be stopped from doing the following: 1. Appointing, fostering, conducting or assisting any committee or groups of persons or firms to look into the feasibility of forming the proposed home rule city.

2. Using or permitting the use of the Township Hall building or property for the purpose of changing the form of government of the area now comprising the Township of Farmington. 3. Soliciting names for a home rule city to supplant the township and from publicly advocating, as public officials of the township, a change in form of government whereby Farmington Township would cease to exist and a different form of government be imposed on the present township territory.

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New home construction in Farmington Township which issued a total of 593 residential building permits in 1965 at a valuation of \$12,135,885 proved to be the most substantial gain. This is an increase of 36 per cent over the number of new homes started in 1964 when 4380 home permits were issued at a valuation of \$8,082,623.

THE CITY OF Farmington issued a total of 173 permits with a cost of \$1,912,659 last year which is down from the 1964 total of 183 permits issued on new construction valued at \$2,111,478.

There were 71 permits issued by the City for home additions, valued at \$110,960, last year, 13 commercial additions valued at \$85,450 and 3 industrial additions valued at \$89,300. Home additions increased from 54 permits valued at \$96,114 in 1964, commercial additions were up from 11 at \$87,200 and industrial additions although

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Hall indicated that he was lead to believe funds would be made available to clean out and rebank the Rouge Branch a distance of approximately six tenths of a mile south of the expressway.

It is felt that these improvements will relieve flooding problems in the valley area on the south side of Grand River in the township and also give relief further up-stream in the city, he commented.

Necessary resolutions will have to be adopted by the Township Board and applications for assistance filed, however, Hall concluded.

Select Panel For Community Forum

Mr. Richard Wilde, principal speaker at the first meeting of the Farmington Community Forum, will face a most distinguished and formidable panel.

Abetting and disagreeing with his views on the general topic of "Public Tax Aid to Non-Public Schools" will be John Wether, Marjorie Vackmeier, Rep. William A. Ryan and Rev. Robert M. Eddy.

Mr. John Walther, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School, and a member of Luther's Administration for eight years, was graduated from Concordia Teacher's College in Nebraska and received an M.A. degree at Michigan State.

Mr. Marjorie Van Amedy, assistant superintendent of Farmington Public Schools and in charge of all curriculum and personnel at the schools, is a holder of degrees from Eastern Michigan, Wayne, and the University of Michigan.

Rep. William A. Ryan, Majority Caucus Chairman for the house Democrats, and representing the third district of the state, was chosen by Monks to represent the township at the Catholic Schools.

Free Pick-up in Twp. This Week

The pick up of discarded Christmas trees that was to have taken place throughout the township on Friday of last week never came to pass. The breakdown of a couple of trucks scheduled for the work was given as the reason.

Homeowners are asked to leave the trees out for pick-ups to be made in various sections on different days this week. They should be left near a roadway to assure collection.

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FARC Announces Winter Program

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission will again offer its winter recreation program to youngsters of both the City and the Township. All elementary students from eight through the sixth grade are eligible to participate.

The program will begin on Saturday, January 22, and run for six successive Saturdays ending on February 26. The inclusive hours of play will be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Admission to the program is free of charge and registration is not necessary. All participants will need to wear gym shoes and girls should wear slacks.

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Terry Brennan, Township Attorney and committee chairman, opened the meeting and read a prepared statement regarding the findings of the study of the subject "Why Incorporate?"

The sub-committee's conclusions were, in part, as follows: "We believe that it is imperative to maintain our boundaries if Farmington Township is to develop, as planned, into an outstanding residential community. . . . Farmington Township is a planned community. . . . It is a low density, residential community. The plan, and its Zoning Ordinance, control not only the total population ultimately expected, but also the population density allowed in any particular area. . . . The plan calls for an economically balanced community. . . . with a good industrial base. . . . The Township has set

Vote 2 to 1 To Renew C'ville Millage

Voters in the Clarenceville School District voted almost two to one for passage of a millage renewal proposition in a special election last Monday, January 17. The vote was 210 to 119 in favor of the renewal.

The seven mill levy for operational expenses had expired at the end of 1965, and renewal is for ten years.

School officials emphasized that passage of the millage will not increase the present tax rate, since it is a renewal of millage already being levied.

Ban Parking On South Side Of Grand River

Official action was taken by the City Council Monday night calling for the removal of all on-street parking on the south side of Grand River Avenue from Warner Street to the east city limits.

Safety Around Skating Rink Discussed

The skating rink situation in the city came in for considerable discussion at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

FEA Wins By Overwhelming Majority Vote

Farmington Public School teachers indicated by an overwhelming majority at an election last Monday that they prefer the Farmington Education Association to represent them in matters concerning wages, working hours and working conditions.

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THE RECREATION PROGRAM sponsored by the City of Farmington draws out an enthusiastic group of square dancers every Monday night at the Farmington Junior High School. The age range of participating square dancers goes from 17 to 70 and the average turnout provides enough for four squares or about 32 people.

Some Changes Made in City Rec. Program

Several changes in the Farmington City Recreation winter program will go into effect as the Department begins its program this week, according to Evans Bageris, director.

To Take Movies Of Drunk Drivers

Motorists apprehended in the City of Farmington driving under the heavy influence of alcoholic beverages so as to present a serious danger to other drivers and pedestrians will have their actions recorded on movie film when they are picked up in the near future.

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Square dancers will meet at Cloverdale Elementary School from 8 to 10 p. m. on Monday, instead of at Farmington Junior High School. These changes were necessitated by prior commitments of the facilities being used at Farmington Junior High School.



THE FARMINGTON JAYCEES, represented by their President Pat Nowak and Vice President Tom Lindberg (L to R, standing), on hand last Wednesday as Farmington City Mayor Sandy Brotherton (seated) signed the proclamation officially setting up this week as "Jaycee Week" in the community. The national observance of Jaycee Week is a time for citizens to take notice of the many fine civic projects carried out by this organization of young men across the nation and the world. For a review of Farmington Jaycee activities past and present see Page 6-B of this week's Enterprise.

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