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SMALL TURNOUT

Incorporation Debate Flares

A mere handful of citizens were on hand at Monday night's sixth Pre-Incorporation Study Committee meeting to hear a heated debate on the "motives" behind the incorporation move. There was no discussion on the report of the evening which was on the question of consolidation with the City of Farmington. The sub-committee, Thomas Nichols, Duke, Richard Moorhead, Richard Gaul and Terry Brennan, presented a report on the problems to be faced by consolidation, the advantages and disadvantages to both the City and Township, and concluded as follows:

In conclusion, the sub-committee finds that, regardless of the desires of the Township citizen with regard to consolidation, this should not affect the Township vote on the present incorporation. It is extremely illogical for a citizen who favors a single 36-square mile community to vote against the current incorporation proposal and thus open the Township area to further fractionalization. On the other hand a citizen

Charter Comm. Filing Deadline Is March 29

Candidates for the Charter Commission, to be elected in the Township incorporation election, have only until next Tuesday, March 29, or before 4 p.m., to file nominating petitions with the Oakland County Clerk.

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors met last Wednesday and authorized a June 6 special election on the incorporation of Farmington Township into a home rule city. Setting this date automatically set the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the nine-member Charter Commission. Those interested in serving on the Commission must file nominating petitions containing not less than 20, nor more than 40, names of registered voters in the Township. Two affidavits are necessary, one certifying the candidate and the other certifying any name change. If a person other than the candidate is filing the petitions, these affidavits must be completed in advance by the candidate before the County Clerk can accept the petition. Nominating petitions and the necessary affidavits may be secured at the office of the Farmington Township Clerk or the office of the County Clerk in Pontiac. The deadline for registering to vote in the June 6 election is May 6.

Halt Plans On Novi Village Incorporation

The threat of annexation of a part of Farmington Township by the proposed City of Novi has been removed—temporarily. It was reported Tuesday by Novi Township Supervisor Hadley Bachert that a lawsuit, started by the Township Board collectively and Supervisor Bachert individually, had been filed that morning and that Judge Arthur Moore had issued a temporary injunction restraining the Village of Novi from taking any further action on petitions for incorporation and from setting a date for a special election. Novi Township Attorney Emery Jacques stated that the Village of Novi recently received petitions to incorporate as a home rule city without regard for the 500 population per square mile requirement of the statute. He said that a hearing has been set for Monday, March 28, at which the Village of Novi must show cause why a permanent injunction should not be issued.

MAKING A MOUNTAIN out of a mole hill may be just an expression to most Farmington residents but Al Heister is watching with interest the progress a mole is making on the mound of earth he has pushed up on the lawn in front of his Mobil Oil Service Station on Grand River Avenue. It looks like he's about a two-foot pile of earth the mole has stirred up so far and he's caused quite a few curious motorists to wonder.

ATTENDING JAYCEE MUSICALES for the past nine years and enjoying them have been Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sterling and daughter, Nancy, of Dearborn. Another son, Dick Sterling, has added light comedy to the annual shows in past years but now sits in the stands with the other Exhausted Roomers of the Jaycees. "Showboats A Comin'" lived up to all expectations this past weekend and played to full houses both nights.

IN THE DOG-GONDEST THINGS Happen Dept., A dog we know put some scratches on a neighbor's brand new auto paint job. Later he was very remorseful so he had his florist send them an arrangement with a note enclosed "I feel like a dog!" (signed) Gilbert.

WE MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED the badges being sported on the lapels of certain individuals in town lately. It's a round white badge with blue lettering proclaiming Elk's Enterprise F.F.B.C.C. Just you won't have to ask next time you see one what the initials stand for it is: Farmington Founders' Festival Beard Growing Contest (FFBGC). Don't forget to register on April 2 and get in on the fun and prizes.

MOBILE BOUND TO LEND moral support to Farmington's Bonnie Britton as four of her classmates from North Farmington High School, Mr. and Mrs. George Nauman, of 3425 Northwidge, their daughter, Nancy, and three other friends of Bonnie's left Tuesday morning and expect to be in time for the National Junior Miss Pageant which opens tonight.



MICHIGAN'S JUNIOR MISS Bonnie Britton of Farmington, received simultaneous congratulations from her 28 sister Junior Misses from all over Michigan. All 28 girls competed with Bonnie in the Michigan 1966 Junior Miss Pageant. The best wishes came by conference telephone call sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees placed to Bonnie in Mobile, Alabama. The telephone call allowed each local Junior Miss to stay in her own part of the state and yet be connected with Bonnie at the same time as the others. Each of the 28 local Pageant winners talked with Bonnie and sent their best wishes. The girls also were interested to hear about Bonnie's Pageant experiences. The girls talked in alphabetical order, for about 30 seconds each. (See picture on Page 6A).

Third Hwy. Fatal Recorded in Twp.

A Union Lake, father of seven children was killed in a three-car accident in Farmington Township last Friday night, March 18, at the intersection of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. It was the third traffic fatality of 1966 in Farmington.

Ira Martin Hatfield, 42, of 9215 Funston in Union Lake died shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday from injuries suffered in the accident in which he was thrown from his car and run over by one of the other cars involved.

HATFIELD was northbound on Orchard Lake Road and struck an eastbound 13 Mile Road car driven by Anne Catherine Ratchford, 69, of 17561 Tracey in Detroit. The woman's car was knocked into a vehicle waiting in the westbound lane of 13 Mile Road to complete a right turn onto Orchard Lake. After striking the second car, driven by Robert C. Grider, 55, of 2750 Kingsway Drive in Highland, Michigan, Mrs. Ratchford's auto which had been spun around in the initial collision accelerated, barreled across the intersection, ran over Hatfield and then carried over into the Standard Service Station driveway on the southwest corner.

Hatfield's wife, Helen, 43, suffered serious cuts and lacerations in the accident. She was taken to the two-year-old son, Patrick, in her arms in the car, front seat while two other children, Kathleen, 10, and Coleen, 7, were in the back seat. All of the children escaped serious injury. Only three of the seven Hatfield children were in the car.

Taken to Botsford General Hospital in serious condition was Mrs. Ratchford. The two passengers in her car and occupants of the other car escaped serious injury.

18 Merchants Offering Free Easter Hams

An Easter Ham Contest is now underway in Farmington with 18 merchants participating and as many lucky families in line to receive a delight for their dinner table.

The contest ends Saturday, April 2, and there is plenty of time to get your entries in and be eligible to win. Complete contest rules are listed on Page 10-B of this week's Enterprise. Participating merchants in the Ham Contest are: A & P Super Market, Bradley Rexall Drugs, Camerama, Inc., Conroy Super Market, Farmington Cleaners, Farmington Kowalski Sausage Center, Farmington Hobby Shop, Hinkle's of Farmington, First Farmington Savings, Madeline's Children's Shop, Montgomery-Ward, Ray Interiors, H. A. Smith Lumber, Phillip B. Thomas Jeweler, Towne Jewelry, Scott 5 & 10, White House Valet and Welby House of Music.

Segers Ask Aid In Finding Cat

Kelly Seger rescued a cat from what might have been a watery grave and may have to be subjected to rabies shots for his trouble if the cat is found and pronounced to be free of the disease. Kelly was bitten by the ungrateful creature; it is a white, long-haired animal with a short tail and seems to run wild in the section along Drake Rd. between 11 and 12 Mile Rd. in the morning.

If anyone should see such a cat in the vicinity, it would be greatly appreciated by Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seger, if they would immediately notify the township police.

War Monument To Get Study

The Farmington City Council authorized City Manager John Dinnan to investigate possibilities of constructing a new Veterans War Memorial on city property, at their regular meeting Monday night, March 21. Robert Smith, representing the American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4033 of Farmington, appeared before the Council to make the request for improving the present War Memorial Monument on the grounds of the Masonic Lodge, Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road.

SMITH STATED he felt the monument should be moved to City-owned property and improved to include the names of local veterans who served in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. The present monument, erected in 1924, lists those who served from the community in the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I. Council members agreed it would be good to improve the costs involved in getting the monument updated and at the same time checking possibilities of improvements to the pedestal. It was proposed the costs could be shared by the City and Township along with the local veterans organizations.

Also at Monday night's meeting, Smith outlined plans for the annual Memorial Day services and parade, set for Monday, May 30. In charge of the Memorial Day Parade are Hub Barth of the Groves-Walker Post and Joe Gibbons of the VFW Post. All former military personnel and veterans' organizations of the City and Township are being requested to participate. Invitations are also being extended to numerous other parading elements including personnel and equipment of the U.S. military forces, scouting units, school bands and other community groups and individuals.

Appointment Deadman To Replace Chief Foltz

The Farmington City Council formally accepted the resignation of Chief Maurice D. Foltz, Director of the City's Department of Public Safety, effective April 1, and appointed Sgt. Robert F. Deadman, a nine-

year veteran of the Department, as the Acting DPS Director. Chief Foltz has accepted the position of Police Commissioner in Sterling Township where he will organize a completely new

department. Foltz stated his decision to leave Farmington was based on the "great challenge" and the hopes that he might create a new department that would be as proficient and dedicated as the men and women

that now serve the citizens of Farmington." He extended his sincere appreciation to the City Council and the City Manager for the fine cooperation he received during his two-year tenure in Farmington.

COUNCILMEN Pete Peterson and Ralph Yoder echoed City Manager John Dinnan's state-

Council Views Planners' Six-Year 'Dream' Program

Councilman Howard Thayer lauded the City's six-year capital improvement program submitted by the Farmington City Planning Commission to the Council in consideration Monday night as a "dream address" in its long range scope.

Thayer and City Manager John Dinnan differed on what the Councilmen in making out the annual basis by the City Planners and are intended to be used only as a guide to future City needs. Some of these items, a community civic center and swimming pool, Thayer feels should be looked at realistically in terms of "where are we going to get the money?"

MAYOR BROTHERTON and Councilman John Allen also expressed concern for the financing of certain of the items in the six-year plan. They maintained sidewalks and street improvements were needed first.

Although the six-year plan was submitted to the Council at its meeting of February 21, Monday night's meeting was the first opportunity for all of the Councilmen to enter into a discussion of it since Mayor Brotherton and Thayer have been absent from recent meetings. The plan calls for a capital improvement program covering the years 1967-71 with an estimated cost from all projects listed at \$3,843,400. The City's share of the total cost is estimated at \$1,931,600 with the balance expected to come from federal funds and other sources.

DINAN SUPPORTED the City Planners in the scope of their improvement program and emphasized it was intended principally for a guide and did not require formal adoption. He said the recently completed Jaycee Community Attitude Survey was used by the City Planners in drafting the program. The two items which drew the most concern from councilmen, a civic activities

building and swimming pool, both received high response from citizens answering the Jaycee survey as things needed in the community.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN received support from fellow Councilmen in his position that the first two years of the plan are basically sound but the long range plans "need review." Off-street parking and road improvement projects are the main items outlined in the plan for the 1966-68 period. These will be studied and used as a guide in making out the next fiscal budget. The City Planning Commission program was received and filed by the Council following the discussion.

Considerable discussion also developed at Monday night's Council meeting over the proposed sale of City-owned land on the south side of the Rouge River north of Grand River Avenue. Charles Hannan made the offer to purchase the small east from the rear of his Grand River office and connects with land he also owns at



ROBERT DEADMAN ment on the "great contribution that Chief Foltz has made to the Police and Fire Department through his leadership and dedication to duty." The Council joined in extending sincere wishes for success to Chief Foltz in his new post.

Deadman's appointment to the post of Acting Director brings with it a pay raise from \$7,012 to \$8,000 annual salary. A decision on a permanent Director of Public Safety is expected to be made prior to July 1 of this year.

In making the appointment, see DEADMAN Page 6A

Bulletin

A public hearing to discuss a traffic signal at 13 Mile and Middlebelt has had its place of meeting changed to the Road Commission Office at 2420 Pontiac Road, March 25, at 10 a.m. It was originally announced to take place in the Conference Room of the Oakland County Community Service Center.

Lapham Named To County Post

Harry Lapham of Farmington was named last week to a three-man Oakland County Building Authority created by the Board of Supervisors to construct a new wing to the County Court House.

Lapham, who is Vice President of the National Bank of Detroit, will serve on the Building Authority with Milo Cross, President of the Pontiac State Bank and President of the State Bankers Association, and Robert Critchfield, Vice President of General Motors Corporation and the former General Manager of their Pontiac Motor Car Division. The appointments, announced by Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, were made March 16.

The three million dollar court house wing will provide quarters for administrative offices of the former General Building and the Probate and Juvenile Court divisions. The new wing will make room for the office court tower for additional offices of the Circuit Court and provide for the scheduled expansion of the Circuit Court.

Jack McDonald Seeks Congressional Seat

Jack H. McDonald, Supervisor of Redford Township, and Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, announced he will seek Republican nomination for Congress in the 19th Congressional District. The announcement comes in the heels of McDonald's being voted the 1965 Detroit Junior Board of Commerce "Young Man of the Year."

The Redford Jaycees honored him as their Man of the Year in 1964.



JACK McDONALD McDonald this week opened his 19th Congressional District Headquarters in Farmington at 3320 Grand River Avenue at Warner Street. The District includes portions of south Oakland County and northern Wayne County.

Donald is now in his third term as Supervisor of Redford Township. As Supervisor of the state's largest Township, McDonald has obtained a reputation as a top administrator. His post carries with it the roles of Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner, Tax Assessor, Civil Defense Director, Chief of the Building, D.P.W., Water and Sewer Department, Legal Agent for the Township and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

It is particularly interesting for political observers to note that Republican McDonald has been a successful vote getter in his bid for elective office in Redford Township despite the fact that he is a Democrat.

NO DOCTOR'S SURVEY Underway by phone Obscene telephone calls took place this past week as area residents reported a caller purporting to be a doctor on the staff of Botsford General Hospital conducting a survey on teenage girls upset several families.

Seymour Canter, Administrator at Botsford General Hospital, stated emphatically no such survey was underway by any doctors on their staff and the methods used by the obscene callers are totally out of line with any medical practices.



THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Committee held its organizational meeting last week and reviewed last year's joint Veterans of Foreign Wars American Legion effort. Pictured at the meeting are (L. to R., seated) Mrs. Harry Kutschke, Mrs. Mary Jo Brown, Jo Gibbons, Chairman Hub Barth, Frank Barber, Alma Mattow and Mrs. Charles Currie; and (L. to R., standing) Mayor Willard, Mrs. Smith, Major Smith, James Johnson, Virgil Iandolph, Harry W. Kutschke, Charles Currie, Mrs. Johnson and John Fougere. Represented on the committee in addition to members of Farmington's Groves-Walker Post 346 and VFW Post 4033 are the auxiliary units from both posts, Hill Star Mothers Chapter No. 49 and the World War I Barracks.