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Incorporation Letters Sent To Township Voters

The open letter to all Farmington Township voters telling the reasons behind the move toward incorporation was mailed last week by the Township.

Signed by Supervisor Curt Hall the letter states that preservation of the Township boundaries was the primary reason behind the move. The letter adds:

"While there is some logic and sentiment favoring the incorporation of a single city comprising the 28 square mile area, there are practical problems which dictated the decision not to attempt to include the City of Farmington at this time. The City and the Township have developed as entirely separate and independent municipalities. Water and sewer systems are separate, long range planning concepts are somewhat inconsistent and methods of financing public improvements differ sharply.

"These differences do not prevent consolidation, but do raise questions which ought to be considered carefully, and their merits, and ought not to be presented during this election which has the preservation of our boundaries as its primary object.

"Your Township Government believes that a favorable vote on the incorporation of Farmington is imperative. Were the City included from the outset, we have considerable doubt that the proposed incorporation would carry in the City, where a separate vote would have to be taken. We do not feel that the advantages, if any, of including the City at this time justify the risk.

"The law affords adequate machinery by way of an election for consolidation at which these questions can more properly be raised and dealt with after incorporation of the new city."

The letter recounts the annexation attempt of a portion of the Township by the City and adds that reports were heard about other proposed annexation projects.

"The filing of the incorporation petitions," the letter asserts, "was an official action of your Township government, authorized by the Township Planning Commission.

"The action was taken because your Township officials felt that they had a duty to you to prevent the fractionalizing of this community and of loss of important tax base by annexation of parts of the township to neighboring municipalities."

Hall also tells the residents of the 12 man study committee

organized by the Board "to get the views of our people and make recommendations as to the type of municipal government best suited to our present and future needs."

The study committee will meet the first and third Mondays of each month at the Township Hall at 8 p.m. All the meetings will be open to the public and individual citizens will be given an opportunity to express their views at these meetings, according to the letter.

Outlining the mechanics of a move toward incorporation the letter notes:

- The election date on the question will be set by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.
- At the same election a nine man Charter Commission will be elected.
- The Charter Commission must frame a charter for the proposed city within 30 days.
- The Charter Commission will set a date for an election on whether to accept or reject the proposed charter. At the same time officials for the proposed city will be elected.
- If the charter is rejected by the voters then it is referred back to the commission for revision. This may be done no more than once.

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Take Your Pick

Included in the letter mailed to all Township voters is a ballot to try to determine the citizens' wishes on what would be a suitable name for the community.

The letter points out that nothing is set up in statute for the naming of a proposed city. It notes, however, that "The City of Quakerstown" was chosen because it has some historical significance in this area and is the name of one of the Villages which would be included in the new city.

Included in the ballot are eight possible names, plus space for additional suggestions.

For those who wish to misplace the letter and wish to make their views known the

- () City of Quakerstown
 - () City of Farmington Hills
 - () City of Farmington Township
 - () City of North Farmington
 - () City of Wood Creek Farms
 - () City of Farmington Heights
 - () City of Farmington Woods
 - () City of Clarenceville
- Other name you prefer:

Terry Brennan Named Chairman of Committee

Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. (Terry) Brennan was named chairman of the Township's Study Committee on Incorporation at the group's organizational meeting Monday night.

Meeting before a crowd that filled the Township's meeting room, the group decided to try to make arrangements to hold future public sessions scheduled for Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21) at either Dunce-let or East Junior High.

The group selected subcommittees on four main divisions of the topic. The subcommittees are charged to report back to the full group at a specific meeting. The subcommittees and when they are due to make reports are:

- Jan. 17—Why Incorporate? Charles Lorton, Charles Stevenson and Brennan;
- Feb. 7—Local government needs of the community, present and future. Thomas Nolan, Richard Gaul, and Douglas MacArthur; this would include public safety and health, planning and zoning controls and access and transportation;
- Feb. 21—the same general topic as the Feb. 7 meeting, but to examine municipal services and public improvements and the utility committee.

Norman E. Kreider, and C. W. organizational meeting Monday night.

March 7—Financial resources of the community, Thomas Duke, Calvin Oppenheuser and Clifford Mogerhead.

The last meeting on March 21 would be held to review and accept the final report and make recommendations.

All of the sessions of the study committee, which are open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m.

Two Accidents at Grand River and Powers Rd.

Patti Shook, 13, 22840 Frederick, Farmington was hit Dec. 27 while crossing Grand River at Powers Rd. She was taken to Dotsford Hospital when the local police officers that he hit her.

Patti was hit by a car driven by Robert A. Goza, 17, of 15413 Centralia, Redford Township. The girl told police that a woman was in a car waiting to make a left turn onto Powers Rd. motioned her to continue crossing the street and she did not see Goza's vehicle.

Another person injured as a result of a car accident involving two cars also took place at the same intersection last week. No one was seriously injured in that accident.

The City of Farmington has been seeking for a year to obtain a traffic light at that corner. However, because Grand River is a state highway the City is unable to erect the light.

Local Bill Is Due!



CITY TREASURER Kathryn Cotter and Almarose Mattox check their records in preparation of the continuing flow of tax returns. The last day to pay the taxes at City Hall is Feb. 14. By Monday a total of \$487,055.99 was paid of the \$1,137,378.16 due.

Edna Buckner, rear, and Doris Carmack are interested in the total of busy processing the payments. Township tax bills are due by Feb. 15.

Irene Schinzeck (with Mrs. Avery) and

Hassle Erupts Over Proposal To Take Movies

Farmington City Manager John Dignan and Director of Public Safety Maurice D. Foltz want to buy a movie camera for use in establishing evidence "primarily for violators driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics."

From the eruption of the City Council Monday night it doesn't appear likely that the piece of equipment costing about \$325 will be purchased.

Foltz said that movie films had been accepted for evidence in the Circuit Court for other misdemeanors and that the Michigan State Police was contemplating the program.

The main objection to the proposal came from Councilman John A. Allen who called it a violation of privacy. "I know you need them," Allen said, "but this is bordering on police state methods."

Major Wilbur V. Brothers also made a plain his thoughts that this should have been provided for in the current budget rather than to appropriate funds from the contingency fund.

When Councilman Hugo Peterson asked Allen if this meant that he was in favor of drunk driving Allen retorted:

"Absolutely not. I don't think the question of drunk drivers should enter into this, but there is the possibility that the person arrested is not drunk."

"I don't know how many times this happens," he stated, "but I do know that there are cases."

Speaking to Foltz Allen said that "You are an honest man and under you there would be no abuses to the program, but what happens if you leave and a Little Hitler comes in and abuses it. This kind of thing could go on for months before it could be stopped."

Foltz said that the program was needed to obtain convictions of drunk driving charges. He said that up to the first of December in 1965 the City had 120 drunk driving arrests. In 1964 there were 22 arrests compared with 18 during 1963.

Similar methods are currently being used in Tucson, Arizona and Des Moines, Iowa.

City Attorney Robert J. Kelly said that while he had reservations about how effective the program would be he thought that it was "no more an invasion of privacy than to

City Starts Codification

The Farmington City Council authorized City Manager John Dignan to start on a codification and reprinting of the Farmington City Code Monday night, but added that they didn't want to pay for it until next year's budget.

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Registrations Still Open for Classes

Elementary school youngsters interested in the French and Spanish classes to be offered at Ten Mile School have until Jan. 8 to register.

PTA president Donald McGroger asked that parents send registrations for the 10-week Saturday morning courses and \$8 for each child to be enrolled to his home, 23240 Loomis Ct. by Saturday.

The program is set to begin Jan. 22 and will run until March 26. Second to sixth graders in all Farmington public schools and the Our Lady of Sorrows parish near Ten Mile are eligible for the classes.

The schedule will be: Spanish, grades 5 and 6 — 9:45 a.m.; Spanish, grades 2 to 4 — 10:15 a.m.; French, grades 5 and 6 — 10:45 a.m.; French, grades 2 to 4 — 9:45 a.m.

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John J. Schulte Dies, First Municipal Judge

A Requiem Mass was said Monday morning for Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., the first municipal judge of Farmington. Judge Schulte, 81, of 20204 Valleyview, died Dec. 29 following a long illness.

He served as municipal judge from 1938 until Dec. 31, 1962. Prior to his term of office he had been the judge of the Peace for the area for two years.

Judge Schulte was also prominent in Oakland County Republican circles. He was a 1920 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School.

He is survived by two sons, James L. of Walled Lake, and Robert J. of Farmington. His wife, the former Eva Herbert, is deceased.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Moll, Mrs. Frances Wheeler, and Miss Josephine Schulte, and two brothers, A. Louis and Fred W. One sister, Mrs. Raymond Schrage, is also deceased.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, officiating at the 10:30 Mass Monday. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

City Bans Parking in Block

Beginning Jan. 15 parking will be prohibited on the east side of Farmington Rd. between Grand River and Thomas.

The City Council approved this traffic control measure at its regular meeting Monday night.

They also approved amendments to four ordinances bringing parking lots under the jurisdiction of the Farmington Police.

The four ordinances deal with reckless or careless driving; speed control and drag racing; unattended vehicles on private property; and parking on private property.

Under the latter the police can "hang a ticket" on cars parked in private lots at the request of the owner. If the owner of the car does not appear to pay the fine the lot owner may then bring a complaint against the individual.

Director of Public Safety Maurice Foltz said that cars would be ticketed only those private lots which are so posted and at the request of the owner.

He pointed out that violation of this would be under the ordinance and not a traffic violation.

In other action the Council:

- Tabled a request from the Fika to provide a non-resident tap on the Lamar St. sanitary sewer to service property on the east side of Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township to its next regular meeting;
- Voted to send a letter of appreciation to the National Bank of Detroit for its "civic responsibility" in bidding on all of the City's bond issues; and
- Abandoned an eight-inch water main currently serving the former Children's Hospital and a four-inch main on the south side of Grand River east of Nine Mile as this area will be serviced by an Oakland County Water Department project.

Kids Turn Earnings Over to Goodfellows

For the past two years more than 20 Farmington youngsters and their parents have entertained the residents of the Alta Loma Subdivision by singing Christmas Carol. They call themselves the Hamlin Court Carolers.

The children wanted to do this just to bring some joy to people who might not be able to get out during the holidays. The people they serenaded were surprised that the children thought of them.

Some of the people surprised the children with cookies or candy. Others gave them money.

There was no problem what to do with the cookies and candy. Like all normal, healthy children they disposed of them.

However, there was quite a problem with the money. Finally the children held a meeting and decided that

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Woodbine Public Hearing Put Off

The hearing scheduled for Jan. 11 on the necessity for sanitary sewer improvement for the Woodbine Subdivision by special assessment in Farmington Township has been cancelled.

Township Clerk Floyd Carmoia told the Township Board that a check showed that the petitions filed fell short of the required 51 percent of representation of the land area.

Carmoia stated, however, that a few more signatures were all that were necessary and he believed that these could be obtained easily. When this is done the Township Board is expected to set a new date for the public hearing.