Civil Suit Filed Against Township on Incorporation

Attorney Wendell Brown has filed a suit in the Oakland County Circuit Court seeking an injunction to prohibit the Township from sanctioning the work of the 12 man study committee examining the question of the incorporation of the Township into a home rule city.

The suit will be heard before Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams on Jan. 24. Brown told The Observer that in the action he was representing "Raymond N. Felix of 28039 Brandywine Rd., Farmington Township.

A total of eight points are listed in the suit. These would prohibit the Township from:

● Spending any public funds for the purpose of incorporat-

ing the Township as a home rule city;

● Incurring any debt on behalf of the Township on the question;

● Hiring any personnel to work on the question;

● Appointing, fostering, conducting or assisting any committee or group to look into the feasibility of incorporation;

● Using or permitting the use of any Township property to discuss or promote a change in the 'form of government;

● Permit Township property to be used as a "political headquarters" to promote the home rule city move or holding any public meetings on the ques-

tion;

● To solicit names for the home rule city or to publicly advocate, as elected officals, a change in the form of government; and

● To use official position to "propagandize" in favor of incorporation.

Brown added that the suit

also asks for an accounting of all public funds and, if the case is won, could demand reimbursement to the Township of any funds expended.

A temporary restraining order was issued Jan. 14 on the first three points according to nam said, in part;

"It was the hope of the Township in appointing this study

cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued on Jan. 24.

In a statement issued Monday night at the public session of the Study Committee Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan said, in part;

committee to provide a forum at which the question of incorporating Farmington Township could be debated publicly and on its merits.

"Naturally some opposition is to be expected that it was our hope that the points against as well as the points for incorporation would be thoroughly

discussed here.

"I was sorry to learn during the last few days that opponents of the incorporation proposal apparently prefer to pursue a clandestine approach relying not on fact but on personal attacks upon those of us who have sponsored this proposal.

"The Township Administration has repeatedly said that the annexation proposal was sponsored and approved by the Township Board and the Township Planning Commission.

"The letter which was sent to all the township voters was sent out at the expense of the town-
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Group Lists 'Why' of Incorporation

Farmington Township residents and taxpayers have a lot of soul searching to do before they make up their minds to take upon themselves the responsibility of city government.

The second in a series of six public meetings of incorporation of Farmington Township was held Monday night at East Farmington Junior High to deal with the question, "Why Incorporate?"

Township residents were given the chance to analyze and criticize the reasoning behind the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township in the company of their neighbors and civic leaders.

Joseph T. Brennan, chairman of the Farmington Township Incorporation Study Committee, said at the start of the meeting that he was "afraid that the committee members would do all the talking instead of the people in the audience."

It wasn't long before his fears were proven unwarranted.

In its report the subcommittee stated; that, "it is imperative to maintain our boundaries if Farmington Township is to develop, as planned, into an outstanding residential community."

The report centered on the need for an economically balanced community, and the importance of preventing the annexation of property zoned for light industrial use. Brennan referred repeatedly to property in the Southwest section of the township which, he said, "adds considerably to a good tax base so necessary to the community."

Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club, said he felt steps should be taken to protect the township from further annexation moves should the present incorporation move fail to win the support of the voters. He suggested that he and the committee look into the implementation of legislation impeding annexation.

Brennan said that a proposed name of a city in its incorporation petitions did not compel the residents of that area to use the same name on the city charter which he hoped would be voted on in April.

Don Oakes, charter consultant for Farmington Township, said
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Committee Sets Meeting Spots

Locations for the committee sessions of the committee studying the incorporation question in Farmington Township have been confirmed according to an announcement by Study Committee Chairman Terry Brennan.

The schedule is: Feb. 7 at North Farmington High School; Feb. 21 at William Grace School; March 7 at Longacre School; and March 21 at Dunckel School. All the meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

Youth Dies in Accident

Mark Thomas Devine, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Devine, 23031 Albion, Farmington Township, was killed in a automobile accident Jan. 15 in New York State.

Devine, who moved to Farmington 11 years ago with his family, attended Our Lady of Sorrows and Farmington High School. He enlisted in the Navy in Oct., 1962 at the age of 17.

At the time of his death he was a Fireman, First Class, stationed at the Naval Station in Norfolk, Va. He was on leave at the time of the accident.

A Requiem Mass will be said Thursday, Jan. 20, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Brighton. A rosary will be said tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home.

In addition to his parents, Devine is survived by eight brothers and sisters: James L., John E., Arthur C., Michael W., Robert A., Mary E. and Adelaide M., all of Farmington Township and Mrs. Catherine C. Anderson of Detroit. Also surviving is a grandmother, Mrs. Glen Baker, of Detroit.

SWING YOUR PARTNER is the order of the weekly square dance sessions sponsored by the City of Farmington's Parks and Recreation Department. All residents are invited to partici-

pate in the sessions which meet every Monday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Cloverdale Elementary School. Harley Wood, noted caller, conducts the classes.

Recreation Department Revamps Winter Schedule

Several changes in the Farmington City's Recreation Winter program will go into effect as the program begins this week.

The weekly swim schedule will remain the same as reported in last week's Observer with

two exceptions. There will be no open swimming on Friday evening and the Saturday "Learn to Swim Class" for students will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School pool.

Registration for the program will be held Jan. 22 at the pool which is located on Middlebelt Rd. just north of Eight Mile.

The ladies gymnasium class will meet from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. This is a half hour later than the meetings during the initial 10-week period.

In addition the square dancers will meet at the Cloverdale Elementary School from 8 to 10 p.m. on Mondays instead of the Farmington Junior High School.

Aid to Schools Is Forum Topic

A member of the American Civil Liberties Union and Protestants and Others United for Separation of Church and State will discuss "Public Tax Aid to Non-public Schools" at the Farmington Community Forum Jan. 27.

The talk will begin at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church. An admission

charge will be collected at the door.

Richard Wilde of Grosse Pointe will be the main speaker. Wilde's avocation is maintaining a "solid wall" between Church and State. He is employed as director and chief metallurgist of an industrial research plant in the metropolitan area.

Panelists, who will question Wilde, will be: John Walther, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School; Marinus Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools; William A. Ryan, majority caucus chairman for the Democrats in the State House of Representatives representing the Catholic school; and The Rev. Robert M. Eddy, minister of the Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church.

In referring to his topic Wilde will ask: Is it constitutional? Is the question of constitutionality even pertinent? Is it desirable public policy? What ultimate effect of the public schools? Are parochial school parents double-taxed? Are the rights of parochial students being infringed? Is freedom of choice being denied? Is the wall of separation between Church and State important?

Mothers Gear for March

The kick-off meeting for the Farmington March of Dimes Mothers' March will be Jan. 20, at 8 p.m., in the Bel-Aire Lanes bowling alley.

The Mothers' March for 1966 is under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Ruyle in the city and Mrs. Tillie Dicks and Mrs. Janet Larson in the township. Many ladies have already accepted responsibility for the Mothers' March in their neighborhood, but others are still needed, according to the leaders.

Harold A. Larson, Farmington attorney, and the 1966 General Chairman for the community, urges residents to donate liberally to this year's drive. Last year $5,397 was raised, but 33 polio patients and 13 persons with birth defects from Farmington benefited from March of Dimes help in aid and treatment to the extent of $9,921.26.

Larson also pointed out that local teen-agers are organizing projects to assist the March of Dimes effort, along with other school children who will be given the opportunity to contribute through individual dime holders.

Cannisters are also being placed in local businesses, while the several Farmington bowling alleys are participating in March of Dimes tournaments.

$250 Temple Damage

A fire broke out at the Farmington Masonic Temple last Tuesday night and caused $250 worth of damage to the building before being extinguished. Temporary electrical wiring was cited as the cause of the fire according to a report by the City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety.

Cubs Slate Meeting

Farmington Cub Scout Pack 168 will hold its regular meeting Friday, Jan. 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Ten Mile School.

In Case of Snow . . .

Farmington School closings in the event of bad weather will be announced by four area radio stations, James M. Read, assistant superintendent of schools has informed the principals. The stations are WXYZ, WWJ, WJR and WERB.

IT'S NATIONAL JAYCEE Week and Farmington's Mayor Sandy Brotherton has issued a proclamation honoring Farmington's group. Examining the text of the document with Brotherton are, from left, Jaycee Vice President Tom Lindbert and President Pat Nowak.

City Council Says No Grand River Parking

Parking on the south side of Grand River from Warner to the city limits is now prohibited.

The Farmington City Council took action at its meeting Monday night in extending a previous traffic control order from Warner to Grove St. to include the area from Warner to the City limits.

At the heart of the move is

the constant problem which the City's Department of Public Safety has had with accidents in the area.

The City has been seeking for the past year to have a traffic light installed at Grand River and Powers Rd. They contend that this will break the flow of traffic, while the State Highway Department has contended that no light is needed.

Since Grand River is a state highway the City actually has little control over the matter. In fact, the City offered to stand the expense of installing a light and they were told in effect that if a light was erected the state highway department would remove it.

On Monday two persons were injured in a three car accident on Grand River just west of Mayfield. Taken to St. Marys Hospital in Livonia was Henrietta Bernhardt, 44, of Novi, while John McDermott, 62, of Detroit was taken to Botsford.

McDermott's car was traveling west on Grand River as was a car driven by Madeline Ditor, 64, of 36500 Nine Mile Rd., Farmington. Mrs. Bernhardt was traveling east on Grand River.

At The Observer's press time the police report on the accident was incomplete so it was not immediately known just what had happened.

A young girl was injured while crossing Grand River at Powers during the Christmas holidays.

Use of Movies By Police OK'd

The City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety got its authorization to purchase movie equipment and to use this equipment on a "trial basis" in drunk driving cases at the City Council meeting Monday night.

Originally proposed at the last Council session two weeks ago, the plan had created quite a furor. At that time Councilman John Allen objected strongly to the proposal and termed it as "an invasion of privacy" and "police state methods."

Monday night Allen said that he had consulted three local attorneys and that they were all of the opinion that such a plan would not be an invasion of privacy and that any smart lawyer could probably combat the film in a courtroom.

Allen added that the lawyers were of the opinion that the fault in obtaining convictions lie in the present state law and not with procedures in the city.

The Council had tabled action on the proposal at its meeting two weeks ago and told Public Safety Director Maurice D. Foltz and City Manager John Dinan to obtain a ruling on whether or not such evidence could be used in a courtroom.

Foltz presented an opinion from Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson Monday night which stated in part, "The advice you have in mind when used as described by the Supreme Court opinion would appear to protect the defendant. Its use will also protect the public. It assists the police 'in making those complex social decisions which must be made.'"

Bronson added that "I highly commend your ingenuity and industry in this regard. Your efforts in making our streets
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AFS Applications Now Available

Applications for housing American Field Service Exchange students are now being accepted through Jan. 28. Copies of the application may be obtained at the Farmington High School office, Paula Norman or by calling Mrs. W. R. Parsons at 474-1805.

In order to qualify to house an AFS student, all members of the family must want to have a student in the home. Parents must be over 37, years of age and have resided in the United States since they were 12.

They must have raised or are raising at least one teenager. Although all the exchange students are high school seniors, the family's teenager need not be a high school senior.

Religious preferences are not made, because from experience, AFS has found that Moslems and Buddhists have been successfully placed in Christian homes, as have Catholics in Protestant and Jewish homes. Other traits, hobbies and personalities are considered in the placement.

Last year more than 5,000 applications were processed by the New York office. Most of the students arrive in the country in August.

The AFS student receives an allowance and medical insurance from New York. The host family can claim up to $50 a month deduction from their income tax, as everyday living expenses are borne by the family.

The dinner dance, sponsored by the two AFS Chapters in Farmington to help provide funds to bring the students to the community, will be April 16. Tickets may be obtained from any AFS Chapter member.

Two Classes Still Open in Program

Two university level, non credit courses, are still open for registration in the Farmington Public Schools Adult Education Program.

One, beginning Jan. 24 on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. is entitled "Meet the Artist." The eight week course will meet in room C-1 at North Farmington High School.

The course will consist of a series of illustrated lectures conducted by outstanding Michigan artists. Visiting artists will be: Walter Hamady, co-ordinator; Deanna Bardy; William Chapman; Peter Gilleran; Sheldon Iden; and William Martmer.

"Introduction to Psychology" will meet for eight weeks on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 26. The class will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 107E of the Farmington High School.

The course will cover the facts, principles and important theories of current psychology. The lectures and discussion will deal with how these principles can function in day to day living.

Pre-registration is necessary for both of these classes. The Adult Education Office, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is located in room 110-C of the Farmington High School.

Amend City Code Is Proposed

The City of Farmington's Planning Commission has recommended to the Council that an amendment to the City Code be considered which would raise the number of residents in opposition to a rezoning necessary to require a 75 percent vote on the Council for approval.

Under the present code a total of 20 percent of the residents of an area may sign a petition in opposition to rezoning and thus require an additional vote on the Council. Under the Planning Commission's proposal the number of residents would be raised to 50 percent of the total area.

The City Council tabled the recommendation until its next regular meeting pending an opinion from the City Attorney on such action.

Set Tree Pickup

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall reports that due to a breakdown of two trucks the rubbish collector was unable to pick up Christmas trees in the Township last Friday. However, Hall said that the firm has assured him that the trees will be collected this week. Trees should be placed near the road for collection.

Leidlein Describes Proposed Human Relations Group

The proposed Farmington Human Relations Commission will have as its prime purposes "fact-finding, conciliation, and education, and is intended to act, in an impartial, bilateral fashion" according to a letter released Monday by Robert M. Leidlein, chairman of the Farmington Human Relations Council.

A proposal for a human relations commission grew out a meeting of the group's Citizens' Advisory Board and was submitted to the City Council, Township Board, Farmington Board of Education and the Clarenceville Board of Education in November.

A joint meeting between the group's Board of Directors and representatives of each of the governing bodies was held in December and ac-

cording to Leidlein it was clear that a "definition be given of the activities of the Farmington Human Relations Council, its Citizens' Advisory Board and the proposed Farmington Human Relations Commission."

In the letter, outlining the origins and sphere of influence of all three groups, Leidlein outlines a five point program for the commission. This is:

● A counseling, conciliation and meditation board to deal with complaints on a local level in the area of human rights;

● An educational facility to eliminate conflicts between economic, religious, racial and social groups;

● A joint meeting between the group's Board of Directors and representatives of each of the governing bodies was held in December and ac-

favorable climate community-wide for welcoming all persons regardless of race, creed or color; and

● An investigative board for the remedy of problems of Farmington's economically and socially deprived.

The commission would, under the proposal, be an appointive board under the auspices of the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Township Board composed of members to be drawn from the widest possible community representation such as the City Council, Township Board, Farmington and Clarenceville School Board, Board of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Clergy Fellowship, high school student councils, and the service clubs.
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