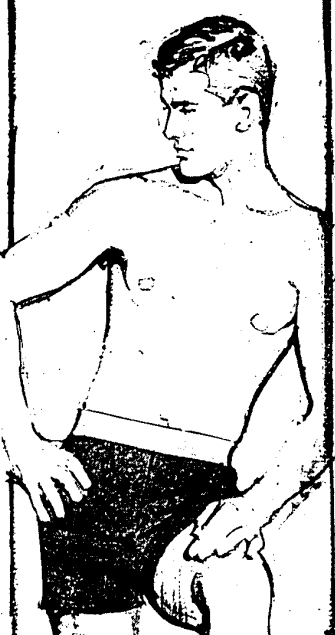


State Restrictions Govern City Charter

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e included in every city charter written in the State:
• Creation of a council or commission with ordinance-making powers;
• The power to levy and col-

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• City officials elected or appointed must include clerk, treasurer, assessor or board of assessors and board of review;
• Alternate methods of fully meeting requirements to allow freedom of choice by the charter commission or voters.
In addition to the above the charter commission may include the following in the document written:
• Provide for borrowing of money;
• The use of special assessments;
• Constructing and financing public improvements;
• Ownership and operation of certain public utilities such as a transportation system;
• Condemnation of private property for public use;
• Regulation of business in the community;
• Provide for a civil service system;
• Set up and enforce zoning regulations.
Under state law, however, a city charter is prohibited from the following:
• Levying of property tax of more than two per cent of the assessed value of real and personal property;
• Stipulating the number of elections which may be held in a city;
• Issue bonds in any certain prescribed manner;
• Desirable actions which can be taken by officials without voters' approval.
Since the threat of annexation has been a factor in the campaign for incorporation it might be wise to recount the state law governing annexation of any territory.
In order to be successful an annexation attempt must be approved by:
• A majority of the votes cast in the district to be annexed, and a combined majority of votes in the territory to which and from which (excluding the area in question) territory is taken, favors it.
One exception to this concerns cities with less than 15,000 population. The exception is important here because of the City of Farmington.
In this situation only the residents of the territory to be annexed and the city doing the annexing will vote. Both groups must provide a majority in favor of the annexation to be successful.

FARMINGTON
Socially Speaking
by Kathy Ziaka GR 4-7261

Festivities of a feast were evidenced at the Vineyards on Thursday noon. The "heavenly host" for the occasion was Father Frank of St. Fabian's Church. This was to show his gratitude for time and effort contributed to making the school opening and the function thereof successful.

A feast, in the dictionary is described as a sumptuous meal for many guests or any rich or abundant meal. This it truly was! Not having visited the Vineyards for some time, I had forgotten the intrigue of the inner atmosphere. My inner asphere was very appreciative of the magnificent gourmet treat.

Surprised with and treated to a birthday cake at the occasion was Gertrude Graczyk. Happy Birthday was announced loud and clear by the singing of the group.

THE FOREST PARK Home Owners Association say "good-bye" with regret to their recently elected President Herb Finster. He has just been transferred to Dayton, Ohio. The Forest Park Home Owners feel fortunate in having a very capable Vice President in Joe Zukowski who will take over the duties of President.

A house guest at the home of MaryLou and Tom Ferris was MaryLou's sister, Betty Likens from Phoenix, Ariz.

A FAREWELL Potluck Party was held at the home of Hal and Nan McDavid, co-hosted by Don and Pauline Jewsbury, in honor of Nancy and John Passfield.

Attending were Joan and Tom McCullough, Jane and Bob Orman, Leonard and Shirley Kay, Velma and Fred Riggs, Verle and Rose Eppert and John and Mary Harvard. A farewell gift was presented to the Passfields. Nancy, John and family are now relocated in Canterbury Commons.

A party that was unusual because of the entertainment and unusual because of the very young age of the Happy Birthday girl, was given by Kenneth and Phyllis Bruce for their daughter Teri who just turned two. Entertainment was provided by Ricky the Clown who posed for photos on the lawn with the youngsters, did magic tricks and played the trombone while the children danced. A sight to behold!

And it will be treasured for a long time by a little girl named Teri, all her young guests and by the grown-ups who attended. Clown decorations in the way of party favors, hats and table decor led much much to the festivities. The very young attending were Ellen Handbury, Sandra and Janet Tucker, Paula Ellis, Paul, Frankie and Laura Arbor, Kevin Boes, Anamarie Hartwig and Teri's three-year-old brother, Tony.

Debate on Incorporation Draws Big Crowd

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Mills said that the oft discussed charter millage limitation of six mills was unrealistic in the light of other communities experience, but that even so six mills would be a 50 percent increase over the taxes currently paid. "We are now paying 12 mills plus voted increases he said and we must hold the line. Taxes do depend on what services are provided, but I say that they will go up faster if we are a City than if a Township."
"As far as losing our industry," Mills added, "Township status makes it easier to attract industry than a City. Industry wants to go where the taxes are lower and do not rise too fast and fast."
Mills continued, "the biggest obligatory services would be road maintenance and construction. As a City we would be obligated to pay a portion of the cost of constructing state roads and to pay for maintenance."
The Township Attorney acted as chairman of this committee and principal opponent of incorporation at the same time," Gardon asserted. "The meetings were carefully circumscribed by the Township Attorney to promote incorporation. If the reasons given for the move do not satisfy the public I see nothing wrong in looking for ulterior reasons," Gardon added.
Gardon said that the "uncrowded suburban living was his main reason for living in the area" and noted that the Township is one of the fastest growing communities in the metropolitan area. "Let's not do anything to hasten this development," he pleaded. "The City form of government attracts developers as it might be profitable for the developer to knock down zoning regulations."
Oppehtausser told the crowd that the motivating force behind filing the petitions was to protect the Township's boundaries and to "maintain what we've got."
"Farmington Township is one of the best planned communities in the State," he said, "and I want to remind you that this is a result of fine planning and administration during recent years. We can't continue this overall planning if we are subject to annexation or division from within," he added.
Oppehtausser pointed out that the Township zoning ordinance which was designed to protect the rural atmosphere of the community and to control density had been upheld in the Michigan Supreme Court.
Oppehtausser added that the vote June 6 was on whether or not to give the charter commission the authority to draft a charter and present it to the voters for their approval or rejection. During this time no one can annex any portion of Farmington Township, he pointed out.

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