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City to Study Consolidation

Members of the City Council agreed unanimously at Monday evening's meeting that it is time for them to study, discuss and consider the possibility of consolidation with the Township. Therefore, they have set August 11 at 8 p.m. as the time of the first exploratory meeting.

A letter from the Farmington Democratic Club asking members of the Council to be present at their August 3 meeting to discuss the "Future of Farmington - City and Township" prompted the proposed study.

PUD Parks Must Pass Inspection

Park Improvements in Township Planned Unit Development subdivisions will hereafter be inspected and approved by representatives from Township Planner Charles Lehman's office before homes are released as a result of action taken by the Township Planning Commission at its July 23 meeting.

Commission member Russell Nankervis, at the July meeting, had questioned the procedure of verification of the specified park improvements and the release of homes to pay for them.

According to commission members, it had been established that required park improvements cost the developers about \$9,000 per acre. Under Planned Unit Development, developers may build slightly smaller lots, but must maintain a certain density by setting aside land for park areas to be used by the subdivision residents. A park improvement project must be presented before final approval is given to the developer and money for the improvements must be placed in escrow with the Township Clerk's office. The money had been being released upon presentation of invoices for the work done.

Motorcyclist Hits Car in Lot

Jerry D. Crofoot, 28, of 21239 Colgate, was injured Friday, July 29, when his motorcycle hit the rear of a car being driven by Nancy Lou Remar, 32, of 22941 Ashley of Farmington.

According to the police report, the Remar car had just pulled into a parking spot and Crofoot, headed south, "rallied to stop and went flying to the rear of the car."

Crofoot was treated for injuries at Botsford Hospital and later released.

AS AN APPROPRIATE AFTERMATH to the Festival, the month of August ushers in Sandwich Month, National Clown Week and National Smile Week.

Also, Jamaica and Switzerland will celebrate their Independence Days, and Lammas Day will take place in Jolly old England. This traditionally celebrates the wheat harvest, though it is not sure how. Maybe the farmers get together for a bit of chaff.

AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER of kids - 1300 - turned out for the Festival dance at the high school last Thursday. Even though dancing space was at a minimum (partners didn't dare to zig while the other one zagg'd) it was most heartwarming to hear "they were so well behaved" from those in charge. To control congestion, three extra policemen were called over and their cooperation, too, was termed "tremendous." Every week we have new reasons to be so proud of Farmington.

LADIES AT THE COTTON CANDY concession looked adorable with those bits of pink candy fluff caught in their hair, but it probably caused quite a run on shampoo at the local drug emporia.

EVEN THE TEDIIOUS JOB of Festival clean-up was handled with so much good, happy animation, that it all seemed like a lark to those observing the mop-up scenes.

FOR A SHORT TIME LAST WEEK, Mr. and Mrs. Suburbanville were under water. The kids couldn't find the dog's chain so tied him to the water hose which happened to be running. He planted his upper and lower canines in same, and the simple expedient of turning off the water faucet didn't occur to the kids at all until the entire lot resembled a Chinese rice paddy.

DEAR MOM AND DAD, What I like most about camp is nature study. By the way, I was very lucky to get this picture because a second later my counselor was swallowed. However, we got back to camp safely simply by following the tiger tracks we were on the way out. I thought I'd write, just to let you know I'm having a good time and not to worry about me.

Philbert

by Shirley Berger



A RADIANT FARMINGTON Founders Festival Queen, Deborah Mann, poses with William Bowman who played a dual role as an executive representative of the Thompson-Brown Co. which sponsored the queen and as president of the Board of Commerce, sponsors of the Festival.

Bd. of Ed Sets Dates For Building Bids

Bids for the new Forest Elementary School in Section Four are to be taken August 30 by the Board of Education. The proposed Power Junior High bids will be received August 22, it was decided at Monday's meeting.

Forest Elementary, designed by Falls-Hamill-Decker, will include regrading and parking lots, playgrounds and driveways and walkways at Beechview and East Junior High.

Power Junior High will be located adjacent to Gill Road Elementary. Designed by Linn Smith and Associates, it is expected to be constructed and furnished at a cost in excess of \$1 1/2 million.

This proposed fourth junior high will have 23 rooms including a gym, cafeteria, music and art rooms, and will be able to accommodate 700 students. Its 75,000 square feet will include a 32 acre site. Exterior design will be very similar to that of East Junior High School.

In other business, bids were opened for the construction of 300 feet of sewer to be constructed at Bond School. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, K. Puterbaugh Excavating of Detroit for a total bid of \$1920, (\$6.40 per foot). Other work to be going on

Twp. Incumbents Win In Primary Race

Throughout the vote tally for the August 2 primary, Curtis Hill and his slate of Republican incumbents for Farmington Township offices maintained a steady majority. All have been selected as their party's candidates in the November election.

Hill, 41, city supervisor, received 1663 votes to Wendell Brown's 1234. Allen C. Heyn polled a total of 208.

Twp. Police Charge Driver With Homicide

A negligent homicide warrant has been issued by Township Police in connection with the accident July 25 at Farmington Rd. and Longwood involving the death of Thomas Huss, 18. Named in the warrant was Mary Madeline Gurgash, 41, of 25075 Peshaw, Southfield.

Thomas Huss, of 33653 Harlow Farmington, was killed in the accident which occurred about 7 p.m. The driver, Mrs. Gurgash, was riding a motorcycle south on Farmington Rd. when he slid into the side of Mrs. Gurgash's car and was knocked into the path of a motorist's vehicle which was traveling north on Farmington Rd.

Mrs. Gurgash told police that she did not see Huss until it was too late. Farmington Township Police are seeking witnesses to the accident. Any person who has information is requested to contact the Farmington Township detective bureau at GR 4-2326, ext. 22.

Floyd Cairns bested Alice C. Billis by 1863 to 963 for nomination for clerk.

In the treasurer's office, it was Elise Avery's 1735 to Matlye Strasser's 691 and Nyla Archer's 522.

For trustees, Thomas Nolan's 1425 and Arthur Bassette's 1357 won easily over Conrad Brasel's 752, Sam Rubiner's 651, and Thomas Williams' 717.

DEMOCRATS WERE unopposed in the primary and will present a slate in November consisting of Aldo Vagozzi for supervisor, Elizabeth O'Connor, clerk; Joyce Hungerford, treasurer; and Harris Berger and Harold Shpiece, trustees.

Twp. Planners To Study Underground Wiring Ord.

An ordinance to require underground installation of utility wires, under consideration by the Township Planning Commission for several months, will be studied for public hearing - probably in September.

Engineers from the Detroit Edison Company attended the Commission's June meeting to explain the problems involved in requiring all utility wires to be placed underground.

They said that the wires within a subdivision could be installed at a nominal cost to developers, but the placement of perimeters or feeder lines underground becomes highly expensive to the Edison Company and must ultimately be reflected in the general rates unless otherwise specified. For this reason the company feels that it should not be mandatory for these feeder lines to be buried.

INSTALLING FEEDER lines underground would also present maintenance and service problems, they said. With pole



JUDGES AND WINNERS in the FFFBGC (Farmington Founders Beard Growing Contest) lined up for the camera after the judging. They are Miss Billie Bell of WXYZ-TV, quite accustomed to cameras, looking as though she enjoyed her unusual assignment; Tony Spina, usually on the other end of the camera as chief photographer for the Free Press; Bob Goets, winner in

1966 Founders Festival Becomes Just Memories

Downtown Farmington Center could testify to the sale of thousands of sandwiches from the steers that were roasted, bushels of sweet corn, dozens of hot dogs, and gallons of coffee and soft drinks.

The Soroptimist Club of Farmington kept busy at their stand in the Downtown Center and reported selling more than 600 servings of watermelon and about twenty home-made cakes.

Both the North Farmington and South Farmington Little League Baseball players manned stands at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center and reported that they sold about 9,000 hot dogs and 5,000 soft drinks. All of the food and equipment for the booths was donated by the Farmington Plaza Merchants Association and proceeds from the sales were garnered by the Little League organizations.

THE EASTERN STARS Thresher's Dinner attracted 600 diners and, according to one of the members, the country is the best of people during the Festival.

Statistics were unavailable from the Elks Club, but anyone attending the Ox Roast in the



LT. GOVERNOR WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN and honored elder citizen Stanley Drake together in one of the lead cars in Saturday morning's Farmington Founders Festival parade. The parade followed the Lieutenant Governor was one of the speakers at the Village Green.

Boat Trip To Bob-Lo Will Be FARC Finale

This coming Friday, August 5, will mark the end of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's program.

BOB-LO Island is scheduled for this occasion. Buses will load at the respective playground sites from 9 to 9:20 a.m.

as jump rope contests made up the morning segment of the program. The afternoon was devoted to the following ball games in a tournament that saw the Westbrook of Clarenceville playground group come out victoriously.

The prizes awarded due to the generosity of certain merchants of the Farmington and Clarenceville areas participated in the event. Prizes were awarded to winners of the planned competitive sports which were broken down into age groups. Three-legged races, baseball, foot races, chess and croquet tournaments, as well

Not - So - Bum Steer Won By Jeanne Beck

The Festival drawing for the grand prize Angus steer was won by Jeanne Beck of 31338 Grand River Ave., Secod prize to Martha Robertson, 18800 Valencia, Northville. Third prize was won by a whole hog or lamb was awarded to Jean Sultion of 24247 Rapahel.

Each of the prizes included butcher's fees and one year's free food locker rental at Country's Market.

Tickets for the drawing were sold by the Elks Lodge, and the actual drawing of the winning tickets was done by Earl Demel of Plymouth who is a Democratic candidate for the state senate.