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Freedom Speed Limit Defeated

As per a recommendation made at the August 1 City Council meeting, the matter of a proposed speed limit change on Freedom Rd. was referred to the Farmington Area Safety Committee. Although the committee concurred with the Department of Public Safety's proposed increase from 25 to 35 m.p.h., it was voted down by the Council three to two at Monday evening's meeting.

Howard Thayer and Hugo Peterson both expressed the opinion that if the limit is raised, motorists will tend to drive beyond the new limit. Since small children might be walking along the shoulder of the road, there being no sidewalk fronting the school property, this would constitute a definite hazard to them.

John Allen said that he would have to agree with Thayer and Peterson because of the absence of a walk across the school property. He feels that in bad weather when the school grounds are muddy or drifted with snow, the children would tend to walk along the road and thus be endangered.

Director of Public Safety, Robert Deadman, pointed out that at present children must cross Lytle Dr. which has no speed limit posted meaning that

cars may travel at 60 or 65 m.p.h.

It was reported by Mayor William Brotherton that an informal meeting of the Council held on August 11 had led to a decision that a study of consolidation of the City and Township should be made by a non-partisan citizens' committee.

The study committee should represent all geographical, social and business areas of both units. The city expects to invite all service clubs to appoint two representatives to the committee and invites the township to express their feelings on this approach.

Preliminary discussions quickly revealed that the subject of consolidation is a very complicated one about which very little factual information is available. In order to determine the best way to start the study, City Manager John Diana was instructed to contact the Michigan Municipal League for assistance.

A public hearing was set for September 5, Tuesday, 8 o'clock at the regular Council meeting (due to Labor Day) to zone Lots 5 and 6 of Farmington Little Area Subdivision from R-1 (residential) to Multiple.

Expenditures were approved in the amount of \$8637 from general funds and \$223.75 for water and sewers.

The City Manager was authorized to see City Council.

Area Teens Cleaning Up On Odd Jobs

A total of 75 youngsters have received part-time jobs through the Youth Work Committee this summer, according to Wesley Mitchell, committee chairman, and the committee will continue to operate into the fall.

The primary purpose of the committee is to act as a clearing house between teenagers who are looking for "spot" jobs and anyone in the community, including business people, who need someone to do odd jobs.

Some of the jobs that teens have been doing are: mowing, washing, gardening, laundry, lawn mowing, hedge trimming, baby sitting, fence painting, house cleaning, weeding and numerous other chores that "pile-up" for the home owner or business man.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this mutually beneficial community service may call GR 4-0767 or GR 4-2320.

Bargain Day Auction Announced By City

Bicycles, radios, autographs and many miscellaneous items will be up for auction on August 27 at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at City Hall.

This is a sale which is held annually by the City of Farmington Police Department. Proceeds are donated to the City general fund.

TELEPHONE TONGUE TWISTERS were the subject over the coffee cups the other day: one of the girls who used to work for the auto club was guilty of answering during her training days. "This is the auto club clubbing you." We hope not, but have you ever been greeted at 474-2225 with "This is the Farmington army pipe?"

SHELLEY BERMAN RUFFULLY GRUMBLES that when he wants to give someone a particularly dazzling smile, he always seems to have poppyseeds in his teeth. This happens to us all the time only in a verbal way. We tried to tell one of our neighbors who is active in community affairs that we were glad to see that he was in there pitching. It came out "pinching."

LITTLE BOY BEAGLE BOO SCORE for the week: One Italian sandal. (Cross strap completely demolished and probably eaten.) One brand new chaise longue. (Strand of aran webbing chewed and frayed.) One small stuffed toy. (Sawdust contents well scattered over bedroom rug.) Two bags of trash thoroughly dispersed over living room floor. Six clothing pins. The little boy still has an esophagus full of splinters. What's more, he doesn't know how close he is to becoming the subject of an Enterprise want ad.

SIX TRIED TO HELP WITH the yard work last week-end. She brushed all the grass clippings down into what shall euphemistically be called the rock garden. It would be one, too, if rocks would grow.

IN ANOTHER MOMENT OF HELPFULNESS, she dropped a half gallon bottle of milk on the porch floor. Dear Eloise: Won't anything like milk stains out of concrete?

MR. AND MRS. S. AGREE that they are having their ups and downs this summer. Every time a sudden rainstorm occurs, the house windows are up and the car windows are down.

by Shirley Berger



SCHOOL BOOKSTORES get ready for the new texts are C. Shewbridge, manager; Cladi Parson, W. Spencer, Jo Ann Benn, Edward Boon, (seating), Janet Jaffe, and Dennis Boon. Regular hours at all four bookstores are from 9 a.m. on weekdays.

Twp. Trash Ordinance Protested By Citizens

An ordinance prohibiting the collection of trash between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. has been met with protests from citizens of the township. At the last Township Board meeting, August 8, petitions carrying 180 signatures were presented to the township board, opposing daytime collections of trash in the township.

Three persons appeared before the board, with the spokesman, John Hosking, voicing disagreement with the ordinance. Persons circulating the petitions found very few persons unwilling to sign it, and had too little time to get more.

The ordinance, signed by the Township Board on Monday, July 11, adopted July 26, effective August 20, forbids that trash collections may be made at night because some persons have been awakened by the truck and a person ran into the back of a truck on Middlebelt Rd.

People object to the ordinance because trash cans at the side of the road are unsightly, putting trash cans out after dark, and bringing them in in early morning has obvious advantages.

Trash cans set out under a hot sun attract flies and smell. Children walking by trash cans are curious and retrieve the most unwanted objects. In an area where children walk up and down the sides of the streets, or ride their bikes in the middle

some special time would have to be made for trash collection to avoid children going to and from schools for lunch hours, classes in the morning, etc.

It is understood, at this time, that the Township Board members will reconsider the ordinance.

Hearing Set For Record Twp Budget

All township property owners and taxpayers are invited to attend a public hearing August 22, 1966 at 8 p.m. on the proposed operating budget for the 1966-67 fiscal year to end March 31, 1967. Expenditures total a record \$400,000.

This figure exceeds last year's total of \$153,000. The bulk of the difference is accounted for by a land purchase in the amount of \$45,000, a \$3,000 increase in office supplies and equipment, \$19,000 additional for roads, highways and signs.

An additional \$2,500 expenditure for voting machines, \$5400 in assessors' salaries \$9,000 for sewer inspections, \$250 in building department expenses and additions to the police department budget also serve to explain the divergence in the two totals.

Income from building and miscellaneous permits is expected to double during the year, the combined figures jumping from \$74,000 to \$147,000. Sales tax revenues will increase by \$19,000.

General property taxes are expected to yield \$108,700 with an additional \$119,200 coming from operating millage. Excess tax roll should provide another \$37,000, and delinquent taxes \$15,000.

Twp. Accidents

Surprising data comes to light in the Township's monthly motor vehicle accident summary. Of the 87 total accidents, 72 of them took place in daylight. One resulted in fatal injury, while 61 persons suffered injury of some degree.

Seven accidents involved motor cycles, 39 involved drivers who were minors, male drivers outnumbered female in the issuing of violations.

Eighty hours of work were required on the part of police officers to cope with the compilation of reports on Township accidents.



THE NORTH WING of Orchard Ridge College moves through construction stages at the site on Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile Roads. Begun in the spring of 1965, occupation date target signs are now set on the fall semester of 1967. Orchard Ridge will be a two-year Community College with a transfer program to allow for completion of degrees at other universities. It will offer technical courses which can be completed in one or two years.

Residents To Decide On Unification Study

Residents of the four municipalities included in the 36 square miles of Farmington Township are being given an opportunity this week to indicate their wishes regarding unification into one governmental unit.

The Farmington Board of Commerce and the Farmington Jaycees have joined forces in conducting a survey to establish whether or not the people of the Greater Farmington Community are interested in a non-political, non-biased study to determine the feasibility of unification and the advantages of the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, and the villages of Quakertown and Woodcreek Farms.

"Consolidation" and "unification" have been proposed and discussed at various public and private meetings for almost a year now. Groups and individuals have requested that the matter be studied and that facts and figures be made available for consideration by the public.

Last November's proposed incorporation of Farmington Township which was defeated at the polls and the current efforts of the City of Farmington to annex over 2,000 acres of the Township have caused more and more citizen discussion about consolidation.

Both the Board of Commerce and the Jaycees emphasized that, at this time, they are neither for nor against unification; but are only interested in finding out how many citizens

would favor a study of the question. They stand ready to see that a study is made and presented to the people if enough citizens indicate that such a study is desired by filling out and mailing the questionnaire which follows.

The two organizations are equally interested in knowing how many citizens are NOT interested in the proposed study, and are asking that EVERYONE mail in the questionnaire.

The questionnaire is being used only to find out how many people want a STUDY made on unification and is not intended to be used as an indication of how many do or do not FAVOR unification.

QUESTION:

Do you favor a non-political non-biased study and analysis of the benefits and liabilities involved in the unification of the municipalities of the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, Village of Quakertown, and Village of Woodcreek Farms?

YES NO

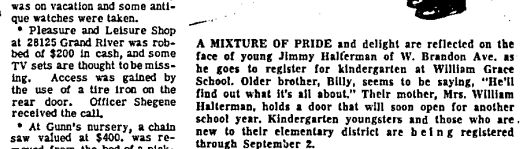
I am a resident of _____

City of Farmington Village of Woodcreek Farms Farmington Township Village of Quakertown

(Additional comments are welcome and may be attached to this form.)

Please mail this form and comments no later than Saturday, August 27, to:

UNIFICATION STUDY SURVEY
P.O. BOX 15
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN 48024



A MIXTURE OF PRIDE and delight are reflected on the face of young Jimmy Hallerman of W. Brandon Ave. as he goes to register for kindergarten at William Grace School. Older brother, Billy, seems to be saying, "He'll find out what it's all about." Their mother, Mrs. William Hallerman, holds a door that will soon open for another school year. Kindergarten youngsters and those who are new to their elementary district are being registered through September 2.

Building Activity Up 6 Per Cent This Year

According to figures just released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the number of building permits issued in Oakland County in the first six months of 1966 is six per cent higher than for the corresponding period in 1965.

The six-month report of housing authorization showed 5,632 new dwelling units were permitted in the first half of this year as against 5,301 during the same period last year.

Continuing a trend begun in 1962, recorded increases are again attributable to multiple permits which showed an increase of 22 per cent.

In general, housing activity in the country as a whole is being hampered by tightening of the mortgage market. Other areas across the country have already felt the effects of this tighter mortgage market, by experiencing a decrease in housing activity. It is very likely that the Detroit area will also experience a slow down in house building.

In the City of Farmington, permits were issued for 13 residences in the first half of the year; 27 home additions, 20 garages, 3 commercial structures, 3 commercial additions and 3 industrial additions were authorized by permit.

In Farmington Township, 369 authorizations were granted for new residence building, 24 for industrial and commercial, 95 for additions, 42 for garages, and 10 for swimming pools.

Clarence Reniff In '66 Fair Event

VPV Post 4033 has entered Clarence D. Reniff as a participant in the Michigan State Fair's special Armed Forces Day event. The committee for this event is seeking the oldest Michigan war veteran as well as the most decorated veteran.

Reniff of 21525 Hancock Ave. is a veteran of the Spanish-American War during which he served his country over in Cuba. He has been a resident of Farmington for 40 years and is active in Post activities.