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\$800,000 Balances In City-Twp. Suit

Farmington Township will put \$800,000 on the line Tuesday at a hearing before Judge Arthur E. Moore in Oakland County Circuit Court in an effort to prevent the City from providing water and sewer facilities to the recently annexed 475-acre Woodcroft area.

The amount is what the Township stands to lose if the City Council sticks by its quoted price to the area's residents for water and sewer facilities and does not charge tap-in fees based on the potential growth of the annexed area.

The City is equipped to provide service with its own facilities as far west as Drake Rd. and would use the County lines for the remainder of the area.

The Township suit is asking for a declaratory judgment that the City be bound by the various agreements the Township has made with the County DPW for water and sewer facilities and that the City be prohibited from constructing any facilities which do not connect into the existing system and that the City be obligated to charge tap-in fees.

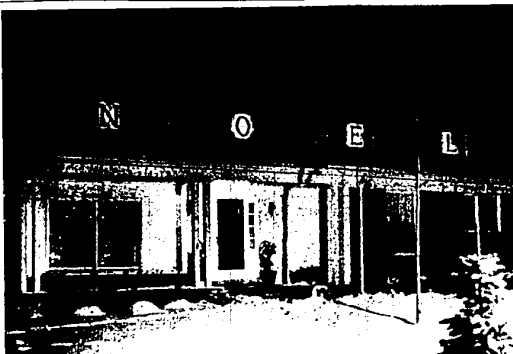
The Township, in its suit, alleges that the City prior to annexation promised the area's homeowners that they would not be required to pay connection charges equal to those required by the Township for sewers.

Also alleged is that the City stated that property owners would not be required to pay connection charges and debt service charges on water facilities.

Under Township ordinance, these charges amount to: \$150 per unit or \$350 for a tap-in to the line for sewers and \$75 per unit or \$400 for a direct tap-in for water plus a \$20 debt service charge for each year for each unit.

The Township at large is required to pay for the cost of these facilities under the general millage voted to develop the industrial area.

The acreage annexed by the City currently accounts for about one percent of the Township's general revenue. It has a potential of \$1 to \$2 million to the City when its potential is realized.



DECORATIONS AT THE HOME OF Mr. and Mrs. Leroy P. Ejesta, 30033 Valley Slide Drive were judged the first place winners in the Canterbury Commons sub-

division. Thompson-Brown Co. sponsored contests in four of their community developments to select the outstanding season's house trimmings.



SECOND PRIZE for spectacular Christmas displays in Kimberley subdivision was awarded by Thompson-Brown Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Trombley, 26607 Greythorne

Dr. Three prizes were presented in each of four communities developed by the land company.

Change in Date Saves City Money

Next Saturday was to have been the official effective date of the City's annexation of the 475-acre Woodcroft area of Farmington Township.

A plea from City Manager John Dinan to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors moved that date to last December 15, offsetting what could have been a major money headache to the City, which was obligated to provide municipal services to the annexed area as of January 1.

The original date would have been too late to levy 1967 taxes in the annexed area.

To expedite the land transfer, the City is already handling Township police and fire calls within the area and began trash pickups two weeks ago. Some road maintenance is also being done to alleviate problems later in the winter.

ANNEXATION of the area could mean a projected \$120,000 in revenues to the City, according to Dinan. There will also be additional revenue forthcoming from the state for population growth and highways.

Value of the annexed area is placed at \$1 or \$2 million in equalized assessed valuation, said Dinan Tuesday.

There are now only 50 homes in the area, bounded by Grand River, Halstead and Gill Roads, but a population potential forecast of 5,000 homes. This could mean an ultimate 50 percent increase in the City's present 10,000 population.

A public hearing will be held January 16 to officially zone the acreage. It will be zoned to conform to the City's master plan and to give the City control over land usage.

TWO residential classifications are proposed. One would zone the area east of Drake Road for country estates with a minimum of 15,000 square foot lots.

The area west of Drake Road in the Chatham Hills Subdivision would be zoned for planned units with 1.8 units per acre. A 34-acre park and recreation area is also included.

Twenty-six acres in Chatham Hills on the south side of Grand River is to be zoned for multiple dwellings. It will be separated from the residential area by the park site.

In the section near Halstead and Grand River, eight and one-half acres are to be zoned general commercial and 19 acres for office use. The area is currently zoned residential. Twenty acres at Drake and

Grand River will remain zoned for a shopping center as it was under Township rule.

TEN ACRES from Gill west to the Township boundary are to be zoned for commercial use.

The City Council has agreed to enter the open space land program under the Michigan State Conservation Department for which it can receive up to 50 percent for land kept free from development.

The entire project is to be accomplished in four phases over a period of several years.

As the first phase, 10 acres of Drake will be developed into a park in conjunction with the Longacre School.

The second phase will consist of six acres of civic center property which will constitute part of the river valley flood plain.

The third and fourth phases will include 26 acres of the river property north and south of Grand River.

The river valley property will be maintained as open space land for flood plain protection.

Draperies, Decoupage Join Adult Ed. Courses

Winter Term classes in the Farmington Adult Education Program will begin the week of January 16. Registration will be held in the main lobby of the Farmington High School on Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Approximately 45 classes are offered in several interest areas.

New classes in the program are:

Decoupage—A 17th Century art-craft of permanently decorating objects with cut-out designs which have the effect of hand decoration. Allows the individual an opportunity to use designs to create their own compositions — your imagination is the only limitation. Class will meet on Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks.

Drapery Making—For adults who wish to make professional looking draperies. Students

must be able to sew. Instructor will be available on registration evenings for consultation. Class will meet on Monday evenings for 10 weeks, at Farmington High School.

Let's Learn to Speak English—Intended for foreign language speaking adults. The class will allow students to increase their command and knowledge of English and will meet on Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks, at Farmington High School.

Income Tax Preparation — Will meet for six weeks on Thursday evenings, at the Farmington High School.

Other classes in the areas of home arts, fine arts, homemaking, liberal arts, recreation, crafts, and high school credit will be meeting. For further information call the Adult Education Office - 478-0810.

Course To Shed Home Decoration Awards Light On Taxes Made In 4 Subdivisions

How to prepare an income tax return will be the subject of a course to be taught at Farmington High School beginning Jan. 19. Students will be shown how to prepare tax reports in the most advantageous manner. Special attention will be given to tax problems brought in by students.

In a workshop situation alternate solutions to students' problems will be examined. Classes will meet between 7 and 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Don Holland, CPA, will be the instructor from Oakland Community College.

Registration can be accomplished by mail prior to January 9. Students may also register on January 11 and 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Farmington High School at a charge of \$15.

Christmas home decorating contest winners have been selected by judges representing their respective subdivision homeowner groups in four Thompson-Brown Farmington communities. The winners are as follows:

KIMBERLEY: First place—Mr. and Mrs. William Flattery, 2654 Westmeath; second place—Mr. and Mrs. Neil Trombley, 26607 Greythorne; third place—Mr. and Mrs. Karen Martello, 29994 Pipers Lane.

CANTERBURY COMMONS: First place—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy P. Ejesta, 30033 Valley Slide Drive; second place—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Said, 29736 Fernhill Drive; third place—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lion, 25667 Colony Circle.

KENDALLWOOD: First place—Mr. and Mrs. William Young, 28610 Kirkside; second place—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 32361 Heartstone; third place—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lovett, 28790 Kendallwood Drive.

BRIAR HILL: First place—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Biehl, 34326 Banbury; second place—Mr. and Mrs. John Stinson, 28869 Beantree; third place—Mr. and Mrs. Stan Steiner, 28869 Beantree.

First place prizes were Westinghouse AM-FM 10-Warrior Radios with AFC. Second place winners were award Westinghouse clock-travel radios, and third place winners were given Westinghouse steam press irons.

Do Not Despair Trash Truck Due

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns thinks that he may have located a trash pickup firm which will follow through on its word. Wednesday he reached an agreement with the Taulbee Sanitation Co. and everything is set for business as usual beginning on Monday.

Patience of Township people who rely on the monthly pickup has worn thin through the holiday season as trash accumulated and wasn't removed. In some hilly areas where the last contractor apparently feared to venture with his trucks, containers have been sitting in front of homes for more than two weeks.

The company owned by Gus McCree who takes care of service for the City never did appear on the scene after agreeing to take over for the Township. This was just one of the many disappointments in a frustrating game played between Township officials and a long list of trash haulers.

One of the difficulties met with in the Township is disposal. The Munn dump out on Eight Mile Rd. has only a few months left at its present location and will not accept any

long-term contracts. Where to go from there is a mighty big question mark.

One disgruntled, trash-laden Township resident now wishes that the dump was still operating on Halstead Rd. and that other communities had not been allowed to use it so freely. Others who live in that area are very glad to be rid of its flying papers, unpleasant aroma, and threat of vermin.

At any rate, with his new hope that a solution has now been found for the present, Cairns asks for a return to patience and forbearance assuring the people of the Township that everything is being done to alleviate the current condition, and in due time the new collectors will be around on their appointed day.

Seek Candidates

In addition to seeking the outstanding young educator of the year, the Farmington Jaycees are also looking for candidates for the title of "Outstanding Young Man of 1966."

Suggestions may be made to Richard Tupper, 23180 Cass, 474-5771.

The Farmington Enterprise COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar is being sponsored as a public service by the Farmington Enterprise in cooperation with the JAYCEE AUXILIARY. All copy should be called to the calendar coordinator, Mrs. Roberta Hirtzel, 476-1532, no later than Monday prior to date of publication.

- JANUARY, 1967
- 2 — Farmington City Council meets at the City Hall at 8:00 p.m.
 - 3 — Executive Board of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.
 - 3 — VFW Post 4033 Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m.
 - 4 — Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals meets at the City Hall at 8:30 p.m.
 - 5 — Case Study Committee of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 8 p.m.
 - 9 — Farmington City Planning Committee meets at City Hall at 8 p.m.
 - 10 — General meeting of the Youth Guidance Committee at 8 p.m.
 - 10 — Middlebelt School PTA General Meeting and Open House for parents, 8 p.m. at the Middlebelt School.
 - 13 — VFW Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.
 - 15 — Jaycee Week
 - 17 — City Council meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 17 — Board of Commerce Dinner and Annual Election meeting at the Masonic Temple (old Township Hall), 6:30 p.m.
 - 17 — Jaycee Auxiliary Local Night — Two foreign exchange students will be present. 1st Farmington Savings and Loan Assoc., 7:45 p.m.
 - 21 — Jaycee's Annual Show Kick-Off Dinner at Roma Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 23 — City Planning Commission will meet at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 28 — Oakland County Republican Women's Council is holding its annual luncheon meeting at Devon Gables, 12 Noon.
 - 27 — VFW Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.

FRESHMAN COED WENT TO ONE of those teen sanctuaries, a coffee house, during the holidays where she heard a young Canadian cartoonist maintain that Canada is going to assume its proper stature in the world by giving with an attack on Greenland. "Dear laugh," he warned, "those penguins can be murdered during the mating season." Did you know that they (penguins, not Canadians) have square eyes?

SPEAKING OF EYES, roasted pigeons are considered a great delicacy in Macao and are served with eyes and brains in place? These are considered the most succulent parts by the Maceseans.

SENIOR CHILD SAYS PIGEONS become squab when cooked and she should know as she sometimes has to juggle 150 of them in a Pan Am galley. We say, no, they just aren't squab with the eyes left in.

SAID JUGGLING ACT AMAZES us no end as she seemed to have difficulty preparing a package of frozen corn for the family table.

DOING SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING in London's famed Carnaby Street, a same-sexed kept bumping into a young lady in the shop. After several "Excuse me's", she finally realized that it was her own reflection in a mirrored wall. Wonder if she's on good terms with herself these days.

MUSTN'T LEAVE SEVEN out of our Christmas pageant. Upon being complimented for some surprising holiday art work, she smugly confessed that she had done it all with "carving" paper.

TO GET BACK TO PIGEONS, the ones in St. Mark's Square in Venice are so hungry after the tragic floods that they are attacking people just to snatch a few crumbs. Sort of a Lord of the Flies in pigeon English?

by Shirley Berger



ROBERT HELGREN receives a \$100 check from Assistant Postmaster Louis Gay for his heroic action last November 19 when he helped to evacuate the four children of

the Robinson Scott family from their burning house. The Post Office is proud to have him as an employee.