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In Our Opinion . . .

The 'Community' — How Big? Who's In? Who's Out?

The group which last week began pushing for incorporation of part of Farmington Township as a home rule

city has a thought-provoking name. It calls itself the "Citizens Council for Community Development."

The word "citizens" can't be questioned. The word "council" is unobjectioned. The word "council" is unobjectionable. No doubt they are for "development."

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One definition of "community" covers the 36 square miles of Farnington city and township — that appears to be the most broadest definition. Sometimes, people refer to their neighborhoods — a few blocks — as a "community." That is the most limited definition.

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The definition adopted by the "Citizens Council for Community Development" is an altogether different one. It starts with the 36 square mile township, subtracts the City of Farmington, subtracts the nearly two square miles of Quakertown village, subtracts the square miles of Wood Creek Farms village, and subtracts most of Sec. 1, the

northeastern-most square mile of the township.

That, to the Citizens Council, is a "community." It is that "community which the citizens group wishes to incorporate as a home rule city.

We don't wish to quarrel with them, at this point. They are convinced they are doing what's best for themselves, which is no crime.

We simply point to a political rule-of-thumb backed by both tradilitionalists and the most modern thinkers. The rule of thumb is this: One "community" shouldn't be split under several municipal units.

ily" shouldn't be split under several municipal units.
Once we can all agree on what the "community is, we've gone a long way toward deciding what its governmental boundaries should be.
And so each voter in the area proposed for incorporation as the "City of Farmington Hills" must logically ask himself this question:
Does the Farmington "community" really mean separating part of the township from the central city, two villages and part of another section of land?



When a pioneer family wanted to put up a house or barn, the neighbors got together for a day, and everyone chipped in to help with his own labor and tools.

House - building later became specialized, but the job was performed largely by carpenters.

Still later, electricians, plumbers and painters added their crafts, and eventually there grew up a crop of professional architects and designers. The most recent addition, as evidenced by the current Builders Association of Metropolitan Dertoit "Idea Home" promotion, appears to be the psychology oriented public relations man.

Give a house the right kind of

man.

Give a house the right kind of name, and you can conjure up favorable images in the potential buyer's mind—so the theory seems to run.

The 25 homes in the current "Idea Home" showing have names falling in three categories.

English names are currently most popular. They evoke mental pictures

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Outside Prom., Taking a "give it a try" at-titude, the Farmington Board of Education voted unani-mously Monday night to grant the 1982 Farmington High graduating class permission to hold their Senior Prom at a lo-cation, away from the school.

Shares in Center
A proposal which would place ownership or controlling interest in the Kendallwood Shopping Center in the hands of residential homeowers of the area being served by that center has now been made, it was learned this week.

Fallout Shelter
A proposal has now been
made a study started by the
Kendallwood Farms Association on the possibility of constructing a fallout shelter
which could be built on a club
hasis and be used as a community and recreation hall.

Resuscitator
Members of the Township
Board voted Tuesday evening
to approve the purchase of a
resuscitator for Station No. 1
at a cost of from \$400 to \$600.

of the gentry's country estates. That group includes the Winston, Warwick, Essex, Andover, Wellington, Hampton and Birmingham. (The last one was built not in the City of Birmingham but in Livonia.)
Continental Spanish California names—If we may be permitted by the fastidious to lump them—have their place. There are the Renaissance North, Carmel, St. Moritz, Sacramento and San Francisco.

North, Carmel, St. Moritz, Sacramento and San Francisco. Colonial and Early American names — most of us don't distinguish be-tween them — are growing in popu-larity. Homes are named for Mt. Ver-non, Sheridan and Woodward in this

larity. Homes are named for Mt. Vernon, Sheridan and Woodward in this
particular show.

Once in awhile, the PR men go
owry. A Detroit apartment builder
(whose name we charitably withhold)
built a complex in a town (not Farmington) which it named "Whitehall,"
after the seat of government in England.

The style of architecture, however.

The style of architecture, however, was French Provincial.

Seven Soldiers
Seven Farmington soldiers
who attended school together
entered the Army at the same
time and trained in the same
tamps and bases are memhers of the 45th Infantry Division, foot-slogging it in Korea
against the communists.



Looking Back in the Files

spite strong and angry opperations from many citizens in the audience.

Dog Shots

A special dog vaccination clinic will be conducted this Sunday afternoon at the Farmington Township Fire Station.

Record Building

An estimated 314,335,678 in



GARDENING
By Betty Frankel

mington Township Fire Station. Record Building An estimated \$14,336,781 in new building construction wasadded in Farmington Township during the year 1959 according to a report Issued this work by the Township Building Dept. Annexation Vote The Oakland County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting last week set shoo a a pecial election on the proposed annexation of a strip of land along the east side of Farmington Ro ad believe Fermington Town as his school District. New Fire Track The New Fire Track whether the supports of the production of the set of the production of the protoposed annexation of a strip of the Farmington Town as his school District. New Fire Track The New Fire Track T The Farmington Enterprise "A Continuing Journal Of Progress" Established 1888

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The Regalate Subs
The newly revised draft of
the proposed Subdivision Regulations for Farmington Township were formally approved
by a 'majority' vote of the
Township Board at its regular
meeting Tuesday evening despile strong and angry objections from many citizens in
the audience.



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