

Township Action Is Underestimating Voter

"Don't cloud the voters' minds with the facts."

That seems a foolish statement and one which no person in his right mind would make.

It is a foolish statement, but in effect that's what the Farmington Township Board said Monday night when it voted to table the request for funds for the area study until after the Oct. 23 incorporation vote.

The reasoning of the Township officials was that the release of the report would "cloud the incorporation issue" which will be voted upon by the Township residents on Oct. 23.

Practically speaking, the report will affect the outcome of the issue. The voter just

editorial

might be smarter than the politicians think, though.

Maybe when the study is completed it would show conclusively that the City of Farmington Hills would be self-sufficient and would not need the City of Farmington in order to flourish.

The study might even show the practicality of an area developing as rapidly as the Township incorporating. If this is true, then a comprehensive study would carry more

weight than the word of any official, the Citizens Council or even a newspaper editorial. Wood Creek Farms has already committed itself to the study. Quakerstown has followed suit. The City Council is expected to do so.

No one of these three governments, however, can do it without the Township. Farmington Township has the largest geographical area of the four and also the greatest population.

When Township Supervisor Curtis Hall stated that the study was just as feasible after the Oct. 23 vote he had a point. However, to wait until a proper and calm time in the local political scene to conduct the study is much like shutting the barn door after the horses have fled.

There just isn't a calm and unruffled time on Farmington's political scene.

Oct. 23 is today's target date. If the Township voters approve the incorporation idea the next logical step could be to wait until after a charter is written and voted upon.

Nobody has said that this is the next step and we don't pretend to be clairvoyant, but such action is a logical next step based on the reasoning expressed by the Township officials.

If this happens inertia will set in and the study will never be made. As we said last week, then, the only people to lose are the residents of the entire Farmington community.

SUE SHAUGHNESSY

READERS SPEAK UP:

Disagrees With Thayer

EDITOR:
Occasionally, not often, an elderly woman is surprised by an intruder who just may have been hiding under her bed. Such stories make front-page copy. Nevertheless it's a foolish old lady who might get down on the floor to see if it's safe. By the same token, it's a small kind of thinking that looks for child-molesters behind every bush.

This community has in the past lost some of its best natural features to commercial development. Now comes Mr. Harley Thornton, an outstanding naturalist, who offers to construct nature trails on the banks of the Rouge River, for the public, for free.

Why Shoot Birds?
Editor: Why is it that City residents take a delight in shooting our beautiful birds. Ten in all were shot while lined up on

the ground near a back yard fence.
Are people becoming sadistic in wanting to kill and maim animals? When asked why the birds were shot, a boy replied "Oh my father shot the morning dove."
There are many children in this area and it could very well happen that a stray BB shot could hit one of them. Next it may mean the sight of one of these children playing in their own yard.
I wish someone would give their opinion on this subject and what to do to prevent this wholesale slaughter.

Supports Millage
Editor: The members of the AAUW of the Farmington Branch fully support the forthcoming proposal for library millage. The rapidly increasing population of Farmington certainly indicates an expansion of the present library facilities. We urge all property owners in Farmington Township to vote and vote "yes" for the library millage proposal on May 22.

Editor:
Mrs. E.A. SCHOENEICH
Corresponding Secretary
AAUW, Farmington Branch

GOP In Favor

The Republican Women's Organization of Farmington, at its meeting on April 3, adopted a resolution supporting the Farmington District Library millage proposal which Farmington Township will vote on May 22.

This organization is urging voters to vote for the one mill increase for expansion of the present inadequate facilities and services of the Farmington District Library.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF FARMINGTON



In Old Farmington—Baseball Was Tops

Farmington High School's baseball teams of 1920-22 lost only one game in three years, according to Frazer W. Staman, who provided this photo of the 1921 squad. FHS was in a league with Redford, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and Dearborn, and local games were played in a field behind what is now the Rood Chevrolet garage on Grand River Avenue. Each player provided his own uniform, indicating why only two uniforms matched in this photo.

(l to r): Coach Rex Babcock, Jim Quinn (of), Kenneth Wilcox (2b), Clint Tredway (c), Frazer Staman (p), Perry Ranous (2b) and Harold Grant (of).
Staman, former Novi Township supervisor and now a member of the Oakland County Road Commission, wants to know if this record has ever been topped: On April 22, 1922, he struck out 20 batters in a seven-inning game against Dearborn.

Top row, from left: Vaughn Smith (ss), Russell Catherman (p), Dallas Harger (of), Marvin Roth (2b), Lester Harger

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TV Limits Irksome

DEAR T.V.:
My mother won't let me watch television for more than an hour a day. Well, my friends get to watch all they want. I miss all the best programs. Don't you think she is unfair? My father doesn't say much about it except if my mother tells him so. Then he usually says to let us watch a little longer. Mother always complains about us kids not doing our homework. How can I get to watch?

DEAR M.T.V.:
Television is entertaining, relaxing and occasionally even educational. Therefore, it has a place in your life. However, a steady diet of it can make you sluggish both mentally and physically. A teen boy like yourself is doing a great amount of growing both in mind and body. The answer to your question is contained in your letter. Do your homework.

Why not make out a budget of your time and then get together with your parents and see if the three of you can work out an agreement which will include more television. Your budget could include time for school, homework, outdoor activities, chores, sleep and perhaps a hobby. Biking, playing ball and hiking are good activities for spring. Make good use of your study periods so that you will have less to bring home.

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