

City Approves Area Study Funds



JACK HARRIS

WJR Star Named Follies MC

Jack Harris, a vocalist on both WJR and WXYZ-TV, will be the MC for the upcoming Founders Follies June 29 and 30 at the Mercy High School Auditorium. The Follies will kick off the activity for this year's (Continued on Page 4A)

Six File For School Board

Six people, one a woman, have filed as candidates for one position as trustee on the Farmington Board of Education. The post will be filled in the election Monday, June 12. The term of office is four years.

The vacancy is caused by the resignation of Barbara Ann Brown, 2921 Ardmore, who has been a trustee for seven years.

Those who have filed for the office are: George F. Adams, 3015 E. Fernhill; Sidney Brown, 23340 Old Franklin Drive; Sanford Bloomberg, 23570 Pipers Lane; Mary D. Johnson, 7345 Cold Spring Rd.; Birmingham; Albert R. Lorenger, 30180 Pipers Lane; and Harold H. Taylor, Jr., 22243 Brookdale.

In announcing her retirement, Mrs. Brown said, "Seven years is enough for me. With just one person going off the board, and a new superintendent coming in, I think the time is right. I wouldn't want to run for another four-year term and then resign in the middle of it."

"I am not resigning because I am dissatisfied. I have enjoyed serving as a trustee."

Also to be voted on in the election is the country vocational school which will serve as an area-wide vocational facility for Oakland county students.



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'Schools Need State Tax Reform'—Harrison

BY DAN OKRENT
Staff Writer

Expressing concern for the school system he has supervised the past 10 years, Farmington School District Supt. Gerald V. Harrison feels it necessary to warn Farmington area residents of the probable result of the impending failure of the state legislature to pass a fiscal reform bill.

Harrison, who is scheduled to retire from his school post at the end of the current school year, notes last week's House defeat of Gov. Romney's fiscal reform package as the reason for school system alarm, pointing to Romney's threatened 15 percent budget should tax reform not come.

Council Action

The Farmington City Council Monday night conducted the following items of business:

City Vacates Street

City vacation of Ross St. from Oakland to Shawassaw was approved by the Council following public hearing. Action on the suggested vacation of Astor St. from Hawthorne to the east city limits was postponed until the next meeting.

Sidewalk Money Accepted

The Longacre School PTA donated \$300 to the city for the planned construction of a sidewalk for the school. The PTA had been collecting the money for six years.

Chief Appointed Delegate

Director of Public Safety, Robert Deadman, was appointed city delegate to the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association. The function of the TIA is to coordinate traffic activities in all Oakland County communities.

Budget Adopted

Following the general tenor of approval that arose out of last week's "non-attended" public hearing on the proposed 1967-68 budget, the Council approved the \$899,746.95 total general fund and water and sewer fund budget without discussion.

Declare Poppy Day

Permission was granted the American Legion Groves Walker Post 346 to conduct street poppy sales on Poppy Days, May 25-27.

Approve County Plan For Reapportionment

The special five-man County Board of Supervisors appointment committee has adopted its final plan concerning redistricting of the revamped board.

In the new plan, which

calls for 27 one-man, one-vote districts, as opposed to the current governmental-unit board of 87 members, the City of Farmington is joined with most of Farmington Township, except for several sections in the northeast part of the township, which may have been associated with the West Bloomfield Township district.

Known as the "Geographic Plan" for Oakland County Democratic Chairman George Googinsian, who authored the redistricting, the newly-adopted reapportionment separates a strange step ladder of sections from the bulk of the Farmington area. Running east from 14 Mile and Drake Rd. south to 13 Mile, east to Farmington Rd., south to 12 Mile, east to Orchard Lake Rd., south to 11 Mile and east to the township limits at Taylor Rd., this group of sections will not vote with the city and the remainder of the township in choosing its delegates to the Board of Supervisors.

The plan, adopted by the redistricting body by a 4-1 vote, faced opposition from Oakland County Republican Chairman Joseph R. Farmington, who accused the four democratic committee members of gerrymandering a 15-1 Democratic majority for the new board.

It is expected that a Republican citizens' group will be testing the new districting plan in court.

The Right and Wrong Ways



THERE ARE TWO ways area residents can approach the Clean-Up, Fix-Up campaign: the right way and the wrong way. Though the trash receptacle tells us to Keep Farmington Clean and Green, its easy to see how sidewalks and streets can become littered when this simple admonition is ignored. Clean-Up, Fix-Up Month lasts for another two weeks, but the idea of a beautiful Farmington is something to keep in mind all year long.

MILLAGE VOTE MAY 22

Library High in Usage, Low in Space

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a two-part series discussing the Farmington District Library the upcoming library millage vote May 22.

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY
Editor

The residents of Farmington are readers! Proof of this can be seen at just about any time in the Farmington District Library. The spot bustles with activity.

A comparison of figures for the library with libraries of another 10 in the number of books circulated each year

the library is number four. Based on the same set of figures Farmington ranks 15th in the size of its book collection, but only 27th in capita cost.

Today a 3,800 square foot building housing 25,000 books is serving a population of 43,000. By 1980 the estimated population of the area will be 77,000.

Next Monday the voters of Farmington Township will vote on whether or not to pay an additional one mill in taxes for construction of another library and expansion of the existing facility.

If the Township voters approve this proposal, then the Farmington City Council will levy an extra tax on the

city residents. Under the structure of the District both city and township residents pay equal shares on a per capita cost.

Plans call for a total of 160,000 books and two library branches with a total of 38,000 square feet of space if the funds are made available.

The proposed one mill increase in taxes would be levied for a period of one year. The first priority on the plans would be the construction of a 20,000 square foot library building on 12 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Rd.

If your home is assessed at \$6,000 the cost of the additional mill would be \$12.60. If the assessment is \$8,000

then the tax would be \$16.60 per year.

The average home in Farmington Township is assessed at \$4,500 so the average cost of the mill would be \$9.45 per family.

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Township Balks At Cash Outlay

Farmington's City Council voted to spend \$770 as the City's share of the proposed area study Monday night.

This action was expected, and with the city coming around to the study group's request, only Farmington Township has refused to put up its share of the funds.

Disposable Bags Come To City

Following the lead of several other Oakland County communities, the Farmington City Council has voted to authorize the City Manager to purchase 10,000 disposable plastic "garbage bags" to aid city garbage collection.

The bags, first used locally in Ferndale, are thin, colored plastic packages that would be available to city residents and businesses on an optional basis. To be inserted as liners for backyard garbage cans, they would, when full, be tied with provided fasteners and, thus, packaged, be placed at the curb for city pickup.

City Manager John D. Dinan stated that the bags would be provided at cost, which would amount to approximately 10 dollars yearly for the average household.

Each bag would cost approximately five cents, and each family would use about four bags weekly. Dinan noted that Ferndale currently chases 10 percent of local residents using the bags.

For the city to receive a full return on the first lot of 10,000 bags that the Council authorized Dinan to purchase 10 percent of local residents would have to subscribe to the disposable bag program.

Dinan added that flyers explaining the bag offer will be sent to all city residents shortly.

Tax Funds Come To Farmington

The office of Oakland County Treasurer James E. Scatterin has announced the release of sales tax monies for the quarter ending March 31, 1967.

Farmington Twp. received \$61,262 of the sales tax funds, the second largest state delivered to one of the county's townships.

The City of Farmington received \$16,514.40 of the state money.

The Farmington Township Board tabled the request at its last session until after the Oct. 23 incorporation vote. The reasoning of the Township officials was that release of the study in mid-August would "cloud" the incorporation issue.

Both the Wood Creek Farms and the Quakertown Village Councils have voted to pay its proportionate share of the \$3,500 cost of the study.

Cost of the study, which would be conducted by the Michigan State University Institute for Community Development, would be prorated on a per capita basis among the four local governmental units.

Thus the Township's tabling action leaves the Future Farmington Area Study Committee without approximately two-thirds of the funds needed.

A meeting of the committee, which is comprised of representatives of the Board of Commerce, the Jaycees and the League of Women Voters, was scheduled for Tuesday night to decide what to do.

Councilman John Allen asserted Monday night that he did not want the Township to feel that pressure is being exerted by the city's proponent of the study.

Many of the people involved in the study believe that the reluctance of the Township Board to allocate its share of the funds is partly due to suspicion of city motives.

One of the stated feelings of Township Trustee Thomas Nolan is the fact that the Township must vote favorably on the incorporation question "to protect itself" and then it can talk about an area development study.

The proposed study would outline the various avenues of development for the entire 36 square mile area known as Farmington. This would include not only possible consolidation of the area, but incorporation and plans for the Township along with the feasibility of joint ventures for services.

Members of the study committee have taken no official stand on any of the avenues discussed, but rather have asserted that it would take no stand until the study was completed.

Teachers Go Back to School

Three local residents will be among 27 elementary school teachers enrolled in an intensive "Teaching to read" institute conducted at Oakland University from Aug. 14 to Sept. 1.

Paul M. Schmidt, of 22394 Brookdale, Farmington, and a teacher in the Farmington School District; Mrs. Verneva R. Hapke, of 30210 Hanover Blvd., Westland, an Inkster teacher, and Alan Cisek, of 31630 Cowan Rd., Westland, a Southfield teacher, will be among those who participate in the program under the auspices of the National Defense Education Act (NDEA).