

# Vote Arguments Are Same

## Yule Game Slated

Farmington Board of Education agreed Monday night to a proposal by the Board of Commerce concerning proceeds from the annual Old Yule Log Game between Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

Appearing for the Board of Commerce, President Fred Noell asked for board approval of the use of the funds to establish a scholarship for the girl chosen each year as Miss Founders Festival.

No stipulation would be made that the money be used for college costs—it would simply be used "to further her education."

The board would retain the funds to be dispensed by the school which the Festival queen attends.

In outlining the plan, Scott said that in previous years some of the game proceeds have been used for city Christmas decorations and that this would no longer be done. However, the city would be decorated.

Came proceeds last year were \$1,404.50. About \$500 is spent decorating the city for the holidays.

Scott met some opposition to the Board of Commerce idea from Trustees Sanford Bloomberg who said he likes the Christmas decorations.

Bloomberg also thought that associating the Yule Log Game with the Festival in any manner would tend to commercialize the game.

Scott described the Founders Festival as "a method the Board of Commerce has to promote community spirit and community activity."

On one point, Scott met opposition from the entire school board and school administrative staff.

He proposed that a contest be held between the high school pep clubs to see who could sell the most game tickets, with a trophy to be awarded by the school board.



WILLIAM C. VAUGHN is shown in happy days five years ago when he took his daughter, Randie, for a pony ride.

## Tragedy Hits Family Again

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Her 14th wedding anniversary tomorrow (Oct. 16) will be a day of stark sorrow for Mrs. William C. Vaughn, of 3397 Colfax, Farmington Township.

Mrs. Vaughn's husband, William Clyde, 33, was buried Oct. 9. He died Oct. 6 in Pontiac General Hospital following a cave-in accident at Union Lake.

Mrs. Vaughn's four-month old son, Clyde Franklin, died Sept. 25 in Children's Hospital after his second operation for birth defects.

THERE ARE FIVE other Vaughn children, Frederick D., 2; William C., 4; Paula, 9; Debbie, 11; and Randie, 12. The family has lived in Farmington 11 years.

A neighbor, Mrs. James Raleigh, 33937 Colfax, who was with Mrs. Vaughn the night Vaughn died, said she didn't know what plans the mother would make to care for her family. She is still in shock and under doctor's care. A sister is staying with her temporarily.

Vaughn was working as a machine operator at the Schroder Sand & Gravel Co. when he was killed. He took the job shortly before Clyde Franklin was born.

MRS. RALEIGH said, "One of the most pitiful things about everything has been trying to make Fritz (Frederick) understand. He has been told that Daddy went to take care of the baby."

Services for Vaughn were held in Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, The Rev. Frank B. Smith, of Bethel Baptist Church, conducted the services for both father and son. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Survivors in addition to the immediate family include Vaughn's parents, Clyde Vaughn, of Farmington, and Mrs. Minnie Sanson, of Detroit; and three brothers, David A., Michael R., and Greg J., all of Farmington.

## Debate Rehashes Familiar Old Tunes

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

The pros and cons of the incorporation question were debated Thursday night at the Orchard Methodist Church and the words and music were familiar.

Philip Daniels, one of the leaders of the Committee for the Preservation of the Township in 1966, spoke against the question.

Representatives of the Citizens Council for Community Development—Robert Pierce and Frederick Lichtman—spoke in favor of the proposal.

That was one of a few new elements. In 1966 the drive for incorporation was led by the township officials. This time they have no public connection with the group, even though they support a yes vote.

The idea of consolidation and the work of the Future Farmington Study Committee was also a new element. Both sides felt compelled to comment on the idea of consolidation, whereas the matter was not seriously discussed in 1966.

Daniels added the charge that the current petitions "errymanders" more than 20 miles of the township's "best residential tax base" to the arguments presented in 1966 by the Preservationists. The boundaries on the current petition exclude the villages of Quaker-ton and Wood Creek Farms and most of Section One.

PIERCE urged a yes vote to "protect our boundaries" and asserted that "annexation is not a mere possibility but a high probability." He said that such annexations affect the overall planning of the township.

Speaking for the Citizens Council, Pierce said that "there has been no study on consolidation, but we believe that a yes vote will provide two years for any group to study the question."

Lichtman asserted that "township government just doesn't serve its purpose when an area grows in population." He said that the governmental

Check Woman  
To Be Tried

Celia Ann Hess, who was charged with attempting to pass a bad check at a Food Fair Market Sept. 25, was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court.

According to prosecution witnesses, Mrs. Hess tried to cash a check allegedly issued by Standard Oil Co.

On Oct. 4, Mrs. Poppe drove her car into a 40-foot deep hole that had recently been dug.

The story reported that according to the police the woman was flagged down and was warned of the hole in order to avoid it as she proceeded.

What Mrs. Poppe is angry about is, she said, "I was not stopped and there was no flag man to warn me."

"There was a man next to a car who simply motioned me on down the road. No one stopped me. No one warned me."

Mrs. Poppe said, "I want to stress that I was not stopped and I was not warned."

The woman said, "The hole was not properly barricaded. If there was some matter in front of the hole I wouldn't have even gone near it."

She said, "Since there were no proper markers I assumed that there was some fault with the hole and since that part of the road looked smoother than the rest I naturally drove on the smooth part rather than the other part."

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On Oct. 23 a total of nine candidates from a field of 16 will be elected to serve on a charter commission for the proposed "City of Farmington Hills."

The members of this commission will serve only if the majority of the voters say yes to the idea of studying incorporation.

As a public service The Farmington Enterprise & Observer sent questionnaires to all of the candidates requesting their views on what they would like the charter to include. The answers to the questionnaires are published on pages 4 and 5A of today's issue.

Court Revision Planned For Jan., 1969

Farmington's Municipal Court will either be abolished or phased out by Jan. 1, 1969 according to plans drafted by the State Senate Judiciary Committee for a bill to reorganize Michigan's lower court system.

The House Judiciary Committee introduced a lower court reorganization bill in the House last week.

ACCORDING TO the House bill, Oakland County would have 23 district judges to replace lower court officials.

The Township's Justice Court would be abolished.

The House has an agreement with the Senate that the House will act on the reorganization measure first.

The Senate committee held a public hearing in Pontiac Oct. 6 and heard testimony from Oakland County municipal judges, members of local area bar associations, and civic officials.

Municipal Judge Michael Hand represented the City of Farmington.

SPeAKING FOR THE CITY, Hand said that Farmington opposed the abolition of its municipal court because it would mean a significant loss of revenue.

The funds for the city's public safety department is obtained from fines levied by the court, he said.

With the court, Farmington residents would have to bear all the tax burden since there is little industry in the city, Hand said.

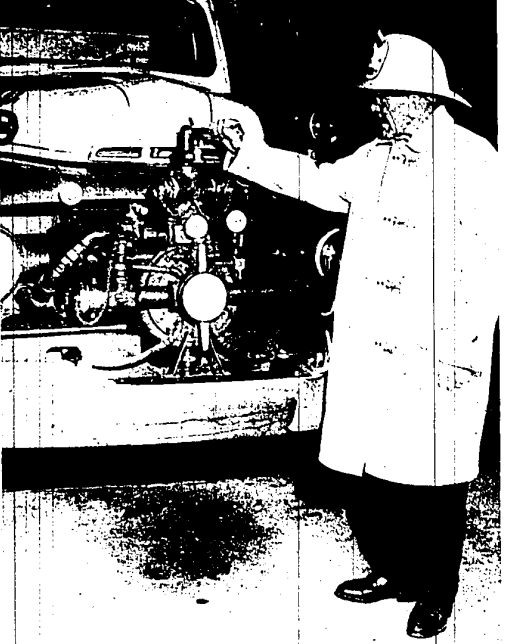
Judge Hand said that the city police must function as a police force as they now are because they must and also as a part of the township that surrounds the city as well as their own territory.

He said the city's main concern with lower court reorganization is strictly fiscal.

Hand thought that it should be made possible through the finished bill to return money to the city for violations committed against city ordinance.

He added that any money returned should be based upon population and not upon the number of fines levied.

SPeAKING FOR HIMSELF, the judge said, "I am not op-



FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP'S first Fire Chief, Roy Bell, checks out the Barton Pumper on the front of Station II's fire rig. Bell retired Oct. 9 and he will officially hand in his chief's helmet Dec. 30.

## Hangs Up Hat After 16 Years

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH

On April 10, 1952 Fire Station II threw open its doors for business at 12 noon.

Five minutes later it received its first call and the newly appointed Fire Chief, Roy Bell, got his first taste of the real thing.

That was 15 years and a lot of fires ago and the Township's first head fireman has stepped down from the job he loved so much.

Poor health has forced him to retire and leave the job to someone else.

"Bell, 46, is a wonderful experience. I've enjoyed it very much and if my health hadn't gone poor I would still be doing the job."

His resignation was received at the Oct. 9 Township Board session. The trustees accepted it with regrets and commended the dedicated fireman for his faithful and meritorious service.

"I was dedicated to the job and my main goal was always to get there and save a life with as little damage as possible," according to Bell.

BELL WAS APPOINTED chief in 1951 and the first fire station, Station II, in the Township is still next to its closed dump shop on Northwestern Highway and 14 Mile Rd.

It is called Station II because prior to its establishment there was a joint fire station in the city which served both city and township.

As soon as Bell was made chief he recruited 17 men.

Six months later Station II received a 1951 Jody Bean High Pressure Fog rig that broke water into a fine spray at 600 pounds of pressure per square inch.

Later a Barton Bumper was installed on the front of the rig which increased its efficiency to 500 gallons per minute.

BELL SAID THAT the job was a lot tougher in the be-

ginning because there were no fire hydrants in Station II's end of the township.

The volunteers had to siphon water from a nearby stream and in the winter this meant chopping holes in the ice.

"That was a hell of a job then," Bell commented.

Once the firemen had a form bucket brigade to keep the rig filled with enough water to quench a burning house.

"The brigade was going too slow and we needed more water," a volunteer, who was nearby, filled his empty milk cans and brought all the water we needed."

"We saved the house with only a little damage to the roof," he said.

"IN '51 YOU could stand in front of my shop and see all the buildings in the area."

It was practically all farm land from Orchard Lake Rd. west and there were 11 buildings in the area, he said.

Since Bell and his men ran the dump shop and were also volunteer firemen, someone in the shop would always be ready to go during the day.

For night calls there was a small red call box at the front of the station with an old crank telephone in it.

If someone spotted a fire from their house they would rush across the street and call Mrs. Weiskell, who operated the alarm that summoned volunteers.

Both Mrs. Weiskell and the siren were opposite Station II in Tom's Electric Store across the street.

"I THINK MY MOST exciting experience was Jan. 28, 1960 when the Northwest propane Company's 18,000 gallon gas tank broke open on Northwestern Highway."

"Tension was high because we were all afraid that the loose gas would settle in low spots and basements and cause serious explosions."

Road blocks were set up

around the whole area and it took about seven hours of constant vigilance before everything was under control again, he said.

About 200 gallons of the gas had escaped and all that could be done was to wait and watch until it had all evaporated.

AT FIRST the biggest problem was grass fires.

There's still a lot of them but, now, there are more fires in electric dryers in homes.

In 1966 there were 120 runs made from Station II. About 30 percent were grass fires and careless burning of rubbish, the chief recalled.

BELL HAS SEEN and helped the township department come a long way since the days of bucket brigades and old crank telephones.

Today, there are approximately 80 volunteer firemen all monitored with radios in their homes or cars.

They can answer an average call in a minute or minute and a half.

The Township has four stations and eight trucks.

All calls are channeled through the police station and they in turn alert the station closest to the fire.

Bell said, "The Township has a good fire rating but they will have to establish a paid full time department in the near future."

80, AT AGE 65, Fire Chief Roy R. Bell is retiring. "I feel that someone else can do a better job than me right now," he said.

The new Fire Chief who will officially take the post Dec. 30 is Tom Weiskell. He has been Bell's assistant fire chief since the "good old days" in 1951.

TRAINING ENDS

Pvt. Carl E. Lindbauer, 19, son of Mrs. Nat Lindbauer, 21227 Wadron, Farmington, completed a 10-day driver course at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Sept. 29.



MARY KAY BURR, at left, and Jan Davis, both seniors at North Farmington High School, were among the semifinalists in the Miss Teenage Detroit contest. The girls will be judged this evening on talent. Mary Kay will do a vocal number, while Jan will do a gymnastic routine.

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