

Schools Want \$9 Million Bond Issue

A bond proposal for \$9 million has been added to the ballot for the special school election to be held Nov. 27.

School trustees adopted a resolution for the proposal at a special meeting Wednesday night.

ALREADY SET for the election was a request for a five mill tax on each dollar (\$5 per \$1,000). The decision to ask school district voters for the five mills was made at the regular Board of Education meeting Oct. 9.

Trustees discussed the bond proposal at the meeting that night but asked that no publicity be given on the discussion. They were waiting for approval on a bond election from the State Board of Education, now necessary under state law.

With approval given, trustees voted on the bond proposal Wednesday night.

The election on the 27th will be the fourth vote on a bond proposal since 1963.

Trustee Leland Clifford noted that the pending proposal could be considered part of the total package of the \$3 million district voters approved in 1966 for pools and auditoriums. A one mill operating tax was also approved in that election.

THE FIVE MILLS now requested is also for operating funds. The \$9 million is to furnish and equip the new Harrison High School, Power Junior High and to build, plus furnish and equip at least two new elementary schools and to complete additions to existing schools.

In seconding the bonding resolution, Trustee Richard Peters said, "This resolution is the result of a study of long-term construction needs of the school district as projected along with the

projected growth through 1980.

"The money would be intended to cover construction needs to 1972."

School Supt. Roderick J. Smith agreed that money adjustments would not have to be made through that period.

FUNDS, if approved, would also be used to buy future school sites. The Board has a policy of studying growth patterns and purchasing sites well in advance of future expansion.

Trustee George O. Chis commented, "This policy has saved the district considerable sums of money. Many sites that we have acquired have afterward increased substantially in value."

Assistant Supt. Byron Oliver, administration resource person on sites and buildings, noted that school sites bought in 1962 have increased

more than one-third in value.

Trustee John M. Washburn III pointed out that present school expenditures are in excess of income by about \$1.2, although the district is not in the red.

BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, Clifford summed up the board's thought on the request for money.

"We have the reputation of having a good school district and this added money is very much needed to maintain that reputation."

Peters thought emphasis should be made that, "We're indicating the need for funding to continue the existing program without any significant changes. This represents a continuation of the existing program."

"People sometimes interpret such a request as a call for sweeping changes."



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Incorporation Vote In Township Monday



THE JOHN STARKEYS, 29830 Highmeadow, and their son, Donald, read a letter from Santiago Vasquez, a Peruvian boy whom the Starkeys adopted through Foster Parents' Plan, New York. Donald and Santiago are about the same age, but lead entirely different lives.

Family 'Adopts' Peruvian Boy

The John Starkeys, 29830 Highmeadow, have found their own answer to today's affluent American society.

According to Mrs. Starkey, "We did at Christmas time one year and couldn't think of a thing we or the children wanted or needed. We were saturated with possessions."

They decided to adopt a child through Foster Parents' Plan, Inc., 352 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y.

Their first child was Kim Chong Sam, whom they called Sam even though that was his last name.

Sam was 14 when the Starkeys adopted him and they kept him until he was 15.

This was unusual because most PLAN children are cared for only until they are 16. Exception was made in Sam's case because he was doing so well in agricultural school.

NOW THE STARKEYS have replaced Sam with Santiago Vasquez, a Peruvian boy who is 10-years-old and looks seven or eight because of the hardships of his life.

Santiago's father earns \$1.40 a day as an unskilled laborer to support a family of five. Through PLAN, the Starkeys contribute \$15 a month to the family, with \$8 going for clothing, supplies and special medical care, which PLAN provides.

Santiago sleeps on a bed made

of boards with no mattress and sometimes no blanket. The family shares a pot of meat that is stretched over seven days of meals.

He writes the Starkeys monthly as well as he is able because he is just in kindergarten and lucky to be in school at all. His father can hardly read or write and his mother never attended school.

Mrs. Starkey says that Santiago is two years older than the Starkey son, Donald, and a foot shorter.

THE OTHER STARKEYS children, Janice, 17, Joy, 15, and Gwynne, 13, share Donald's interest in Santiago. The whole family looks forward to the monthly reports on Santiago's progress.

The two adoptions, Mrs. Starkey says, "have made us more aware of world need. It gives us an awfully good feeling and we don't expect undue gratitude."

The best thing about the PLAN project, Mrs. Starkey claims is that "it is a person-to-person thing. We exchange pictures and over the period of time we contribute to the child's support, his letters gradually warm up."

"Sam once wrote that he had bought some chickens and he bred them he would think of us."

"We all got a good laugh out of that."



SANTIAGO VASQUEZ

Old Time Returns

Michigan residents will move their clocks to "slow time" back one hour to Eastern standard time, at midnight Sunday, Oct. 29.

Michigan time was originally moved ahead to "fast time" on June 14.

The Legislature passed an act last spring to keep Michigan on "slow time" but then, State Senator Raymond D. Dziedzic (D-Detroit) filed petitions calling for a referendum.

When these were certified by the Board of State Canvassers, the Legislature's action was set aside.

Wayne Circuit Judge Thomas J. Foley upheld the constitutional provision which permits a legislative act to be negated by a referendum petition filed by a small number of people.

"To be or not to be..."

This is the question in the voter's mind as the residents of most of Farmington Township prepare to vote on the proposed formation of the City of Farmington Hills Monday, Oct. 23.

In addition to voting yes or no on the incorporation proposal, residents will elect a nine-member charter commission to draft a city charter. This commission will serve only if the incorporation proposal passes.

Polls open at the township

Ski Classes Scheduled This Winter

Skiing lessons for beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers will be offered through the Farmington Adult Education Program in its special winter session.

Registration and initial class sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. in room 116B at Farmington High School.

Fees for the lessons have been set at \$15 for the individual enrollee while married couples will pay \$25. A special rate of \$35 has been arranged for family groups.

Floyd Wagner will provide 10 sessions of instruction for beginners, intermediates, and advanced skiers.

The first session will be held in Farmington.

The remaining nine sessions will be held on the slopes of Mt. Brighton, Brighton, Mich., starting the first week of December. The enrollee may choose to attend either the Tuesday or Thursday session.

All class members will be entitled to a discount rate for equipment and low tickets at the ski area.

It is imperative that the enrollee attend the first session. Mail registrations will be accepted until Nov. 10.

Interested persons can write to the Farmington Adult Education Program, 32500 Shawansee, Farmington, Mich., include the name, telephone number, address and whether it's an individual, couple or family.

voting precincts at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Under state law any person waiting to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast a ballot before the machines are closed down.

Township Deputy Clerk Gladys Thomas says that there are 14,343 registered voters in the township. She said that past experience with special elections has shown a light voter turnout, but didn't want to estimate a percentage.

INCORPORATION petitions for the City of Farmington Hills were filed in January by a citizens group calling itself The Citizens Council for Community Development.

Boundaries of the proposed city include all of the township with the exception of the two villages and that portion of Section 1 which is north of Northwestern Highway.

In order to vote on the proposal you must be a registered voter and reside within the boundaries outlined on the petition.

MONDAY is the second time in slightly more than a year

that the township residents are being asked to vote on an incorporation proposal.

A proposal including the entire township was defeated by a 4-1 vote in June, 1966. At that election, slightly more than 50 per cent of the township's 14,092 voters defeated the question 5,657 to 1,547. The proposal failed to carry a single precinct in the township.

Township officials filed the first incorporation petition in 1965 following the narrow defeat of an attempt by the City of Farmington to annex the Woodcroft Subdivision.

In 1966, as in the current campaign, one of the primary motivations behind the move to incorporate was the fear of additional annexation attempts.

THE CITIZENS COUNCIL action of filing the petitions followed another attempt by the City of Farmington to annex portions of the township.

In 1966 the city successfully annexed the Woodcroft Subdivision, but failed in its try for the prime prize, the township's developing industrial park.



THIS HOUSE AT 36280 Freedom Rd. sits squarely on the city-township boundary line, with half in the city and half in the township. The owners, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Albert Kee, have lived there since March and have yet to

pay city or township tax bills, which they no doubt will receive from both. The Kees bought the property four months before the annexation vote. Not registered to vote, the Kees had no comment on Monday's incorporation election.

Charter Candidates Debate Incorporation Pros & Cons

What is involved in a city charter?

At a candidates' meeting Thursday the Farmington League of Women Voters asked this question of the candidates for charter commission.

Whether or not Farmington Township should incorporate will be voted upon Oct. 23 and a nine-member charter commission will also be elected.

Eleven of the 16 candidates for charter commission presented their views on the proposed city charter at the

meeting.

Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, Joseph Brennan, William Clancy, Frederick Lichtman and Floyd Cairns, who is ill, did not attend the meeting.

HOWEVER, IT STILL wasn't clear what the charter for the proposed City of Farmington Hills might look like after the meeting ended.

The meeting turned into a verbal donnybrook between those opposed to incorporation and those urging incorporation.

Eight candidates presented themselves for a Yes vote Oct. 23 and three candidates were opposed to incorporation.

The three were: John Bailey, Charles H. Williams and Kenneth W. Vesey.

IN GENERAL the candidates did agree that the charter should provide for non-partisan at large elections for councilmen with a city manager and a reasonably low tax base for the proposed city.

Thomas A. Duke urged a yes vote for incorporation because he said, "This is our second time around, we better take advantage of it."

Duke was referring to last year's defeat of incorporation. Duke said that the time for deciding about the charter was the two years allotted for drafting one.

Richard Lewis Gould called for a yes vote and wanted an immediate framing of the charter. He warned that a charter commission should not be regarded as a legislative body.

Dr. LeGROS said that the rivalry between the City of Farmington and Farmington Township must be dealt with.

Robert Pierce, who claimed to speak for Frederick Lichtman, both members of the Citizens Council for Community Development, emphatically urged a yes vote.

ENDORSEMENTS A nine-member charter commission will be elected Monday, Oct. 23, to draft a charter for the proposed City of Farmington Hills. The commission will meet only if the incorporation proposal passes.

Today The Farmington Enterprise & Observer makes its recommendations for the members of this charter commission. They appear on the editorial page 4A.

Pierce criticized The Enterprise & Observer's anti incorporation editorial calling it naive because it evaded the issue of annexation.

He said that consolidation was practically impossible because of the four separate units of government within Township boundaries.

"Our group is not involved in any cliques in the Township," he said.

DONALD E. McEACHIN echoed the views of Pierce. McEachin is also a member of the citizens council.

L. David Slader, Jr., said

that he had a strong desire to preserve the township way of life by preserving the present boundaries and tax base.

Slader urged a yes vote and said that he wanted the charter to retain what is already in the township.

Margaret G. Schaeffer said that she also wanted to preserve the community as much as possible as it is today.

KENNETH W. VESEY expressed his opposition to incorporation at this time because he thought no one has enough information about the matter to vote intelligently.

"We should do a lot more studying before we step into incorporation," he said.

John Bailey said he opposed incorporation because he said she also wanted to preserve the community as much as possible as it is today.

He said that the City of Farmington has shown their interest in consolidation by supporting the MSU study while the Township withdrew its support.

The city was willing to spend the necessary money for the study, he said.

Charles H. Williams said he opposed this particular incorporation because it is too confused of an issue.

Williams said he was for continuing the former study for consolidation.

ALDO VAGNOZZI said he favored a more toward consolidation but at the present time it wasn't possible.

Vagnozzi said that he will work in the charter a future move to consolidate.

Police Arm With 'Maces'

Robert F. Deadman, director of the department of public safety for the City of Farmington, announced that city police officers have been armed with a new weapon called "The Chemical Mace."

The mace is an aerosol container that shoots droplets of tear gas approximately 20 feet and instantly stops an assailant.

Upon facial contact the droplets release vapors of irritant which cause profuse tearing and temporary loss of vision.

The assailant is left with no permanent injury and is usually normal within 15 minutes to half an hour.

Deadman said, "We are attempting to make the combative role of a police officer a safer role."

"It is this Department's opinion that the product has the capability and potential of making the individual combat role of the police officer more effective and less hazardous."

"This can be done without the necessity of physical contact or undue violence," he said.

Deadman said that his department has recently purchased a quantity of the tear gas cans and that firm guidelines are now being established for its use.

The weapon, manufactured by General Ordnance Equipment Corp. in Pennsylvania, was introduced at the International Chiefs of Police Association meeting in Miami last year.

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