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City Nixes Land Grab Actions But Asks Township Be As Firm

The Farmington City Council decided Monday night that "hands-off," when the term refers to annexation, has a plural meaning — and the plural refers without any question to the township.

In voting unanimously to formally place a moratorium on all annexation activities until the Future Farmington Area Development Study Committee has completed their report, the Council also voted in favor

of the following restrictions: That no outside political activities interfere with the proposed FFAD study; That all citizens refrain from any annexation activities until the FFAD study is completed;

That the Farmington Township Board take similar action to discourage any incorporation activities until this report is completed. The question of putting a time limit on the moratorium was a major issue of City Council debate, and the up-shot was adoption of an "open end" resolution which would permit the city to withdraw its blessing at any provocation.

ALONG WITH City Manager John D. Dinan's middle-of-the-road guidance, Councilman Ralph D. Yoder helped cement

the sentiment that the city was not "sandbagging" in a delayed attempt to annex any township property after laying back.

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton was a little more reticent in letting the city make a commitment before getting full satisfaction from the Township Board, but finally gave in with an affirmative vote to the governing resolution.

No one questioned the idea of supporting the governmental study. . . . COMMENT WAS directed, in

the main, as to whether the Township would adopt as strong a policy for its residents about a "hands-off" resolution, and refrain from politicking, as the city affirmed it would do.

Without evidence to the contrary, thus placing implicit faith in Township objectivity rather than political gains, the Council voted 4-0 in favor of the resolution to keep its neck out of annexation talks until the government study is ended. Only Councilman Howard W. Thayer's absence kept it from a 5-0 shutout.



JENNETH LAYNE, 21701 Lamar, keeps herself busy these days with school and a job doing light house work which the Youth Guidance Committee found for her.

Youth Guidance III: 'Active' Role Is Emphasized

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What is the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee? Who are its members and how is it supported? What is its function? These and other questions about the citizen-based youth group are examined and answered in a series by Observer Staff Writer Elizabeth Wissman. This is the third of a series examining the Youth Guidance Committee.)

Payment is strictly between the youngster and the employer. Just one youth who has been placed by the YGC did not work out to satisfaction.

One difficulty, according to the job placement chairman, is that people are not aware the program operates the year around—not just in the summer months. And there are always more boys and girls ready to work than there are people to hire them.

Randy Dotzer, 17, 33126 Kirby, was placed by Mrs. Smith in a job at Mayor and Mrs. Wilbur V. Brotherton's. He did yard work and painted the trim on the mayor's house.

Mrs. Dotzer says the job had many benefits for her son, including giving him something constructive to do over the long summer.

Jenneth Layne, 21701 Lamar, found a job through the committee and is saving her wages for Farmington High School's annual ski trip. Through working, Mrs. Layne feels her daughter has learned the vital importance of accepting responsibility.

Both mothers echo the sentiments of the YGC in its job placement effort. The committee believes that constructive use of idle time defeats antisocial behavior.

ON SUMMER CAMPS -- In its summer camp work, the YGC is a friend to Farmington residents unable to afford their own camping experiences.

The camp committee receives referrals from the ★ Please turn to page 4

Alta Loma Paving Gets Council Airing Nov. 20

With the admonition to "wear your armor" from Councilman Ralph Yoder, the Farmington City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the necessity of paving work in the Alta Loma Subdivision.

The Council will hear from the residents of Alta Loma

Drive, Moore Drive and Cass Court, beginning at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, in the council chambers.

City Manager John Dinan reported to the council that "It has come to our attention that there is a certain controversy being created by some members of the Alta Loma Home Owners Association relative to the deep strength asphalt paving."

Dinan called for a special public hearing "to avoid a similar occurrence of that of Brookdale Ave. In that instance the city proceeded with engineering plans based on the admission of sufficient property owners' signatures on a petition. When the property owners changed their minds on the road improvement program the city incurred an expense of more than \$2,000 in engineering fees for these plans that may never be utilized," Dinan noted.

BACKGROUND of the expected furor at the public hearing includes a move by members of the subdivision to block the paving and the establishment of a special assessment district.

The subdivision association has developed a four phase program for capital improvements, but maintains that it is the city's responsibility to maintain the roads and keep them in good running order.

On the other hand, the city contends that the base for the Alta Loma roads is inadequate and that it is spending far too much proportionately in the subdivision.

With this in mind the city quoted a price of \$1 per foot for asphalt paving on the three

streets in question during the summer and petitions were circulated and signed by the affected homeowners.

Members of the subdivision at large charge that this is a tactic on the part of the city to force special assessment work throughout the subdivision.

WHEN THE COUNCIL voted to set the public hearing, Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton said that he understood that the objections to work was coming from residents of the subdivision who were not affected by the special assessment.

Councilman Hugo Peterson suggested that admission to the public hearing be "by ticket only."

Brotherton noted that at the hearing the council would have to determine who resided within the assessment district and "separate the opinions" on that basis.

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VFW To Mail Viet Packages

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Post Commander James Johnson announces that residents wishing the post to send a gift to Vietnam are requested to send name, grade, service number and address of the armed forces person to Wallace Connor, 22845 Violet, Farmington, telephone 476-4316.

Information must be furnished before Nov. 13 to insure arrival of packages in Vietnam before Christmas. Purchase of the gift and postage is paid for by the VFW.

Motorist Survives 'Landing'

A Farmington motorist who crashed through an I-696 guard rail early Monday morning, with his car landing upside down on Drake Road 15 feet below, was described as in "fair factory" condition by a spokesman at Botsford General Hospital.

Ronald Owen Hyde, 23, of 38395 13 Mile Rd., told Township police that after passing a truck while eastbound on I-696 he "couldn't steer" and went off the road.

A light snow was falling at the time.

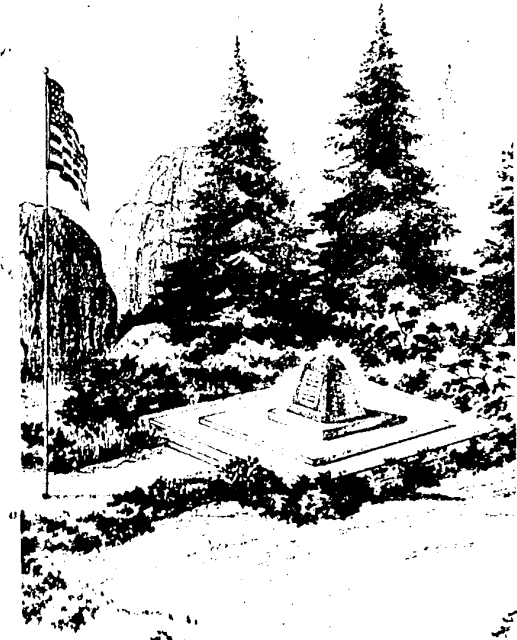
The accident occurred where I-696 passes over Drake Road, and Hyde's car landed on its top after tumbling through the guard rail. He was taken to Botsford by ambulance.

Junior Football Groups Plan Awards Night

The Missiles and Rockets Junior football Associations are planning an awards banquet family night at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 in Renna Hall, Livonia.

Tickets are \$2. Rockets may obtain their tickets from Mrs. Harter, 478-7371; Missiles may get their tickets from Mrs. Feeney, GR-5-3024.

Reservations must be made before Thursday, Nov. 9.



TO BE DEDICATED—This is an architect's sketch of the new Veterans Monument for Farmington. The structure will be formally dedicated Saturday, Nov. 11, in ceremonies beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Veteran's Monument Dedication Saturday

Farmington's revamped veterans monument will be unveiled Saturday in ceremonies beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day.

The new monument is located in the City Park on Grand River just west of the Masonic Temple.

HIGHLIGHTS of the program will include welcoming addresses by Farmington City Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton and Township Supervisor Curtis Hall, as well as a speech by Congressman Jack McDonald (R-10th District).

A native of Farmington, Lt. Col. George L. Each, U.S. Air Force, will be present to dedicate the monument. Col. Each is a chaplain in the Air Force.

He was born on a farm in Farmington Town-

ship which was located on the site of the present Kendallwood II Subdivision.

Joseph T. Gibbons of the VFW Post will be the master of ceremonies. Representatives of the service organizations will lay a wreath at the monument.

FOLLOWING the ceremony, the public is invited to an open house at the American Legion Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A Veterans Day Dinner will be served at the Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets to the dinner may be obtained from Norman Goers (GR 4-9636) before Nov. 9.

Duane T. Brigstock, a past state commander of the American Legion, is the featured speaker at the dinner. Brigstock is currently associated with the Office of Civilian Defense Mobilization.

Goodfellows, Elks Seek Yule Toys

With just 47 days until Christmas, it's not too soon to start thinking about "no child without a Christmas."

The Goodfellows, assisted by the Farmington Elks Club, are already making preparations to see that their slogan comes true for needy Farmington youngsters.

Ten dozen Goodfellow dolls have arrived at the home of Mrs. Robert Witt, 23233 Marblehead.

They're sitting in Mrs. Witt's living room waiting to be picked up by someone or some group who wants to make sure every little Farmington girl knows what it's like to find a pretty doll under the Christmas tree Dec. 25.

Mrs. Witt has been chairman of the Goodfellow doll distribution for four years.

SHE SAYS, "It's marvelous what the Christmas spirit does to people. Not only do all these

Goodfellow dolls get dressed--and beautifully--but people buy additional dolls and dress them just as beautifully."

Just as they have for seven years, the Elks will help this holiday kindness along with their Toys for Tots campaign.

BILL EVERHART, 22437 Violet, started this project for the Elks and is chairman again this year.

Over the seven years, the Elks have collected toys for more than 700 children. The toys are put into the Goodfellow baskets distributed to area needy families at Christmas time.

New and used toys in good condition may be taken to the Elks Club, 33327 Grand River, any time from now on.

There are no hours for dropping toys off. Everhart says they may be left in front of the Elks Club any hour of the day.



SITTING IN THE LIVING ROOM at Mrs. Robert Witt's home, 31528 Marblehead, are 10 dozen dolls waiting to be dressed for the Goodfellows

for Christmas. Any person or organization who would like to dress the dolls may call Mrs. Witt, GR 6-0733.



W.M. SULLIVAN of Farmington has been named purchasing agent for the Detroit Diesel Division of General Motors Corporation. Sullivan, a graduate of Central Michigan University, joined Diesel in 1951.