

Residents Voice Support Of Open Housing

Study Proposal To Be Unveiled On Thursday

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the members of the four governmental bodies affected.

Members of the four governmental bodies have been invited to hear the proposal, according to Richardson.

REPRESENTATIVES of the

four governmental units are all members of the committee. The city and two village delegates were designated by the councils to work with the group.

Township Trustee Thomas Nolan serves in a "private" capacity.

Other members of the committee are drawn from the Farmington Area Board of Commerce, the Farmington Jaycees, and the Farmington Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

All of the four governmental units have agreed to support and help finance an area study. Who will do the study is the question at this point.

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

About 115-120 Farmington residents conducted a clergy-sponsored peaceable meeting on open housing for two hours Sunday at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation.

There were probably no fireworks at the gathering because no opponents to a state open housing measure were present.

Proponents present came from a cross section of the city and township including Canterbury Commons, Alta Loma, Kimberley and Floral Park.

MOST APPEARED to be middle-aged home-owners. All listened attentively to James Garrett, president of the Detroit Coalition Club, in his plea for community support of a state open housing bill.

Not present were Sen. George W. Kuhs and Rep. Raymond Baker, who turned down invitations to the meeting by telegram.

Kuhs and Baker will, however, receive 32 and 42 supporting petitions, respectively, which citizens who did attend, signed to be sent to them.

THE REV. Ralph C. Rideout, of North Farmington Baptist Church, who acted as coordinator, opened the so-called Service of Concern with a reading from the New Testament, noting that the whole question of open housing is within the realm of Christian beliefs.

Father Thomas W. Blissette, of Our Lady of Sorrows, lead the gathering in prayer and noted that the ultimate goal of open housing protection is for peace within the community.

The Rev. Hugh V. Stewart, of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, cautioned those present that their belief in their "own rightness should not be concerned with pride" in their belief that they are right.

GARRETT received a cordial response when he answered questions from the floor.

In answer to one writing state officials' should specifically support the code enforcement and tenant rights section of the open housing bill. He said that most Negroes are renters and that this section of the bill more directly affected them.



DONALD M. FAUX of 31161 Tiverton, Farmington, has been named a general vice president of City National Bank. A graduate of Indiana University, Faux joined City National Bank in 1966. He was formerly associated with the Merchants National Bank and Trust in Indianapolis.

Plastic Plant Hit By Fire

The plastic division of the Willow Run Rubber & Lining Co., 32722 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington, was hit by a fire Sunday night which caused upwards of \$15,000 damage to machinery and materials.

Frank Podojil, vice-president of the company, made the estimate and said the fire had been caused by an electric failure.

The division manufactures plastic parts for the automotive industry, and Podojil said full scale operations will be resumed before the end of the week.

Sgt. Glenn Harding and Auxiliary Officer Ken Abler of the Farmington police department discovered the fire at 9:50 p.m. Sunday when they observed smoke coming from the building while on routine patrol.

Public Safety Director Robert F. Deadman and 12 other officers answered the call.

Harding and Abler first entered the one-story building with hand extinguishers, but dense black smoke hindered their efforts until reinforcements arrived with two pieces of apparatus and the department's emergency van.

Council Opposes Consolidation Idea

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at this time. We seem to always be the victims and we have voluntarily declared ourselves.

"I as one member of this council will vote NO to any such idea as has been put forth to date binding us to a vote in Nov., 1968 if a moratorium has to hinge on us agreeing RIGHT NOW, months before a study has been completed to a vote come next November on the matter of consolidation. It will necessitate my being a dissenter even if I dissent all alone."

THAYER's comments were echoed by all the other councilmen present. (Councilman Hugo Peterson was not at the meeting.)

Councilman Ralph Yoder termed the statement "very good", while Councilman John Allen said that it "said everything there is to say."

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton stated that he "couldn't help but agree" but added that there

were some areas the Council should investigate. (See related story on page 1A.)

Troop 163 Scouts Earn 33 Awards

A total of 33 awards was presented at a recent fall court of honor held by North Farmington's Boy Scout Troop 163. Jim Achberger received a special award for his den chief service in addition to the first class rank.

The life scout rank was presented to Dave Smith and Roger Waite.

David Babcock, Jeff Burr, Bob Cindric, Steve Haines, Bob Listerman, Steve McKay, Kent Orman, Steve Rindskopf, Steve Van Arman and Dennis Windle were raised to second class ranks.

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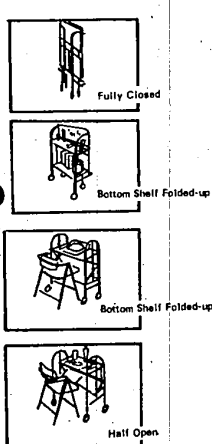
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