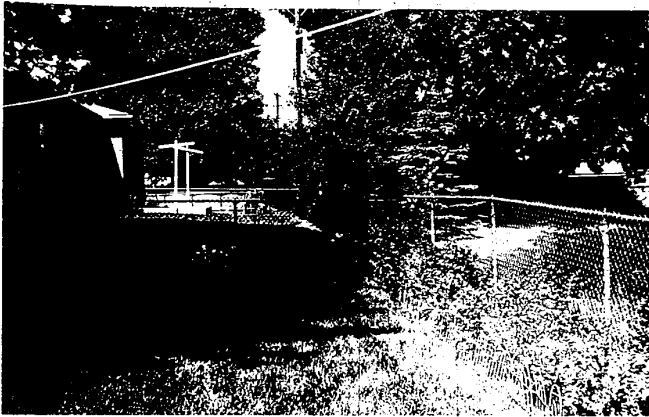


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THE SETTING — The setting for a neighborhood squabble in Farmington Oaks is this backyard fence separating the property of Gary

Jackson (at left) who wants to rezone his land for sale as an office and his neighbors who oppose the rezoning. (Ever photo)

Neighbors' Woes

Rebuttal To Jackson Given

Gary W. Jackson of 21718 Farmington Rd. has a problem but his neighbors say they have bigger problems. Jackson wants to sell his two-family home which his family has outgrown during his five-year stay in Farmington. But to sell the home, he needs a rezoning to professional office use (See June 22 front page of Farmington En-

terprise & Observer). HIS NEIGHBORS don't want Jackson's property rezoned and issued a statement this week explaining why. "We, the surrounding homeowners of Farmington Oaks, wish to set the record straight and answer Mr. Jackson's allegations. "In defense of city hall and the planning commission,

only one 100 by 400-foot lot has been rezoned since Jackson purchased his property and we joined Jackson in opposition to this rezoning. "The homes he refers to abutting his property were built before he moved in. The factor he claims is facing him is in Farmington Township and has been there for some 20 years and does not face his property as he stated. "The party store he refers to has been on the block for at least 10 years. "Gary Jackson is on an acre of land with many trees. His home is set back from Farmington Rd. at least 100 feet. He has more privacy from street traffic and noise than any of us. "THE PLANNING commission has denied Jackson's request for rezoning since one because, as they stated, in an open meeting, they are opposed to spot zoning and setting a precedent on Farmington Rd. "If Mr. Jackson should per-

sue the city council to rezone his property, we understand it would prevent the adjoining homeowners from selling their property on a conventional mortgage. "It would appear that Gary Jackson has created his own problems and not city hall by being lured by the so called developer. "What happens if Jackson's property is rezoned? He will be gone and the people affected, that pay taxes almost double Mr. Jackson's and bought their homes in good faith, will be out on the same limb. "People that buy nice homes and pay higher taxes don't expect adjoining property to be rezoned office or commercial or apartments. "THE lengthy statement from the homeowners forces an appeal from Jackson who cannot get a conventional mortgage on his home because of apartments being located next door. Jackson's rezoning request may come up again at the next city council session, July 7,

Township Restudies That Second MSU Study

By EMORY DANIELS That second MSU study is still being studied. An initial briefing on the study by Michigan State University to Farmington Township is to be followed by a second briefing. A decision may be made after the second briefing whether or not the second study will be undertaken. That is the status of a proposal by MSU to undertake an analysis of intergovernmental relationships in the Farmington area.

The second study will be undertaken by the federal government and MSU, except for a local share of \$3,500. The total package's worth has been set at \$30,000. The City of Farmington has already agreed to participate in the second study and kick in its share -- \$750. Both villages have also agreed to participate in the study. The township, whose share will run about \$2,000, has shown reluctance to jump onto the wagon. It's not just the money, they contend, but the value of the study and the legality of the township's contributing. "An attempt to determine the value of the second study was made by having the MSU staff give a briefing on its scope to the township board. AFTER THE session, Trustee Tom Nolan said he had

some questions about what the township was buying. "In my mind, the MSU staff didn't answer those questions adequately enough to justify us spending the money. "Superior Curtis Hall reports MSU was unable to tell what specific areas would be studied under the grant. He said the township will wait until MSU decides what areas will be researched before he goes any further. Trustee Fred Lichtenman hinted that possibly the city made a hasty move when it decided to participate in the study. When MSU made its presentation last month to the joint study committee of the four Farmington governments, Lichtenman explained, MSU talked only about the possibility of a federal grant but did not explain the purpose of the study. Lichtenman said he asked the MSU staff if MSU if the proposed second study could be used as part of an educational program for consolidation. Lichtenman said Snyder's answer was "definitely not, because the grant covers research in intergovernmental relations and not public education."

INSTEAD, the second study will research "government in action at the local level," Lichtenman said. "We bent over backward to have them tell us what they would give us in terms of service." Lichtenman added that apparently MSU is eligible for a federal grant and is looking for

asked if a by-product of the second study might be public education for consolidation even though that was not the main purpose. MSU was unable to say "yes," he said, "MSU won't compromise its academic principles because of a local desire to have the university provide its dignity to an educational program," explained Lichtenman. Lichtenman said MSU promised to go back and attempt to refine the request. "So we will know what we are talking about," Lichtenman said Snyder noted that MSU had made no contact with the city other than the initial session with the joint study committee. Trustee Charles Williams asked if the second study might be an aid to a charter commission which would be elected if consolidation passes. Lichtenman said the question was asked, and MSU answered it would not presume to come in on a question of a charter to settle any arguments between commissions. "INSTEAD, the second study will research "government in action at the local level," Lichtenman said. "We bent over backward to have them tell us what they would give us in terms of service." Lichtenman added that apparently MSU is eligible for a federal grant and is looking for

somewhat to spend it. "It only looks like a chance for MSU to get some experience in research at the local level." The township board has decided to wait on making a decision until MSU returns with specifics on what the program will involve. IN ADDITION to examining need for the study, the township is also concerned about the legality of the board's using township funds to advance another form of government -- the new single city which would result from a "yes" vote on consolidation. Four members of the township board are under an injunction forbidding them to spend township money to advance a change in government. The injunction was served by Oakland County Circuit Court in 1965 during a township incorporation move. The township had spent \$500 on the incorporation petition which prompted a lawsuit from a local attorney. The court issued an injunction ordering the board not to spend any more money to advance a change in government. The injunction also ordered the board members not to make public speeches during working hours promoting incorporation. The three new members of the board whom the injunction does not affect are Williams, Lichtenman and Mrs. Margaret Schaefer.

Issue Call For Queens

The search has begun for the 1969 Miss Farmington Founders Festival queen. The Farmington Board of Commerce issued a call this week for contestants for the beauty pageant. The crown is not that difficult to earn, says Chamber President Tom Zoedus. Girls need only meet a few minimal requirements, submit an entry blank and give it a try. To enter, contestants must be between 17-22 years old, never have been married, and a resident of Farmington since July 1, 1968.

Information on sponsorship may be obtained by calling Barb Benya, chamber secretary, at 476-2590. THE THEME for the 1969 festival will be "Farmington, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow." A pre-festival event will be the annual pigeon race sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society which will see Detroit disc jockeys racing pigeons on July 17. With only 25 days left before the festival begins, planning is reaching a more formative stage. And deadlines are even closer. Groups wishing concession stands at the shopping centers and organizations wishing to enter the parade should make their applications as soon as possible. Concession chairman is Bruce Hahermehl and Dick Tupper is general chairman. Applications can be picked up from Mrs. Benya at the chamber office. According to Tupper, a carnival will be held this year at Demery's Shopping Center. Carnival rides will also be available. Festival booster buttons are being sold for 50 cents each with the slogans: "HRRU," "Clean Air Smells Funny," "Cook It To Me Time," and "Tomorrow We Must Organize."

THE QUEEN and the two runners up will reign for three days during the annual Founders Festival July 24, 25, 26. During the year, the queen will also represent the chamber in parades and other community functions. Preliminary judging will be held July 22 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Elks Temple. Girls will be judged on poise, appearance and personality. Final judging will be held July 24. The deadline for submitting entries is July 16. There is no entry fee for girls wishing to enter the competition. Zoedus announced the chamber is looking for merchants or groups interested in sponsoring a contestant. The fee for sponsoring a queen's candidate is \$25. The business may sponsor its own girl or request the chamber to select one.

Alta Loma Fights Multiples

A proposal for an apartment project of 88 units has sparked stiff opposition from adjacent residents in the Alta Loma Subdivision. The City Planning Commission has a public hearing on the proposal June 23 and is expected to make a decision at its July 14 meeting. The developers, C.R. Kelly and Robert Harvey, want to build 88 apartment units on 7.4 acres located on Farmington Rd. south of Alta Loma St. PROPOSED SITE plans call for off-street parking facilities designed to provide maximum distances between the apartments and residential properties backing up on Alta Loma and Cass Avenue. A standing room only crowd attended the June 23 commission hearing. Spearheading the arguments against the apartments was Arthur Millard whose property abuts the parcel proposed for apartments.

Neighbors argue that the land in question is now zoned residential and should stay that way. About four years ago, the city in its master plan designated the best use of the land as Educational Research Office (ERO). After residents objected, the council changed the zoning to residential and that classification has remained since. Residents object to the apartments because they would result in: excessive noise; lighting problems; traffic congestion; loss of privacy; and devaluation of property. ONE RESIDENT whose home abuts the parcel in question said a real estate firm told him the value of his home would drop \$5,000 once apartments were constructed.

Entry Blank

Yes, I would like to compete for the title of Miss Farmington Founders Festival of 1969. I understand the entry qualifications (resident of Farmington since July 1, 1968, never have been married, and between the ages of 17 and 22) and am eligible.

NAME ..... AGE ..... ADDRESS ..... PHONE NUMBER ..... SCHOOL ..... GRADE IN SEPT, '69 ..... SIGNATURE ..... PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE ..... Mail to: Farmington Board of Commerce, Box 15, Farmington, Mich. 48024 (Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 16)

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