

Artificial Boundaries Frustrate Community's Sense Of Unity

Do you live in the city or township of Farmington? A good number of area residents don't know or are unsure about the answer.

They are sure they live in Farmington and that's that.

The fact that people in the Farmington area tend to think of themselves as residents of one community is a good indicator that there is a basic unity that is being frustrated by the artificial boundaries of the four local governments.

THIS IS A major reason why consolidation is a logical and desirable step for the people to take.

In spirit and pride in the community the people of Farmington are already consolidated. An excellent example of this feeling of oneness and sharing common interests is the recent successful drive to obtain funds for a community center.

Township, city and villages worked together to raise money for the facility and are now enjoying together the fruits of their common efforts.

The four governmental units are united in many more ways.

There is one school district serving all but a very small part of the area. There is one District Court encompassing all four units.

The Farmington District Library is another joint venture meeting the needs of all Farmington residents, in spite of the four different governments that have grown to the community.

There is also one post office, with one Zip Code number for all area residents.

The service clubs of the area have not allowed the boundaries of the governmental units to divide members of the community.

There are the Farmington Jaycees, the Farmington Board of Commerce and the Farmington Exchange Club. There is no concern about city or township or village.

Churches in the area have congregations that cross governmental boundaries. In Farmington there is a common name, common pride and spirit, common history and a sense of unity among the residents.

IN THE FUTURE, with the tremendous growth predicted

(Following is the third in a series of articles explaining why Farmington Area residents should vote "yes" Nov. 4 to combine the four governments in the community to form a single, new city. The views are offered by Citizens For A Better Farmington, chaired by Russell Gilbert, which is a group of area residents in favor of consolidation.)

For the area, artificial boundaries that exist now will become increasingly divisive.

There will be a natural tendency with development to fight over the available resources in the area. With growth there will be less and less cooperation between the governmental units and more and more competition.

With consolidation the resources of the whole area could be used to solve the problems of the entire community. The natural feeling of oneness among Farmington residents would not be undermined.

Consolidation offers a means of knocking down the artificial barriers between Farmington



RIPE OLD AGE — Mrs. Marcus Ambler, who was born in Farmington on Sept. 19, 1869, recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the Farmington Nursing Home where she now resides. Among her many memories is skating to school over ice-encrusted snow and flagging down the train to Now as it passed through Farmington.

residents so that they can make progress together, with all enjoying the benefits of the entire area.

With consolidation, the new, unified government will really represent the people who have always thought of themselves as a unified community.

TB Test Offered

The Oakland County Health Department will offer free tests for ninth grade students from Farmington and Clarencville for tuberculosis.

The department will administer skin tests to about 300 Clarencville students from Oct. 27-29. About 1,300 Farmington ninth graders will be tested from Nov. 6-21.

ALL NINTH grade students in public and private schools in Oakland County will be offered the test.

Consent cards approving the testing will be sent home to the parents of all ninth graders and must be signed for the students to be tested.

In addition, the test will be offered to fifth graders in both districts, and to high school students at both Farmington high schools.

DR. BERNARD BERMAN, director of the Oakland County Department of Health, says ninth graders have been chosen for the test because most teenagers are still in school at the ninth grade level.

The skin test is a simple, harmless way to determine whether there has been exposure to tuberculosis at some time and whether such germs are present in the body, the department says.

Usually about 1.3 per cent of ninth graders show signs of tuberculosis.

Floral Park News

by E.R. PHILLIPS, 474-6575

Mrs. Clarence Williams and her children, Owen and Lee of 22785 Violet St. in Florida recently for a visit with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stacy, of Fort Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy then drove them back to Farmington and visited here until Oct. 4 at which time they left for home.

Stephen Kreuter and his father, Walter, of 22789 Lilac, drove to Houghton, Sept. 14 for Stephen to report at Michigan Technological University and begin his second year of studies in nuclear physics. As Stephen's roommate was not to report for a few days, Dad Kreuter stayed and aided in building a book case for the boys.

Donna Champagne, daughter of the Champagnes, of 22462 Lilac, was married to Patrick Ryerson of Farmington in the First Methodist Church of Farmington on Sept. 20.

The Dennis Hickman family of 22450 Floral made a necessary trip to Decatur, Ala. the past week, due to the death of Mrs. Hickman's father, Ira E. Cheatham, on Sept. 25. Our

sincerest sympathies are extended to the family. A new family has just moved into the Floral Park area. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Duffy are settled in the home at 23097 Hawthorne. They formerly resided in Detroit, and Duffy is a teacher in a school in Redford Township.

Attend the Church of Your Choice this Sunday

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
28880 LaMuer Drive
Farmington
In Springland Subdivision
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Family Worship
Service
Church School Facilities at Beechview School
Rev. E. Douglas White
Interim Minister
GR 4-2860

You Are Invited to Attend First Church of Christ, Scientist -
33825 Grand River Ave., Farmington, Mich.
Sunday Service . . . 11 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 11 a.m.
Wed. Evening . . . 7 p.m.
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Nursery - Both Services
SUNDAY SCHOOL
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GR 4-0584

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CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
20300 Middlebush Rd.
Livonia, Michigan
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
ELSIE A. JOHNS, Minister
GR 4-3563 GR 4-6902

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Oakland at Grand River Farmington.
WORSHIP SERVICE - 9 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m. (Nursery)
Parsonage GR 6-0487
Church Office GR 4-6880
Carl H. Schultz, Minister
Organist - Mrs. Earl Billings

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Grand River at Warner
Worship Service, Church School and Nursery
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Ministers
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Rev. B. Bryce Swiler
Parsonage GR 4-7568
Office GR 4-6573

Letter To The Editor Agrees With Aldo

Editor:
I agree 100 per cent with Aldo Vagnozzi's views on the recent appointment of Earl Oppenheimer to fill the vacancy on the Township Board of Trustees. The residents of the township surely should have been given the privilege of electing a man of their own choice on the November 4 ballot. It was a sad day for us when Charles Williams resigned, as he was the only member on the Board who had the "people's" interest placed uppermost.

When are the residents of the township going to wake up to the "all powerful small group of officials" who have had complete control of all township affairs for years? We, the people, have found that petitions, verbal protests, and endless "kangaroo court" meetings on various issues have been a total waste of time.

We, the residents of Kendallwood Drive, have lived with a disgraceful 500 foot entrance of dirt, holes and mud for three years now. We always get the usual alibi of "no

money," but somehow finances were found to pave Powers Road from 10 Mile to a "Dead-end" 11 Mile at no cost to the residents in the area. I might add that the amount of traffic involved on that strip of Powers with 29 homes does not come near comparing with the traffic on Kendallwood Drive which is the main entrance to 400 homes and a school.

We, the residents of Kendallwood 11, against strong opposition, have also been forced to accept a re-zoning in our subdivision for a future YMCA to be built. A YMCA to be built in a lovely residential area in spite of hundreds of acres of available commercially zoned property nearby.

When Sgt. Toeples was so unjustly treated recently, the people stood behind him and showed that we still have the power to demand justice if we shake off this apathy and make our feelings "loud and clear."

When the time comes to vote for the proposed charter commission members, we residents had better be sure to examine carefully the men on the ballot. It's time the Farmington Township citizens get a fair break!

It's time we have officials who have a sincere interest in what's best for the people instead of what benefits them the most. If we all unite, we may find it still possible to fight "City Hall" after all.

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