

Why Villagers Must Vote 'Yes' Nov. 4 On One-City

Residents of the villages of Wood Creek Farms and Quakerstown should vote "yes" Nov. 4 because it is the best alternative available.

Both villages cannot escape a hard fact of the future—either the villages will become part of a city or they must go it alone surrounded completely by a city's.

IF CONSOLIDATION is defeated Nov. 4, the Boundary Commission must act on a petition which asks for incorporation of the entire townships, including both villages. Chances are a city vote will split villagers even if they vote no Nov. 4.

There is one condition villa-

might be put on the ballot which could prevent the villages from ever "going it alone." But even if it is somehow allowed a village to "go it alone" it would be rough going.

STUDIES SHOW it would cost Wood Creek Farms between 12-14 mills which would provide only minimal services to go it alone. For Quakerstown, it would cost 10 mills only for minimum police protection and to this can be added one mill for every \$8,000 needed for additional services, such as fire protection.

Add to this the expensive cost of defending zoning decisions in court. If both villages insist on maintaining limited zon-

ing within their limits, there will be court fights to defend zoning decisions. Land values will continue to increase, and as the population presses westward, developers will apply greater pressure on the villages.

Conceivably it could cost 1-2 mills each year to defend zoning decisions in court. And just providing the funds would not guarantee success.

Courts from municipalities which limit zoning classifications within their boundaries. The new city would have a balanced mixture of land uses and the most likely would designate both village areas as residential uses. This would be an easier position to defend in court, since the new city's master plan would include a full range of uses. If the villages want to defend their zoning, the best way might

be as part of a consolidated city. Nobody can predict what zoning the new city council will pick for the village areas. But it would be unfortunate if a no vote Nov. 4 prevented a city council of the consolidated city from making a determination.

THE VILLAGES do enjoy a high standard of living and have relatively good services. But if the village status remains, it will cost the village residents a whole lot more money to retain the same services than it would under a consolidated city.

The single-city may not be the right answer for the villages. But, in all frankness, there does not appear to be a better answer beyond the consolidation.

The Enterprise & Observer urges village residents to vote yes Nov. 4. We do so because it is the only alternative to all-out war to help mold their future destiny.

For villagers to read, The villages may never have the alternative to go it alone. But even if that alternative is available, it appears at this point that joining the consolidated city is a better alternative than struggling alone as a village or fifth class city.

If the villagers want self-determination, they must vote yes Nov. 4. If a bad charter is written, or if consolidation proves not to be feasible, this newspaper will endorse a "no" vote.

It would be suicide for the villages to give up their veto power and seats on the charter commission. It would be unwise for villagers, with incorporation of the township a certainty in the future, to vote no.

You are part of the Greater Farmington Community. Think also as a member of that community.

local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mrs. Ida Davis of Chestnut Lane accompanied her sister and brother-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones of Hammond, Ind.) on a 2,000 mile color tour.

The trip took them through Niagara Falls, Canada, Vermont, New Hampshire to the coast of Maine Down to Wilmington, Delaware, where they visited with an aunt, Mrs. George Brier, returning home last week from a wonderful vacation.

PVT. GERALD Banfield Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Banfield Sr. of Bridgeman, Farmington, is stationed at Fort Knox.

Gerald has pneumonia and is in the Army Hospital in Fort Knox. He is a 1968 graduate of Farmington High. Some of his friends will also be on the staff. Pvt. Gerald Banfield Jr., D-3-4, U.S.A.F.C. Armory, Fort Knox, Ky. (1st Platoon)

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newsum of Oakley St. celebrated their

19th wedding anniversary Oct. 16 with dinner and the night on the town.

Baby Jason Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kalkas of Tuck Rd., was baptized Oct. 19 son of the Rev. Hugh White, Pastor of 1st United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Godparents are Miss Kristina Bohan of Farmington and Ronald Hartman of Redford Township. Mrs. Kalkas is the former Sue Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Glenview Ct. and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kalkas of Northville.

MR. AND MRS. Don Newsum and sons Mike and Danny of Foch spent five days in their cottage on Houghton Lake recently fishing and enjoying the boating. Lawrence Rock of Argonne Rd. celebrated his birthday on Oct. 18 with Mrs. Rock and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin C. Martin of North Palm Beach, Fla., visited recently with Mrs. Martin's mother Mrs. Luther Hamilton Sr. and sister Mrs. Mary Youngblood and Lorone and Robert Newsum and family, all of Farmington. Mrs. Martin is the former Evelyn Hamilton.

The Michael Bayley family, formerly of Lakeland, are in their new home in Livonia. Miss Louise Mathys of Rockwell St., last year's homecoming queen from Our Lady of Sorrows, spent the weekend at home to crown this year's queen. Louise attends the University of Michigan.

A TRIPLE birthday celebration given at the Phil Hamilton's on Lexington St. was for: small daughter Phyllis Hamilton celebrated her fourth, her grandmother, Mrs. Luther Hamilton and Uncle Ralph Hamilton, all of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Comp of Farmington enjoyed a wonderful three weeks with their son Charles and wife and three grandchildren at Placerview, Calif. recently.

Happy anniversary to the Dave Newsum's who celebrated their eighth Oct. 16 with friends and relatives.

Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jerski, for Farmingtonites, who flew to Las Vegas where they spent several wonderful days. Accompanying them on the plane were Tony's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Les Newsum, son Larry and daughter Jodi of Astor Drive, spent the past week

at Mrs. Newsum's folks' cottage at Burt Lake.

Mrs. Harry Hamlin, former Farmingtonite, was given a surprise birthday party at her home by her daughter Barbara and son Rickie. Family and friends from her church attended.

Francis A. Nicholls of Glenview Dr. recently underwent surgery at Mt. Carmel Hospital and is convalescing at home.

MR. AND MRS. Ronald Snowden of Shawnee Avenue have sold their home and are taking their three children, Cary, Scott, and Cammie to live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where Ron spent most of his school years.

The Andrew Snowden's of Ridgwood Dr., Ron's parents, tentatively have the same plans but Mr. Snowden had open-heart surgery this past spring and is rather reluctant to leave the Ford Hospital area for awhile yet until he knows he won't have to make any emergency trips there due to his heart surgery.

But you can be assured they will be making frequent trips to Lynette's buddy, Terry Ryland, Florida to see their grandchildren in the meantime. Their daughter Sheryl is most anxious to make the move RIGHT NOW!

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gars must recognize. Under consolidation, the villages have a veto power over the question and the charter and can help mold the new city. Under incorporation, the villages will not have a veto power and will have little influence in molding an incorporated city. In addition, consolidation guarantees each village one seat on the charter commission. Incorporation does not.

If villagers want to give away their veto power, seat on the charter commission, and influence to mold a new city, it can be done by voting no Nov. 4. The village influence can be preserved only with a yes vote Nov. 4.

What happens tomorrow cannot be guaranteed. We only know the village has a veto and a charter seat today.

An incorporation question

THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL

ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER

Arthur Hailey Coming For Writer's Meeting

FARMINGTON West side writers will join best-selling novelist Arthur Hailey and Scholastic Magazine editor Norma Armstrong on Oct. 27 in the Annual Conference on Craftsmanship of Creative Writing to be held at Oakland University Oct. 25, Hailey, who wrote "Hotel" and "Village" and is currently working on a book about the Detroit auto industry will fly here from his home in California to

talk on "Organization and Development of the Novel," Miss Newkirk will fly in from New York to hold a round table on "The Potentials of the Youth Market."

The conference, which is cosponsored by Detroit Women Writers and the conference department at Oakland University is considered to be the biggest one-day writers conference in the country.

Approximately 500 conference and staff members attend each year. Forty-six professional writers will discuss writing techniques in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, juveniles and drama.

Joyce Carol Oates, who was nominated last year for the Nobel Book Award and has

Named To List

FARMINGTON

Miss Joanne Augoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Augoy of 28663 Nine Mile in Farmington, was named to the dean's list at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., for the second semester of last year. She is a senior.

Students named to the list must rank in the upper seven per cent of the student body.

Boo-oo!! Fraidy-Cats Take Heed

FARMINGTON "Fraidy-cats take heed! The corner of Freedom and Drake in Farmington will be full of spooks beginning Oct. 25. The exact location where the ghostly gents can be met is 35150 Freedom.

The Farmington Area Jaycees are again providing chills and thrills at that address, all in good clean Halloween fun. Haunting tours through the house on Freedom can be taken from 1-11 p.m., Oct. 25; 1-10 p.m., Oct. 26; 5-10 p.m., Oct. 27-30; and 5-11 p.m., Oct. 31. Admission will be 25 cents per person with the Jaycee Auxiliary handling tickets at the door.

Jaycee co-chairmen Jim Aughton and Dick Whitaker have been soliciting the event with the help of the St. Fabian Girl Scouts who have handmade over 100 posters now on view around town.

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