

New PTA Born At Alameda

FARMINGTON Parents of the Alameda School area have this year formed a parent-teacher association.

There has not been such a group at the school for about five years.

Many parents have already accepted official positions, and memberships will be available to all who attend the school open house Oct. 22.

At the following meeting on Nov. 6, at 8 p.m., the new grading system and report card will be explained.

President of the organization for the coming year is Mrs. Vivian Jurosek. Teacher vice president is Mrs. Peggy Spanninga.

Vice president-chairman is William LaJoy. Mrs. Nancy Cautt is vice president in charge of area mothers; Mrs. Jean McDougall, secretary; Mrs. Verla Allen, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Albanen, committee delegate; Mrs. Lillian Allen, legislative chairman.

Mrs. Alberta Gofshank has accepted the chairmanship of hospitality; Mrs. Joyce LaJoy is health and safety chairman; Mrs. Carroll Hammond, membership chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Justice will be newsletter editors, and room mothers will be under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Sobay and Mrs. Shirley Salama.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of PERCY J. DARNELL, also known as PERCY J. DARNELL, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on December 16, 1969, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Robert K. Anderson for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of the same to Robert K. Anderson, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of WILLIAM JOSEPH MUIR, also known as WILLIAM MUIR and W. J. MUIR, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on December 2, 1969, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Albert P. Herzog for the appointment of an administrator of said estate and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

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Estate of GENE VIEVE BECK, Deceased.

Farmington Calendar

Oct. 27, Farmington School Board will meet starting at 8 p.m. in Shitawassee Elementary School, 30415 Shitawassee.

T B TESTS OCT. 27-28, Tuberculin tests of Clarenceville School District students will be conducted during school hours, Farmington School District students will receive TB tests from Oct. 29-Nov. 21.

NEWCOMERS Oct. 27, The evening meeting of the Farmington Newcomers Club will be held at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Program is on making Christmas decorations. For reservations call Pat Ewing, 476-7436.

GOOD GROOMING Oct. 28, Classes on "Good Grooming and Modeling for Teenage Girls" taught by Barbara Macintosh will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Cost is \$10 for five sessions.

GRACE PTA Oct. 28, The William Grace PTA will meet at 8 p.m. and will listen to a township policeman talk on juvenile delinquency and vandalism by children in the William Grace Area.

QUAKERTOWN QUESTERS Oct. 29, Quakertown Questers will hold its monthly meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R.W. Sharpe of 28225 Briar Hill. Mrs. Robert Gilling will talk on "Housekeeping."

UN DAY Oct. 29, Farmington Musicals will observe United Nations Day starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Program will be "Come Fly With Us" conceived and written by Mrs. Marilyn Truitt.

NEW FRONTIERS Oct. 30, The first of four programs of "New Frontiers in the Performing Arts" will be given starting at 8:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Speaker will be Martin Bard, actor and director. Cost for program is \$1.50 or \$4 for the series. Tickets may be obtained at the Community Center.

ART CLASSES Nov. 1, Starting at art classes for children has been postponed until Nov. 8. Nov. 1, Christmas card printing instruction will begin Nov. 5 from 7-9 p.m. Both will be offered in the Farmington Community Center at a cost of \$15 for six sessions. For information, call 474-6878 or 474-2900.

FHA MEETS Nov. 3, The Farmington Association for Handicapped Children will meet at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of East Junior High, 25000 Middle Belt. Guest speaker will be Theodore Cuno, special education director for Farmington Schools.

Reader Writes Give Views On One City

EDITOR: As a resident of the Farmington community, I would like to express my reasons for voting for consolidation of the component parts of the community this fall. I am hopeful that my reasons may be considered by those who may not yet have decided which way they will vote.

Primarily my reasoning is based on the fact that this vote, despite the wording, is not on consolidation, but on attempting to consolidate. The Farmington Area appears, to me, to be one community. MSU recognized this as they wrote their report on the future of the area. They recommended consolidation as the best way for a community of this size to face the future.

Apparently, quite a few people in the township voted against separate incorporation because they felt the best road to take was the one on which the whole community could pull together, so wanted to wait for consolidation.

However, I reiterate: the vote on Nov. 4 will not show whether consolidation can be attained. It will merely allow the try to be made.

I THINK this opportunity to try to do one thing should not be missed. I don't think, as four communities, we are planning sufficiently for our future, at present.

I see the area growing up haphazardly with scattered shopping, business, and apartments with single dwellings shoe-horned ever more closely in between. Recreational area appears to be neglected, but otherwise the planning commissions seem to feel that every corner must have four gas stations and every square mile must have all possible kinds of zoning. Strip zoning, which makes a monstrosity out of every main street, appears to be making headway. Consolidation might allow us, if we are wise, to make a fresh start on these problems.

Consolidation would allow us all to avoid the danger of fractionalization, which would leave a city desperately building apartments and attempting to

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New Charge Made Referendum On PRD Fails

By EMORY DANIELS FARMINGTON A group of homeowners in Farmington Township is attempting to organize an assault on the recently adopted Planned Residential District (PRD) ordinance.

The PRD ordinance, passed by the Township Board on Sept. 22, provides for a mixture of one-family, two-family and multi-plex on large tracts of land.

OPPOSITION from homeowners has centered on two points: 1-The ordinance lowers the density for single-family residential development.

2-The ordinance opens the floodgates for apartment development. Township officials argue the ordinance does not do either.

Leading the opposition to the PRD ordinance is Art Damini who lives in Kendallwood. He is assisting in Ben Marks, president of the Council of Homeowners Associations.

Mrs. Camille Stephens was the first to publicly speak out against the ordinance. At her request, the township board delayed passage of the ordinance on Aug. 11 so a public educational meeting could be held on Sept. 10.

AFTER the ordinance was adopted, it has been efforts to circulate petitions calling for a referendum on the ordinance. The homeowners hoped to have the ordinance placed on the ballot and approved or rejected by township voters.

But the referendum drive bogged down and was called off Oct. 21. Damini was told that 3,000 signatures would be needed on petitions before a

referendum could be called. On Oct. 19, only about 600 signatures had been notarized. The deadline to file the petitions was Oct. 22, 30 days after the ordinance was adopted.

REFERENDUM leaders point to two reasons behind the failure of the drive: 1-Most residents and subdivision association presidents did not cooperate by distributing the petitions to the block captains.

A petition circulator said it took about 10 minutes at every stop to explain to residents what the PRD was and why they should sign the petition.

The only association president reported to have known about the PRD before Sept. 22 was Robert McConnell of Canterbury Commons.

McConnell told the referendum leaders he had been in contact with the township board and planning commission about the PRD, supported it, and would not circulate petitions in his subdivision.

Subdivisions reported to have supported the referendum drive include Churchhill, Kendallwood One and Briar Hill. A Little survey came from Westbrook but was not a factor.

It has been reported some association leaders called township hall and said they were referring to let the petitions be passed out in their subdivisions.

WHEN the referendum effort failed, Damini and other township administrators asked that the or-

distance be declared not valid. Damini argues the ordinance finally adopted Sept. 22 was not the same one discussed at the earlier public hearings.

OPPOSITIONERS AREN'T sure what course of action will be taken next. They don't like the PRD and want it off the books. How they will get it off the books is another question.

Since deadline for referendum is passed, the only ways the ordinance can be taken off the books is for it to be rescinded by the township board or thrown out by the courts.

At this point, opponents are not talking about challenging the ordinance in court.

AS DEFINED in the ordinance, the purpose of the PRD is to permit an optional means of development which allows a mix-

ture of types of residential units. Maximum density permitted will be eight bedrooms per acre in RP-1 and 10 bedrooms per acre in RP-2.

However, a minimum of 100 single-family homes must be included in the district; not less than 1/3 of the total bedrooms must be single-family; all single-family units will have four bedrooms; and no more than 10 per cent of the total bedrooms will be in efficiency apartments.

A separate public hearing must be held on each request for establishment of a PRD, according to the ordinance. (Details on the PRD were reported in the Enterprise & Observer in June 7 in a lead story on page one; on June 7 in a page one lead story; and again on Sept. 14 in a lengthy story on page three.)

McConnell Tells Why He Filed

FARMINGTON The leader of the recent township incorporation petition drive, Robert McConnell of 30106 Valleydale Dr., Farmington Township, said he wanted to clear the air and publicly explain why the petitions were filed.

THE PETITIONS request an incorporation election to form a city from the entire township, including both villages.

McConnell described the petition drive as "a low concerned township residents spearheading a grass roots campaign to circulate incorporation petitions for submission to the State Boundary Commission."

In his statement, McConnell said: "For several weeks, rumors persist that the petitions were being prepared by individuals in the City of Farmington for annexation of the Township Industrial Park. Efforts to verify these rumors have failed."

The new deg leaders are: Mrs. William Jamieson, Den 2; Mrs. Gary West, Den 4; Mrs. Kenneth Wallace, Den 5; Mrs. Fred Hamlin, Den 6; Mrs. Hans Rasmussen, Den 10; George Hannah and Durward Hester, Webelos leaders;

Mrs. John Finnell, den leader; Paul Gusho, secretary; John Kenner, committee chairman; Paul Gelatin, treasurer; Mrs. Durward Hester, publicity; and Mrs. Robert Til-

turned down on Nov. 4. "As it turned out, our reasoning was conservative in that the petition as circulated by the city called for annexation not only of the industrial park area, but also of the lower half of the township."

"This action isn't keeping with the spirit of the 'hands off' policy supposedly adopted six months ago until the question of consolidation could be resolved by the people.

"However, out of these developments it might well be that something constructive has come. If consolidation is defeated, township residents will now have a chance to decide their own destiny before any

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Mrs. Robert Allen and Mrs. John Kenner, den mothers; Mrs. Charles Fox, Mrs. Al Langan and Mrs. Fred Jones as assistant den mothers; Walt Schooner, Webelos leader; and Ralph Dingle, secretary.

Advancement awards were given to Steve Gusho, wolf and gold arrow; Larry Hannah, bear; Mike Langan, silver arrow and Brent Brady, gold arrow.

On Sept. 26, the Cub Scout and Webelos had a field trip to Metropolitan Airport.

Why Are Foes Afraid Of Vote? In the following article City Councilman John Richardson explains why city residents should vote "yes" Nov. 4 on consolidation.

Why do the opponents of a "yes" vote on Nov. 4 want to deny us the opportunity to further explore the single city concept? Are they afraid the citizens might like what they see?

I think it's premature to condemn a 36-square mile city and its advantages and admittedly some disadvantages, until we've given it a fair comparison with the small 2.6 square mile city.

This is especially true when you figure that this community has already invested \$5,000 in a non-biased study which strongly recommended consolidation to us. We need to complete the study by seeing a charter.

SINCE CHARTER commissions receive no salaries, the first step in the investigative process to fully explore consolidation will be virtually free of cost.

The only foreseeable expense will be secretarial and duplicating costs which will be borne jointly by the existing governmental units. Professional planning consultants who are already on retainer by the four units could also be utilized.

After the charter is written and presented, then we can make a fair comparison of the small versus the large city. In the meantime we maintain the status quo.

A yes vote Nov. 4 is not an irreversible commitment to consolidation. It merely keeps the door open to further invest-

Miss Stanis Works In Honors Suzanne Stanis, daughter of Walter Stanis of 29041 Aranel, Farmington, has received an undergraduate assistance program from Western Michigan University's honors college.

She will work with an associate professor of English on compiling an annotated bibliography of black children's literature. She is a senior majoring in English.

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