

League Offers Ch. 56 Forum

FARMINGTON
The League of Women Voters, in cooperation with Channel 56, is presenting a series of candidates forums for the office of state senator.

Mrs. Gilbert O'Gawa, president of the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters, and Emory Daniels, editor of the Farmington Enterprise and Observer, will be on the panel questioning candidates in State Senate districts 14 and 17.

THE STATE SENATE candidates will be questioned by a panel of press and media representatives and a member of the League of Women Voters. The program will be moderated by a representative of Channel 56 and the League.

Candidates for the 14th District are Paul Kaddish, Livonia Democrat, and Carl Pursell, Plymouth Republican. Candidates for the 17th District are Carl W. O'Brien, Pontiac Democrat, and incumbent L. Harvey Lodge, Waterford Republican.

Panelists interviewing the four candidates, besides Mrs. O'Gawa and Daniels, are: Larry Laurin, Pontiac Press; Gary Schuster, Detroit News; with moderators being Mrs. Robert Rotman of the Dearborn LWV and George Collins, Channel 56.

EACH CANDIDATE will have an equal amount of time in which to make a position statement and then they will

Book Sale Was Quite Disorderly?

EDITOR:

After three hours of confusion, pushing and shoving, heat and rudeness to the extreme, my four teenage children and their friends returned home from the Bookstore in tears, extremely upset with a bundle of torn, dirty books — in a terrible condition to describe here.

I have been a teacher for all of my adult life and have never witnessed such a frustrating and inefficient method of distributing school books. Isn't this an opportunity for educators to demonstrate efficiency and control?

There must be other, better ways. Could the teachers be given the supplies to distribute? Could each family be assigned a bookstore date, possibly alphabetically? Could we have shifts working during the lunch hours, possibly manned by volunteer parents?

What really was devastating to my children, who have always been careful and compulsive with their materials, was to receive such disreputable and shabby books? This certainly took their enthusiasm and excitement away for their present learning situation.

After recovering with fabric, repairing with glue and staples, erasing some obscenities and much autographing, plus a lot of discussion, we hope to recoup their previous joy for school.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER ALBERS, JR.
Farmington Township

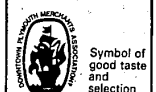
Wilson Places

FARMINGTON
James Randall Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Wilson of 28735 Summerwood, Farmington, a student at Cass Technical High School, has placed among the semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. A senior in the chemistry-biology program at Cass, he is a graduate of East Junior High School.



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answer questions from the panel.

The forums for Districts 14 and 17 will be televised Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 1:30 p.m. on Channel 56.

The entire series of programs, a five-hour block, will be shown on Nov. 1 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m.

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area LWV urges voters in the area to watch the telecast and take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about state senate candidates.

BEFORE EACH candidate gives his statement, the moderator will identify the senatorial districts individually using maps and an oral description.

A brief biography will be read immediately preceding the opening statement from each candidate.

The name given the program is "Your State Senate: The 1970 Candidates."

Readers Write

Supports Annexation

EDITOR:

After reading your front page article on annexation in last week-end's edition, it occurred to me that maybe people would get the impression that the only people in favor of annexation lived in the city. This is far from the truth and the comments by Mr. William Hatton and Earl Teeple's deserve a township answer.

I reside in the southern portion of the township and have to agree with Hatton's comment that "the facts tend to give me a feeling of rejection by the township." This is one of the major reasons I'm in favor of annexation.

As one of the founders of the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association, Hatton has been fighting Township hall for several years and now is willing to join them only when he's running for trustee. If he is elected, and annexation

goes through, he becomes a trustee without a township. Would he really be against it if he wasn't running or had just lost an election?

I have seen the flexing of Democratic muscles since the August primary. However, the Republicans still far outnumber the Democrats in the township and Teeple's did run as a Republican. Regarding Teeple's comments, the sweat and planning of the township he mentions has taken place north of 10 Mile, and as I stated before, they've forgotten us.

The annexation attempt by the city and with the blessing of many township residents who signed petitions, will give more "instant" city to the township than would consolidation or incorporation. We are dealing with a professional police department, public works department and city manager who have worked to give the

city excellent protection and coverage.

These days will be available to us within days after the election and will only have to increase in size. Any other form of changing the township into a city will take a great deal of planning and then maybe the charter would not pass. Also, new departments must be formed and how long will that take? A change always means some degree of adjustment, however annexation definitely gives us the shortest adjustment period.

In conclusion, we in the township portion of the township should be waiting for responsible government for years.

I urge my fellow residents in the township to vote in favor of annexation on Nov. 3.

WALTER H. MCCOY
3452 Nine Mile Road
Farmington

Let's Bus Our Students

EDITOR:

My little girl will walk from our house, which is located about 200 feet from the dirt road, on her way to school Monday morning. Then she will commence a walk of almost a mile and a half.

Due to the fact our subdivision, West Franklin Estates, is an older one, my neighbors and I have been lucky to have homes on large lots. My neighbors will not be standing in their windows looking for that dot of a head as it passes by. They certainly would not be able to hear her cry out if she stumbles or falls.

Next, Tamara will turn off the gravel road and walk through a pleasantly secluded pathway which travels through a wooded area. No one will see her, nor

will they be able to hear her voice.

Having escaped the "Big Bad Wolf," she will pass two open four-foot culverts. Several bridges to cross follow and then another stretch of a deserted dirt road until she reaches a playground to cut across to another dirt road leading to her school.

The board of education, superintendent of schools, and eight principals have given our subdivision a resolution that reads: "That all children in the Farmington School District who live beyond a mile from their elementary schools be provided bus transportation."

We played the good "citizen" and were advised the "generals" would look into the matter. The resolution went to committee and, to date, our

subdivision has not received a formal reply from the board of superintendent.

I challenge any board member to publicly make a statement which indicates the mile and a half yardstick is a sane one for our community. And I challenge every elementary principal, board member and the superintendent to take the walk from our subdivision to the school our children must attend.

"Open Board Meetings" — I'm all for them. But, there is always a protest sign or vigil as approaches. Don't vote for existing school board members or mileage; get angry and retreat. Isolation! That's the answer. It almost seems like an analysis of a U.S. syndrome.

SHELDON SLAVIN
Farmington Township

Police, Fire Protection Can Be Extended—Chief

By ROBERT DEADMAN

Farmington Dept. of Public Safety has completed its planning for the transition of police and fire services from Farmington Township to the City of Farmington in the event the city and township accept pending annexation.

The Public Safety Dept. would begin providing police-fire services to the new larger community approximately 30 days after the Nov. 3 election.

To bring about a smooth transition of these services, the department proposes a three-phase program. Each phase of the program increases the level of police-fire service provided to the new City of Farmington.

THE NEW PROGRAM has been designed so as to continue the present level of services to the present City of Farmington and to increase the level of police-fire services of the new area on a continuing basis.

The end result will be a level of police and fire services that exceeds the services that are presently being provided to either the City of Farmington or the annexed area.

The department proposes to continue the public safety concept. In this concept, the public safety officer is trained in both police and fire work. Patrol vehicles are equipped with fire extinguishers, first aid equipment and other emergency police equipment.

Officers in a patrol car are capable of dealing with small fires or beginning a holding action on larger fires until fire trucks arrive. The department plans call for the continuation of the volunteer fire department as a supporting unit. The new concept will utilize the best of both systems.

The trained specialist in the public safety officer and the manpower availability of the volunteer fireman. Through this system, both areas, the present City of Farmington and the annexed area, should enjoy a higher degree of police and fire efficiency at a reasonable cost.

PHASE I of the proposed program would begin approximately 30 days after the election. In this phase, the department would hire 15 public safety officers and one civilian.

The 15 officers will be assigned to the Patrol Division. The new, larger City of Farmington would be divided into five patrol districts with two traffic patrol districts, for a total of seven police patrol districts.

This proposed coverage

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(Following is the first in a series of articles written by City of Farmington department heads presenting their views on how city services could be extended should annexation pass Nov. 3.)

Today's article is written by Robert Deadman, director of the Dept. of Public Safety for the City of Farmington, and includes his ideas on the extension of police and fire protection to residents in the area of the township proposed to be annexed if the question passes.)

would exceed those that are presently extend to this area. The reduction in the patrol district sizes would put the officer closer to those he is servicing, reducing response time to emergency calls.

Phase I also makes available an ambulance that is operated by the department. The ambulance is used when the commercial ambulance service is not available.

PHASE II of the program would begin approximately 30 days later. In Phase II the department plans to begin providing increased fire protection to the area.

Two officers would be assigned to each shift as engineers for two fire rigs. One would be assigned to the present City of Farmington fire barn and the other to a fire barn in the east end of the larger City.

By having public safety officers stationed in each of the fire barns, the department would be able to reduce the present response time of the

fire trucks to fires. The officers would be specialists, trained in the operation of fire pumps.

The completion of Phase II would improve the fire fighting capabilities of the new City of Farmington over that presently provided by either the present City of Farmington or Farmington Township.

Incorporated in Phase II is a strengthening of the department's investigative capabilities by adding one detective and one public safety officer to the Investigative Division. One of the officers would be assigned primarily to youth-committed offenses, the other to adult.

APPROXIMATELY 180 days after the department has begun to provide services to the new Farmington, Phase III would begin.

It is the intention of Phase III to provide a level of police-fire services which exceeds that level that presently exists in either the City of Farmington or the township at present.

Eight additional public safety officers would be employed, six of these officers would be assigned to the Patrol Division, additional patrol districts would be assigned, making each patrol district smaller. Therefore, each officer having patrol a smaller area could be more effective in crime prevention.

One detective would be added to the Youth Bureau to improve the department's effectiveness in dealing with youth committed crimes. An animal control officer would be assigned to deal with the stray dog problems of the area.

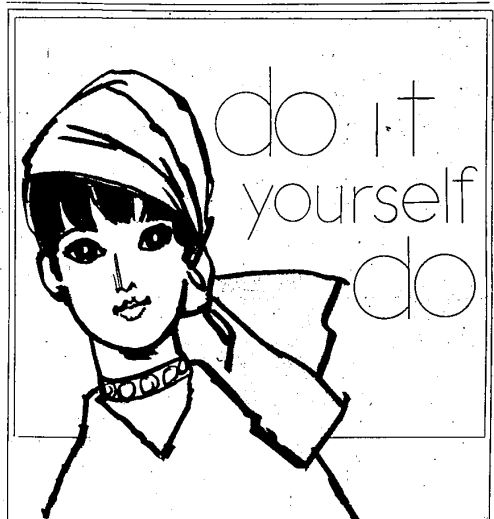
A staff bureau would be established to maintain the department's records, identification sections.

WITH THE MANPOWER provided in the three-phase program, the Public Safety Dept. could provide a degree of police-fire service that is not presently available to either the City or Township.

There would be adequate manpower to staff a full service police agency.

By combining the volunteer firemen with the public safety specialists, the department would have both the experts and the manpower to cope with the new city's fire problems.

The combined public safety-volunteer concept would provide over 100 firemen at large fires. The end result of all three phases would be a full service police-fire operation.



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