

Team Meets

FARMINGTON North Farmington High School's debate team held its first meeting of the school year on Sept. 21. Proposition for the year is "Resolved: That the federal government should establish, finance, and administer air and water pollution control programs in the United States."

Miss Carol Ann Kadushin is the advising instructor, and any students interested in joining the group should report to her.

Sewing Expert At Ladies Day

FARMINGTON Ladies Day at Farmington's Civic Theater Thursday, Oct. 22, will be of interest to all women who sew. At 11:30 a.m., following the movie at 10 a.m., Barbara Tucker, a fashion consultant for a New York firm, will give fine points on fashion sewing. Mrs. Tucker will help sewers understand the importance of couture construction and give tips on just how to select the correct fabric for your own design.

She will also have literature and swatch books and answer questions about any phase of sewing. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and has been a designer, teacher and lecturer both New York and Detroit.



BARBARA TUCKER

Can The South End Get Proper Drains?

By GEORGE VONDRAK DPW Director

Drainage, or the lack of drainage, is the largest problem we encounter in analyzing the general conditions of the southern part of Farmington Township in the area affected by the annexation proposal.

The city would initiate a positive program to eliminate this drainage deficiency that has become impassable during the spring thaws and create constant concern to the residents in the area.

Perennially the roads have become impassable during the spring thaws and create constant concern to the residents in the area. Relieving this intolerable condition would receive the highest priority in affording public works services to the affected areas.

OUR CITY ENGINEERS are in the final stages of their preliminary design for two major storm drains that will provide an adequate storm sewer outlet for Sections 31, 33 and 36 that are in desperate need for storm sewer relief.

The one major storm sewer trunkline would be in an east-west direction between Eight and Nine Mile Rds. from Whitlock to the River Rouge east of Middle Belt.

The second storm sewer trunkline would be in a north-south direction between Inkster and Middle Belt from Nine Mile to the River Rouge to relieve the drainage conditions in Section 35.

In connection with construction of the storm sewer trunklines, there will be a complete ditching of all the local roads so they are properly connected into this storm outlet. This would be a requirement to make this system effective during heavy storm periods and spring thaws to stabilize the roads in the area.

THE CITY CONSIDERS this type of improvement as an area project and would petition the Oakland County drain commission under Chapter 20 of the drain laws to establish this as a county drain district. This would allow this project

(Following is the second in a series of articles written by City of Farmington department heads explaining how city services could be extended to the southern portion of Farmington Township should the annexation question be approved by voters, Nov. 3.)

Today's article is written by George H. Vondrak, the city's DPW director who explains how the city would provide and finance such services such as storm drainage, garbage collection, street maintenance, ditching and street lighting.)

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON has a policy of paving major roads from our gas and weight tax revenue.

In analyzing the need for paving on these collector roads, we would suggest the following streets be included in our 1971 major street paving program: Gill from Eight to Nine Mile; Colfax from Farmington Rd. to Gill; Tuck from Eight Mile to Shiawassee; Independence from Middle Belt to Colwell; and Nine Mile from Gill to Walsingham.

The DPW will be in a position to expand its equipment and personnel to afford adequate services within 30 days after a favorable election. This would mean we would be in a position to provide reg-

ular weekly unlimited volume refuse collections on or about Dec. 1, 1970. Service will begin in total after notification and route scheduling.

Road maintenance would receive immediate attention, gravel grading and street sweeping. Snow plowing and salting will be implemented in all areas as weather conditions warrant this type of service.

Street lighting will be immediately ordered for every intersection in the affected area to afford basic protection and eliminate traffic hazards. According to Detroit Edison Co., it will take three to six months to complete total installation of street lights throughout the area.

The second phase of street lighting will be implemented within the longer blocks where additional lighting will be needed after July 1, 1971 in our new fiscal year.

Street identification signs will be of the green and white reflectorized type and will be ordered and installed on a neighborhood basis. It will probably take a minimum of 24 months to complete this replacement program.

READERS' FORUM City Not Concerned With Township's Needs

Editor: The recent letter from Walter H. McCoy raises questions regarding my sincerity in opposing the land-grab annexation by the City of Farmington.

Let me assure Mr. McCoy whom I had talked with before my statement was released, and any others that my opposition is sincere and is not based upon any personal considerations of my political ambitions.

MY OPPOSITION comes from a review of the performance of the city and their complete lack of concern for the needs and desires of their nearby township residents.

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The city did not like the game played under any rules but their own, and they not the township, rejected consolidation. Now they beg us to join them as unequal partners with objectionable rules of the city's choosing—not those of the township.

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The people of the city are more akin politically, economically and socially to their more affluent township neighbors of the North End than they are to the people of the south end.

The fact remains that the city could likely have had the people of the south end almost any time they so desired during the past 20 years, but the city did not want the people.

Now that the city has exhausted all development land in the city boundaries and is faced with a near certain containment by a new city, the city is willing to accept the people of the south end for the land and property they will bring with them.

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WILLIAM HATTON Farmington Township

City Needs Township Residents In Its Shops

EDITOR: I would like to address this to the voters who will make the final decision in the annexation issue, especially the voters from the city of Farmington.

I am sure you have thought of all you will gain if the southern area of the township becomes a part of your city. Since your gain will be the township's loss, you should consider carefully the effects this will have on our community as a whole.

You need the people of the township to shop in your downtown area, and most do; not because it's the best but because we are one community.

You voted us down when we all wanted to become one city and we overlooked that, if your decision was to remain a small city, but now you will let us know the true story. You don't want us, you just want

not concerned with the township but, rather, that he wished the city would remain as it was. They wanted to keep an old type town with all its "charm."

But, because of a lack of foresight the city is now drowning as a result of its poor planning. The city has run out of land and apparently must steal or annex (another word for

our tax base, our industrial park area. Your decision on Nov. 3 will make or break our community. I'm afraid if you decide to take from us what is ours, thousands of township residents will do their best to turn downtown Farmington into a ghost town.

B.J. FLOWERS Farmington Township

steal) our Industrial Park area. The city's desperation is obvious.

The city says it will provide many things but you will pay for it some way. They have made this promise before but, beware, they will get more taxes some way.

One thing they can't give is a clean slate and a new supervisor in the person of Earl Peoples. Don't be fooled. The city needs more tax dollars or they are going to have to face their citizens. Rob Peter to pay Paul is what they are doing. If you let them, you will be Peter.

Let us let them have their four corners type city. They planned it that way and they did not want or need us. Now they do and they are campaigning for us.

We have planned the type of community we wanted. It is ours. They can't have it. Right? WILLIAM CHRISTMAS Farmington Township

Advertisement for Metropolitan Bank Farmington. Title: 'Saving Your Money is Our Business'. Features: 3 Offices to Serve You, Main Office at 33205 Grand River, Redford Office at 25719 Grand River, Quakertown at 27500 Farmington Road. Includes Metro logo and deposit insurance info.

Advertisement for Peralta Music Studios. Title: 'ARE YOU INDEPENDENT ENOUGH TO VOTE FOR THE BEST MAN?'. Features: Burt Levy is the best man for Farmington Twp. Trustee. Lists instruments like guitars, drums, banjos, amplifiers, etc. Includes contact info for Peralta Music Studios.

Advertisement for Biffs. Title: 'GRAND OPENING OF A BRAND NEW Biffs'. Features: Open 24 hours a day! Includes cartoon illustrations of three chefs and a map showing the location at Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road.

Advertisement for Redford Auto Collision. Title: 'BUMPING • COLLISION • PAINT WORK'. Features: Complete paint jobs, free insurance estimates, one day service on minor repairs, free pick-up and delivery. Contact info: 30859 West 10 Mile Road, East of Orchard Lake Road.