Farmingto<u>n</u> Calendar

GOODFELLOW DRESS DRIVE
For the third year Farmington Foodfellows are
conducting a dress drive for Christmas dresses for
needy children in the Farmington area. Hand made
or purchased dresses, sizes five to 14 will be accepted. If you desire to sew a dress and do not have the material, call Mrs. John Richardson, 476-4320, and material will be provided. Or if you prefer, a \$3 contribution will buy one little girl a dress.

RAP LINE ON TV
Oct. 25. Representatives of Farmington's Rap Line
will appear at 10 a.m. on Channel 2's "Let's See" program. Participants will include the Rev. Ralph
Rideout, Joan Dickinson and Jeff Roder. The program is sponsored by the Detroit Council of
Churches.

DISCOVERY SERIES
Oct. 25. Farmington Community Center will present its second Discovery Series program, "Contemporary Arts and Crafts," featuring five Michigan craftsmen in a demonstration-communication event. Artists will be working in a studio situation. Noon to 5 p.m. Adults \$2, students \$1.

CLOVERDALE SCHOOL PTA
Oct. 26. Cloverdale School PTA will hold open
house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The event provides an
opportunity to meet the teachers, see the school and
become acquainted with other parents.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL PTA

Oct. 26. Farmington Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in Fairview School. The agenda will include presentation of the unique Fairview PTA communications program.

FARMINGTON AREA NATURALISTS

Oct. 26. Farmington Area Naturalists will meet in the Farmington Community Center at 8 p.m. Neil Travis will present a lecture on "A Feeding Program for Winter Birds."

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

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Oct. 27. Farmington Community Concert Band will
present a concert at 8 p.m. in Farmington High
School. Highlights of the concert include "Barber of
Seville." March Colossus of Columbia," "Holiday
for Winds," and "Romance," featuring Dale Green
on the alto sax.

COLOR BUS TOUR

Oct. 27. Farmington Community Center will sponsor a color tour by bus through the Irish Hills. Busses leave the center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Cost \$5.50 which includes lunch. For reservations call 474-6873.

ANNEXATION FORUM

Oct. 27. Farmington Jaycees in conjunction with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an annexation forum at 8 p.m. in Farmington Junior High School. Speaking for annexation will be John Dinan and Walter McCoy: speaking against annexation will be Louis Rebeck and Fred Fairfield, Modererator will be Judge Michael Hand.

DUNCKEL OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 27. Open house will be held in Dunckel Junior High School from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Visitors may come and go as their interest dictate. There will be no parent-teacher conferences but appointment slips will be available to make one for a later date. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria throughout the evening ning.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Oct. 27. Farmington Board of Education will hold a
special meeting at 8 p.m. in the school administration
building for opening bids on the \$4 million bond sale.

FARMINGTON MUSICALE
Oct. 28: Farmington Musicale will observe United
Nations Day will a program entitled "On the Shores
of the Green Seas" at 12:30 p.m. in the Farmington
Community Center.

FOLK CONCERT
Oct. 28. North Farmington Junior class will sponsor a folk concert in the school at 7 p.m. Admission 50 cents.

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MISTORICAL SOCIETY
Oct. 28. Farmington Historical Society will open
its season with a meeting at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Two research papers will be
presented tracing the history of Alta Loma and BelAirie subdivisions. The public is invited.

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Oct. 28. The world problems study group of the
Farmington branch of the American Association of
University Women will meet at 8p.m. in the home of
Mrs. Myron Greenfield, 28000 Ravine, Southfield.
Guest speaker will be Mrs. Carl Johnson, who will
present an illustrated talk on African problems and
her recent experiences as a missionary wife living in

Tanganyika PIONEER GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Oct. 28. The Pioneer Golden Age Club will hold its monthly pot luck luncheon at noon in St. Alexander's social hall. Bring a covered dish. Cards and bingo. For transportation phone in advance to Luther Duell,

QUAKERTOWN QUESTERS

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Oct. 28. Quakertown Chapter of Questers will meet
at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. G.G. Newman,
23240 Powers, Farmington. Mrs. B.J. Thompson will
present a study paper on 'Old Deerfield, Mass.'
GOP CANDIDATES DAY
Oct. 31. The public is invited to meet national,
state and local republican candidates at the Farmington GOP headquarters, 3335 Farmington Rd. at
Grand River from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be 'served and Farmington Teenage Republicans will provide Hallowen fun and favors for the children:
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rs for the children: LONGACRE SCHOOL PTA

Oct. 31. Longacre School PTA will present a Halloween magic show. "Fun Time Revue," starring Eddie Jaye for Longacre pupils.

City Eyes 4 Parks, Civic Arena For South End If It's Annexed

By EVANS N. BAGERIS Recreation Director

The size and population of the City of Farmington has retarded its parks and recrea-tion programming and facili-ties. This has been created primarily through the lack of a necessary tax base to amortize the cost of these facilities ongst a large enough popu

The possible merger of the city with the southern portion of the township would give up this necessary tax base and population to initiate this type of community-wide recreation programming.

THE CITY HAS completed a feasibility study on the construction of a civic arena (ice skating rink) to be located at the Farmington High School

It was pointed out that the only way this facility could be financed by the city would be having the school district con-

The school board decided it needed the property for educa-tional purposes and had to deny this request, thus making this type of project very un-likely based on our present

THE INITIAL DESIGN for THE INITIAL DESIGN for the civic areas provides for a seating capacity of 3,000 persons which could be used for other activities than its prime function of ice-skating, such as teen dances, school commence ment exercises, shows an a few of the many activities that could be programmed at this facility.

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facility.

It is conceivable that the city could combine an Olympic sized outdoor community swimming pool in connection with this construction. This would avoid the duplication of offstreet parking facilities as the main use of these two fa-

Following is the third in a series of articles written by City of Farmington department heads urging a "YES" vote Nov. 3 on the annexation question.

Nov. 3 on the annexation question.

Today's article, written by Recreation Director Evans N. Bageris, explains what recreation facilities the city is prepared to offer sout they become part of the city. red to offer south end township residents if

cilities would be at different times of the year.

Based on research we believe the operation of the civic areas and community swimporting as far as operational costs are concerned, with enough population to generate participation in their use.

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Presently the city has a major city park containing 22 acres and providing ball dia monds, tennis courts, picnic tables and playground equip-ment and we are in the fina-stages of completing construc-tion of the Drake Road Park.

This park is designed to provide two little league sod-

IF THE ANNEXATION proposal passes, the city will initiate acquisition of four park sites in the newly annexed area that will be located in connection with the following school sites: William Grace School, Westbrook School, Eight Mile/Haggerty School

site and 11 Mille/Halstead school site.

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they would be available if af-fected areas become part of the city. Our analysis of the needs of the residents in the affected area emphasizes the need for organized play facilities. We believe that we would be in a position to build 12 new ball fields similar to those at the Drake Road Park area as part of the 5-year capital improve-ment park program, in an ef-fort to stay alveast of the demand for these facilities by

the little league and organized adult softball groups.
We believe that there should be more emphasis given to providing better recreation facilities for organized groups, utilizing modern design standards.

IN CONCLUSION, we would like to state paid to militate on aggressive moteration. We would have the ndexastry population and tax base to generate participation and effectively amortize the cost of generate participation and effectively amortize the cost of these facilities. If you have an opportunity, inspect the new Drake Road Park on Drake north of Freedom Drive to see what can be done in the development of modern park facilities so shally needed in the southern portion of the township.

The choice is yours whether or not you have park and recreation progravming and facilities when you cast your vote Nov. 3.



MEETS GOVERNOR — Governor William Milli-ken's campaign efforts last week included a visit to the Farmington Area with stops at the major shopping cen-ters and local GOP headquaters at Grand River and Farmington Rd. Meeting the governor downtown was Tracy Conroy, a long-time local merchant who opened a food market on Farmington Rd. over 30 years ago.

Can't Revive South End Following is the second in a series of articles sub-mitted by the Future Farmington Association (FFA) urg-ing voters to vote "NO" Nov. 3 on the proposed annex-ation question. We regret the article announced in Wednesday's edition did not appear. The news story printed under-neath the headline "FFA Continues Debate Against Annexation" was not an article written by the FFA.

City's New Revenues

Some residents of the City of Farmington feel that the current attempt to annex 12 square miles of Township territory differs substantially from the two previous annexations by the City. The earlier ones obviously benefitted City residents by adding valuable residents by adding any problems.

This time, some people argue the annexation cannot be

This time, some people argue the annexation cannot be called a "grab" because although the City would gain potentially valuable industrial property, it also would take over residential areas that need services. Thus the annexation call premerits everyone, although the control of the control

nexation of the south end, the City will have so much'in tax revenues that it will be able to provide even more services, such as a new arena and skat-ing rink, and at the same time it will be able to raise the level of services in the south end to those now enjoyed by the City.

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CITY RESIDENTS undoubtedly expect their taxes to go down because of the industrial tax base in the area to be annexed and, certainly, residents of the southern area are not expecting any tax increases.

Let's look at the new revenue of the southern area are not expect in the southern area are not expect in the southern area are not expect if an annexation bid is successful.

The total state equalized valuation (SEV) of the territory up for annexation bid is successful.

The total state equalized valuation (SEV) of the territory up for annexation is about \$76 million, or only \$2% of the Township's tax base. Of this amount, the Freeway, Crestview and Hallwood industrial parks contribute only \$5,869,700 in real property tax bases. Even with their equipment of the southern area of the southern and the southern area of the southern

dustrial parks is only \$9,-511,400. With 19,000 residents (the City's estimate) in the south end, the SEV per person in this area amounts to only \$4,000, compared with an SEV of \$5,100 per person in the present city.

35,100 per person in the present city.
With its current tax rate of 8.5 mills or 88.50 per each \$1,000 of SEV. He City receives property taxes of about \$43.58 for each person living in the City.
If the residents of the southern section of the Township become part of the City and are taxed at the City rate of 8.5 mills (an increase over the Township rate of 94.34 for each \$1,000 of SEV), the tax revenue per person in the new section will be only \$34 per person.

BECAUSE OF this lower revenue from each person in the south end, the revenue per person in the expanded city of 30,000 will be only \$37.40, or

about \$6 less per person than in the present City. Of course, the City has other sources of revenue. These fall into two main categories: (1) state-collected and locally-shared taxes such as income and sales taxes, and (2) charges for services, permits and licenses.

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With one exception, however, the City and Township recieve the same amount of state collected taxes per person. So, if annexation succeeds the City of annexation succeeds the City of the City of

tem is planned, with the con-struction cost coming from a 30-year bond issue. He gave no cost, but it has been estimated that it will cost at least \$1 mil-lion. The interest and principal for this bond issue will have to be paid for over a 30-year pe-riod by City tax revenues from all residents.

VONDRAK ALSO stated-that if it became part of the City, the south end would have street lights installed at every intersection and new green and white street signs installed throughout the area. The cost of this also will come out of City revenues.

Other services are to in-clude road grading and gravel-ing, street sweeping, snow plowing and salting.

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City Manager John Dinan
was quoted in the Oct. It issue of
this paper on the same subject: "The City would be able
to extend the services without
increasing our basic administrative overhead. In e

Undoubtedly that is true, but there are only three depart-ment heads. Can the Public Safety Department be in-creased from a force of 25 to. 51 (at a cost of \$250,-000 annually) without new su-

61 (at a cost of \$250,000 annually) without new supervisory personal reporting
to the department head? Can
the DPW provide the same
services to a city five times
as large in area without substantial increases in equipment
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local news

FARMINGTON CHAMPS — Kevin Hickey, team captain of the Farmington Little Leaguers who made it all the way to the Little League World Series before being deleated by an Indiana team, accepted an award from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner meeting. W. W. Edgar (left), roving edi-

tor for the Observer Newspapers, Inc., and long-time sports writer, made the presentation to Kevin (right) and team manager Fritz Wenson. (Evert photo)

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin of Brady St., Redford Twp. announce the birth of a daugh-ter Shellee Lynn Oct. 9 in Providence Hospital. Shellee weighed seven pounds, five

weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

This is Jerry and Kay's first child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eino Teppo of Liberty St. Farmington. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Detroit. Kay is a 1965 graduate of Farmington High.

Farmington High.

WELOME BACK to the
Richard Jefferys on Wesley
St., Farmington after spending
the summer in their summerhome on Lake Erie in Leamington, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones,
formerly of Kendaliwood, now
of Beverly Hills Village, enjoyed several days in Las
Vegas last weekend.

Three-year-old Scotty
Goers, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Goers of Kirby St.,
who was hospitalized for several weeks in St. Mary with a
broken leg and in traction for

two weeks, came home Oct.

17. He still wears a cast.
Mr. and, Mrs. James Lucas.
formerly of Farmington, have
left for their winter home in
Pinellas Park. Fla. They still
cetain their summer home at
Fonda Lake in Michigan. Mr.
Lucas: is ¡relired from
the
Farmington D.P.W. where he
was employed for over
years.

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years. | to Mrs. Helen Abrahamson on Oct. 20. She was surprised to receive a phone call from her foyed a color tour of Canada and the eastern states. Mae reports the colors beautiful and the weather perfo. of Chestin to Lane. Farmington is currently visiting her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones in Hammond, Ind. They will be driving down to South Carolina. to visit a niece and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinchman of Myrtte Beach, South Carolina. Ida expects to be gone two weeks. Mrs. Agnes McIntyre, former Farmingtonite who now makes her home in Phoenix.

BELATED happy birthday to Mrs. Helen Abrahamson on Oct. 20. She was surprised to receive a phone call from her son Bill in Long Beach, Calif. and also another son Jack in Paris, Ark She is our sunshine lady at our senior Drop-in Cen-

Annexation Forum Set By Jaycees For Oct. 27.

One of the last opportunities for voters to hear the prox and cons on the annexation question is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday. Oct. 27, in Parmiguo Junior High School. The annexation for the properties of the propert

Chamber of Commerce.

BOTH SIDES will have a chance at the forum to present their case for or against the joining of the City of Farmington and 12 square miles of the south portion of Farmington Township. The issue will be on the ballot Nov. 3.

Moderator at the forum will

be Judge Michael J. Hand. Each speaker will have five to seven minutes for an opening statement and then the floor will be open to questions. Cards will be given the audi-ence to write down questions.

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Speaking for annexation from the city will be City Manager John Dinan and for the township Meter McCoy, forum chairman and member of the Township Area-Residents for Annexation.
Speaking against annexation and the forum chairman from the Country of the Country o

IN A STATEMENT to the Farmington Enterprise & Ob-server, Barb Benya, execu-tive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said:

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The Farmington Chamber
of Commerce as representatives of the business community in the total Farmington
Area would like to urge all of
the registered voters to examine carefully all of the issues
which will appear on the ballot
Nov. 3.

"The local question concern-ing annexation of a portion of the township by the city is one that will directly affect all of