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Twp. Bd. to Inform, Seek Citizens' Views in Planning for New City

Farmington Township citizens should be fully informed on the reasons why it has been deemed necessary at this time to incorporate the whole township as a city and further should have a substantial say regarding the kind of city they want, it has been unanimously agreed by Township Board members.

These were the conclusions drawn in detailed discussion on the proposed incorporation held at Monday night's regular meeting of the Township Board.

THE SPECIFIC decisions reached by the Board members during their discussion Monday night were:

1. That an informative letter should be sent out to all township registered voters spelling out the reasons why it is felt by township officials that the move to incorporate as a home rule city had to be made at this time.

2. That it be made clear that any name for the proposed new city desired by citizens is possible if the incorporation proposed carried.

3. That the study committee to be formed to seek out and prepare for public consideration all information regarding the advantages of a home rule city over the township form of government be made up not only of Township Board and Planning Commission members but also have representatives from various areas of the township on it including representatives from the two villages in the township.

4. That a trained professional man in incorporation and city charter work recommended to Township officials be engaged, if possible, to work with the study committee and also the charter commission if the election to incorporate carries.

IN THE discussion on the letter to be sent out it was agreed that the facts that township officials had that future attempts would be made to annex portions of Farmington Township should be set down clearly. All Board members also agreed that the letter should clearly reveal what adverse affects annexation of portions of the township by other communities

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THIS GIANT TREE ATOP the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center stores will be lighted in ceremonies this Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. The 550 lights on the tree will be turned on by Farmington City Mayor Sandy Brotherton. It is the largest tree of its kind ever erected in the community.

Santa To Visit Plaza Friday

Santa arrives in Farmington at 10:30 a.m. this Friday morning, November 26, in the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center, Grand River Aveme just west of Orchard Lake Road.

With no snow on the ground, Santa has chosen a fire engine as his mode of transportation into the City. He will take up residence after his arrival in a special house provided for his use on the sidewalk in front of the Plaza between the Kressge and Kroger stores.

All little children wishing to give special instructions on what they want for Christmas can check with Santa in his little house at the Plaza.

AS A SPECIAL afternoon attraction, Farmington City Mayor Sandy Brotherton will be on hand at 5 p.m. to pull the switch lighting the giant, 50-foot Christmas tree atop the Plaza. The big green and silver tree has a total of 550 25-watt bulbs on it and weighs 860 pounds.

The candle power of the tree when lighted will total 11,700 watts and will be the largest of its kind ever erected in the community. A giant seven-foot Star of Bethlehem decorates the top of the tree which stands over-all 80-feet above the ground. The tree lighting ceremony will take place in the Plaza parking lot at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26.

Some Doubts About Human Rights Comm.

The Farmington Human Relations Council's request of a week ago to the Farmington City Council for the formation of a City-Township Human Rights Commission was made officially on Monday night of this week to both the Farmington Township Board and Farmington School Board at their regular twice monthly meetings. Some doubts on the functioning of such a commission as proposed were raised by both Boards.

The letters read were the same as that presented to the City Council last week. The contents of the letter and details regarding the Human Relations Council's proposal were spelled out in detail in a front page story in The Enterprise last week.

THE PROPOSAL in brief is that a community commission be formed that would be made up of representatives from each of the governing bodies as well as representatives of local churches, school systems in the community and members appointed by the leading fraternal and professional clubs of Farmington area to deal with matters pertaining to citizens human rights in the Farmington community.

Representatives of the governing bodies have been invited to a joint meeting set for Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Senior High to discuss this proposal in more detail.

The School Board's reaction to the request was that they felt a commission of this kind

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS currently attending classes at Farmington and North Farmington high schools are pictured above (L to R) Leena Rosenberg of Finland, Lars Jensen of Copenhagen, Denmark and Mats Alberts of Stockholm, Sweden. The exchange students are here under the auspices of the American Field Service (AFS) and the United Council of Churches (UCC). In addition to taking senior year class studies, the students, such as Bengt Hanson who scored 30 points as a kicking specialist for the unbeaten Raider football team, join in other school activities under the "Youth for Understanding" program.

Twp. Planners To Meet Monday

The Township Planning Commission, to meet on Monday, November 29, instead of the last Thursday of the month which is Thanksgiving, have two new items on the agenda as well as a public hearing and several items that have been heard previously.

There will be a public hearing on a request to rezone 4.8 acres on the northeast corner of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road from business, office and residential classifications to a multiple residential classification. Twenty-four one-bedroom apartment units and twenty two-bedroom units are proposed for the corner. Residents of Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairways and other individuals are opposing the rezoning through their attorney, Wendell Brown.

A continued review will be made on a request for the rezoning of a lot at 20910 Radcliff to allow extension of the Wagon Wheel Trailer Park at 30030 W. Eight Mile Road.

THERE WILL BE a request

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Hiring Practices In Co. Schools To be Studied

John Millnone, of Farmington, President of the newly-formed Oakland County Human Relations Co-Ordinating Council, this week announced the Council's decision to cooperate with the NAACP in its drive in Oakland County for non-discriminatory hiring practices in the county's thirty school districts.

The first step in its cooperation is to send a questionnaire to the superintendents of schools regarding hiring policies, Mr. Charles Tucker, Jr., of Pontiac, President of the Oakland County NAACP, stated that if there are school districts where there have been no Negro applicants, he can supply a list of qualified teachers.

THE COUNCIL is composed of representatives from all the human relations groups in the county in addition to representatives from South Oakland County and Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews, and Protestants; Oakland County NAACP; Jewish Community Council; Archbishop's Committee on Human Relations; Pontiac Urban League; and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. One of its purposes is to coordinate the activities of human relations groups in the county.

Farmington Families Host 7 Foreign Exchange Students

For the '65-'66 school year the Farmington area is fortunate to host seven foreign exchange students, five of whom came over on the "Youth for Understanding" program. The other two students are here under the auspices of the American Field Service program.

The five YFU students hail from various parts of the globe. Lars Jensen's home is Copenhagen, Denmark. He attends Farmington High School and is living with Pete Sevin and his family for the year. The remaining four exchange students attend North Farmington High School.

MARTHA DAVIDSEN and her family are host to Leena Rosenberg of Helsinki, Finland.

Jutta Wachtendorf, living with Margaret Yolton for her stay, is from Hildesheim, Germany.

The homeland of both Mats Alberts and Bengt Hanson is Sweden. Mats is living with Bill Orr during his stay in America and Bengt makes his home with Brad Brogren and his family.

The YFU had its beginning when the first exchange students came to Michigan in 1951. At that time, the Michigan Council of Churches sponsored the YFU program. Later the MCC gave the program operation to the Ann Arbor Washtenaw Council of Churches. Today the program is under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Andresen.

ONE OF THE GOALS of the YFU of today is to waken in America an interest for European countries and to waken in

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Goodfellows Phone Number

The Goodfellows urge persons knowing of needy families in the Farmington area to call 474-9960 and provide them with the names and addresses of those families.

Goodfellows Investigation Committee Chairman Mac Goldman emphasized this week it is important to have the names of needy families as soon as possible in order to allow for a thorough check on the needs and requirements of the families. Investigators will be checking out information on the number of children, ages, shoe sizes and other data in the coming weeks so that Goodfellow assistance can be shaped to provide the needy families with items that are useable.

Call 474-9960 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5p.m. if you know of a needy Farmington area family.

4 More Subs. In Twp. Seek Detroit Water

The Farmington Township Board took official action Monday night, Nov. 22, authorizing a go-ahead on engineering plans and the preparation of cost estimates to extend Detroit water facilities into four more residential subdivisions.

The subdivision areas are Forestbrook and Forestbrook Hills, Pebblebrook Estates and Brookhill subdivisions in the area north of the I-696 Expressway between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads and in Lamuera Estates subdivision a short distance further to the west.

Supervisor Curt Hall stated that letters had been received from both the Forestbrook and LaMuera Estates homeowners' groups requesting a go-ahead with plans and specifications for the extension of Detroit water facilities into their areas.

Home Break-Ins Cleared Up

Farmington Township Police cleared up 12 breaking and enterings of homes in the area this week as two Garden City men pled guilty in Oakland County Circuit Court, charged with the burglary of the Kurt Michael home last month in which a coin collection valued at several thousand dollars was taken.

Patrick D. Dalton, 18, of 6520 Harrison and Thomas Smith, 17, of 28487 Bridge Street, both of Garden City, were caught after attempting to sell portions of the coin collection to coin dealers in Garden City and Wayne.

Plan Design Of Fourth Junior Hi

The fourth junior high school for Farmington, now in the planning stages, will be a conventional type of building, according to the decision of the Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting on November 22.

A revolutionary, new type of construction has been under consideration for some time. Architect Linn Smith brought the new idea to the board several months ago.

Sponsored by the Ford Foundation, the program originated in California, where a number of school districts are building the new type schools. Several manufacturers involved in the project developed pre-engineered components designed to fit together to allow flexibility in classroom sizes and locations by the use of movable partitions.

FOUR BOARD MEMBERS, Barbara Brown, Leland Clifford, Herbert Neal, and Richard Peters; and two administrators, G. V. Harrison and Marinus VanAmeyde, journeyed to Barrington, Illinois, last week to inspect one of the schools under construction there.

It was the consensus of the group that although there is merit in the flexibility of the new type school, there are some misgivings regarding heating and acoustical properties.

One of these schools is planned to be built in the neighboring Birmingham school district within the next year, and board members decided to forego consideration of the different type building for Farmington until some of the other districts have had experience in the use of them.

The location of the fourth junior high school building has not yet been decided.

Jr. Miss Pageant Set for Saturday

The 1965 Farmington Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be staged this Saturday evening, November 27, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Junior High School auditorium.

There are seven high school senior girls from Our Lady of Sorrows and North Farmington competing for this year's crown of Junior Miss of Farmington.

Entered in the Farmington contest are: Bonnie Britton, Susan Cox, Adrienne Hicks and Carolyn Kilkka, all seniors at North Farmington High School; and Kate DeMattia, Kathy Randolph and Sheila Stegbauer, all of Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Tickets to the Farmington Junior Miss Pageant are available from local merchants and will be sold at the door the night of the program.

Farmington's Junior Miss, who will be selected by a panel of three judges on the basis of her poise and appearance, mental alertness, scholastic ability and talent, will receive a $250 college scholarship and will advance to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss Pageant to be held in Pontiac in January.

The Farmington Jaycees would like to extend their thanks to the local businessmen who lent their support to this year's Junior Miss Pageant:

Bill Root Chevrolet, Bel Crest Portrait Studio, Michigan Bell Telephone, Bradley's Rexall Drugs, Dinan Florist, Farmington Center Florist, Franks Nursery, Fashion Shoes, Harvi's Suburban Casuals, Himmelspach's Dining Room, Phil Thomas Jewelers, Ray Interiors, and Welsby House of Music.

Goodfellows' Toys-Teen Hop Re-Scheduled

The First Farmington Goodfellows Teen Hop, originally scheduled for December 3, has been re-scheduled for Saturday evening, December 11, at the Farmington High School gym.

The re-scheduling was necessary due to the conflict December 3 of basketball seasons opening at both Farmington and North Farmington High schools. The Teen Hop, sponsored jointly by the Farmington Exchange Club, Farmington Elks and Farmington American Legion, will feature the Calientes Band of Farmington "Battle of the Bands" fame.

ALL TEENS NEED to have for admission to the special Goodfellows Teen Hop is a new toy, minimum value of at least $1. Dress is semi-formal with boys required to wear coats and ties and girls either dresses or skirts (no slacks).

The Hop will start at 8 p.m. in the FHS gym and run until 11 p.m. with refreshments to be served in the cafeteria.

"Toys for Tots", the annual drive to provide Goodfellows with supplies for children in needy area families, is expected to get a big boost from the Teen Hop Dec. 11. Goodfellows remind the teens planning to attend the Hop that toys higher than $1 in value will be gratefully accepted. Each person must have a toy for admission to the dance (two toys per couple). All toys will be turned over to the Farmington Goodfellows after the dance which it is hoped can become an annual event.

Manufacturers Opening New Bank on 8 Mile

Grand Opening for the new branch of Manufacturers National Bank in Farmington will be observed next week Monday through Friday.

The new branch is located just west of Farmington Road on Eight Mile Road.

Free Ball Park Franks will be served during the Open House hours at the Bank (Monday, Nov. 29, 2-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2-5 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 3, 2-7:30 p.m.) and there will be free balloons for the youngsters.

REFRESHMENTS WILL be served throughout the regular business hours of the Bank all next week.

On display during the Open House will be the unique "Origami" exhibit. "Origami", the ancient Japanese technique of folding paper into exotic shapes and forms, has been applied by Manufacturers National Bank to money in an unusual display.

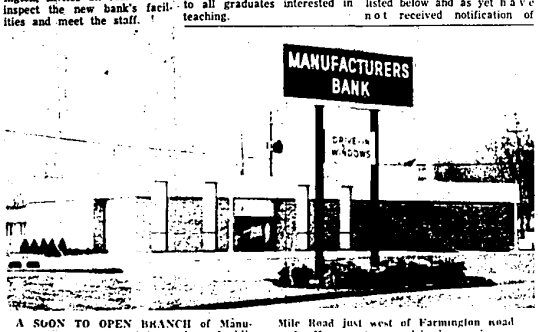
Robert E. Carson, Manager of the new Manufacturers National Bank branch in Farmington, invites all residents to inspect the new bank's facilities and meet the staff.

Advertising To Attract Teachers

The Farmington Board of Education, at a meeting on November 22, approved the placing of a half page advertisement in the publication of the Association for School, College and University Staffing.

Marinus VanAmeyde, superintendent of instruction, stated that he has had only a mimeographed information sheet to use for recruitment of teachers and felt that the advertisement would help to create a favorable image of Farmington for prospective teachers.

The magazine is distributed to all graduates interested in teaching.



A SOON TO OPEN BRANCH of Manufacturers National Bank is a welcomed addition to Farmington Township. The new branch is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road just west of Farmington Road and offers customers drive-in service as well as plenty of parking space for taking care of other banking needs.

Stores Announce Turkey Winners

Free turkeys will grace the tables of 18 lucky Farmington shoppers this Thanksgiving Day with the announcement this week of winners in the Annual Turkey Contest.

Merchants at 18 stores and business establishments held separate drawings last Saturday night to determine the turkey winners. Winners who are listed below and as yet have not received notification of their having won should contact the respective business place where their name was drawn and find out where to pick up their free turkey.

THE LUCKY 18 winners are: A & P—Mrs. K. Humm, 35630 Lyman Rd.; Cameramo—Richard Borth, 29736 Hilbrook, Livonia; Conroys — E. Mitchell, 27402 Halstead; Farmington Center Florist — Mrs. Joseph Spinks, 31924 Lamar; Farmington Cleaners — Don Kobman, 33722 Macomb; Farmington Sausage Center — Raymond J. Jevlig, 18255 Westmore, Livonia; First Farmington Savings and Loan — Fran Saliba, 23880 Glen Creek; Hinkles of Farmington — Mrs. F. Carrico, 31817 Valley View; Madeline's Children's Shop—Mrs. C. Reinhart, 20939 Birchwood; Montgomery Ward—D. Kistler, 31769 Leelane; Pennywise Discount Store — Clara Gassett, 33325 Grand River; Scott's 5 & 10 — Mrs. O. Keeney, 38485 Howard; H. A. Smith Lumber Co.—Wm. H. Marschner, 26701 Nine Mile; Philip H. Thomas Jeweler — Mrs. F. Blanchard, 20968 Gill; Town and Country Dodge — Thomas Hunter, 31210 Lamar; Towne Toggery — Sarah Hagopian of 23065 Ontaga; Welsby House of Music—E. Schrack of 31874 Tresham; and White House Valet — Mrs. George King of 32821 Grand River.