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## Select 10 of 12 Members for Twp. Study Committee

Official action was taken by the Township Board Monday night appointing ten of the 12 members who will make up the special study committee called for to explore all facets of the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

It was reported that the remaining two members would be selected in the very near future.

The purpose of this special committee will be to seek out and prepare for citizen consideration all information available on the advantages of a home rule city over the present

ent township form of government. In addition the committee will be expected to meet with citizens' groups and answer any and all questions they might have regarding the proposed incorporation as well as listening to their feelings and suggestions regarding the type of governmental operation they prefer if the incorporation proposal is approved by township voters.

IT WAS determined earlier that the committee in addition to citizens at large should have members of the township board and planning commission on it as well as representatives of the two villages in the township.

Appointed from the Township Board were Trustees Tom Nolan and Tom Duke. Township Planning Commission members picked for the committee were Russell Nankervis and Charles Lorian. Charles Stevenson was named as the representative from Quakertown Village but a representative from Wood Creek Farms Village has yet to be selected as well as another citizen-at-large to fill the 12 member committee.

Citizens-at-large selected for the committee were: Douglas MacArthur, Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, Richard Gaul, Clifford Morehead and Calvert Oppenheimer.

HOPE WAS expressed that the committee would be able to start meeting within the next week or two and gathering information from the communities of the county and have already agreed to set it up in the near future.

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GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY appeared in Farmington last Wednesday to take part in the ground breaking ceremonies at the site of the new Oakland Community College branch, Orchard Ridge, put under construction on a 15-acre parcel of land just south of 1686 between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads in the Township. Governor Romney was joined by Oakland officials as well as other dignitaries from the Township, County and State in breaking ground for the new college which is scheduled to open in September of 1967 and eventually to have an enrollment of upwards from 5,000 students.

## MRS. SCHWARTZ RESIGNS

The resignation of Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz as trustee of the Farmington Board of Education was revealed at a meeting of the board on Monday evening, December 13. Her letter of resignation, dated December 3, and effective on that date, stated that she announced her decision with much regret, but that she could not give to the board the necessary time away from her family. She thanked the board for the courtesy shown her during her brief tenure.

Mrs. Schwartz was elected to a four-year term as trustee on June 14 of this year. By unanimous action of the board, John M. Washburn III, 21044 Birchwood, was appointed to fill the vacancy until June 30, 1966, at which time the term expires three years of the term.

TWP: Now Has Dog Licenses

Township Treasurer Elise Avery reported this week that 1966 dog licenses are now available at her office and may be obtained any time during regular office hours.

To obtain licenses, the dog owner is required to show proof that the dog or dogs he owns have been vaccinated for rabies, she reminded. The cost for licenses for male dogs is \$1 and for female dogs \$2.

Anyone who has not obtained a license for their dog by March 1, however, will be paying substantially more. The cost after March 1 will go up to \$5 for male and unsexed dogs and to \$7 for females, she emphasized.

Active in PTA work, Washburn is a past officer of the Flanders School PTA. He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children, two attending Flanders Junior and one at Farmington School and one at Farmington Junior High School.



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW water and sewer lines in Farmington Township is nearing completion in several different subdivisions. This month, Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns (extreme right) inspects the progress of sewer lines being installed in Meadowbrook Hills Subdivision by the Carlismo and Sons Construction Company. Work has been under way since last August on most of the Township's sewer and water projects.

## 5 Twp. Building Dept. Inspectors Suspended

Discord and disagreement between the Farmington Township administration and inspectors of the township's building department have been simmering for the past several months now. During the past week they came to the boiling point.

On Thursday of last week five of the six inspectors left the building department offices at the Township Hall shortly after arriving in the morning and did not return again until Monday morning, according to Township Supervisor Curt Hall.

HALL SENT the inspectors home shortly after they arrived at work Monday morning and called for an executive session of the Township Board on Monday night following the regular board meeting to determine what if any disciplinary action should be taken against the inspectors for their unauthorized absence.

The five inspectors involved in the dispute with the township administration are George Crook, electrical inspector; John Drury, plumbing inspector; Ray Melvin, heating inspector; Arthur Gerald Banfield and Arthur Maki, building inspectors.

The sixth and only remaining township inspector is Al Gain. He has remained out of the dispute.

FOLLOWING A RATHER lengthy executive session Monday night, the Township Board reconvened and took official action.

On a motion by Earl Oppenheimer seconded by Tom Nolan and approved by other Board members the suspension

of the five inspectors imposed by Supervisor Hall Monday morning was upheld until a hearing is held with the inspectors on Monday night, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m.

The motion states officially as follows: "1. That employees George Crook, John Drury, Arthur Maki, Gerald Banfield and Ray Melvin be ordered to show cause on Monday, December 20, 1965 at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington Township Hall why their employment should not be terminated or disciplinary action be imposed because of absence without leave and other charges to be specified in the notice. 2. That aforesaid notice be served upon said employees not less than five days prior to said date by leaving said notice at the residence of the employee. 3. That the four Township Trustees are hereby appointed as a committee with power to hear such charges, determine the facts and to take such disciplinary action as they may deem appropriate. 4. That pending such hearing that the suspension imposed by the Supervisor on December 13, 1965 is approved and shall continue in effect until such time as THE DISCORD has been resolved. See BLDG. INSPECTORS Page 8A

Discussed at length at the regular City Planning Commission meeting Monday night, Dec. 13, were details of investigations that have been made regarding possible land areas that can be obtained to provide for additional park areas in the city.

Four or five different parcels were checked in an effort to determine not only their suitability for park use but also whether the property could be obtained at a reasonable enough price.

THE CONCLUSION reached by the city manager in attempting to get property valuations would indicate that only two or three parcels of land could be obtained cheap enough to warrant their use for park sites. One of these is approximately 26 acres in the Rouge River Branch basin between Grand River Avenue and Nine Mile that the city manager feels should be able to be obtained

for about \$2,000 per acre. Another 10 acres in the basin north of the city limits might be available for about the same price, he felt, as well as a two acre parcel east of Powder Road and north of Grand River.

This total package would represent 36 acres of land at a cost of \$76,000. If matching funds could be obtained from the Federal government, which the city will seek to get, then the total cost to the city at large would run only \$38,000.

The land could be purchased over a five year period, he pointed out. Even with the acquisition of a last remaining residential home at the corner of State and Liberty at about a \$14,000 total price, the city manager felt that the city could acquire this land without See PARK AREAS Page 8A

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## Twp. Favors Police School In County

The Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, Dec. 13, voiced wholehearted approval with a proposed training school for law enforcement officers and potential officers that is being planned to be set up by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall outlined details that have been worked out to date for the proposed school by a special study committee that had been appointed earlier by the County Board of Supervisors.

The county board feels the law enforcement training school would be very beneficial to communities of the county and have already agreed to set it up in the near future.

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## Goodfellows Get \$3,624 for Needy

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Plans for various projects and programs being considered were outlined to the City Council in special session with members of the Beautification Committee last week. At a Monday night the committee made this same presentation to the City Planning Commission.

Special photo slide presentations entitled "Two Faces of Farmington" were presented showing some of the good and cleanly features of Farmington compared with some of the most unsightly conditions that also prevail in some sections of the city.

The Beautification Committee is to be made into sub-committees to work on programs and projects of beautification in the residential, commercial, industrial and public utility and public right-of-way categories.

THE INDUSTRIAL collections for the Goodfellows was not completed at press time this week but is expected to boost the total amount for the needy to well over \$4,000.

In a special note of praise for Goodfellow volunteers, Hall singled out the two workers who staffed the Goodfellow Newspaper Sale Headquarters in the Municipal Building, Wanda Henke, Dorothy Oglesby and Barbara Jerigan, wives of Farmington Exchange Club members, who counted money from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the Goodfellows, Hall said, "did a terrific job for us." He also emphasized the success of this

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