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COUNCIL HESITANT

Movies of Drunk Drivers Proposed

Strong and highly mixed reaction was registered by individual City Council members Monday night to a proposal that the public safety department be allowed to use movie camera equipment to take pictures of persons picked up and believed to be guilty of drunk driving.

It was explained that the public safety department was desirous of being permitted to use movie equipment to photograph those picked up for driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages in order to have more convincing evidence to present in court with which to obtain convictions.

City Delays on Putting Sewer Line Into Twp.

The extension of a City of Farmington sewer line across Orchard Lake Road into Farmington Township to permit the go ahead on construction of an approximately 4,000 square foot office building with mixed recreation on the part of councilmen at the regular City Council meeting Monday night. The final decision is to table action until more detailed information can be obtained.

The office building is proposed on a site owned by the Farmington Elks Lodge across from Bel Aire Subdivision. Councilman John Allen reported that the Kirby Vacuum Cleaner Co. was proposing to purchase and build on this site a combination sales office, training school and repair shop building if satisfactory sewage disposal facilities could be obtained. Councilman Allen stated it was his understanding that this would be the company's headquarters building for this section.

A REPORT from the city engineer, requested earlier by the Council, stated that the Lamar Street line that was proposed to be hooked into would be adequate to handle the additional amount of sanitary sewage. The major concern expressed by Mayor Sandy Brotherton and Councilmen Ralph Yoder was not over what effect hooking up this one building might rather than the precedent it would set. If this building is allowed to be connected into the city system then requests from other owners around the city limits in the township to do the same would also have to be considered. Yoder felt.

ALSO of concern to some of the councilmen was the effect this might have on requiring zoning changes in this area in the township. The feeling was that the property owned by the Elks as well as the property around it was presently zoned for multiple family homes and that if this was the case rezoning by the township would be necessary. The city manager was asked to check out this.

A City By Any Other Name

"Despite Mr. Shakespeare's comment about roses, we know that the name of our community is something of importance to us all," reads the sample ballot sent out to Farmington Township registered voters last week. Several names for the proposed city were listed and voters were asked to mark their preference and return the ballot to the Township Hall. Of the 4,800 ballots sent out, 201 had been returned by Tuesday afternoon. The vote so far: (all names have the words "City" preceding them.) Farmington Hills, 64; Farmington Woods, 24; Farmington Heights, 28; Quakertown, 28; North Farmington, 18; Farmington Township, 8; Wood Creek Farms, 7; Mayfair, Wellington and Ajalon, 2 each; and Farmington Farms, Powersdale, Franklin Hills, Oakland Hills and IV Farms, 1 each.

sent in court with which to obtain convictions. PRESENT Michigan law makes it very difficult to obtain good scientific evidence to present in court to prove a drunk driving charge. City Manager John Dinan and Public Safety Director Maurice Volz concurred.

Councilman John Allen voiced the most vigorous objections to the proposal. He termed it both a "police state method" and "a serious invasion of one's privacy" during the course of his remarks. Councilman Howard Thayer was also of the opinion that it should not be necessary to resort to such methods as this to obtain convictions.

Mayor Sandy Brotherton indicated that while he was not opposed to the use of a camera for this purpose he did feel that the city should have more information regarding the value of such evidence in court before going ahead with the purchase of a camera and the use of it in this manner.

COUNCILMEN Ralph Yoder and Hugo Peterson were of the opinion that the use of the movie camera on the part of councilmen at the regular City Council meeting Monday night. The final decision is to table action until more detailed information can be obtained.

invite all to square dance. Next week marks the end of the 30th year of the City of Farmington Recreation Department's program. Enthusiasm among the square dancers is high and classes will be conducted and on in the future weeks starting January 25. The classes will be set up to handle both beginners and those with some experience.

Farmington's "Mr. Justice," Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., died Wednesday, December 29, at the age of 81. Services for the Judge who retired in 1952 to climax a career of nearly 40 years service to the Farmington community were held Monday from the Mayer-Burrell Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Judge Schulte first came to Farmington in 1924 as attorney. He was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Village of Farmington in 1928, and from that date on never missed a term in office. When the Municipal Court was established for the City of Farmington in 1952, Judge Schulte was the first to be elected to that office and served until his retirement November 29, 1963. He had not sought reelection in 1963, deciding at the age of 79 that the Judgeship should go to a younger man.



REGISTRATION FOR ADULT Education courses opens tonight Wednesday, January 5, and will continue through the first week of classes beginning next Monday. Special hours for registration will be in effect tonight and Thursday, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Farmington High School Adult Education office of Director Richard T. Tyler. Mrs. Naomi Konke of the Adult Education office is pictured above holding up a registration blank from last week's Enterprise which can be used by persons desiring to register by mail and a booklet available at the office detailing courses being offered by the Adult Education Department for its ten-week winter term.

Union Charges Filed Against Twp

Charges filed with the State Labor Mediation Board by the union representing Farmington Township Building Department Inspectors, Metropolitan Council of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, were released to the Enterprise last week by union president William Charron.

The charges, refusing to bargain in good faith with the bargaining agent for the Township inspectors, were filed by the union following the December 20 hearing before Township trustees on the suspensions of five inspectors for "absence without leave" and the five were discharged and the others were reinstated by action of the four-man committee of trustees.

THE FULL TEXT of the charges filed by the union with the State Labor Mediation Board against the Farmington Township Board of Trustees follows.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1965, Metropolitan Council No. 23 of Farmington, Michigan, filed charges with the State Labor Mediation Board against the Farmington Township Board of Trustees.

Each entry must be accompanied by a signed confirmation from the attending physician stating the exact time of arrival. The baby need not be born in Farmington but its parents must reside in the community.

A special open house will be held at the new Independence Green development beginning Thursday, January 6, and continuing through Saturday, January 16. Club House facilities will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. for the purpose of providing citizens of Farmington Township and the City of Farmington with an opportunity to inspect this modern new community development.

Incorporation Meeting Draws Capacity Crowd

The first meeting of Farmington Township's 12-member Incorporation Study Committee held on Monday, January 3, was attended by a capacity crowd of interested citizens. Supervisor Curt Hall observed that if the group in attendance were any indication, future meetings would see larger turnouts and a larger meeting place would have to be found.

Terry Brennan, Township Attorney and member of the Study Committee, was elected chairman at an organizational meeting preceding the public meeting. In his opening remarks Brennan outlined the purpose of the Incorporation move and the plans of the committee.

Brennan described the motives and reasons behind the action of both the elected Township Board and the public in the filing of petitions of incorporation into a Home Rule City. He stated that the Township Board and the Planning Commission had felt an obligation to the public to protect the Township from fractionalization by other municipalities.

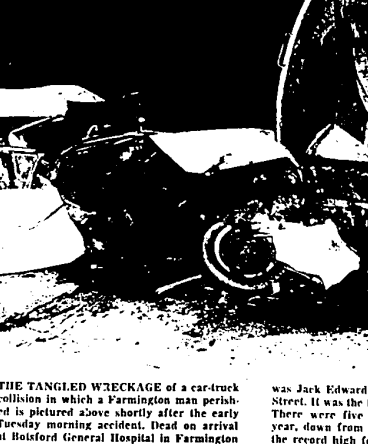
MEMBERS APPOINTED to the committee were: Tom Nolan and Tom Duke, Township Board members; Russell Nankervis and Charles Lorton, Township Planning Commission members; Terry Brennan, Township Attorney; Norm Kreider, representing the Village of Wood Creek Farms; Charles Stevenson, representing the Village of Quakertown; and Douglas MacArthur, Richard Gaul, Clifford Moorhead, Charles Fritz and Calvin Opperhauser, citizens-at-large.

THE NEXT STEP, taken last week, was the mailing of an open letter, authorized by the Township Board, to all registered voters explaining in detail the why and wherefore of the incorporation proposal.

The January 17 meeting has been scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. at East Junior High School, 25000 Middlebelt Road. Locations of the other meetings will be announced in the Farmington Enterprise.

Once the petitions were filed, Brennan said, officials felt that asking people to vote "yes" on incorporation and ask questions later was the wrong approach. Therefore, he continued, the first step in keeping the people informed was the formation of the study committee.

THE TANGLED WRECKAGE of a car-truck collision in which a Farmington man perished is pictured shortly after the early Tuesday morning accident. Dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington was Jack Edward Nelson, 33, of 30117 Fink Street. It was the first traffic fatality of 1966. There were five killed on area roads last year, down from 12 killed in 1964 which is the record high for Farmington.



A series of six public meetings of the Incorporation Study Committee was then set up to further inform the public. Brennan distributed copies of the proposed outline of study work. The meeting dates, subjects to be covered and sub-committee members for each meeting are as follows:

- First Meeting, January 3, 1966
1. Organize committee.
2. Approve outline of work.
3. Appoint sub-committees for study of specific subjects.
4. Receive comments from the public.

Second Meeting, January 17, 1966
Subject: Why incorporate? (Sub-Committee, Charles Lorton, Charles Stevenson and Terry Brennan)
Farmington Township master plan: character of community.
a. Obstacles to plan under township form of government.
b. Obstacles to plan under home rule form of government.
c. Form of government best suited to ultimate needs of the community.
2. Need for action at this time.
See INCORPORATION Page 4A

THE NEWLY introduced ordinance will actually give the public safety department greater control under local ordinance in four areas. It will permit the police to apprehend "careless drivers" not only on public roadways but in parking lot areas as well and also to crackdown on dragging in private parking areas as well as on public roadways.

THE FOURTH provision restricts anyone from parking their car in a private parking lot or on private land without the express permission of the owner. It will give any owner of a private lot the right to order a motorist not to park on his property if he wishes and to obtain police assistance in enforcing the ordinance. See PARKING ORDINANCE Page 4A

Man Dies In Car-Truck Crash
Farmington recorded its first traffic fatality of 1966 Tuesday morning when the driver of a car was killed after crashing into the rear of a garbage truck on Middlebelt Road just north of Grand River Avenue. Dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital at 1:19 a.m. on Tuesday was Jack Edward Nelson, 33, of 30117 Fink Street in Farmington Township. Nelson's car was northbound on Middlebelt Road and collided with a Willard Brothers Sanitation truck driven by Harvey E. Willard, 48, of 3350 W. Buno Road in Midland. Willard, who complained of injuries, was also headed north on Middlebelt. The accident occurred just south of Liberty Street between Grand River and Nine Mile roads.

ATHLETIC CLUB Open House Set
Roman House, Farmington's private athletic club for men, will stage its Grand Opening beginning this Thursday, January 6, and continuing through January 14 and the public is cordially invited to attend daily Monday through Saturday.

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APPROXIMATELY 300 copies will be printed including some material on how to use and others in bound booklet form, Dinan stated. Included in the reprinted code will be the new zoning ordinance and new housing code that have been adopted in the city since 1962 representing numerous pieces of printed material.