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BONNIE BRITTON was honored last week at a Board of Commerce luncheon prior to her departure for Mobile, Ala., to compete for the title of America's Junior Miss. Bonnie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britton, were guests at the luncheon along with the North Farmington High senior, Mrs. Britton and Bonnie listen while representatives of the City, the Township, the schools, the Board of

## Deadman Named Acting Director of Public Safety

Robert F. Deadman, 31, a veteran Farmington police officer, has been named acting director of public safety to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maurice D. Foltz.

## Foltz Looks Ahead With a Bit of Regret

An eagerness to face and meet new challenges tinged with a sadness at leaving Farmington is the dilemma facing the City's Director of Public Safety Maurice Foltz who will leave the end of this month to accept a position and head up the newly formed police department in Sterling Township.

In an interview with The Observer last week Foltz said that he has a "great deal of regret in leaving the department, but I can leave knowing that the same degree of service to the people will be carried on."

The Farmington Department of Public Safety handles many requests during an ordinary week. In addition to traffic and law enforcement the Department is also responsible for fire fighting and prevention, answers calls for help from residents who are injured or ill, takes

care of absent driver's licenses, and many other tasks.

In fact not too long ago the Department made three calls seeking to help a resident who was bedridden by the family of woodchucks residing in the next door neighbor's back yard.

Foltz termed the Department "second to none as far as I'm concerned in efficiency and service to the people" added that it has been "a real pleasure working with a City Manager and Council that have been instrumental in providing equipment in order to carry out the high degree of service."

"It is only through the efforts of every member of the City working together that it is possible to provide this service," Foltz added. "I feel badly about leaving Farmington because I enjoy the people and the community has been so good to me, but I just can't pass up such a big challenge."

The Foltz family have sold their home in Farmington and will move to Sterling Township where school lets out. However, Foltz said that his wife, and children, Kit, 14, Kim, 9, and Kelly, 3, don't want to leave Farmington, "because they like it here too."

## Tomlinson To Discuss Far East Asia

Veteran newsmen Frank Tomlinson will discuss the Vietnam war and conditions in the Far East on

March 24 at 7 p.m. in the East Junior High gymnasium, 23000 Middlebelt Rd., just north of 10 Mile Rd. The session is open to the public with no charge. A question and answer period will follow the talk.

Tomlinson, news director of Radio Station WJR has just returned from extensive travel in Viet Nam, Indonesia and Japan. He accompanied Governor Romney on the tour of the Governor's Conference.

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# Incorporation Drive Steps Up Pace With Vote June 6

By LOU CARTIER

Their patience wearing thin and nerves fraying just a bit of the edge as the long and tedious incorporation meeting drew nearer to a close Monday night, people argued.

Both members of the township incorporation study committee and the citizenry, all 25 of them, settled old arguments and became angry but still took one step further in an intelligent vote to be cast June 6.

When the incorporation issue will be decided in an executive session March 14, the committee appointed a group consisting of Terry, Thomas Nolan, and C. W. Fritz to draft a final report, culminating the work of five prior subcommittees and formulating a committee recommendation towards incorporation of the township.

In the absence of half of its number, the committee adopted by unanimous vote the subcommittee report of the past four public meetings and tabled the report presented Monday.

Postponing the vote on the township incorporation issue to June 6, to vote on whether or not the township should incorporate into a home rule city.

## It's Official! Flyers Are Champions in Dayton

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors voted to place the question on the ballot at its monthly meeting last week. They acted after hearing the unanimous decision of the Boundaries Committee to recommend such a date as was reported earlier in The Observer.

Last report, Brennan's group said that a final meeting will be held either the last part of April or the first part of May.

Brennan brought up a point about which several residents had expressed some reservations in the past. In effect, the three-page report

found that "legally, the city of Farmington cannot be included in the incorporation proposal now before the township."

It said that the results of the current proposal, positive or negative, will not affect the possibility of consolidation with the city.

The report recommended that the subject of consolidation be further reviewed in detail after incorporation has been voted upon.

Brennan having finished his opening remarks about the objectivity of the committee's pro-incorporation findings, past objecting citizen asked

about the deadline dates for registration for a city charter position, since such positions will also be voted upon come June 6.

"A township voter may file his name for the city charter ballot having secured no less than 20 and more than 40 names on a petition which is filed in the office of the county clerk in Pontiac," Brennan said.

The deadline for filing is the 10th Tuesday before the election (March 29) and the deadline for registering one's name 30 days before the election.

One township resident offered a new angle to the township's susceptibility to losing a valuable tax base through annexation. He said that 85 per cent of a citizen's taxes go to the school board and county, leaving 15 per cent to the proposed city.

"Industry will pay taxes to the Farmington school board whether we have it or not," he said. "And it will also pay taxes to the county whether we have it or not."

"So actually what we are losing is 15 per cent of what of running the township which is only an extra 15 per cent to the individual tax payer. This savings is inconsequential," he added.

"If any substantial area is annexed and lot sizes are consequently decreased, school taxes are going to shoot way up," Brennan said. Doug

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## Parade Scheduled

Farmington's annual Memorial Day parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30, according to an announcement from the Veterans organizations in town. According to plans all former military personnel and veterans' organizations of the City and Township will be requested to participate plus personnel and equipment of U.S. Military Forces, scouting units, school bands and other community groups and individuals.

## City 'Files' Master Plan

The City's Planning Commission's Master Plan was received and filed by the City Council Monday night but only after a considerable amount of discussion on it between the Council members and City Manager John Dinan.

Councilman John A. Allen said that he had serious reservations about some aspects of the plan and observed that if it was not within the range of feasibility to provide such services the Council ought not to give it credence in the people's eyes.

Allen was referring to the fact that the year long development program. He stated that he would rather see a

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## Township Racks Up 3rd Fatality

Farmington Township racked up its third fatality last week when Ira M. Hatfield, 42, of Union Lake was killed in an accident involving three cars at the intersection of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds.

The accident occurred at 10:12 p.m. on March 18. At that time of night traffic was heavy and the car was changed into a blinking light.

Hatfield was traveling north on Orchard Lake when his car was struck on the left side by a car going east on 13 Mile driven by Anne C. Ratchford, 69, of Detroit. Township police said that Mrs. Ratchford had failed to yield the right of way.

Mrs. Ratchford and Mrs. Helen Hatfield, 43, all received injuries in the accident. The three Hatfield children, Patrick, 2, Kathleen, 10, and Coleen, 7, who were riding in the car received minor injuries.

The two passengers in Mrs. Ratchford's car, Dora McLeod, 58, and Edith Anderson, 65, of Detroit also received minor injuries. All were taken to Botsford General Hospital.

Involvement of the third vehicle came when a car traveling west on 13 Mile driven by Robert C. Grider, 55, of Highland, Mich. made a right turn onto Orchard Lake and did not see the accident. Neither he nor his passenger, Ellen Grider, 48, were injured.

JOHN PARKER GLICK, Farmington master craftsman, will discuss "Clay and the Craftsman" March 30 at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Library. The program, sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library, is open to the public.

## Democrats Charge 'Double Talk' on Incorporation

The Farmington Democratic Club's monthly meeting last week took exception to "double talk and contradictions" being used by Farmington Township officials in pushing for incorporation.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnoni,

In his report to the meeting, said that township officials have made many statements at recent meetings which are direct contradictions to what they said on the same subject in the past.

He cited as an example Township Supervisor Curt Hall's claim that he was unable under the present form of government to get the Oakland County Road Commission to do anything about fixing badly rutted roads.

"This is a different story than the one Hall gave the voters when he was seeking re-election," Vagnoni recalled.

He said that it is a "double talk" that he had tremendous influence with the county and that townships were receiving proportionately more help from the county than were cities. Now he tells us all he can get from the County Road Commission is promises but no action on road problems.

"What happened to all that influence that our Supervisor has?" Vagnoni asked.

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## Brown To Head Group Fighting Incorporation

Wendell Brown of 29921 Ardmore, Farmington Township, has been elected president of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township Inc.

Others named to office at the group's first meeting of the Board of Directors March 16 were: Philip D. Daniels, 23815 Ardwick, treasurer; Mrs. Donald Rogers, 34441 Chantilly, secretary. Mrs. Rogers was also named executive secretary.

By unanimous action the Board proposed for an executive committee to consist of the three officers and six additional Board members. Named to the committee were:

Samuel H. Rubiner, 27330 Fairway Hills Drive, Franklin; Raymond Felix, 29038 Brandywine, Farmington; Charles D. Hannan, 32580 Grand River, Farmington; Harold E. Holmes, 29743 Beaumont Rd., Farmington; Hal McHavens, 28701 Arnel, Farmington; and George A. Nahstolt, Jr., 24136 Locust Drive, Farmington.

According to Mrs. Rogers, "The Committee has already served to crystallize the opposition to incorporation."

His primary functions now are to make clear to the voters of Farmington Township exactly what faces them, their children and their schools should incorporation come to pass; and to encourage a massive vote on the proposition."

Mrs. Rogers added that the committee "would welcome support and assistance from interested citizens."

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## This Is Your Chance

The Road and Bridges Committee of the Oakland County Road Commission will hold a public hearing to determine the need for a traffic light at the corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt at 10 a.m. Friday, March 25, at the Road Commission's meeting room at 2420 Pontiac Lake Rd.

Residents in North Farmington have long complained about this intersection and this is their opportunity to make their views heard.

## Rouge Project OK'd

The City has voted to pay a total of 50 percent of the easement, administrative and flood way construction and excavation costs for the Rouge River Soaring and Clearing Project proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Action on the proposal which is estimated to cost the City \$550 at the top came at Monday's regular Council session.

Last week the Township Board voted to go ahead with the project south of the 196 expressway. The City will benefit from the project and had voted in Oct., 1964 to participate in a joint project with the Township and the Army Engineers.

## Boys Must Have Shots; Lost Cat

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seger of 26280 Drake Rd., Farmington Township, are undergoing the painful series of rabies shots today following the inability of the Seger family couple to locate their lost white angora cat with a short cropped tail which fought with the family dog and bit 10 year old Kelly.

Because the dog Yankee was covered with blood — which the family could not determine whether it was Yankee's or the cat's — the other Seger son, Klipp, 14, must also undergo the series of shots.

Mrs. Seger told The Observer that the cat has been around the neighborhood for the past couple of months and has been the woods off Drake Rd. between 11 and 12 Mile. She described the cat as mean tempered and asserted that she knew that it was not a pet in the area.

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