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300 Farmingtonites Hear Preservation Speakers

There was a full house at Glen Oaks Country Club May 12, when the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. held their information luncheon. Mrs. Audrey Rogerson, secretary, remarked that the ticket sale of 309 was remarkable in view of the short time of the sales period. She added that it credibly reflected the active interest of the suburban housewife in the affairs of her community.

Speaking for the preservation committee were Samuel Rubiner and Phillip Daniels, members of the board. Rubiner began his remarks by saying that the issue of incorporation is "A crisis which may well determine the future of our lives and those of our children for years to come in this area."

He said that citizens were told in an action "conceived in mystery, shrouded in secrecy, and hurried through" that unless they signed the petition for incorporation the "big bad city of Farmington would gobble them up."

RUBINER POINTED OUT that an annexation attempt was soundly defeated in 1958 because aroused citizens formed a committee, consulted authorities all over the state, and had Wayne University conduct a survey all of which enforced their conviction that there was no advantage to incorporation.

Since an affirmative vote of the area attacked by would-be annexers must be attained, Rubiner continued, "If the township is afraid of this, I charge them with willful neglect and say that they are unable to keep their citizens happy."

"Back when they were candidates for office, present offi-

cers said they would keep a rural atmosphere and fight the city. Why do they now use their power to foist upon us a type of government which we don't want and won't have? "We do not need million-dollar city halls and the expenses of city government. Who are

school problems; they make a shambles of orderly development."

The seven or eight mills being suggested for the home rule charter is completely unrealistic according to Daniels. He cited Southfield as an example, trying to operate with seven mills



SAM RUBINER and Phillip Daniels address 300 women who assembled for a luncheon at Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club last Thursday. The luncheon meeting was sponsored by the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc.

these self-anointed disciples who say that progress must be dictated by township hall? Progress comes from the grass roots when the people demand it.

CITIES RECEIVE their tax rebates on the basis of the last census. This is a great handicap for those which are still in growth stages. For instance, in Farmington township since the last census, population has increased by ten thousand.

Like Rubiner, Daniels gave the industrial zone short shrift since it doesn't have any roads to accommodate highway trailers, so hundreds of the loads of dollars would have to be spent on roads before the property could be of much value.

Daniels' final argument was that city residents have no control whatsoever over their zoning bodies, while the township retains the right of referendum.

A member of the audience inquired, "Doesn't there have to be a petition to change zoning in the city?" Daniels replied that there does not.

"INDUSTRY WILL locate where taxes are low," Rubiner further explained, "where there is accessibility to railroads and transportation. This is a rural area not designed for industrial concentration," so he considers the promise of the industrial park to be somewhat overrated.

"We invite you to inquire of your friends in all surrounding cities," he concluded, "no township has ever become a city without regretting it, and it is virtually impossible to return to township status, once it is changed. Let us perpetuate those blessings we have for those who are to follow us."

Phillip Daniels then spoke and quoted from a letter sent by the pre-incorporation study group to all citizens. He said that they claimed, "The only way we can protect our boundaries, forestall land grabs and land steals" is to incorporate.

DANIELS CLAIMED that rather than annexations, the actions should be called proposals of withdrawal as the people must vote to withdraw from the body of which they are a part.

"All the costs of a city would be additional to what township people now pay. A city has twenty times the taxing authority of a township. It can also impose an income tax," Daniels said.

Quoting from a statement by the secretary of the Livonia education department, Daniels read, "Fast growth, and the accelerating population of cities are the one cause of most

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Farmington Junior High School presented The Sound of Spring under the direction of Mrs. Rablas and R. H. Zimmerman on May 11.

Selections of the Cadet Band included: La Nati, Dixie Drummers, Peter Pan, Liebestraum, Mexican Sundae, and Goele. The Spartans offered: All in the April Evening, In These

Delightful, Pleasant Groves, and Jazz Picnic. The girls' glee club sang: Jesu, Rex Admirabilis, Prayer from Haniel and Gretel, Silver Children, and Michigan Morn.

Soloists were: Kathy Hall, Katie Hayes, Marjorie Partington, and "Milk and Honey." The varsity band performed: Paris Portrait, Pikes of Mal-

low, Glow Worm, Romeo and Juliet, Night Beat, and Emptire State Salute.

Offerings of the mixed ensemble were: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee, A Canticle of Peace, Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, The Sound of Music, Calypso Serenade, and Dry Bones.

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On Monday, June 6, the voters of Farmington Township must decide whether to remain a township or to incorporate as a city.

It is a decision which will affect our tax rates, our children's schools, our very way of life.

It is a decision which no conscientious citizen can afford to make without full knowledge of the facts.

So that all citizens of Farmington Township may learn the truth about incorporation, Mr. Joseph A. Parisi, Jr., Executive Director, Michigan Townships Association, will address the Township on the subject, "Incorporation—Some Facts, Pro and Con."

He speaks on Tuesday, May 24, 8:00 PM, at North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road. You are cordially invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc.