

Regional Cooperation Sought

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tion be scheduled to learn about the project and ask any questions.

At this point the Committee is requesting the local governmental units to adopt a resolution of intent thus becoming a charter member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Hall termed the proposal "a forward step in the right direction," while Harrison told the Board of Education had taken no formal action on the matter. Four members of the Board had heard an explanation at a recent meeting of the Oakland County School Boards Association. He added that he was certain that the Board was interested in learning more about the proposal.

Reaction on the City Council was mixed with Councilman Ralph Yoder asserting that he thought it was a fine idea and Councilman Hugo Peterson expressing some misgivings.

Councilman Howard Thayer commented, however, that the Council did not really know enough about the pro-

ject to have formed a definite opinion and stated that he would wait until he learned more about it.

If and when the local units of government adopt the resolution of intent a "voluntary association of local governments" from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties will come into existence.

The organization will consist of a general assembly of one delegate from each member unit, a 35-man executive committee, an executive director and a staff to coordinate the various projects.

Some of the program areas listed as possibilities for cooperation include: air pollution; child and youth guidance; education; housing and urban development; parks and recreation; planning; public safety; refuse disposal; sewage disposal; transportation; water pollution; water supply and transmission and general administrative matters.

For a projected annual budget of \$25,000 the association hopes that the coun-

ties will pay 50 per cent of the cost; cities and villages 25 per cent; school districts 20 per cent and townships five per cent.

Broken down into actual dollars and cents is the City of Farmington's annual dues would be \$450; the schools about \$1,000 while Farmington Township would fork over \$1,000. Oakland County with 17 per cent of the total population of the area would be expected to pay \$11,000 annually toward the upkeep.

Included in the proposal are provisions made to recognize the local sovereignty of each governmental unit; that the basis of the council would be "secure free, full and voluntary participation of each member government, but shall be without power to bind any member without its consent" and that it shall operate on the premise that common and regional issues and problems of local government can best be solved through mutual cooperation.

Each representative would be selected by the individual governmental units, but the proposal does call for these delegates to be "the decision and policy makers in their community."

Merit Plan Proposed

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bale judges; and

• Those serving in temporary or part-time County positions.

Specifically provided in the plan are:

The continued maintenance of a formal classification plan and salary schedule.

All County positions be filled by the selection of all employees on the basis of merit as measured by competitive examinations.

Open competitive examinations shall be open to all persons who meet the minimum qualifications for the classification.

The examination be conducted and scored in an objective manner and may be made up of written tests or oral tests or performance tests or personality evaluations or physical ability tests, or involve a rating of past experience and training or be made up of a combination of such tests.

The examinations be publicly announced at least seven days in advance of the last date for filing applications by posting and newspaper advertisement.

That written notification be mailed to each qualified applicant at least five days in advance of the examination notifying him of the time and place of the examination.

That all candidates be notified by mail of their examination scores and successful candidates be given their ranking on the eligible list.

That in filling a vacancy, County department

heads shall have their choice of the top five ranking persons on the eligible list for classification of the vacancy.

That all county employees shall be required to successfully complete a probationary period of six months before appointments or promotions be considered complete.

That a formal appeal procedure be developed giving employees the right to appeal dismissals, suspensions, demotions and disciplinary actions to a Personnel Appeal Board; and

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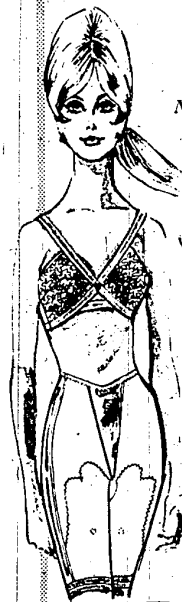
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Annexation

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restrictions."

The committee points out that Detroit water is available to the subdivision whenever the residents request it and refers to the recent installation of fire hydrants in the area and the new fire station at Star Cutter.

"You have received many promises, assurances and inducements from the city," the letter continues. "But can you be sure that the promises will be kept? The city manager is an appointed official. The Council is an elected body. What happens to the promises when new people fill those positions in the years ahead? Don't gamble. Stay with your friends in the Township."

All three letters refer to the higher tax levy for operation in the city as compared to the Township levy. All three also point out that under state law cities can impose an income tax while townships cannot.

Family Will Go Shopping

The Robert E. LaChance family of Farmington Township are in the market for new clothes, luggage and a television set. Over the weekend someone broke into their home at 23562 Lincolnview and took approximately \$1,750 worth of goods. Patrolman Ray Marchewitz of the township police force answered the call.

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