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Vote Drive Opens, Opposition Fires

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

The Citizens Council for Community Development opened its campaign for a yes vote on incorporation Monday night and a representative of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township served notice that it intended to fight the question.

Fred Lichtman, chairman of the Council's Education Committee, discussed the Council's position on the question of home rule at a meeting of the Kendallwood Farm Homeowners Association.

Philip Daniels, a member of the Board of Directors for the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, told the group at the end of Lichtman's talk that "this is a one-sided viewpoint. This question was answered, a year ago and defeated on an average of 7-1. The

questions will be answered again for the people who didn't get the answer a year ago."

In his speech, Lichtman pitched at the Township's residents' right to "self-determination," and asserted that under the present form of government the people did not have this right.

He also noted that a Township is especially vulnerable to annexations by home rule cities and noted that the City of Farmington had just won an annexation election.

"In the past, the warnings of pro-incorporation advocates have been ignored and the inevitable happened—the City of Farmington annexed part of our Township land because we did not protect our boundaries through incorporation," Lichtman asserted.

He listed the six main objectives of the Citizens' Council as:

- Preventing further annexation or fractionalization;

- Preserving the present zoning plan with controlled population density;

- Continuing a policy of charging water, sewer and paving improvement costs to owners who are benefited, and opposing the use of general funds for such purposes;

- Encouraging the development of the industrial park and other good land use properties to insure an economically balanced community;

- Improving road maintenance standards and traffic safety; and,

- Seeking the support and participation of concerned citizens from all areas of the Township to accomplish these purposes without partisan motives.

"We have no quarrel with the Future Farmington Area Study Committee," Lichtman said, "but they don't know if the final report will say that the 36 square miles should be one community. That may be the best thing we don't know."

"However, if we wait for the report," he continued,

"we can lose two ways. We can lose Township land and we will be in no better position than now if the City and Township are to combine. We shouldn't delay our right to self-determination because what we are proposing will not prevent consolidation if that is the answer."

Lichtman concluded with the observation that "Home Rule, contrary to some thinking, does not mean that we will become urbanized. The type of community that we develop under our Home Rule options can be as rural and as suburban as we want it to be. A Township form of government is no guarantee against urbanization... nor does Home Rule result in a densely populated city."

"Home Rule is what the term implies, local self-determination, free from piratical raids upon desirable areas by other municipalities."

In answer to a comment from the floor, Association President Harley McIntosh said that a meeting with representatives from both sides of the issue would be held prior to the election.

Incorporation Vote Clears Committee



MARY JO LINDBLOOM, of 25816 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, is currently in Long Beach, Calif., as Michigan's entry in the Miss International beauty pageant. First hurdle for the 19-year-old is the choosing of Miss United States, which took place Tuesday night. The finals of the contest will be televised Saturday, April 29, over the ABC television network. A lifelong resident of Farmington, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lindbloom.

Students Protest Lunches

Students at Farmington Junior High didn't like the fare being served in the school cafeteria and last week they decided to follow a national trend and stage a boycott of the program.

On Thursday, the first day of the program, about 100 hot lunches were sold at the school rather than the usual 400. Friday, however, school officials termed the situation as "almost normal" in the school lunch program.

Alton Bennett, principal at the Junior High, told The Observer that some of the complaints about the food had been corrected.

He noted that the students had never discussed their complaints with the authorities prior to their boycott, however, and stated that he hoped the students had learned that the proper procedure with a complaint is to bring it to the administration before staging a demonstration.

One of the students' complaints concerned the fact that the catsup, mustard and relish were all combined into one container, Bennett said that he was not aware that this was causing a problem until after the boycott and that this had been corrected.

A student told The Observer on Friday that she thought that the action was because the students wanted the privilege of having lunch in the restaurants in town.

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BROWN BAGGING their lunches students lunches at the school started Thursday afternoon, but school officials termed Friday up at the school's cafeteria Friday after, as "almost normal" and stated that the program, A student-inspired boycott of the hot test had died out by Monday.

Follies Slated for June 23 & 24 To Benefit Founders Festival

Activities for the Farmington Founders Festival will kick off June 23 and 24 at the Mergo High Auditorium when the Founders Follies "hits the boards."

This year's Follies will, as in the past, feature top name local and metropolitan area professional talent. An additional attraction is the fact that the MC will be a local radio and TV personality.

Festival co-chairman Ron Holland and Bob Bergstrom announced that Bill Conroy is the general chairman of the show, while George Assemany is the director.

Bergstrom explained that the Farmington Board of Commerce recently circulated a questionnaire asking for suggestions to help raise funds for the Festival.

The Board of Commerce is the sponsor of the three-day Founders Festival scheduled this year July 27, 28 and 29.

"Many interested citizens, business and professional people," Bergstrom continued, "suggested that the Board of Commerce hold a benefit show on the questionnaires."

"For the past two years the Board of Commerce has spent more than \$6,000 sponsoring the Founders Festival. The Follies, which will precede the Festival by a month, will give the citizens of Farmington a chance to enjoy an evening of fine musical entertainment and at the same time help to make this year's Festival possible," Bergstrom noted.

Goldman called the boundaries of the proposed new "City of Farmington," WCP President William Martin and attorney David Goldman noted that the boundary, while drawn to exclude their village and most of Section 1, nevertheless took in a triangular piece of Sec. 1 bounded by Middlebelt, 13 Mile and Northwestern.

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5-0 Vote Approves Oct. 23 Election Date

By TIM RICHARD

The boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Monday approved an Oct. 23 election date on incorporation of most of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

The committee's 5 to 0 recommendation is expected to be routinely approved by the full County Board.

Petitions asking for the election required 250 valid signatures, according to boundaries committee Chairman Thomas Tiley of Commerce Township.

The petition actually had 666 signatures, and the committee stopped counting after verifying 283, Tiley said.

Wood Creek Farms village officials Monday formally entered an objection about the "reasonableness" of the boundaries of the proposed new "City of Farmington."

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City Sets 100-Year Birthday

Did you know that the City of Farmington will observe its 100th birthday on Saturday, May 6?

It was on May 6, 1867 that the Village of Farmington was first formed.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan announced Monday that a special open house will be conducted at the City Hall on Friday, May 5 in observance of the event.

Dinan said that the hours of the celebration will be 1 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

City Clerk Trena Quinn said that the Village of Farmington was incorporated into a city in 1925.

While population figures for 1867 were not immediately available, the 1930 census placed the population of the city at 1,243. Today's estimated population is 10,000.

Board Action

The Farmington Township Board Monday night conducted the following items of business:

Make Appointment

Filled the vacancy on the planning commission created by the appointment of James Skillman to fill a vacancy on the township board. The board selected William R. Jarratt, 29665 Fernhill Drive, to fill the commission post.

Proclaim Work Day

Proclaimed May 6 as annual Raider Work Day when students of North Farmington High perform odd jobs in order to raise funds to provide three or four college scholarships.

Name Delegates

Named supervisor Curtis Hall as delegate to the Michigan Council of Governments which will meet for the first time May 4. Clerk Floyd A. Cairns was chosen as alternate delegate.

Approve Appointment

Approved Robert Anderson of 23180 Purdue, a counselor at Dunckel Junior High School, for membership on the General Citizens Youth Guidance Committee of Farmington.

Set Auction Date

Set June 10 as the date for the auction of unclaimed property collected by the police department the past year. The sale will be conducted in the township hall parking lot.

Around Farmington

Farmington's Star Cutter plant is featured in a booklet recently published by the Oakland County Planning Commission. The pictorial booklet is entitled "Enjoy Life in Oakland County."

Publisher Outlines Plans For Future

"We want to build in Farmington one of the finest community newspapers in the State of Michigan, and we can only do this with your help."

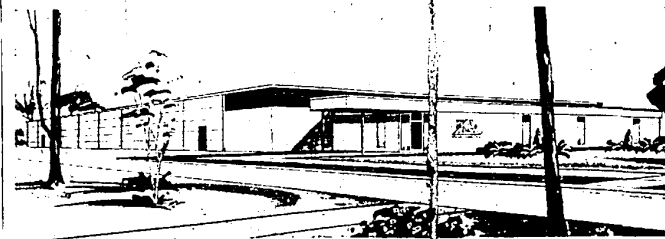
With these words Observer Publisher Philip H. Power summed up the aims of the Newspaper Group in Farmington. Power spoke last week at the quarterly meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

Power outlined the plans for a new semi-weekly operation of the newspapers by noting that "beginning May 6 one newspaper will be published twice a week in Farmington. This paper will be called the Farmington Enterprise and Observer. It will appear on Wednesday and Saturday."

He explained the new three-section format of the week-end paper which will include a heavy emphasis on local coverage, regional news and features, live coverage of high school sports and an expanded weekend wanted section.

Calling for a "constant dialogue between the newspaper and the community," Power listed and urged to strive toward the four basic points leading to the move from weekly to bi-weekly publications.

"The paper must be local and contain local news, but at the same time it must allow for flexibility of coverage for the advertiser (Continued on Page 4A)



NEW PLANT in Farmington Township is HML Industries at 21410 Industrial Park Drive. HML, manufacturer of stock transfer and redistribution equipment, has occupied the 35,000 square foot administrative headquarters and manufacturing facility. An initial staff of approximately 75 will be employed in the new plant and offices.

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