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# Incorporation Goes Down By 204 Votes

The proposal to form a charter commission for the proposed City of Farmington Hills was defeated by a total of 204 votes Monday when slightly more than 30 percent of the township's 14,343 registered voters went to the polls.

Final results showed that 2,310 votes were cast against the incorporation proposal and 2,106 were in favor.

The proposal carried in eight of the township's 15 precincts. Those precincts which voted in favor were: one, two, five, eight, twelve, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen.

**THE VOTING** concluded what could be termed as a quiet campaign when compared to the 1966 incorporation campaign.

At that time, after what was probably the hottest local issue in some years, township voters rejected an incorporation proposal by a 4-1 margin with total vote tallies of 5,657 to 1,547. Slightly more than 50 percent of the township's 14,092 registered voters cast ballots in that

election.

When projecting figures for this election, however, one must remember that the total registered voters in the township include the two villages and the portion of Section One that is north of Northwestern Highway.

These areas were excluded in the current incorporation proposal and its residents could not vote in Monday's election whereas they were included in 1966.

**INCORPORATION PETITIONS** were filed in January by the citizens' group, The Citizens Council for Community Development.

The incorporation petitions were filed shortly after the successful annexation of the Woodcroft Subdivision by the City of Farmington.

Proponents of the incorporation proposal pointed to this action throughout the campaign and warned of the threat of future annexation attempts by the city of the township's fast developing industrial park in the southwest corner of the township.



**QUEEN FOR A DAY** — Homecoming at North Farmington High School was festive weekend occasion, climaxed by the crowning of Angie Garcia as queen at half-time of the football game with John Glenn. Presiding at the coronation is Student Council President Randy Harp. Friday night's pre-game victory rally was capped by the huge bonfire shown above, but on Saturday North Farmington's gridiron hopes also went up in flames when John Glenn triumphed, 13-6. (See story on sports page.)



## Make Reservations

## Washington, D.C. Visit Scheduled

Representatives of Farmington's business community will journey to Washington Nov. 15 to participate in the first "10th District Day" in the Capitol.

The event is co-sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce, and 10th District Congressman Jack McDonald (R).

Businessmen and officials making the trip will meet with McDonald and top officials of five executive departments — State, Commerce, Labor, Housing and Urban Development, and Health, Education and Welfare.

They will also hear House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, (R-Mich.) speak at a luncheon.

Specific topics of discussion will include urban problems, labor management relations, the economic and business picture, and Vietnam.

The group will meet with members of the Michigan Congressional delegation at an informal reception.

Farmington Board of Commerce Administrator Barbara Benya said that the trip is open to anyone in the Farmington area who wishes to attend.

Cost of the one-day meeting, which includes transportation, is \$80.

The group will leave Metropolitan Airport at 7:50 a.m. and return to Metropolitan at 7:30 p.m. Reservations will be accepted until Nov. 6 and may be obtained through the Board of Commerce office at 474-3440.

## Hearing To Draw Opposition

Residents objecting to a proposed apartment development at the corner of Middle Bell and Northwestern Highway are expected to fill the public chambers Thursday night when the Farmington Township Planning Commission meets.

The session will begin at 8 p.m. at the O.E. Dupackel Junior High School on 12 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Rd. A public hearing has been set on the rezoning question for that time.

At issue is the presentation by the Frankel Development Co. calling for the rezoning of the corner of Middle Bell and Northwestern from residential to multiple.

The rezoning involves approximately 14 acres of a 34 acre parcel.

FRANKEL has made a commitment to the residents of Old Franklin Towne that the area abutting residential homes will contain homes of "stimulating" economic level.

The Franklin Forest and Fairway Association has distributed a letter to all the homes in the area calling for a large public turnout at the session to "stop the rezoning."

The Association cites the fact that 4,000 apartments have already been approved for the township and asserts that vice erection of more such units in the township would substantially change its character from rural to township to urban-metropolitan.

## Miss Teen Detroit Featured

Mary Kay Burr of Farmington was chosen the new Miss Teenage Detroit over the weekend.

She comes from Farmington, and she's 17. What's she like? How did it feel to be in the contest, and what's she going to do now?

For a profile on the new Miss Teenage Detroit from the suburbs, turn to NOW, our special section for the Now Generation.

And Mary Kay isn't all you'll find there. . .



**OFF TO EXPLORE HISTORY** — That was the aim of the Farmington girl scouts last Saturday when they embarked on the Second Annual Heritage Hike. Led by Mrs. Shirley Ford, the

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**MYSTERY SHOPPER** — Patrons of the Food Fair market on Farmington Rd. near Grand River were joined Friday afternoon by this auto which crashed through the front wall and window when, according to police, its accelerator stuck. The driver, Carl H. Williams, 80, of 39712 Schulte, Farmington, backed into the store from a parking space in front of Food Fair. Cashier Josephine Compton was treated at Botsford Hospital for minor injuries suffered when she was struck by flying cars. No police action was taken against Williams.

## Residents Kick In Funds For Repairs

Farmington Board of Education trustees heard a welcome report from Woodrow Ashley, 35410 Rhonwood, at their regular meeting Monday night.

For some time, trustees have been concerned about the road condition of Rhonwood, which approaches the new Power Junior High School.

The road is impassable at certain times of the year and according to Ashley, at these times, the street is inaccessible "except by helicopter."

ASHLEY REPORTED that he has collected \$560 from Rhonwood residents and that he has received the cooperation of the county road commissioners who have agreed to furnish 900 yards of gravel at a dollar a foot.

He further stated that he and two residents will dig and clear all the ditches bordering the street from west of the school entrance to Gill Rd. this weekend.

Ashley appeared before the trustees to request the board to pay the \$900 cost of the gravel. The county will haul the gravel and spread it over the road surface.

Trustees agreed to the proposition, with a comment by Trustee Sanford Bloomberg that "it's good to see such do-it-yourselfness."

In addition to this happy news, trustees heard a somewhat unhappy report on construction progress at Power.

Progress at the school was deemed "a problem" and doubt was voiced whether it could be ready for partial occupancy by Jan. 1.

**CONVERSELY**, School Supt. Roderick J. Smith said, "We have the concern that our junior high facilities are loaded to the hilt, but the opinion of the administration is that it would cause more concern to occupy Power than to not occupy it during the 1967-68 school year."

"I'm not sure," he went on, "that it is worth the time of the staff to constantly goad the workers. We stood at their elbows at Forrest Elementary and it still took them three weeks to finish the school."

"I would not be surprised," he said, "if Power were not ready by May 1."

Trustees inquired about vandalism at the school, which is not yet fully enclosed, and were told that in July one inner wall was demolished.

Trustee Leland G. Clifford also commented that "There's not much activity with the work at the high schools."

He was told that a portion of the pool at Farmington High has been poured and the pool at North Farmington is to be poured today.

## Board OK's Study

Barring one legal hitch, Farmington Township will become an official participant in the proposed governmental study to determine whether consolidation of City and Township would work to the best interests of the entire Farmington community.

Township Trustees, in a regular meeting Monday night, gave unanimous approval to a resolution agreeing to have the study made, taking the action prior to knowing the outcome of the Township incorporation election.

**THE TRUSTEES** attached only one qualification, specifying that their action be contingent upon Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan's decision on the legality of such an expenditure. Brennan was not present at the meeting and has not ruled on the issue.

Trustee Earl Oppenheimer offered the motion to support the probe, prefacing his action with detailed explanation of why the Board had rejected the same idea in May. He now felt willing to join with the City, plus Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown, in financing the undertaking.

"We stayed clear of the consolidation study because we did not want to cloud the issue in relation to the incorporation proposal," said Oppenheimer. "We felt the question of consolidation was ultimately."

The Future Farmington Area Study Committee will meet with representatives of the Michigan State University Institute for Community Development tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 25) beginning at 8 p.m. at the Thompson Brown headquarters on 12 Mile Rd.

The committee has not met since May when the township board voted not to help finance an area-wide study of the future course of development of Farmington until after the Oct. 23 incorporation election.

Members of the study committee represent the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Farmington Jaycees and the Farmington League of Women Voters.



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