

Township Meets 'Informally'; Says No To MSU Study Idea

Rejection of a request to appropriate a major share of the funds that would enable a Michigan State University team of experts to study alternative Farmington area governmental forms was indicated unofficially by the Township Board of Trustees Monday night.

The Board declined to consider any aspect of the matter in its regular open meeting, but then adjourned to hear a special report of Trustee Peter Klopff in private chambers.

ONLY LAST Thursday Klopff was the township's unofficial observer at a meeting of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee which approved retention of MSU's Institute for Community Development and Services to analyze the four Farmington area governments for a fee of \$5,000.

It was proposed that each of the four accept its share of the

\$5,000 cost on a pro rata valuation basis, which would leave the township with a tab approximating \$3,500.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall reminded inquirers that although the township suggested the City of Farmington three-and-a-half to one in valuation the township board has made no commitment to put as much as a dollar into the MSU fee.

"We favor having such a study made," said Hall, "but it's impossible to decide whether the MSU proposal is the best until we have had a chance to review others that may be made."

Dr. John Richardson, chairman of the F.F.A.S.C., conceded that no other written study propositions had been received by his committee, although he said he had made inquiries of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and the Citizens Research Council.

"We want to see more than one proposal," insisted Trustee Earl Oppert, whose own resolution for a similar study to be timed with a proposed community-wide municipal incorporation election was passed only last month.

After the trustees adjourned shortly before midnight Monday from their executive session, a spokesman said, "It is the consensus that on the basis outlined to us we would be reluctant to pay any money into furtherance of the plan."

EVERY TRUSTEE questioned admitted, however, that there is a real prospect of the township hiring its own survey enterprise to study the future government possibilities of the area and to recommend which form would be to best advantage to the residents.

Meanwhile, Richardson said his group's study would proceed with or without township subsidy—the money to be raised from private sources if the township doesn't come through with its aid.

When MSU's representatives made their proposition Thursday, they said they would be able to start their analysis early in January, thus finishing it by Oct. 1.

The township trustees threw a monkey wrench into that timing, if they are to be counted upon for dollar support, by deciding Monday that because of the Christmas holidays they will not meet again until Jan. 8.

Unless the F.F.A.S.C. comes up with private donors in the meantime, the whole matter appears delayed even though the City, plus the Villages of Quakerstown and Wood Creek Farms, have put up their required minimums.



PLEASE COME HOME -- A six-year-old boy in Farmington, Kurt Zimmie, by-passed Santa Claus this week to pray that God return this pet. "Kurt would give up all his other presents if only 'Red' would come back," said his mother.

Lad Prays And Begs For 'Red'

By FRED DELANO

A courageous but heart-broken Farmington lad who has suffered from cerebral palsy since his birth six years ago prayed tearfully this week for the one thing that can make his a joyous Christmas.

He did not ask a replacement for the eye from which he cannot see... nor that his impaired hearing be restored... nor even that he be allowed to walk without braces on his two little legs.

Kurt Zimmie wants his dog back, and implores his friends, neighbors and strangers alike to help in the hunt.

THERE'S A special affection between Kurt and the Redbone hound which wandered off into the unknown last Saturday—or was stolen from the home at 22821 Elm Grove.

Added to the normal "boy plus dog equals pals" formula is the fact that two summers ago, when the boy was four and the dog two, the only pet of his life saved Kurt from injury or possible death.

That was when "Red" ran into the street and knocked Kurt out of the path of an on-rushing automobile.

For that debt of friendship price of a broken pelvis and insertion of a pin in his left hind leg which has left him with a permanent limp.

Kurt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zimmie, report that other

identifiable features include these facts:

"Red" stands 24 to 26 inches high, weighs about 65 pounds, has short hair colored between the shades of Auburn and brown, and wears a tan collar. He looks highly similar to the dog which appears regularly on the "Beverly Hillsbillies" television show.

"RED" HAS been like one of the family," said Kurt's mother, Nancy. "We've searched for him everywhere we could, and all of our neighbors have helped because they know what the dog means to Kurt. So far it's been of no use."

Bill by bill, the plight of her own child also came from Mrs. Zimmie.

Hospitalized time and again since birth because of the cerebral palsy affliction accompanied by automatic attacks, the youngster now is a kindergarten pupil in the Eagle Orthopedic School.

As if his natural problems were not enough, Kurt also was bitten on the face, neck and chest by a neighboring dog not long ago and was forced to undergo the painful chain of rabies treatments.

If anyone sees a dog answering the description given, will please return him, or call the Zimmie home at 474-10657.

A little boy's heart may be mended because of it, and if there's anything Kurt needs it's "heart."

JAers Screen Applicants

Two Farmington members of Junior Achievement are among 8,000 JAers presently screening applicants for office in the Achievers Association of Southeastern Michigan, a governing-guidance body serving Junior Achievement.

They are Roy Aydelotte, 23843 Kendallwood, president of TEKE, and George LaVelle, 33808 Glenview Ct., who works with Achievers Bank of Detroit.

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As proposed, the Jaycees would put up \$2,000 toward the cost, the city financing the other half.

Additional Jaycee proposals were for refurbishing of the pump house in the park, for which they have appropriated \$200 and will furnish the manpower, and for erection of a warming shelter at the skating rink, for which they have set aside \$1,000.

The latter proposals were approved.

The park committee's report was referred to the capital improvements committee to be used as a guide in development of park areas.

Commissioner Russell D. Milligan was named chairman of the capital improvement program sub-committee with Platt, Jesse T. McDonald and Westcott E. Peterson as committee members.

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City Planners Hear Proposal For Three New Park Areas

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Farmington planners heard a detailed park committee report Monday night and although the report called for an outlay of \$17,000 for park development, this was combined with the good news that half of this could come from the federal Conservation Department.

Study of the park committee report was made concurrently with three Jaycee proposals for park development projects at City Park.

If approved by the planners, the complete package of projects will go to the city council for action on the matter.

Taking the committee report first—the report was divided into sections for three parks: Power Road Park, now City Park, McGee Hill Park and the proposed Drake Road Park.

DEVELOPMENT proposals for Power Road Park are for a nature trail bridge, parking lot at Shawanawee and Farmington Rd., parking lot at Power and Valleyview, picnic center

on the Whipple property (weather shelter, picnic tables and barbecue stands, play equipment), improvements in lighting.

Total cost of these proposals is estimated at about \$22,000. The committee suggested they be assembled into a single package for application for a grant from the Conservation Department and that the city schedule \$11,000 for its share in fiscal year 1968-69.

Proposals for McGee Hill Park include a parking lot at the bottom of old Farmington Rd., a stairway for pedestrian access from Shawanawee and walkway improvement from Shawanawee.

Total cost of the first and second proposals is estimated at about \$3,000, with \$400 for the walkway. The committee proposed this be provided for in fiscal 1969-70.

BIGGEST AMOUNT called for park development in the committee report was for the proposed Drake Road Park. Total cost was estimated at \$32,000. This would be spent for

large lighted ball diamond for combined Little League and adult use with a field provided for touch football, two small diamonds for Little League use, a tennis court, a parking lot on Drake Rd., a building providing storage, toilets and weather shelter, picnic tables and barbecue stands and miscellaneous clearing and grading.

In preparing the report, the park committee worked closely with Robert Duval, city planning consultant.

In past years, \$9,000 to \$10,000 has been provided for park acquisition and \$4,000 for park development. Committee consensus is that the latter figure is inadequate.

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OH WHAT TO DO -- Mrs. Howard Bauer ponders just how to handle the sprightly novice Maria in her role as the Abbess in Farmington High's production of "The Sound of Music." The musical opens Thursday, Dec. 14 and runs through Saturday in Farmington Junior High School. (See related story on page 4A.)

Alter High School Lines

Elementary and junior high school boundaries will remain the same for the 1968-1969 school year.

Students attending the senior high schools, however, will face some minor shifting between

Disorders Are Fault Of Seepage

Seepage of water into mechanical equipment being installed in the Michigan Bell Telephone's central office in Farmington resulted in intermittent phone line interference for thousands of area customers Monday.

District Manager Douglas Nelson said there are between 17,000 and 19,000 subscribers in the Farmington exchange, and that nearly 10,000 may have been affected by Monday's interruptions.

Heavy rainy-day use of circuits also help clog lines, he stated.

The facilities now under construction are due for completion in the spring, said Douglas. Corrective steps to prevent a recurrence of Monday's interrupted service will be taken.

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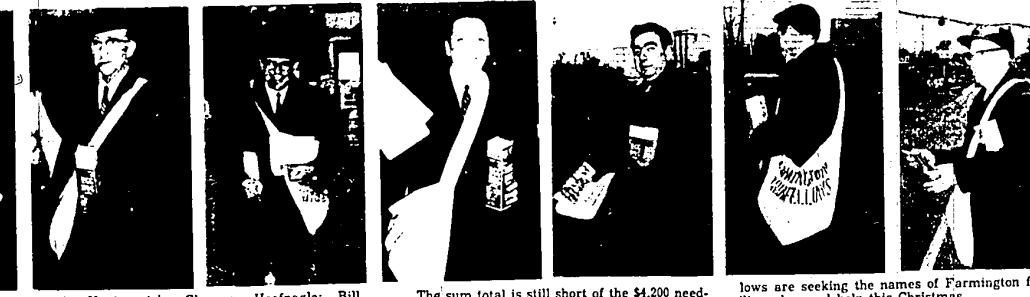
Army Private David V. Thompson is assigned to Company B, 16th Battalion, 4th Brigade, in the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA) at Fort Knox, Ky.

Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston D. Thompson of 25554 Ridgewood Dr., Farmington.



GOODFELLOWS ALL! These are just a few of the Farmington Goodfellows who stood in the rain last Friday to raise funds necessary for the 1967 Farmington Goodfellow drive.

From left, the "newsboys" are: Bill Bowman;



Andy Konjarevick; Clarence Hoofnagle; Bill Conroy; Bill Warner; John Allen; John Greenberry; and Bill Eberhart.

Through the use of the annual Goodfellow edition of the newspaper, \$2,600 was raised to help meet the pledge of "No Child Without A Christmas."

The sum total is still short of the \$4,200 needed for the project. For the additional \$1,600 the Goodfellows are counting on Farmington's business and industry to come through.

Christmas baskets will be distributed Dec. 22 and Dec. 23. Before that, however, the Goodfellows are seeking the names of Farmington families who need help this Christmas.

There are two phones set up to receive these referrals. The Farmington Board of Commerce (474-3440) and the local office of The Detroit Edison Company (474-2384) will pass along any names submitted to the Goodfellows.