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City, Township Far Apart On Area Analysis

By FRED DELANO
The question of having outside experts do a long-detailed analysis of future governmental alternatives for the Farmington area became enmeshed in a political tug-of-war this week, pitting the Township Board of Trustees against all challengers.

Michigan State University's Institute for Community Development Services, which supposedly was engaged Dec. 7 by the Future Farmington Area Study Committee to conduct

such a survey for a fee of \$5,000 still awaits confirmation of its role.
Dr. John Richardson, chairman of the Farmington committee, told the City Council Tuesday night, "There's not much we can do regarding proceeding until we know what the township will do."

THIS WAS a reversal of the committee's previously announced position that it would go about raising funds from private sources if the township

failed to come up with its \$3,500 share of the pro-rated study fee. The balance of \$1,500 will be supplied by the City of Farmington and the Villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms.

Farmington Township trustees have set aside the evening of Thursday, Jan. 11, to hear specifics of the MSU study plan, as well as proposals from at least two other governmental analysis organizations.

In brief, after being assessed the lion's share of the cost

of such a study the township has assumed it has the lion's voice in naming the investigative entity. To date, the township has refused to approve MSU as that agent, and claims it first wants to hear the philosophies of other study organizations before deciding where to spend the money.

That's the purpose of the Jan. 11 hearing.

THE WHOLE thing broke open again Tuesday when the council heard a letter from Township

Trustee Earl C. Oppertbauer, who took the city to task for not following the township's lead in endorsing a study hinged to a pre-ordained election on the question of consolidating all of Farmington's 36 square miles of city, village and township governments as one super-city.

Oppertbauer, who wrote to the council only as an individual citizen, accused the municipal body of making "pious manifestations" that no city annexation attempt will be made, but

questioned the sincerity of the city's so-called annexation moratorium.
His letter was greeted with snorts of derision by councilmen Hugo E. Peterson's declaration that he was becoming discouraged "by this kind of junk."

IT WAS during this discussion that Dr. Richardson, who was one of the five local residents in attendance, informed

the council he had arranged the Jan. 11 meeting between township representatives and MSU's team of analysts.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall later disclosed that the same session will be used as a sounding board of other study proposals, indicating the township is willing to make its own contract and then wait for the city and two villages either to go the same route or rely on the committee to make the decision for them.

The heart of the entire situation is the question of whether the four current governments should continue with the status quo; whether the township area should incorporate as a separate city, or whether all units should unite as one municipality.

One phase or another of the battle has been submitted to a vote of the electorate four times in 1965, 1966 and 1967 and after only one week, 1968 bids fair to take its place in the same procession.



LEAGUE OF NATIONS - Countries across the world are represented in this picture of the Youth for Understanding exchange students spending the year in Farmington and their American "sisters." The girls were at a poster-making session in the Wesley Orr home during which they, of course, also had a bull session about the YFU dance planned for Jan. 25 at Farmington High.

Apartments Rezoning OK'd Amid Referendum Threats

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY
Amid threats of a referendum and a court case, the Farmington Township Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend rezoning for a combined single family-apartment com-

plex at the corner of Middle Bell and Northwestern Thursday night.
The proposed rezoning now goes to the township board for action. The next meeting of the township board is Monday, Jan. 8, in township hall beginning at 8 p.m.

OPPOSITION to the plan has come from residents of Olds Franklin Town, Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairway. The corner is currently zoned for residential.

The members would be failed if the rezoning went through.

Council Approves Riot Plan

Steps being taken by Farmington police to protect the city in case of rioting came to light this week when the City Council approved spending \$1,400 for shotguns, carbines, tear gas grenades and ammunition.

It also was disclosed that the police department has established a riot training school for its officers in conjunction with the F.B.I., and is in the process of working out a mutual aid pact with surrounding communities to meet emergencies.

Following a stormy public hearing in October, the commission indicated that it would recommend the rezoning but withhold formal action until the parcel was re-advertised with the exact legal description.

Following the decision Jack Pinchuck, vice president of the Franklin Association, told The Enterprise & Observer that "we are going to find out why this piece of property was rezoned. There must be a reason for it and we haven't been given the reason."

Man Is Traffic Victim

Farmington Township's first traffic fatality of 1968 claimed the life Wednesday night of a 72-year-old pedestrian as he walked along Nine Mile Rd. toward his home a block away.

James Warren McCracken died from injuries suffered when he was struck at 8:45 p.m. by an automobile driven by 18-year-old Richard Jay Kelm, of 2741 Purdue, also in the township.

Township Police Chief Irving H. Yakes said that if it is believed McCracken was walking home from work when the accident occurred, he was employed as a maintenance man at Ogilvy Industries, 30996 Grand River.

Although police still are conducting their investigation, Kelm is not being held.

Walden Resigns Health Position

Dr. Robert E. Walden, 47, 14 staff members at the Oakland County Community Health Services.

Walden was hired in June, 1965. He came to the post following a nationwide search for a director.

When the resignation was announced, Paul N. Awwill of Birmingham, chairman of the county board, stated that "Dr. Walden leaves behind a record of important pioneering effort in this county, which in itself

has given leadership statewide in establishing Public Act 54 as a valid and forward-moving piece of legislation."

Study-Travel Combined

Three Farmington students at Oakland University will leave by plane Jan. 3 to spend the winter school semester (January through April) studying in England.

The three are Don Chamberlin, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Chamberlin, 24475 Dohany; Susan Gillling, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillling, 25235 Orchard Lake Rd.; and Penelope Trikes, sophomore, daughter of M.C. Trikes, 32270 Loomis.

He looks forward to visiting Munich because he has always been interested in Germany and his people.

THE TRIO will spend mornings in class and will have afternoons free for sorties around London, where they will stay at the Hotel Eden.

Uncertain yet as to what he plans to do with his life, Chamberlin says, "I still have the Army to worry about. My dad was an Air Force pilot and when I go in I'd like to go into the Air Force."

HE IS A graduate of Farmington High School as is Miss Gillling, who is a history and secondary education major.

They will spend the first 60 days taking courses in political science, sociology and music, taught by three OU professors who will accompany them abroad.

She has had three years of Spanish and plans to use part of her school break to visit Spain. She insists she will see a bull fight "no matter how bloody."

Miss Trikes, the third Farmington student, is also a graduate of Farmington High. Ad art major, she is still uncertain what line of work she plans to follow after graduation.

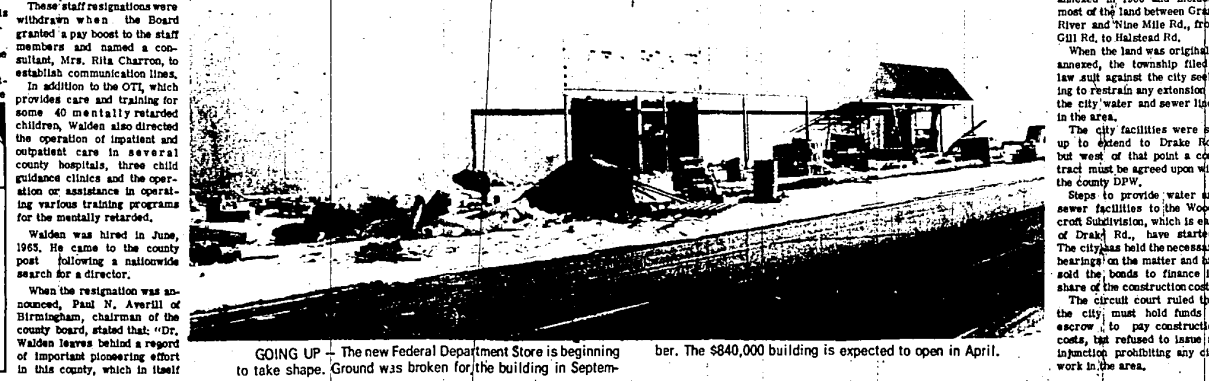
AN ENGLISH and liberal arts major, Chamberlin will use the break to travel with 25 of the OU students on a bus tour of the Continent which will include stops from Holland to Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France.

During her class break, Miss Trikes expects to travel through Denmark, Austria and Spain. And she has the luggage situation well thought out.

She's taking the limit in luggage, but mostly old things which she can dispose of along the way to make room for some treasures she hopes to find to bring back.

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GOING UP - The new Federal Department Store is beginning to take shape. Ground was broken for the building in September. The \$840,000 building is expected to open in April.

Federal Loan To Orchard Ridge

A \$500,000 government loan is estimated at 50 years.

cent interest. Repayment time is estimated at 50 years.

A \$4 million student center is currently under construction at Orchard Ridge and is expected to open at the end of 1968.

Announcement of the loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development came from Senator Philip A. Hart (D., Mich.) Thursday.

A spokesman at the college said that the college housing loan was granted at three per-

This area is a multi-purpose area which houses the food services department and book store along with providing access to the other buildings.

"Our officers had to carry their own personal rifles and shotguns. Problems developed in attempting to provide a supply of shells for these various weapons, and supplies could be obtained when they were needed."

The appropriation authorized by the council will permit the city to supply "each man on duty with a weapon," said Deadman. The council's affirmative vote was unanimous.

Funds from the HUD loan will help to pay construction costs of the commons area.

When the land was originally annexed, the township filed a law suit against the city seeking to restrain any extension of the city's water and sewer lines in the area.

The city facilities were set up to extend to Drake Rd., but west of that point a contract must be agreed upon with the county DPW.

Steps to provide water and sewer facilities to the Woodcraft Subdivision, which is west of Drake Rd., have started. The city has held the necessary hearings on the matter and has sold the bonds to finance its share of the construction costs.

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BULLETIN
Farmington's City Council will meet in special session at 7:30 p.m. Monday to give formal consideration to the proposed sewer and water contract with Farmington Township and Oakland County. City Manager John D. Dinan announced Friday. It will be the only topic on the agenda.