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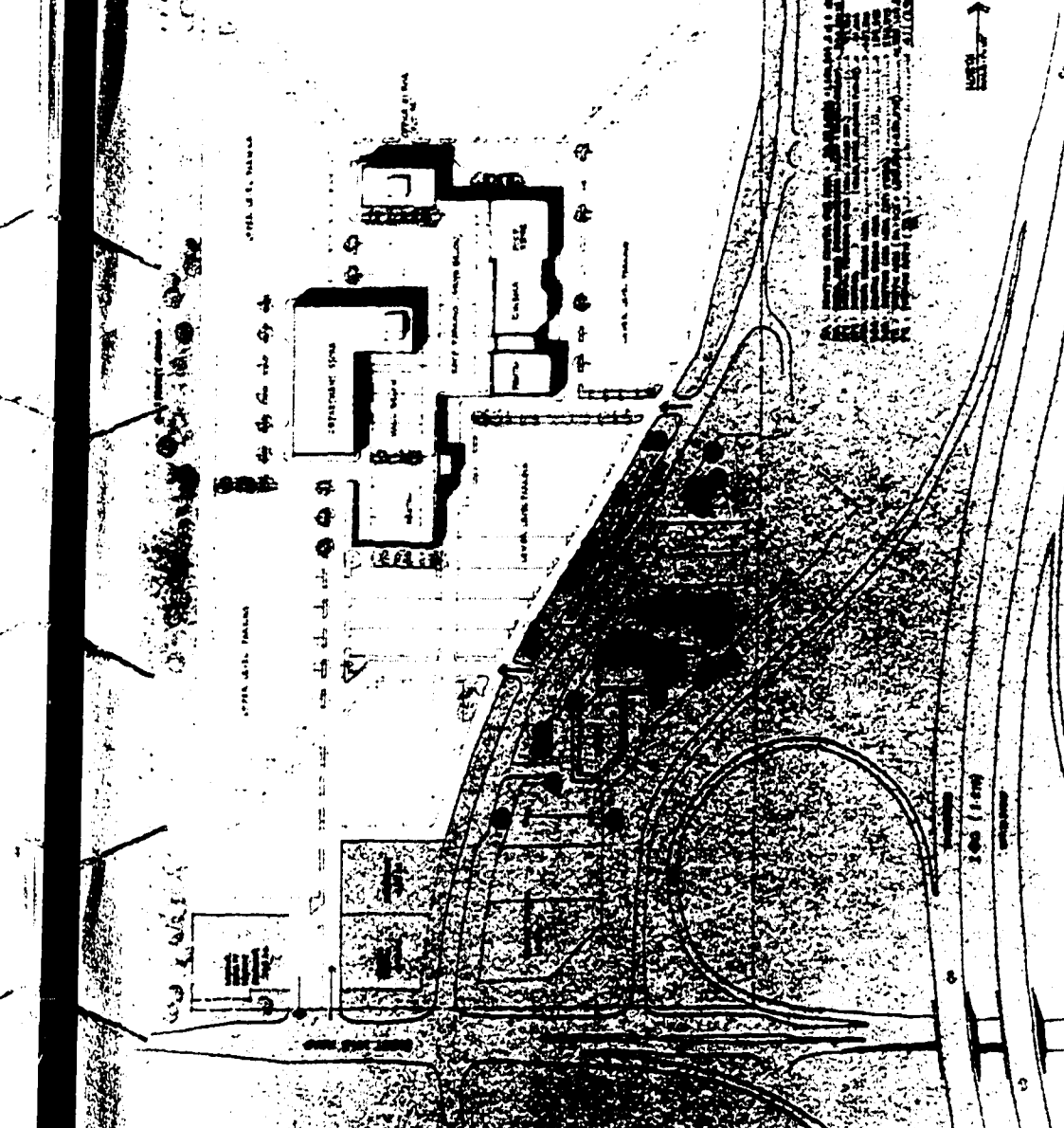
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## In Novi at Eight and Haggerty Shopping Center Seen in Two Years

A major shopping center, similar to the Somerset Mall in Troy, will be constructed on the north-west corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads, according to a city spokesman.

The center, which will be called Orchard Hill Place, will be a bi-level enclosed mall which will feature high fashion and specialty shops, as well as professional offices, a hotel, and a theater complex.

Major shopping center — A bi-level shopping center, roughly equivalent in size and make-up to Troy's Somerset Mall, is slated to be built in Novi within the next two years, although the names of no tenants have yet been released, Novi City Manager George Athas has indicated that the firms will be of the Saks Fifth Avenue, Ambergrombie and Fitch, and Jacobson's variety. For further renderings of the Mall see page 11-A.



## Developers Criticized For Brookland Farms Township Fights City

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## By Tap Shortage Development Slowed

Development of a proposed shopping center at Novi and Ten Mile Roads will probably be pushed back a full year, according to Farmington Engineer Albert Weiss, spokesman for the developers of the property — Novi-Ten Associates.

Reason for the delay is the shortage of taps for the sewer line that could service the center.

Novi's city council took initial steps Monday to extend sewer service to the parcel by setting April 24 as the date for a pre-preliminary hearing of necessity to determine means of financing the sewer line extension.

## Question Action

Councilman Raymond Evans charged that Novi city council had been misled into approving an ordinance to a zoning amendment and Councilman Louie Campbell charged that the council had passed before the council two amendments specifically for the benefit of Kaufman and Broad (K&B), prominent area developers.

The accusations were made at the Novi city council meeting Monday.

Kaufman and Broad had two matters pending before the council Monday, as K&B Attorney Richard Carnaghi's site plan approval for the Buffmeyer Farms property and preliminary plat approval for Fairfields subdivision, previously known as Heatherbrook.

Both requests were eligible for approval only as a result of the rezoning of two amendments to the city's zoning ordinance. It was this situation which prompted Campbell's charges that the council was changing ordinances specifically for the benefit of K&B, charges that were immediately and adamantly denied by Mayor Joseph Crupi.

## Liquor License Faces Review

Continued existence of Novi's East Shore Tavern could be short.

Novi City Manager George Athas told the council Monday that he will ask them to pass a resolution at next week's session recommending to the State Liquor Control Commission that the East Shore Tavern's license not be renewed.

If the resolution is passed, and there is every indication that it will be, and then approved by the Liquor Control Commission, the city will have rid themselves of a frequent scene of police activity and acquired an additional liquor license with which to attract new business.

## Of Council

The request for site plan approval of the Buffmeyer Farms parcel was eligible only because the council had earlier this year granted a zoning ordinance amendment which allowed them to waive all dwelling units be built within 250 feet of a dedicated right of way, as long as those buildings remain within 500 feet of the right of way.

It was K&B's other request for preliminary plat approval of Fairfield Farms that drew the ire of both councilmen Evans and Campbell.

That became abundantly clear Wednesday when former Township Attorney Emery Jacques read a strongly-critical, frequently sarcastic message from the Township Board to the members of the State Commission at a public hearing to discuss the proposed annexation of Brookland Farms to the City.

Said Jacques, "The Township of Novi is being sacrificed and destroyed under the guise of enlightened land-use planning; it is being dismembered by this Commission (referring to the Boundary Commission) in the selfish interest of so-called 'orderly growth'; it has been appropriated by a so-called 'full service' city, and the carriage has been previously sanctioned and approved by a unanimous vote of this Commission."

"The previous plea of the Township of Novi that it be permitted to exist under its service agreement with the city of Novi," he continued, "was disregarded by the Commission and characterized as parasitic. We have no illusions about the fate of the present petition, in light of the results of the last adjudicative meeting on January 26."

"There will be an election on this issue," Jacques concluded, "and we are convinced that despite your efforts (again referring to the Boundary Commission), the Township of Novi will continue to be a viable, responsive governmental unit for a few more years."

After delivering the message, Jacques left the meeting.

No Township officials were present at the hearing and only one township resident was there. The city was represented by Attorney Howard Bond, Clerk Mabel Ash, and Councilmen Denis Berry, William O'Brien, Edwin Presnell, and Donald Young.

The absence of any Township officials was emphasized shortly later in the hearing when Mr. Bond, a member of the Boundary Commission, asked for additional information.

"Statements have been made that Brookland Farms will have a great deal of difficulty functioning as a single, isolated unit," said the Commissioner. "I would like to know if anyone has examined the ability of the community to exist as a separate entity, and if anyone has studied this feasibility, I would like to study their findings. They could definitely enter into my decision."

The absence of Township officials might well be explained by a feeling on their part that nothing they could say or do at the hearing could influence the Commission to deny the annexation.

In the adjudicative meeting held January 26 to which Jacques referred Farmington, the Commission approved the City's annexation proceedings for seven of the eight parcels that had comprised the Township, leaving only Brookland Farms as the last remaining Township parcel. At the same meeting, the Township Board approved the City's annexation proceedings for seven of the eight parcels that had comprised the Township, leaving only Brookland Farms as the last remaining Township parcel. At the same meeting, the Township Board approved the City's annexation proceedings for seven of the eight parcels that had comprised the Township, leaving only Brookland Farms as the last remaining Township parcel.



Community Calendar

TODAY, MARCH 9

Town Hall hosts Clayton Lafferty, 11 a.m., Northville High. Christian Women's Club, noon, Mayflower. Novi Rotary, noon, Park Pines. Presbyterian Men's Ladies Night, 6:30 p.m., church. Northville Weight Watchers, 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. ... FRIDAY, MARCH 10 ... SATURDAY, MARCH 11 ... SUNDAY, MARCH 12 ... MONDAY, MARCH 13 ... TUESDAY, MARCH 14 ... WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15



YARN WEAVING — Todd Mack (front) and Todd Lysinger display projects woven in art classes at Main Street Elementary. Both boys drew their designs on wire mesh backing before weaving them with yarn. Their work, along with others, are currently on display at the school.

Council OK's New Rec Budget

A proposed 1972-73 Northville Recreation Department budget, calling for an increased outlay of \$2,690.44—up from \$41,368.90 to \$44,059.34—was approved Monday by the city council. The budget requires approval of the township board before formal adoption. ... The city's share is pegged at \$18,445.08, down from \$18,997.36 while the township's share is set at \$14,477.43, up from \$14,054.79. ...

Name Planners

Two new planning commission members and three will review and recommend established planning committee were named Monday by the Northville City Council. Appointed to replace Robert Lang, who resigned recently, and Delbert Black, who will officially resign soon, were Donald Jones, 245 South Wing Street, a surveyor, and David VanHise, 556 Langfield Drive, a state highway traffic engineer. ...

College Spurs Registration

Schoolcraft College students and any other unregistered 18 year olds in the area will find entertainment with a purpose at the "voter registration concert" this Friday night in the school's gym. The concert's goal is to register hundreds of new voters, according to student spokesman Dennis Salarelli. He said registrars from the following communities will be on hand to take registrations: ...

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State Asked to Bring Township Into City

Annexation Petitions Filed



Restaurant Proposal May Pump New Life into This Northville Landmark

Restaurant Planned

Church Sale Imminent

Sale of the old Northville Methodist church building is imminent. The Record has learned, and the building is to be turned into a dining and lounge establishment. Request for rezoning, from parking to a business classification, was made to the city planning commission Tuesday. ...

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Meters Go; Parking Space Cut

Some on-street parking meters are coming down—but motorists had better hold applause because some parking restrictions are going up. By unanimous action Monday, the council approved recommendations of the Northville Police Department that parking meters along the East side of Dunlap, on Hutton, in front of the Presbyterian Church, on both sides of Center in front of Northville Lanes, one meter in front of the American Legion Hall, and two in front of the old Methodist church building be removed. ...

Cycle Races Set May 27

One-day trial motorcycle races at Northville Downs are slated to take place here on Saturday, May 27—despite objection by two city councilmen. Although no vote of the council was made Monday following a proposal by John Carlo, general manager of the Downs, to stage sanctioned AMA races for licensed drivers on that date from 2 to 10 p.m., comments by the four councilmen present (Mayor A. M. Allen is still incapacitated with a foot injury) showed that two opposed, two supported the "trial" program. ...

research analyzer and business consultant for four men who plan to buy the building, told this newspaper that "a fine dining establishment is planned." It will boast a quaint atmosphere, he said. The church building will be maintained, with interior remodeling and restaurant equipment and furniture costing \$500,000 plus. ...

Others who participated in the circulating of the petitions include Thomas Armstrong, James Tellea, Martin Rinehart, Charles Gross, Jack Hoffman, Mrs. Robert Yoder, Donald Lawrence and Wallace Nichols. Petitions were filed Monday at the offices of the State Boundaries Commission in Lansing. The action to bring the city and township

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Record-News Offers Free Color Portraits

Area residents have until March 23 to take advantage of the free color portrait offer being made by The Northville Record-News. The gift portrait is available to anyone taking out a one-year subscription to the Record or The News, either a new subscription or a renewal. ...

OBITUARIES

FRED C. CARTER, Fred Chandler Carter, a lifelong resident of the area, died March 7 at the age of 87 at McPherson Community Health Center in Howell after an illness of two years. ...

Wixom to Honor Senior Citizens

A committee has been established by the Wixom Chamber of Commerce to make plans for honoring senior citizens of the community during Michigan Week in May. Named by President C. A. Smith to the committee are William Liddle, Florence Coy, Lillian Spencer, Edward Grubb, and William Travis. ...

In Northville

"The Show Business Nobody Knows," Earl Wilson; The columnist serves up a breezy fascinating pastiche of untold tales and glimpses into the life styles of the star performers of the entertainment world. "Your Career If You're Not Going to College," Complete information about dozens of specific jobs, including qualifications, training duties and how the job will be affected by change in industry and population in the future. ...

from the BOOKSHELF

"The Blue Knight" Joseph Wainwright; The author of "The New Centurions" writes a realistic novel about an average cop. "The Show Business Nobody Knows," Earl Wilson. "Erich Remarque," Erich Remarque; The hero of this posthumously published novel is a German Refugee spending the last days of World War II in New York and Hollywood. ...

Dems Boost Registration

Northville Democratic Club is sponsoring a voter registration evening session today (Thursday), from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The time period is especially designed to meet the needs of working people who would like to register prior to the deadline established for the April school election, according to Dr. Larry VanderMolen. ...

In Novi

"Julie Harris Talks to Young Actors," Julie Harris. "The Assassins," Elia Kazan; Sergeant Flores, an Air Force maintenance chief stationed in New Mexico, discovers that his teenage daughter is involved with a group of spaced-out acid freaks. He hires the leader to his home and kills him. ...

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NEWS

VOTER REGISTRATION for the school bond issue - millage request election closes Friday, March 10, at 5 p.m. Unregistered city voters may apply at city hall until 5 p.m. Special registration for township residents will be held tonight (Thursday) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, 303 West Main Street, and until 5 p.m. Friday at Township Hall. The election will be held Saturday, April 8.

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY, "it must be," reports Jan Reef of 41520 Eight Mile Road. "I just saw a red-winged black bird and three grackles. Those are summer birds which just don't show up during the winter," he reported Thursday.

VOTERS APPROVED extension of the Consumers Power Company franchise in the city of Northville Monday by a vote of 59-4. Although the turnout was extremely light, City Clerk Martha Milne said it was a little better than expected despite bad weather and a relatively unimpressive issue. Granting of a franchise is considered a formality. Cost of the election was paid by Consumers. The vote by precinct was: Precinct 1—23 to 1; Precinct 2—13 to 3; and Precinct 3—23 to 0.

CHARLES M. FULLWOOD has been sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson State Prison in the first degree murder of a Dearborn Heights barmaid April 29. Fullwood, who lived in Northville Township, was sentenced last Thursday before Wayne County Circuit Judge John D. O'Hair.

"WE WANT TO KEEP the trees just as much as the residents," emphasized Wayne County's chief forester, Irving Frazier, in response to citizen complaints that "they're cutting down the trees in Cass Benton Park right next door to Kings Mill." Apparently, explained Frazier, one of the workmen told residents that most of the trees were coming down to make way for expansion of the picnic area. "Actually, we are just cutting down diseased or dangerous trees near the comfort station and some of the undergrowth." Repair work on the comfort station itself, which reportedly represents an outlay of \$30,000, is nearing completion. "We hope to put out a few more picnic tables in the area—but that isn't our reason for removing the trees," he declared.

PARENTS OF '72 graduating class members are to meet in the Northville High School cafeteria at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to discuss plans for the traditional all-night graduation party.

THOSE LANTERN-LIKE street lights in Lexington Commons South proved so popular, the council upon request has revised its plans for installation of taller light poles in Lexington Commons North to provide for the same kind of lights and poles, at no additional cost, as now exist in the southern subdivision of Thompson Brown. City Manager Frank Ollendorff advised against the change.

A DONATION by the Northville Education Association of \$481.27 to the Northville Public Library has been accepted by the city council.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE meeting to discuss all kinds of planning matters will be sponsored Thursday, March 23 by the city council. It was decided Monday. Although the council hopes to keep the agenda "open ended" so citizens may bring up matters they are interested in, several topics have been proposed: Northville Downs future plans, recently completed or approved and underway city development projects, the proposed commercial Northville Square development, and architectural style restrictions. Special invitations are to go out to city planners, appeals board members, Northville Economic Development Corporation, service clubs, and the school and township boards.

BUDGET STUDY for 1972-73 is currently being conducted by the Northville township board. Members met Monday night and hope another meeting Saturday will finalize the document so that it may be reviewed at the March 14 board meeting. Final budget approval is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at the annual Settlement Day meeting at 8 p.m.

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Police Blotter

Thefts Top Reports

In Northville

Three persons received minor injuries in a two-car collision on Eight Mile at Novi Road shortly before 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Taken to Botsford Hospital were the drivers of the cars, David E. Burleigh Jr., of 25721 Lincoln in Novi, treated for mouth and head injuries, and Dorothy Tucker of Clare, treated for knee injuries. Alice Tucker of Clare suffered leg injuries but did not require hospitalization.

According to police, Mrs. Tucker was westbound on Eight Mile Road Burleigh, who was skidded on Eight Mile, skid-steered and turned into the side of her car. Burleigh was ticketed for failing to yield to oncoming traffic.

Police are investigating the theft of two tanks, copper tubing and a regulator from a construction site at Leominster Condo Homes on Eight Mile Road. Theft of the items, valued at more than \$100, took place between 8 p.m. Sunday and 1 p.m. Monday.

City police reported no accidents took place during Monday's snow storm but several vehicles stalled, causing traffic to back up.

Tools valued at more than \$100 and a spare tire were stolen from a car owned by Robert D. McLendon of Detroit. The theft occurred between 10 and 11:15 p.m. March 1 while the car was parked at Northville Downs.

According to police, unknown persons broke the trunk lock to gain entrance to the vehicle.

Police are investigating a case of tampering with an auto, tampering with a license, and tampering with a vehicle, February 29 in the lower level of the parking deck.

William R. Harden of 18266 Jamestown Circle told police the ignition switch on the steering column had been pried off. The damage occurred between 8:15 and 11:30 p.m.

Northville police investigated a case of attempted destruction of property that occurred at the Orchard Hill Elementary School sometime between 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, and 8 a.m. Thursday, March 2.

According to reports from the school, the vandals shot three holes in the windows on the west side of the school.

An illegal entry and larceny from the well-drilling company of Ray Harrison of 43885 12 Mile Road netted thieves a variety of power tools valued in excess of \$1,000.

The larceny was reported Tuesday February 29, and is currently under investigation by the Novi Detective Bureau.

Two members of the General Services Bureau, Corporals Robert Starnes and John Johnson, are attending a special seminar this month at Macomb Community College.

The Crime Scene and Scientific Aids seminar the two Novi officers are attending teaches proper methods in protecting and preserving a crime scene and how to gain maximum information from the scene through the use of scientific aids.

The course is held two days per week through the month of March. Of the 4,000 homes that first participated, only three were involved in burglaries. Of the 7,000 non-participating homes in the same area, 1,800 breaking and entering crimes were reported.

Residents are urged to place the W.I.P. stickers in prominent places where they will be readily visible from the street.

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PREVIEW—Novi officials and community leaders previewed the opening of the new multiple housing development on Eight Mile Road last week. Shown here in front of the development, called Country Place, are (left to

right) Charles O'Neil, president of the Smoker Company; Mrs. O'Neil; Novi Councilman Edwin Pressnell; and John Roethel, of the Novi Planning Board.

In Novi

Country Place Opens

Country Place, an unusual new condominium community featuring a modern innovative home style, in a country setting, will have its grand opening this weekend.

Near Northville, Country Place is on West Eight Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Country Club, inside the City of Novi.

Novi Township Fights

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all city and township voters - a likelihood so remote as to be impossible.

Next step in the proceedings regarding Brookland Farms is for the Commission to set a date for an adjudicative hearing. At this meeting they will announce their decision regarding the annexation and set a date for the approval of the "findings of fact and conclusions" written document announcing their decision, the reasons for it, and the date on which the annexation goes into effect.

Once the findings of fact and order have been officially accepted by the Commission, township officials will have 30 days in which to get 25 percent of Brookland Farms residents to petition for an election.

Although the Commission may still deny the City's annexation of Brookland Farms, there is every reason to believe that they will in-

stead approve the merger and thus let Township officials circulate petitions asking for an election.

And although Township officials should have little difficulty in soliciting the signatures of 25 percent of Brookland Farms residents, there is some question as to what the opinion of the majority of the subdivisions' residents will be to annexation to the city.

At the same time, there is some question as to how valuable the acquisition of Brookland Farms is to the city. Attorney Howard Bond told the Boundary Commission that the city of Novi would welcome the subdivision and be willing to extend full services to it.

But as the subdivision is entirely residential, the cost of supplying services will probably exceed the amount of additional taxes brought in.

Advertisement for Ken Rathert C.P.C.U. offering insurance benefits and services.

Advertisement for Citizens Man Northville Agency, Inc. offering insurance services.

Advertisement for Two Shops Set Grand Opening, featuring LaFleur Florist and Wayne's Meat Market.

Advertisement for Hall For Rent Northville, offering office space.

Advertisement for Casterline Funeral Home, serving the Northville area for 3 generations.

Advertisement for Wixom Co-operative Co. featuring various agricultural products and services.

Why It Happened . . . What It Means

Story Behind Unification Action

By BILL SLIGER

Petitions containing 352 signatures were filed shortly before 3 p.m. Monday with the State Boundaries Commission in Lansing asking for annexation of the total township area to the city of Northville.

Why now? What does the action mean to the community. . . to the taxpayer?

And who are the people behind this move?

And why not petitions to stop the building of a \$500,000 township hall-fire station complex, the thing that seems to be the most disturbing to most people?

Understandably, these were some of the reactions reported by circulators of petitions as they visited city and township homes Saturday and Sunday and collected signatures to unite the city and township under a single city-form of government.

The citizens involved in the initial action — the filing of petitions for combining the city and township under the existing city government — are named in the story appearing on Record page one.

They hope this is just a beginning of a much broader committee which will become deeply involved in the affairs of local government.

Admittedly, it is their belief that the community would function more economically and more professionally, governmentally speaking, under a single, unified city government.

They believe it would be a mistake to build a \$500,000 township hall-fire station complex; they believe it is a mistake to continue to expand the township police force.

Yet, they recognize that it is important for the township to direct its attention towards services that become more necessary as the building and population growth continues.

They view fire protection as the most critical of these needs.

But it is their opinion that this service, as well as police protection as its need increases, would be best provided through united effort with the city.

And these citizens view the construction of a new township hall, which has provisions to include a police department, plus a fire station as a commitment to large township government duplicating already existing city facilities.

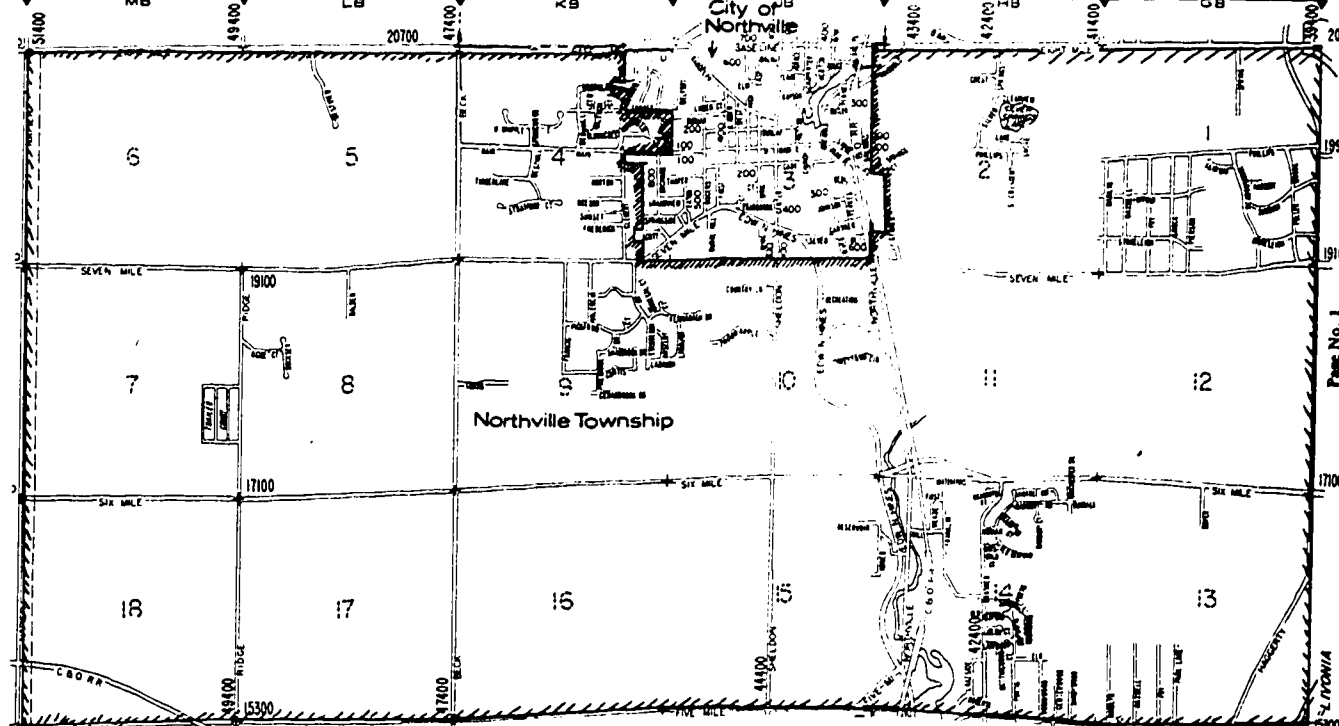
If the township is to operate its own fire department and police department in a new township hall, it would be most difficult for the most avid supporter of township government to deny that at least a seven-mill tax levy would be required. (One mill is currently levied in the township.)

Such figures depend upon the extent of services offered, of course, but history teaches that governments build rapidly and capital expenditures for new structures lead to more expenses for personnel and maintenance.

The most current and studied estimates made of the cost for operating a unified government which would offer township residents that same level of services now provided in the city is a maximum of seven mills.

But it's noted that this rate would hardly be that high initially because of the time needed to expand services, plus the fact that many services included in the estimate (such as street lights) would not be required or needed in many areas of the township for several years.

So why did the citizens' group decide to petition for annexation to the city?



Petitions filed with the State ask that the entire 17-square-mile township area be annexed to the city of Northville.

First, to avoid the possibility that petitions would be circulated in the township to incorporate the area into a separate city. This maneuver to avoid city-township unity has been taking place in Plymouth for more than a dozen years and another in a series of elections for the proposed city of "Plymouth Heights" is scheduled this month in Plymouth township.

And petitions for such an election is the second item on the agenda of the proposed, broad citizens' committee.

But these petitions cannot be gathered or filed until the township board officially publishes its intent to form an authority. Then citizens have 30 days to file election petitions.

Under state law the first petitions filed are the first to be considered. In Plymouth township the effort to form a city to surround the city of Plymouth has blocked unification efforts for over a decade.

So to gain attention, and time, the annexation petitions were filed. And if the township board follows through with its announced intention to form a building authority, this group has pledged itself to circulate petitions for an election on the question.

It's no secret that Northville township will soon need more tax dollars if it is to increase its services. So the chance exists that the additional revenues could be raised by forming a charter township (with a five-mill levy limitation) or incorporating as a city, or going to the voters and asking for a millage hike.

The terms of five of the seven members of the township board expire this fall.

One way around an election to construct a township hall is the "building authority" method. This permits the township to levy enough millage to retire building bonds without a vote, unless taxpayers petition for an election on the question.

And, finally, the group plans to seek out and develop a slate of candidates composed of both Democrats and Republicans to run for township office in the August primary election.

Even if the proposed annexation effort fails, they point out, ultimate unification should be the goal.

Advertisement titled 'What Happens Now' detailing the procedure and timetable for the proposed unification of the total city and township area by annexation.

Large advertisement for Andy's Meat Hut and LaFleur Florists, featuring a Grand Opening on Sunday, March 12.









# Plans Approved For Development

Both the site plan and the architectural design of the proposed Northville Square development in downtown Northville were approved by split votes of the planning commission Tuesday night.

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring with the opening slated for the summer of next year.

Three commissioners—Charles Freydl, Francis Gazlay, and Wallace Nicholson—voted against the architectural design, while Gazlay cast the lone dissenting vote on the site plan. Voting for both were: Chairman Thomas Wheaton, Ray Jackson, Bruce Turnbull, and J. B. DeFussa.

Nichols, a former councilman, led the opposition against the architectural design on grounds that the architect had failed to incorporate sufficient colonial design in the building to satisfy officials and the community.

Commissioners reported they had been swamped with telephone calls urging a colonial motif.

Commissioner Jackson, who was one of those receiving calls, noted that he had encouraged these people to be present for the meeting but that none of them "took the time to come here tonight."

"I think that the (present design) can be softened," declared Nichols, "to be more attractive to the people in the community... after all, these people will be looking at the center."

It's to your (developer) own advantage," Freydl and Gazlay suggested modification of the design to make it provincial and more in keeping with the general character of the community.

Gazlay suggested, too, that some exterior cover for pedestrians be provided.

Developer Richard McManus emphasized that, in his opinion, a colonial colored brick (dark red), wood paneling around the windows,

and the coach lanterns along the exterior promenade will high maintenance costs as the colonial effect desired by the people.

He and his architect cited high maintenance costs as a major problem with purely colonial design.

While the present design does not call for a dark brick but rather a light one like that used in the city hall and post office buildings, McNichols said he would leave the decision of brick color to the planners as suggested by Gazlay.

"We want to please the people," said McNichols, "but it is impossible to please all of them with a single identity. I am confident it (design) will not be as harsh as the sketch carried earlier in The Record."

When McNichols offered to change the color of the brick to please the commission, McNichols appeared somewhat satisfied but he continued to urge that the roof lines be softened.

Noting that several different designs have been presented to the commission over the past year, Wheaton argued that the latest design had already been agreed to in principle by planners. "We are allowing the developer to stop stalling and get on with it," he declared.

Wheaton reiterated an earlier contention that "everybody who moves to Northville wants to be the last person here," that they would prefer that no changes be made at all.

Turnbull, who reminded fellow commissioners that he is a native of Northville, said he found the design pleasing and in keeping with the community.

Big hangup with the site plan was over a service drive off Main Street, Gazlay and others warned that such a

drive could create traffic problems with trucks backing up off Main Street.

However, when the matter came to a vote, and Jackson offered a motion prefaced by the remark that the city has methods of dealing with traffic problems should they come up, all but Gazlay voted for the site plan.

Basic to objections to the service drive were long-range plans for making a mall in the center of the downtown section and blocking off Main Street to vehicular traffic.

When this happens, Gazlay and others explained, the service drive could present a problem.

The developer took the position that if a problem does arise, the city could simply prohibit him from using the drive. A single service drive also is planned in the rear of the development, off Cady Street.

In other action Monday, the commission voted to recommend rezoning from residential to professional office two lots on South Main Street, just north of Beal.

Request for rezoning of one lot was made by Leon Bonner, while the other was on the commission's own petition. The recommendations go now to the city council for a final decision.

Also approved was the site and architectural plan of Dennis Roux, who plans to build a professional office building on South Center Street across from the Chatham supermarket.

# Northville to Pay Most For Randolph Drain



RANDALL CASWELL 1970 High School Picture

# Caswell Called Model Student

A 19-year-old Northville youth, who was arrested and charged last week with setting one of the fires at the University of Michigan, was a model student here, high school officials report.

Randall B. Caswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Armand Caswell, 41845 Eight Mile Road, stood mute upon arraignment in Washenaw Circuit Court on a charge of starting a fire February 3 in a university library which destroyed a number of books.

A not guilty plea was entered in his behalf, and the youth was sent to the Ypsilanti State Hospital for psychological examinations. He is a patient at the hospital now and is expected to be there several more weeks.

His parents, who have visited him in the hospital, told this newspaper their son is badly shaken by the arrest but "he is not physically suffering. He is being treated well."

The boy's father, who said he necessarily must guard his statements lest he embarrass his son's case, emphasized that "this is not a situation of radical or political connotation. Truly not."

Asked if the liberal environment of the university, may have influenced his son, he said, "I don't think we can say that. Under the circumstances we just don't completely understand it... we really don't." "The university," he added, "has been most understanding."

The boy's attorney, Raymond F. Clevergh, who requested his commitment, has been quoted as saying the youth is "sick."

The arrest capped an intensive investigation into a series of more than 60 fires, most small nuisance fires, by a host of law enforcement

personnel—including State Police arson investigator, James Thomas of Northville. Caswell, a University of Michigan freshman who graduated from Northville High School in 1970, is charged with only one of the fires. Investigation into the others continues.

According to David Longridge, assistant principal at the high school, Caswell "was a good student here. We had no disciplinary problems with him...nothing at all."

The boy's high school counselor here, Jack Wiggins, said he was "a very good student." He was active in football, newspaper, and debate. He also was representative of a compromise on earlier plans which included impoundment of waters northwest of Taft and Eight near Nine Mile Road.

The only major fault found in the proposal by the Northville City Manager, Frank Ollendorff, and city councilmen Monday was the \$100,000 assessment against Northville for a drain improvement around the apartment complex at Taft and Eight Mile.

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# Hearing Set On City Alley

A public hearing to consider a proposal to backstop an alley between Center and Grace, north of Baseline, has been set for April 3.

Although neither councilman nor the city manager see any urgency in carrying out the project, they decided to call the hearing to get an expression from the property owners involved.

City Manager Frank Ollendorff made it plain that should the project become a reality it probably would be 100-percent or near 100-percent assessment of abutting property owners since the alley improvement would be of no real benefit to the general public.

Impetus for the project has been the traffic hazard represented by cars backing out of the alley improvement, across from the high school property.



Met death from ice falling from the roof of a neighbors home. Jennie Yerkes, who died in 1872, is typical of Victorian stones. A little lamb graces the top of a scroll around which a lily is entwined and a classic leaf design is carved at the base on which was the double grave and Post to Thy Redeemer on another.

Although many people in the Brighton area refer to the site as the "old Episcopal cemetery," he pointed out it was never owned by the church.

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# Cycle Races Set

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that citizens in the southern part of the city, where the track is located, are forced to bear much of the inconveniences of racing and of improvement projects "that never seem to get finished."

Concerning the latter, he referred specifically to the incomplete Griswold and Wing Street extensions, which in the case of Griswold are "making the city look like an urban renewal project."

Furthermore, Gaab questioned the benefit to the city of such races, arguing that while some cyclists are acceptable many (not race drivers, but cyclists who may come as spectators) are undesirable. "I like horses but not flies," he told Carlo in noting that such races may draw problem fans.

Carlo disagreed, pointing out that similar races held elsewhere have created little of these kinds of problems.

The Downs' general manager emphasized that he wished only "to try it once" to determine if either the council or neighbors found objections. If such objections are made, he asserted, plans for any additional races would be dropped.

He said other notable tracks, including Roosevelt Raceway and Arlington Park, have sponsored motorcycle races.

Folino said he disavored such races but since an existing city ordinance permits them the council cannot interfere. He suggested the trial races be reviewed in June and if those races are found objectionable the council should consider repeal of the ordinance.

Vernon, on the other hand,

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# In South Lyon

"A brushing of the surface" of South Lyon area cemeteries yields a wealth of interesting epitaphs, dates and other assorted facts.

Visited briefly was perhaps the most decrepit - an old, abandoned cemetery along the west side of Pontiac Trail just south of Eight Mile in Salem Township. Given over to Brambles and disuse, dates of death run from the 1830's up to around 1850 and markers are quite badly marred by age.

A brief stop at New Hudson Cemetery - a marvelous, old and large burial site along Millford Road north of Grand River - yielded the fact that one American Revolutionary War soldier is interred there. He was Ambrose Orvis who died at the age of 96 on August 30, 1844. His grave, just inside the south entrance, contains a plaque from the DAR.

One non-human cemetery - Happy Hunting Grounds at Milford and 11 Mile - shows

deep devotion to pets. Pierre, seven month-old puppy, received this glowing tribute: *Pierre, our Precious Boy, The Love and Joy you gave us, always will we remember, Mommy and Daddy Caille.*

Also enshrined at Happy Hunting Grounds are Daffodil and "Duffy Doodle," a member of the monkey family, whose grave contains an artificial banana. Two inscriptions from the Bible, his picture holding a daffodil, etc.

At a Green Oak cemetery (on the Lyon Township line) along Grand River north of Kent Lake State Park, most graves date around 1837, 1838 and 1840 and one is a marker for a Civil War soldier named Abram T. Wood. Margary, wife of Jighabod Peavy, died March 6, 1838. The stone was made by a Pontiac firm, as were several in the following cemetery.

In the Rayson plot, the death of Mrs. Rayson is remembered in stone.

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from the Pastor's Study Confronted By The Cross



Arnold B. Cook, Pastor First Baptist Church of Novi

The coming of spring with its resurgence of life, brings with it a renewed emphasis of the greatest fact of all time - the cross.

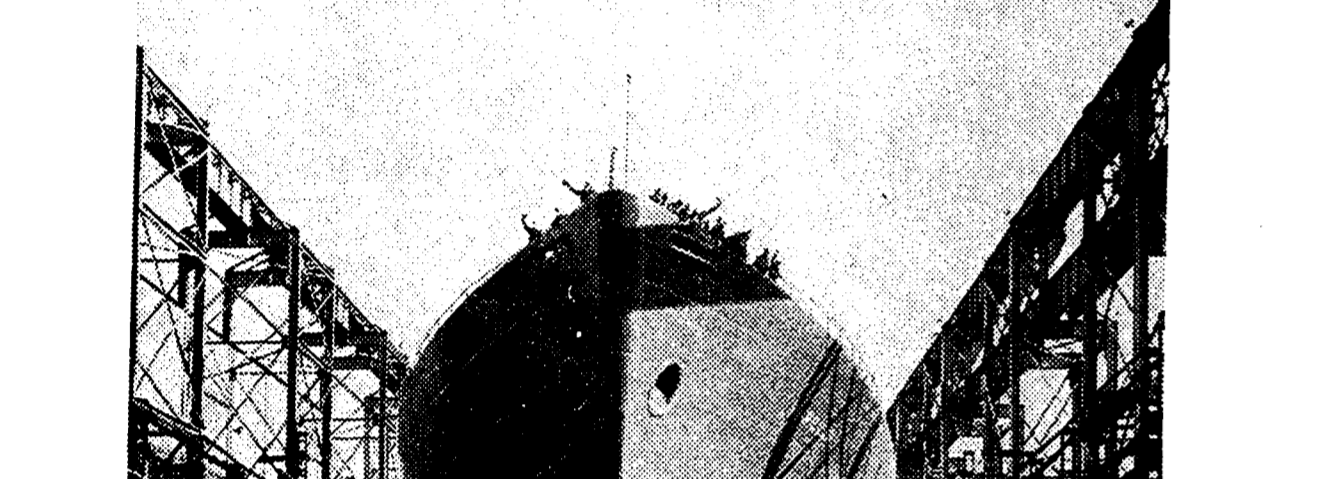
But in the cross - that enigma of triumph and tragedy; glory and shame; life and death, man is confronted with the divine challenge - God's solution. The cross is not an answer - it is the only answer for there at the cross God judges sin in the person of His beloved Son, and the shame that He endured in dying, "the just for the unjust," brings glory, triumph and life.

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To be sure, man has many problems. He is concerned with the matter of time against eternity, guilt instead of innocence, death instead of life and hell instead of heaven.

By every means conceivable, this creature of perplexity has sought a solution to his dilemma, not from the counsels of a loving God, but rather from the halls of secular learning; from the laboratories of curious research, and from the technological contrivances which all may be good to a measure; but none of them singly, nor all of them combined.



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There she goes... UNDERWAY at last! You can almost feel her confidence when she hits the water. But who knows what adventures await her on the Seven Seas? How many crucial tests must the captain face before she finally rests at a harbor of safety?

We're the captains of our own ships in the voyage through life. We begin with determined optimism. We have youth, ambition, determination. We have health and strength. But as we get "underway," we soon find ourselves faced with sudden trials and obstacles. It is in these moments of crisis that our faith and courage are challenged.

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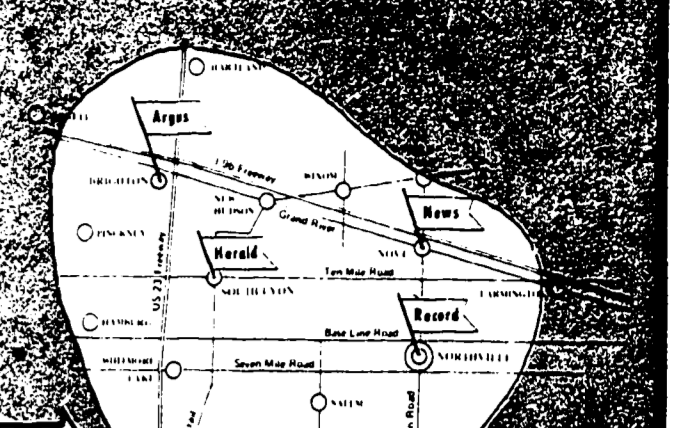
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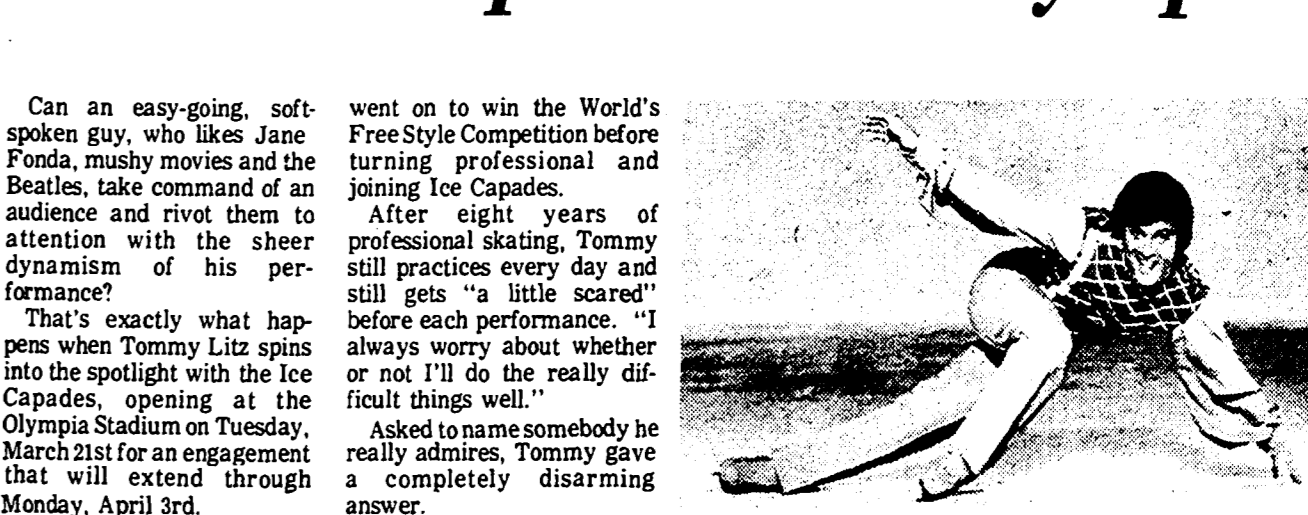
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# A LOOSE LEAF

By ROLLY PETERSON

Although Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has apparently let up on his attacks on the press, the notion seems to be widely held that the press is liberal. Nothing could be further from the truth. The press is overwhelmingly conservative.

A recent study by Ben Badikian, a commentator on the news media, bears out the fact. Writing in the Columbia Journalism Review, Badikian says: "The irony is that Agnew in one sense is right—the newspapers of this country are out of step with the electorate—but they are massively out of step in the direction opposite to that which Nixon-Agnew claim."

Badikian then presents a few figures. In 1960, 78 percent of the newspapers endorsing a presidential candidate backed Nixon. In 1968, Nixon had 68 percent.

It's not only the smaller, more conservative, rural newspapers which cast their lot, as expected, with Nixon. All of the major newspapers in the cities of Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Philadelphia were for him, Badikian claims.

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# New Oil Source Raises Hopes

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platforms are supported by huge submerged floats which are relatively unaffected by the motion of the sea, even withstanding 100-foot waves.

A recent estimate predicts that in two years there could be twenty drill rigs at work and by 1980 sixty rigs could be in the area, half of which might well be active producers.

Why is the North Sea crude worth going after? Though drilling is only in initial stages, several

separate fields have been located. Present proven reserves are estimated roughly at five billion barrels, but the potential may be many times that figure—a real oil bonanza!

EVIDENCE of the worth and extent of the basin was seen in the British sector, with about last August of \$50 million for an ninety-six square-mile block far to the north of current proven discoveries. The bidder had apparently developed seismic data promising favorable drilling results.

While it is unlikely that U.S. oil requirements will be bolstered directly from North Sea production, American oil companies successful in the area should benefit, since they will be less vulnerable to political overtones rampant elsewhere in the oil-producing world. Hence, the Research Department of Babson's Reports advises investors to keep a close eye on North Sea operations.



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## Fire Sweeps Novi Residence

Firemen from both Novi and Northville battled a blaze that did extensive damage to the Glen Salow residence at 2476 Taft Road last Friday. Although the cause of the fire is as yet unknown, it started in the southeast corner of the two story wood frame home and destroyed much of the interior of the first floor.



## Opposition Grows

### Voc Ed Treads Water

A proposed vocational education program in Novi continues to tread water this week despite another vote and an added adversary.

Voting 42 to rescind its previous action and align the Novi school district with the Clarendenville system in sharing a vocational education director, it was apparent by Monday's discussion that board members still have serious doubts that the program has not been funded and may be politically motivated.

DeWard, who cast the lone dissenting vote two weeks ago in opposing the alignment proposal and the decision to apply for state funds to operate a beefed-up vocational education program, was joined this time by Secretary Ray Warren.

Warren echoed the sentiments of DeWard, who suggested again Novi may be moving ahead prematurely. Taking the position that the state-supported program has not been funded and may be politically motivated, DeWard cautioned fellow members that while Oakland County districts may be "going along," Macomb County is still debating whether or not the program, even if funded, is worthy.

Macomb, he emphasized, is studying the proposed program and examining its potential costs before moving ahead.

"I don't believe we are acting responsible to the taxpayers without making

sure our (existing) industrial arts programs are up to date," DeWard declared. He suggested that the new middle school industrial arts program is less than satisfactory.

The program in question involves local district sharing of vocational programs with proposed financial assistance from the state and/or federal government.

Two weeks ago the board decided to align the district with the Huron Valley and South Lyon districts in a sharing program, but this week, upon the advice of the Oakland County Intermediate School District and the recommendation of the administration, it voted to align the district with Clarendenville.

Comparable size potential growth, and closer proximity were given as reasons for the Novi-Clarendenville alignment.

"Our industrial arts program here leaves a lot to be desired," said Warren, who indicated he preferred beefing up the existing program rather than moving into a new area.

School President Gilbert Henderson offered these comments:

"If between now and August the proposed vocational education program is scrapped, will it have an adverse morale affect upon the student-teacher body?"

"He, too, is cognizant that Macomb County is cautious about moving into the program, but the fact that Macomb is concerned because it has had no input into the program is not surprising since counties generally are not involved in planning of state or federal programs."

"Between now and the time Novi must decide whether or not to implement the program, he will be the demanding facts and figures to justify implementation. Specifically, he indicated he will demand the number of

# Ordinance Sought On Condominiums

Adoption of an ordinance that would govern development of condominium projects within the City of Novi was delayed by the council Monday as it sought tougher provisions relating specifically to the creation of "community facilities."

"Community facilities" is a loosely defined term referring generally to such amenities as parks, clubhouses, and swimming pools which developers use to make their projects more lucrative to buyers.

If the council was concerned more than usual about community facilities, part of that concern could be directly traceable to a trio of Village Oaks residents, who attended last week's council meeting and complained about the slowness with which Kaufman and Broad (K&B), developers of Village Oaks, were providing open-space for park use.

Said Councilman Denis Barry, "I don't want people in Village Oaks condominiums coming up here and bitching the way people in the Village Oaks single-family residences are doing now. I want to protect against this in the future."

Heading the opposition to adoption of the Condominium Ordinance was Councilman Edwin Presnell, who criticized it as being too lenient. "I think it's a bad ordinance," said Presnell. "It'd just as soon leave the situation just as it is now than approve something as incomplete as this is. I've always said no ordinance is better than a bad ordinance."

Primary thrust of Presnell's criticisms was directed at regulating construction of the community facilities. The councilman proposed that when a development is to include pools, clubhouses, or other public amenities, they must all be completed before the city issues any certificates of occupancy.

Presnell's proposal met with disapproval on several points and from several sources.

First to object was Barry Stolberg, attorney for Kaufman and Broad.

Inclusion of community facilities in any development, Stolberg asserted, are strictly up to the discretion of the builder. Taking such steps as outlined by Presnell, he continued, would have the effect of discouraging builders from putting them in the first place.

"I don't see why you should

require amenities to be built first as long as they are included in the overall plan," he said. "If the purpose of this would be to assure that developers carry through with proposed amenities, you can do it by other means."

City Manager George Athas objected to two other reasons. First, he objected to the withholding of issuance of certificates of occupancy as an administrative headache. The second area of Athas' objection concerned financing.

"If we require these facilities to be built first, it will cost the developers more money and they'll simply pass the expense along to future Novi residents."

In spite of the objections to Presnell's proposal, the council was still eager to protect against "unscrupulous developers" who promise amenities and then never follow through with them.

Finally, a compromise proposed by Stolberg met

## By Novi Councilman

### Inaction Criticised

A "let's wait and see" position supported by the majority of the Novi city council members in regard to adoption of the cluster housing option to advise ordinance drew the ire of Councilman William O'Brien Monday.

Said O'Brien, "If we don't offer developers sufficient options to at least try to make this community look like something other than a bunch of crackerboxes, then we're all but inviting the state to

come in and take over our zoning for us."

O'Brien's remarks were made after the council had given Mayor Joseph Crupa a consensus opinion to advise the planning board to take no further action on the cluster housing option presently before it for consideration.

Essentially cluster housing is one-family, semi-attached dwelling units. At the urging of city planning consultant Vilcan Leman, Novi has been considering allowing cluster

## Council Won't Raise Millage

Novi officials will not take advantage of the recent Supreme Court decision which would have allowed them to raise property taxes without going to a vote of the people.

The city council confirmed that position Monday with the unanimous adoption of a resolution of intent submitted by Councilman Edwin Presnell.

Presnell's resolution read as follows:

"Whereas the supreme court has rendered a decision that tax limitation as set forth in a chartered political subdivision may be raised without a vote of the electorate, and whereas the council has no intention of taking advantage of the Supreme Court's decision and leaving additional taxes without first bringing it to an election.

Adoption of the resolution has added significance in Novi. On the date of the spring primary election, Novi voters will be asked to approve an amendment to the Charter for the City of Novi, that taxation be, 'of the people, by the people, and for the people,' where good government should be, and whereas: currently there are four members of the Charter

Commission on the present city council, he resolved the council, in the City of Novi, reaffirms the position of the intent of the Charter Commission, that no additional taxes beyond the six and one-half mill limitation, as set forth in the charter, be levied without the vote of the electorate in the City of Novi."

Although Presnell's resolution is not legally binding on either the present or future city councils, what it in effect does is tell the people of the city of Novi that the council has no intention of taking advantage of the Supreme Court's decision and leaving additional taxes without first bringing it to an election.

Termining it "premature," Councilman Edwin Presnell suggested the option be set aside at present until a study of other areas allowing the cluster option have been made.

Presnell's suggestion drew the support of Councilmen Raymond Evans, Denis Berry, and Louis Campbell.

## Wixom Police Study Ambulance Service

Police Chief George Von Behren told the Wixom city council Tuesday he was studying the possibility of entering into a contract for ambulance service to the Wixom area.

Von Behren's announcement was the major item of business on a light agenda which the Wixom council conducted quickly.

Currently Wixom has an agreement with Fleet Ambulance Service, Von Behren reported, but the average response time per call is 20 minutes. General Ambulance Service with an office in Novi has guaranteed a response time of eight minutes per call.

"We'll try them out on a one month trial basis," the Wixom Chief of Police reported. "If they can cut 12 minutes off the average response time it could save some lives and will definitely save a lot of suffering."

Von Behren will report his findings and make a recommendation to the council at a later date.

In another police-related item of business, the council authorized the invitation of bids for another police car. Purchase of two police cars was authorized in the annual budget and funds are available.

## Search for New Superintendent

A methodical, professional search for a new school superintendent is underway, Novi School Board President Gilbert Henderson emphasized to citizens Monday night.

Addressing himself to the audience at Monday's board meeting, Henderson said that the search for a new superintendent will be made by their top selections for board consideration. Recommendation of a list of final applicants is expected to be made by the universities sometime in April.



ROTARIAN OF YEAR—George McCollum, left, charter member of the Novi Rotary Club, was named Outstanding Rotarian of 1971 last week for his contributions to the club and for his leadership and assistance in community civic projects. Making the first annual award presentation, as Mrs. (Sharon) McCollum looks on, is Club President Hadley Bachert.

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