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**40-Foot-Lot Homes Request Is Tabled**

SOUTHFIELD—A request to build homes on 40-foot lots in Southfield Woods subdivision by area builders was tabled for the second meeting in a row by township board of appeals last week in order to give board members a chance to make field studies of the proposal.

There are seven lots involved in the subdivision, located in Section 13.

SOUTHFIELD—Regular meeting of the township board of appeals, scheduled for Nov. 15, has been postponed to Nov. 20 because Board Chairman R. F. Wuerfel will be unable to attend.



FOXCROFT'S community barbecue was completed this week after a full last year when it was feared a toll road would go through the area. Foxcroft youngsters and adults worked on the project with the inevitable dog supervising the activities.

**Foxcroft Completes Barbecue, Grilled Steaks in Sight!**

By KAROL DARLING

Foxcroft residents have completed a community barbecue on Crabapple Commons as a part of a long-term program of community development.

**Charter**

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 5) needed, for government operation then under the present township tax setup, said Costello.

"THE CHARTER may be amended at any time in accordance with the statute setting up home rule type of government by a three-fifths vote of the council or by five per cent of the people that are registered," added Costello.

In discussing cost of village operation, Shurtleff said that a preliminary budget of \$153,300 yearly had been set up with a tax rate of \$7.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. All figures were based on the 1950 census listing 1800 persons in the area which would provide a state tax return of approximately \$29,000.

"HOWEVER," continued Shurtleff, "we have just completed a census of our own and counted 7,088 people. If that census is accepted at the time of incorporation, our return from the state would be about \$130,000, or just about \$29,000 less than the amount we now estimate we would need to operate the village."

"That means the greatly increased revenue could sharply reduce our estimated village tax rate of \$7.25 without the reduction of police, fire, road and other village services."

Shurtleff pointed out that a village cannot tax above two per cent of the assessed valuation, regardless of whether or not there is a vote; cannot incur indebtedness exceeding 10 per cent of the assessed value; cannot provide pension and retirement systems.

"COMPARING the many advantages of village government for this area with the many disadvantages of city government," he concluded, "we firmly believe that

Southfield's proposed tax limit, continued Costello, is not unreasonable nor is it a deceiving amount. As a village, residents must also pay the township tax, the three-mill road tax (if the township board so decides to impose such a tax) and an additional six-mill tax which can be levied with a vote of the people, said Costello.

It is evident the present form of government is going to change probably in the near future—therefore, a city is inevitable, so why not now?" concluded Costello.

quests as well as for community gatherings.

CRABAPPLE Commons is the center of recreational activities for Foxcrofters. Equipped with swings, slides, a tennis court, a shuffle board court and other recreational equipment, the Commons area is fun for little and big folks alike. During the winter season there are ice skating facilities for all Foxcrofters who enjoy the sport.

MANY AREA residents contributed their time to the community barbecue project. The structure was designed by H. G. Haines, H. E. Twietmeyer, R. O. Darling and G. L. McCain.

Even the local small fry worked hard on the making of 2,000 slump brick used in construction. A ride on the tractor was the reward for their labor.

SOME of the residents contributing their time besides Mr. Twietmeyer, Mr. McCain, Mr. Haines and Mr. Darling were C. J. Van Halteren, F. O. Gadd, J. A. Hall, E. E. Kramer, J. F. Seely, C. P. Buschgens, J. D. Kershaw, L. J. Knapp, F. L. Gracey, Kenneth Haines, W. H. Gatenby, R. E. Stanford, J. S. Bink, M. H. Martin, G. S. Whittaker, W. S. Ahrens and E. W. Kleinschmidt.

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**Goal in Sight**  
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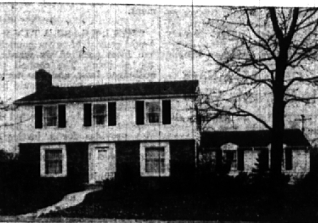
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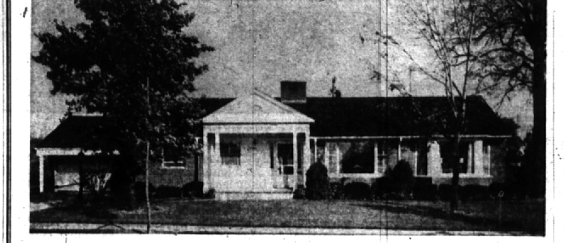
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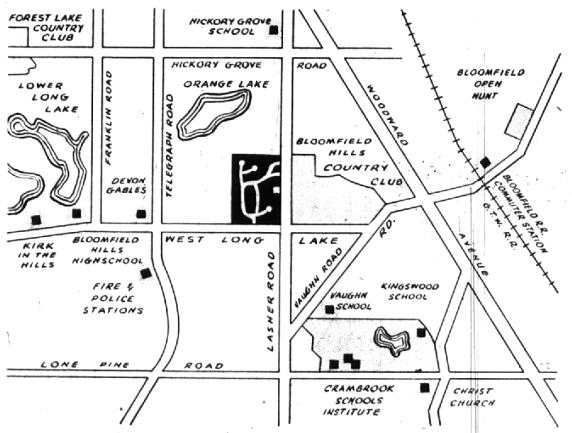


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