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# The city grows



The area proposed for annexation is outlined on this 2-year-old photo. The view is west toward St. Matthews.

## Jeffersontown will annex Plainview Farms

By Robin Garr III  
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The city of Jeffersontown this week began legal action to annex the huge Plainview Farms development.

Annexation of the 630-acre tract lying between Shelbyville Road and Interstate 64 and between Hurstbourne and Moser Lanes, will immediately swell the city's size by about 33 percent.

If the subdivision is developed according to plans over the next five years or so, its 6,000 new residents will add about 50 percent to Jeffersontown's present population. This would boost Jeffersontown past St. Matthews and close to Shively as

the second-largest city in Jefferson County. The 1970 population of Jeffersontown was 9,701 and is now estimated at 12,000.

Development is already under way on the first Plainview homes. When the subdivision is complete, according to its developers, it will be "a city in itself" including a shopping center, and office buildings as well as private homes, apartments and townhouse-style condominiums.

A story detailing plans for the development is on Page A-3.

At a special meeting on Wednesday the Jeffersontown City Council passed an ordinance proposing the annexation.

As the law requires, on passage of the first ordinance, the city will now file suit in Jefferson Circuit Court, affording anyone who may oppose annexation the opportunity to be heard.

If the Circuit Court finds in the city's favor (normally a routine conclusion in a case like this, where the only directly affected property owners are the developers), the council must pass the annexation ordinance again, and the property becomes a part of the city when the final ordinance is published.

The council's formal decision is the culmination of more than two months' negotiations between Mayor Franklin J. Chambers, council members and repre-

sentatives of the Plainview Farms Development Corporation.

The area being annexed includes most of the land between Hurstbourne on the west, Moser Lane and Woodcroft subdivision on the east; it extends from Shelbyville Road on the north to Interstate 64 on the south.

Excluded from the area to be annexed are certain commercial properties on Hurstbourne near Shelbyville Road, and a future school site in the same area; the Holiday Inn area at Hurstbourne and I-64, and the sixth-class city of Blue Ridge Manor on Shelbyville Road.

Mayor Franklin Chambers said on the

proposed annexation, "The city will gain a first-class residential section, with first-rate commercial areas. It's a well-planned subdivision, and will be an asset to our city."

Though he admits rapid development in Plainview will require rapid expansion of, at least, the city's police force and garbage collection system -- "within the next year-and-a-half," he estimated -- Mayor Chambers said "I don't foresee any headaches."

Because the Plainview project is "well-planned, the mayor said, "there shouldn't be any drainage problems, for instance."

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## Council to consider new industrial park

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Another Jeffersontown-area industrial park, to be known as "East Bluegrass Industrial Park," was referred to committee by Jeffersontown City Council at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 6.

The council received the recommendation of the County Planning Commission, which had asked a zone change from R-4 residential to MP-2-A industrial park. The property is located on both sides of Blankenbaker Road and south of Inter-

state 64, directly east of the present Bluegrass Industrial Park property.

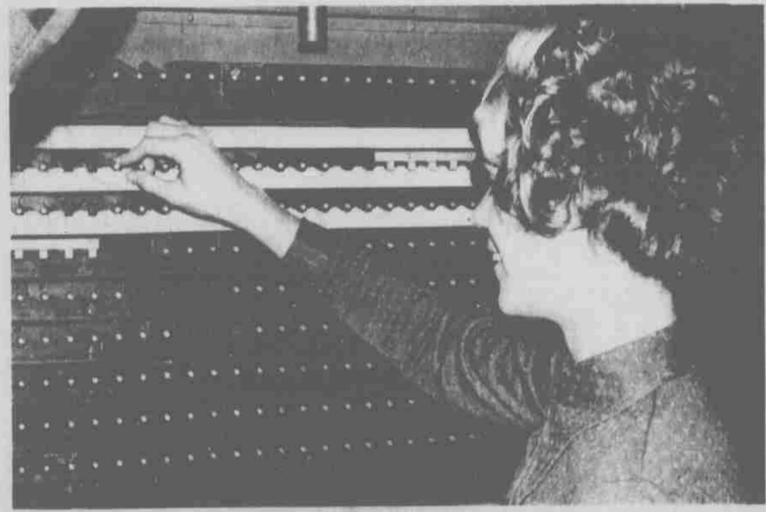
Owner of the land is R. F. McMahan Sr., the East End land developer who built the McMahan Center shopping area at Hikes Point.

McMahan told The Jeffersonian Tuesday he will sell the property to Alan Squitieri of Louisville, who will develop the industrial park as a joint venture with Certain-Teed Products division of Valley Forge Co.

"It's too early to discuss specific plans," Squitieri said on Tuesday. "We

haven't even purchased the property yet." Development will begin in the relatively near future, Squitieri hinted, saying plans may be revealed as early as next month.

The original plan presented to the planning commission proposed development of a large motel complex, bowling lanes and other commercial uses and was contingent on development of a freeway interchange at I-64 and Blankenbaker. As recommended by the planning commission, the proposed zoning forbids any commercial development in the new park, limiting it to industrial park use.



LEA NALLY, a ninth-grader at Jeffersontown High School, makes a last-minute voting decision during the mock election there on Monday, Nov. 6.

## JHS mock vote goes GOP

By Janet Biller  
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The skies were sunny and clear, and it was a beautiful day for voters to go to the polls.

We're not talking about Tuesday, our national election day, but Monday, Nov. 6, as approximately 900 students representing grades 7 through 12 participated in a mock election held at Jeffersontown High School.

The "polls" opened at 8:30 am and by 3:30 pm the final count was in -- Richard M. Nixon for president in a three-to-one count over George McGovern.

The President led a Republican sweep among JHS voters.

The voting machine that had been donated to the school a few years ago by the county clerk's office really got a work-out as students filed in and out throughout the day.

According to James Sexton, senior high school counselor, the goal was to involve as many students as possible in the voting process, especially the seniors.

Although the machine has been used for demonstration purposes in government classes in the past, "... this is the first time we've used it for a presidential election," Sexton said.

He explained that Eddie Black of the county clerk's office worked on the machine two evenings trying to get it in shape for the "election."

"The counters work, but some of the levers are jammed," Sexton added. It

will take some money to get it in good working order, but how much is not known.

The entire student body was not able to vote, he said, since the machine "only registers up to 1,000." (There are approximately 2,700 students enrolled at Jeffersontown.)

Selected representatives from each grade participated in the voting, Sexton said, and because of the lack of time three students were allowed to enter the booth at one time toward the end of the day. One voted, he explained, while the other two observed the procedure.

Eight representatives of the high school Parent - Teacher - Association volunteered to help.

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## Republicans sweep

As Jeffersontown goes, so goes the nation -- or even more so. That was the story on Election Day 1972, as voting here generally followed patterns across the county, state and nation, but were a little more heavily Republican.

In Jeffersontown's seven precincts, local voters gave the nod to President Nixon by 3,205 to 1,220 ballots cast for Senator George McGovern -- a 72 percent victory for the Republican national ticket.

The race for U. S. Senator from Kentucky was close in Jeffersontown, as it was throughout the state, but voters here picked former Gov. Louie B. Nunn by a narrow 2,294 to 2,077 vote over Jeffersontown native Walter (Dee) Huddleston, who won the state-wide contest.

Local resident M. Gene Snyder was returned to his seat as Congressman throughout the Fourth District and in Jeffersontown, where he gained 3,021 votes against Democrat James W. Rogers's 960 -- a 76 percent victory for Snyder.

In the three contests for Circuit Court judges, chancery branch, Jeffersontown voters paralleled the choices of their Jefferson County neighbors.

They chose Republican incumbent Richard A. Revell by 1,223 to 889 for Democrat Charles Anderson in the Fourth Branch; incumbent Democrat

Jack Mudd by 1,251 to 1,061 for Republican challenger Clem Block in the Sixth Branch, and Republican Alexander Booth by 1,129 over incumbent Democrat Frank Logan's 519 votes, and 443 for the American Party's Richard Oldham.

Each of the seven precincts in Jeffersontown followed these patterns with few exceptions. Precinct A-22 at the Waterson Trail First Baptist Church, and B-9 at the Chamber of Commerce, voted Huddleston over Nunn for Senate by narrow margins, 201 - 199 and 331 - 330 respectively.

The most heavily Republican precinct in the city appeared to be B-39, voting at Jeffersontown Elementary School, which gave Nixon 583 votes to 172 for McGovern, favored Nunn by 413 - 344 over Huddleston, and voted 591 ballots for Snyder against 153 for Rogers.

Democratic candidates held the Republicans to the narrowest margins in A-22 at the Waterson Trail Baptist Church, favoring Huddleston by two votes over Nunn, voting for Nixon by 276 - 132, and holding Snyder's margin over Rogers to 286 - 111.

Precinct workers throughout the city reported voting was extremely heavy. Mrs. Betty Hedden, at B-9 in the Chamber of Commerce, said "We had a ball

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