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today's hot line

Editorial and advertising deadlines will be moved up 24 hours by Observer Newspapers, Inc. to enable employees to enjoy the Fourth of July weekend.

The new deadlines, effective only for the editions of Sunday, July 6, will be:

Editorial — 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 2;

Church news, 12 noon, Wednesday, July 2.

Display advertising — 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 2.

Classified advertising — 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3.

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Dems Scorn Budget

Oakland County supervisors are toying with a 1969-70 budget and local Democrats are unhappy with the decisions contemplated. One of the decisions, a cutback in anti-poverty funds, is explored.

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Junior Speedsters

The Farmington Jaycees held their annual junior track meet last weekend and attracted a large crowd. Here are the results, in story and picture.

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Unusual Service

An interesting and unusual service is planned Sunday in the University Hills Christian Reformed Church, which meets on the OCC Orchard Ridge campus. See the story on our Church Page.

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Other Methods

To suburbanites caught in traffic jams on the way to work, the idea of mass transit must have some charm. So Roving Editor W. W. Edgar checked out what other cities are doing and describes some eye-opening ideas in story and pictures. It's today's Sunday Feature.

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Capitol Ideas

How did your state representative vote on that new Capitol Building plan? What's the inside story about how legislative probes of political patronage were scuttled? Each week the Observer Newspapers bring you stories of what your lawmakers are doing and how they voted. You won't find this service in any daily paper, radio or television station.

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SCHOLAR Mrs. Patricia Tompkins, Farmington High School Latin and English teacher, decides which study she will take with her for her summer's study in Italy under a Fulbright scholarship.

Off To Italy

Pat's Grant A Rarity

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Prestige scholarships like Fulbright scholarships are usually the exclusive property of college professors but a Farmington High School teacher has won a Fulbright for a summer's study in Italy.

Mrs. Patricia Tompkins, who teaches Latin and English, will study Roman history and architecture at the American Academy in Rome and the Virgilian School in Naples.

The scholarship Mrs. Tompkins has won is a special Fulbright awarded teachers of the classics.

MRS. TOMPKINS explains

that she was named a recipient after a series of applications and tests.

"I read about these special grants in many classic publications. They are the perfect thing for a Latin teacher and I just about blew the roof down when I heard I had received one."

While blowing the roof down, the teacher has been trying to figure ways to circumvent the Italian custom of no women going out at night alone.

"I'm hoping for a congenial bunch of students to be there with me because I especially want to attend a performance of Italian opera at the Baths of

Caracalla—and they perform only at night."

SHE ALSO PLANS to throw a coin in the Fountain of Trevi, see the Coliseum, the Parthenon, the Sistine Chapel, climb Mt. Vesuvius and anything else she can crawl into her six-week stay.

Already well-acquainted with Italian classical sites, Mrs. Tompkins is also well-acquainted with the stories about women tourists, namely pinching them on certain parts of the anatomy.

"A friend of mine warned me to carry an umbrella with a sharp point and I'm packing one

even if I have to leave some of my books out," she laughs.

THE LATIN TEACHER hopes there won't be too much men of her to pinch after she eats all the Italian food, which she loves.

"I'm planning to diet when I get back," she says. "I'll probably have to."

Also when she gets back, the teacher plans to have many pictures of Italy's and Rome's ancient sites to show her students.

She will also have earned enough in further education to take a year for six hours of graduate credit. She already holds a master's degree so this will apply toward a Ph.D.

Issue Call For Queen Of Festival

The search has begun for the 1969 Miss Farmington Founders Festival queen.

The Farmington Board of Commerce issued a call this week for contestants for the beauty pageant.

The crown is not that difficult to earn, says Chamber President Tom Zoedus. Girls need only meet a few minimal requirements, submit an entry blank and give it a try.

To enter, contestants must be between 17-22 years old, never have been married, and a resident of Farmington since July 1, 1968.

THE QUEEN and the two runnerup will reign for three days during the annual Founders Festival July 24, 25, 26. During the year, the queen will also represent the chamber in parades and other community functions.

Preliminary judging will be held July 22 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Elks Temple. Girls will be judged on poise, appearance and personality.

Final judging will be held July 24. The deadline for submitting entries is July 16. There is no entry fee for girls wishing to enter the competition.

Zoedus announced the chamber is looking for merchants or groups interested in sponsoring a contestant. The fee for sponsoring a queen's candidate is \$25. The business may sponsor its own girl or request the chamber to select one.

Information on sponsorship may be obtained by calling Barb Borge, chamber secretary, at 476-2590.

THE THEME for the 1969 festival will be "Farmington, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow."

A pre-festival event will be the annual pigeon race sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society which will see Detroit disc jockeys racing pigeons on July 17.

With only 25 days left before the festival begins, planning is reaching a more formative stage. And deadlines are even closer.

Groups wishing concession stands at the shopping centers and organizations wishing to enter the parade should make their applications as soon as possible.

Concession chairman is Bruce Habermehl and Dick Tupper is general chairman. Applications can be picked up from Mrs. Benya at the chamber office.

According to Tupper, a carnival will be held this year at Demery's Shopping Center. Carnival rides will also be available.

Festival booster buttons are being sold for 50 cents each with the slogans: "HRRR," "Clean Air Smo' Finny," "Sock It To Me Time," and "Tomorrow We Must Organize."

Entry Blank

Yes, I would like to compete for the title of Miss Farmington Founders Festival of 1969. I understand the entry qualifications (resident of Farmington since July 1, 1968, never have been married, and between the ages of 17 and 22) and am eligible.

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE IN SEPT. '69 _____

SIGNATURE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

Mail to: Farmington Board of Commerce, Box 15, Farmington, Mich. 48024 (476-2590)

(Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 16)

Election: The How And Why Behind Consolidation Ballot Rulings

analysis

By EMORY DANIELS

The Farmington area has already made one historic move in the state and may be ready to take another historic step.

Farmington was the first community to appear with a request before the State Boundary Commission which was created by Act 191.

And now, Farmington may be the first to challenge the legality of provisions within the act.

THE FIRST historic steps taken March 24, 1969 when Citizens For A Better Farmington presented petitions to the State Boundary Commission asking for consolidation of the city, township and two villages in the Farmington area into a single new city.

The Farmington request was the first official business handled by the Boundary Commission. After reviewing the petitions, the commission accepted them and set the election for Nov. 4.

In the resolution calling for the election, the commission included two requirements for charter commissioners which are being questioned by Farmington Township officials.

The resolution called for the election of nine charter commissioners on the Nov. 4 ballot. The commission specified that candidates must have been residents in the Farmington area since March 24, 1966.

The commission also specified that elected or appointive officials of the four governments could not run for the charter commission, unless, of course, they resigned from their governmental positions.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES expressed dismay over those requirements and instructed Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to investigate the legality of the demands.

Fred Lichtman questioned the commission's right to specify that elected or appointive officials could not be charter candidates. He also expressed displeasure over the residency requirement of three years.

Lichtman asked Brennan to check if the prohibitions came from existing legislation or if they were the decisions of the Boundary Commission. Trustee Tom Nolan suggested the township might wish to initiate a lawsuit against the state to

test the legality of the requirements.

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer contacted Irving Rozian of Plymouth who is one of the three state members of the commission appointed by the governor.

ROZIAN explained that the requirements were established in Act 191, the State Boundary Act. The act was enacted on June 22, 1968 and became effective Nov. 15, 1968.

Section 13 of Act 191, provides: "At the same time as the election on the proposition of consolidation, the commission may call an election of nine charter commissioners who shall be electors of the affected municipalities, each having a residence of at least three years in the municipality from which he is to be elected immediately prior to the filing of the consolidation petition."

Rozian said this is why the commission ruled candidates must have resided in Farmington since March 24, 1966, which is three years prior to the date

the petitions were filed.

THE LAST sentence in Sec. 13 reads: "No municipal officer or employee, elected or appointed, is eligible to a place on the charter commission."

He stressed the requirements were not the decisions of the Boundary Commission but were specifically spelled out in Act 191.

HE CAUSE Act 191 is a new bill, it has never been tested by court opinion. If the township decides to challenge the act's legality, the lawsuit will provide the first test for the bill.

Lichtman points out that governmental officials have an experience and expertise in municipal affairs which would be a valuable asset to a charter commission.

He also points out that the residency requirement disqualifies all of the township's electors from running for the commission because the township's population is young and fluid,

On the other hand, the residency requirement should insure candidates will possess a familiarity with the community. Commissioners will be writing a charter for a government which will function for years to come.

The residency requirement to run for township office is only three months. But the job of a charter commissioner will be much more important, and demand more familiarity, than a job with a two-year term.

THE ARGUMENT for familiarity with the community carries a lot of weight. But the requirement would be self-defeating if it disqualified half the electorate and the other half could not provide able candidates.

There is reason, also, for the requirement that government employees be disqualified from the charter commission.

Elected or appointive officials could have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo to protect their jobs. Their decision to run for the charter commission might be based on those vested interests.

citizens are capable of writing a charter and, with the advice of consultants, could write just as good a charter as government officials. And there really no reason to believe that intelligent laymen, with advice of consultants and recommendations of government officials, cannot write an excellent charter.

IF A LAWSUIT is filed, it will be filed with the State Court of Appeals since it would challenge a state statute.

It is dangerous to try to guess the outcome of a lawsuit, but of the two provisions, the residency requirement would probably be the hardest to defend.

Recent legislative trends have been to relax residency requirements for voting. Just last week, President Nixon proposed a nationwide ban on state residency requirements for presidential elections.

But the requirements will remain in force unless a state court rules the Boundary Act is out of order. And the election will be held on schedule unless the lawsuit results in an injunction.