

Officials Expect Large Turnout For Vote On Future Farmington

Officials are expecting a heavy vote in Tuesday's election to decide the proposed consolidation of the four Farmington Area governments.

Voters will decide the future of the proposal to merge the governments of Wood Creek Farms, Quakertown, Farmington Township and the City of Farmington.

If voters in each of the four areas favor consoli-

number almost 5,000.

The passage or defeat of the issue may hang on the decisions of 287 registered voters in Quakertown and 281 in Wood Creek Farms. If the voters disapprove of consolidation in either of the villages, it will be defeated.

The strongest indication of a heavy turnout for Tuesday comes from Wood Creek Farms. The village clerk, Mrs. Dan Abbott, said 61 more voters registered for the special election on consolidation than for the village elections last March.

Quakertown's registration have increased about 20 since the last election, according to Mrs. Clifton Strasser, Quakertown village clerk. Villages officials will also be elected Tuesday in Quakertown.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan said registrations in the city are about 10 per cent from the last election. However, he attributed the increase to the city's normal increase in population.

In the township, fewer are registered for Tuesday's consolidation election than for the most recent election. Registrations total about \$8,400 compared to about 19,000 in 1968.

The 20 meetings or debates concerning consolidation lead observers to speculate that favorable weather could lead to a large turnout.

Filing of petitions asking for an election on a city annexation of township territory and incorporation of the township also may increase the number of votes cast.

Dinan predicted as much as a 50 per cent turnout and the clerks noted they also expect a large turnout.

CANDIDATES FROM the township are: Howard Bond, Fred Fairfield, Gerald Freedman, Walter Frontczak, M.N. James, Arnold Michlin, Robert Pierce, Richard Wallace, Ronald Wyszynski and Richard Gould.

Also, Wayne Parkinson, William Stone, William Haines, John Bailey, Joseph T. Brennan, John Burke, Thomas Gust and Carl Thorpe.

Candidates from the city are: Richard Tupper, Robert Sawyer, Donald Welday Jr., Robert Hanes, Wesley Robertson Jr., Lytle Hall and Charles Smith.

Gerald Ellsworth and Richard Habicht are the two candidates for Quakertown and David Goldman is running unopposed in Wood Creek Farms.

today's hot line

Vote Nov. 4

"For the proposed consolidation of the Township of Farmington, the City of Farmington, the Village of Quakertown, the Village of Wood Creek Farms, Oakland County."

"And also to elect (1) (2) (5) members of a nine-member charter commission."

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Exclusive Advice

Only in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer will you find endorsements of charter commission candidates. In today's issue, you will also find our final endorsement for Tuesday's single-city vote. Before making up your mind, look inside.

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All Have Say

In today's edition, you will find a picture and summary on each of the 28 candidates for the charter commission. Our coverage also includes statements from John Allen, John Richardson, Richard Tupper, Wilbur Brotherton, Michael Hand, Delos Hamlin and Donald Welday.

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An Eye-Opener

Teen drug abuse is much, much greater than middle-class Observerland parents dream. So writes Ed Wendover in an in-depth study of the facts on drugs and arrests. He also gives a spine-chilling inside look at a teen "tea party."

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Six big changes at GM's Detroit Diesel plant in Redford. A Farmington man who's with the go-go Motown outfit. The changing face of shopping centers. These are today's top stories in the Business Beat, a feature of your hometown newspaper that focuses on the suburban angle in business and industry.

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A Farmington girl has the lead in a new play at the Will-O-Way Theatre. Information about the play, curtain time and performance dates appear on the Amusements Page.

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A Poet's Words

Sandburg's poetry is to be read aloud. At least that is the opinion of the Germantown Theatre Guild which appeared last week at Schoolcraft College. For an analysis of the evening...

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Where To Vote

Polls in each of the four governmental areas will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Those standing in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast their votes.

The following are the polling places in each area:

WOOD CREEK FARMS -- Paul Inman Building at 30055 Northwestern Highway.

QUAKERTOWN -- First Presbyterian Church (Knox House) at 26165 Farmington Rd.

CITY OF FARMINGTON -- Precinct 1 at City Hall at 23600 Liberty; Precinct 2 at American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River; Precinct 3 at Farmington Senior High at 32000 Shiawassee; and Precinct 4 at Flanders Elementary School at 32600 Flanders.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP -- Precincts 1 and 15 at Gill Rd. School at 21955 Gill Rd.; Precinct 2 at Wheeler Fire Hall at 21420 Wheeler St.; Precinct 3 at Hightmeadow School at 30175 Hightmeadow; Precinct 4 at Bond School at 31500 13 Mile.

Precincts 5 and 13 at William Grace School at 29040 Shiawassee; Precinct 6 at Shiawassee School at 30415 Shiawassee; Precincts 7 and 10 at Dunkel Junior High at 32800 Middle Belt Rd.; Precinct 8 at Middlebelt Elementary School at 24400 Middle Belt.

Precincts 9 and 11 at North Farmington High at 32900 13 Mile; Precincts 12 and 14 at East Junior High at 25000 Middle Belt; and Precinct 16 at Fairview School at 28500 Oak Crest Court.

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THE TWO MAIN speakers will be Mrs. Evelyn Villine, executive secretary of the Iowa Governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, and Dr. Lino Romero, director of Oakland County Community Mental Health Services.

THE CONFERENCE will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. A \$5 registration fee covers lunch. Persons wishing to attend may call Mrs. Yvonne Chamberlin, of the division of vocational rehabilitation at 944-3136.



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