

City Challenges Census Total, Plans Door-To-Door Canvass

By WYLIE GERDES

Farmington City officials are searching for "missing persons" to make certain the city will receive its full share of federal and state funds based on the 1970 census.

City Manager John Dinan says each home in the city will be canvassed to find persons who were not counted in this year's census.

The canvass began yesterday in the larger subdivisions in the city and will continue for about a week.

ANY CITY RESIDENT who thinks he was missed in the census should telephone city hall at 474-5500 and leave his name with the switchboard operator. Dinan said persons who call will receive priority in the canvass.

Census figures are important to city governments because state and federal aid is often based on the population of a city.

Dinan said the city could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next decade if Farmington has more people than the 9,851 counted by the Census Bureau.

"We've always figured that it was between 11,000 and 12,000," Dinan said. "That would make it a little better than 1% off."

THE BASIS of Dinan's population estimate is the number of water users served by the city. Dinan said he feels the Census Bureau's figure of 3.5 persons per household is too low.

Last week, the city manager added, the city filed a formal complaint on the result of the census with the bureau.

Dinan said the difference between the two figures means about \$25,000 per year now because the city receives about \$22 per person in aid. More state and federal aid programs during the next 10 years could greatly increase the loss per year.

Persons probably missed in the census are those who didn't receive the census forms in the mail or those who received the forms but didn't return them.

The city manager commented the Census Bureau is supposed to contact persons who didn't return the forms but might have missed some.

TO FIND PERSONS who have been missed, college students hired for the summer by the Department of Public Works will canvass every home in the city.

Residents will be asked only if he was counted in the census.

The first areas to be canvassed, the city manager said, will be Bel Aire, Floral Park and Farmington Meadows and Oaks. About half of the city's resi-

dences are concentrated in the large subdivisions, he added.

Dinan noted the city will be methodical in the canvass.

"Everybody can be expected to be contacted within a week," he said.

"We're not leaving any stone unturned when the stakes are this high," Dinan commented.

He urged residents to give full cooperation to the canvassers. The names of those not counted will be submitted to the Census Bureau for a check of the bureau's records.

If the bureau has no records of the person, the population count will be changed, Dinan said.

Teeples In Dilemma

And So Has Young Joe Teeples

By EMORY DANIELS

Earl Teeples has a problem -- he's running for supervisor of Farmington Township but can't make any speeches.

Joe Teeples has a greater problem -- he's making the speeches for his dad.

AT FIRST glance, it might seem like a big job for a high school senior to address adults and convince his elders that dad Teeples is worthy of their vote.

But Joe has been active in forensics at North Farmington High School and is not afraid to make public speeches, even to adults.

You might think that politics is a sensitive area for a young person to get involved with, but Joe thinks politics involves public service and doesn't feel politics is a dirty word.

TEEPLES CANNOT speak for himself publicly because he is a township detective and township police regulations state policemen cannot become actively engaged in politics.

In order not to break regulations of the department he works for, Teeples has decided not to make any public speeches. That's one reason son Joe is on the campaign stump. The second is that Joe is a pretty capable speaker.

Joe made one of his first campaign speeches Tuesday in the Botsford Inn for the Rotary Club of Farmington. Teeples' opponent, Supervisor Curtis Hall, will be addressing the club next Tuesday.

Introducing Joe was Bernard Kahn, attorney and campaign manager for Teeples. Kahn began with what is bound to be a watchword of the campaign, "Earl is sorry he cannot be with you today but . . ."

JOE BEGAN his talk by saying: "I can speak with authority about Earl Teeples because he's been my dad for 17 years. He's counselled me as he has many other teens, in the Farmington Area. Maybe he's counselled your son . . ."

He said his father was happy when he joined the police department but now feels there's a greater opportunity for service available to him as township supervisor.

Look at the problems besetting the township today, urged the speaker. "There's a need for a change, for a transfusion. Who's satisfied with poor roads and bad zoning? Are you really satisfied with my father's opposition?"

He then traced his father's educational background which includes two years' study for a law degree at U-D and classes at MSU, WSU and Detroit Police Academy.

Because the police department has refused Teeples a steady shift, Joe says, he has been prevented from finishing his college work.

DURING HIS career with the police department, he continued, Teeples has served as health officer and zoning officer as well as detective.

"He has been close to zoning problems. Dad knows zoning from the floor up and from your front porch."

Joe added that, at one time, his father was ordered by superiors not to attend any more township board meetings.

He then mentioned awards Teeples has received for his police work from the Detroit Police Department, DeMolay, Kiwanis and American Association of Retail Druggists, for his work towards drug prevention; and a fourth-place finish in national competition by New York University for his efforts to protect civil rights of others.

Responding to comments by Trustee Earl Opperthauser that Teeples' "personal conduct" ought to be investigated, Joe said: "Yes, let's look back at the record when he was charged with 12 counts of misconduct. He was cleared of all 12."

"Yes, let's examine the records of all and let's examine all records."

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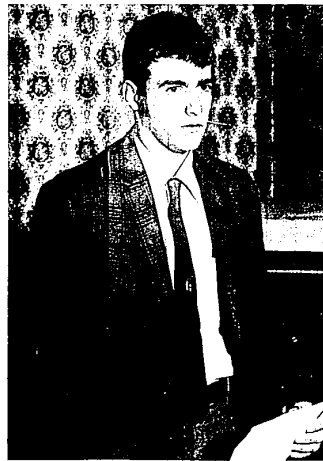
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PINCH-HITS FOR DAD -- Joe Teeples, 17-year-old senior at North Farmington High School, is on the campaign trail pinch-hitting for his dad, Earl Teeples. Teeples is running for Farmington Township Supervisor but cannot make public appearances himself because that would violate township police regulations and Earl is a township cop. (Evert photo)

Schools Grant Woman's Grievance

East Junior High School will have a woman head custodian following decision of the Farmington Board of Education to uphold a grievance filed by Local 1566 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AF-S-CME).

BUT, because the grievance was upheld, Mrs. Laverne Nichols of 27451 Nine Mile, Farmington, will now become

head custodian for East Junior High. Mrs. Nichols, assistant head custodian at East for three years, applied for the higher post when it became vacant. She was passed over and the job was given, instead, to a man who at the time was a probationary employee with less than 90 days experience with the district.

GARY LICHTMAN made the motion to uphold the grievance

in favor of the union and was supported by Aldo Vagnozzi. Ken Perrin then attempted a substitute motion asking that the board not recognize the grievance as a legal one. He was supported by Mrs. Kay Stirling.

VAGNOZZI ALSO argued "a substitute motion cannot be contrary to a main motion but must be corollary to it." He then warned the grievance, if denied, would go to arbitration and possibly to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission on a sex discrimination charge.

Perrin the board was at step four of the grievance appeal procedure and could not gracefully jump back to step one.

Lichtman argued the grievance should be upheld because seniority was not recognized and the test score of Mrs. Nichols was not timely.

"Seniority was recognized," countered Perrin, "but not to the extent that it over-ruled other considerations for the job." The question of timeliness of the test is a moot point, he said, because procedure followed in the past is to give one test, and one test only, to union members applying for promotion.

"I see nothing to indicate that the administration has violated any terms of Article IX of the contract," said Perrin. Article IX deals with procedures for employees to apply for higher positions.

VAGNOZZI ARGUED Article IX says promotions will be given based on the employee's ability to do the job as demonstrated by past performance and test scores, providing the same test is given all employees applying for the promotion. A third qualification is seniority.

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