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Harris Wins

Fred L. Harris, Farmington attorney, is the Democrats' choice to combat Republican two-term incumbent 19th District Cong. Jack McDonald's bid for re-election in November.

Tuesday's district-wide primary returns gave Harris a margin of about 1,100 votes over his closest rival, H. Patrick O'Neill of Livonia. Ron Hecker of Livonia ran third far behind and Franklin Zane Adell of Novi polled scant notice.

Although district totals were incomplete at press time, Harris swept all but Livonia and the cities of Farmington and Northville in the local area. He took Pontiac with 1,248 votes to O'Neill's 941 and Hecker's 449.

Community returns were as follows: (Read Harris, O'Neill, Hecker, Adell, respectively): Livonia: 1,381; 1,714; 1,290; 217; Redford Township: 2,585; 1,887; 957; 294; Farmington City: 83; 102; 72; 15; Farmington Township: 503; 318; 411; 95; Northville City: 35; 44; 38; 30.

Pursell Triumphs

George Kuhn, the incumbent 14th District State Senator, lost his bid for the Republican nomination to seek a second term in Tuesday's primary, bowing to challenger Carl Pursell of Plymouth with about 9,500 votes to Pursell's nearly 12,500.

Pursell walloped Kuhn heavily in the Wayne County Communities of Livonia, 3,370 votes to 2,411 for Kuhn; his hometown of Plymouth, 832 to 169; Plymouth Township, 1,234 to 366; Northville, 284 to 155; and Northville Township, 510 to 248.

Kuhn was stronger in Oakland County communities but was ousted by Pursell's inroads. Farmington swung to Pursell with 536 votes to 488 for Kuhn and Farmington Township gave Pursell 2,511 to 2,065.

Pursell will thus face the only Democratic candidate, Paul Kadish of Livonia, for election Nov. 3.

Think Again

If you think of art in terms of little old ladies daintily painting flowers and landscapes, you should take a look at what some of our area residents are doing in Birmingham. It would help to know how to use a blow torch.

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Hall Ousted As Teeple Wins In Township Supervisor Race

The heated contest for Farmington Township Supervisor was decided Tuesday as residents voted their preference between incumbent Curtis H. Hall and challenger Earl Teeple.

A close race was anticipated but the unofficial results showed Teeple with 3,220 votes compared to Hall's 1,900 votes.

As a result, Teeple is assured of the job of township supervisor because he will run unopposed Nov. 4 as the Democrats did not run a candidate in this race.

THE OTHER elimination race on the township ballot, also a heated contest, was for treasurer.

Results of the Republican race for treasurer are: Tom Nolan 3,202, Mrs. Jean Nankervis 1,374, and Mrs. Nyla Archer Wells 963 votes.

Harris Berger, Democrat running unopposed for treasurer, gathered 1,047 votes and will face Nolan in the general election.

Nolan, township trustee, was the favorite during the campaign but ran into trouble by announcing he would be a "part-time" treasurer if elected.

There was no elimination contest in the trustees race. Votes received by Republican candidates are: Earl Opperhauser, incumbent, 2,773; L. David Stader, planning commissioner, 2,542.

Votes received by Democratic trustee candidates were: William Hatton 632 and Dr. Burton Levy 900.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS indicate the township garbage tax of two mills for five years is assured of defeat. The garbage question received 2,845 yes and 3,331 no votes.

In the City of Farmington, the proposal to raise councilmen's pay from \$500 to \$900 a year was approved with 671 residents voting yes and 595 voting no.

The county proposal to renew one-quarter of a mill for park acquisition and development fared well in the City of Farmington. The vote was 867 yes and 393 no. On the park proposal, township residents voted 3,739 yes and 1,239 no.

STATE REP. Raymond L. Baker, running unop-

posed in the 64th District, garnered 3,803 votes from the Farmington Area. Democrats running for the 64th seat are Leonard Baruch of Southfield and Howard Fried of Walled Lake.

In the U.S. Senate race, the Farmington Area voted as follows: Philip Hart 1,781; Robert Huber 3,071; and Lenore Romney 3,027 votes.

In the Governor's race, Farmington residents voted as follows: William Milliken 4,925; James Turner 1,052; Sander Levin 1,091; Zolton Ferency 687; George Montgomery 81; and George Parris 118 votes.

In the hot 14th District State Senate race, the Farmington Area vote was: George Kuhn, incumbent, 2,553; Carl Pursell, main challenger, 3,047; Al Smith 225; Donald von Rase 76 votes; and Paul Kadish, Democrat, 1,411 votes.

All votes results are unofficial. The final, canvassed results will be reported in the weekend Farmington Enterprise & Observer as well as results in the county commissioners race and precinct delegate results.

Save The Soil Get Free Chips From City DPW

By BETTY FRANKEL
Wood chips are a "chip off the old block" that gardeners can put to good use. They are both decorative and functional and can be used by the gardener in many ways.

They are produced by a machine that converts bark, twigs, limbs and even sections of tree trunks into coarse fragments a few inches in length.

WOOD CHIPS ARE great for mulching garden beds, for garden paths, for informal patios, for surfacing play areas, and for reconditioning and improving poor soil.

They have a pleasing texture and are an attractive neutral grey-brown color that is an excellent foil for green grass and foliage and the bright hues of flowers.

They can be used for a decorative ground cover under foundation evergreens or to give a shrubbery bed a distinctive look. They are especially useful on a steep slope where they will hold the soil in place and prevent erosion and runoff.

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trees where grass is difficult to grow. Wood chips used as a ground cover or mulch will last several years before disintegrating. When this happens,

The few that manage to come up will tend to be spindly and easy to pull up. A mulch of wood chips will help to conserve moisture in the

Offer Free Wood Chips

The City of Farmington, as an anti-pollution measure, is going to quit burning brush piles and run all wood scraps through a chipping machine.

The wood chips are quite valuable as a mulch for gardening and landscaping. Betty Frankel, garden writer for Observer Newspapers, Inc., has contributed a special article for this newspaper on advantages of mulching, the many uses of wood chips and advice on the best use of chips.

After reading Mrs. Frankel's account, residents can drive to the DPW yard on Nine Mile and get their bushel baskets filled with wood chips. The city is handing out chips free and, as an extra service, will deliver a truckload of chips free to any city resident. (Chips are being sold on the market for \$15 a truckload.)

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morely add more chips to replenish the cover.

WHEN USED AS mulch on flower beds or beneath shrubs they should be put on three or four inches thick. They will then help prevent weeds from sprouting.

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EARTH SAVER — George Vondrack, director of public services, City of Farmington, is a believer in the use of wood chips for mulching to help save the earth. Vondrack urges residents to bring their bushel baskets to the DPW yard on Nine Mile west of Farmington Rd. for free wood chips. (Evert photo)

City Studying \$1 Million Civic Arena To Seat 3,000

By EMORY DANIELS

A trail balloon was let loose Monday night by the Farmington City Council to test community reaction to the possibility of locating a \$1 million civic arena fronting on Orchard Lake Rd.

A key to the proposal is the willingness of the Farmington School District Board of Education to donate the land.

The first public disclosure of preliminary findings of a committee which has been studying ice rinks was made by Councilman John Richardson.

THE COMMITTEE IS suggesting an arena which would seat 3,000 spectators in a 33,000 square-foot building on a seven acre site.

It would be a multi-use facility — hockey games, figure skating, recreational skating, antique shows, dog shows, teen dances, plays, concerts or even commencement exercises.

If a decision is ever made to go ahead, the arena would be financed by establishing a building authority which would sell bonds and make payments over a 20-year period.

The city is still in the study stage and would like a sampling of public opinion, pro and con, before approaching the decision reaching stage.

BUT THE BIG pre-requisite to reaching the decision stage is that the Farmington public schools to donate the seven acres.

The seven acre site is located at the southeast corner of the school district's 40-acre Farmington Senior High site. It is on the west side of Orchard Lake Rd. immediately north of Shiawassee.

The project is not feasible, says City Manager John Dinan, unless the school district is able to donate the seven acres because cost of purchasing the land would be prohibitive.

The council has asked permission to appear on the school board's agenda for Monday night, Aug. 10. At that meeting, a feasibility study developed thus far will be shown to trustees plus site plans and an architectural rendering of the arena.

The school district would not be involved in the finances in any way but only asked to donate the land. The district, however, will derive benefits from the facility says Richardson.

NOT ONLY will the arena be large enough for graduation ceremonies, Richardson explains, but the ice rink can be used for the physical education curriculum to teach ice skating or hockey.

In addition, the parking lot for 500 cars would provide FHS extra parking space for its football and basketball games.

By establishing the Building Authority, Dinan explained, the arena should be constructed and operated without cost to taxpayers. The \$1 million sold in bonds would require annual payments of about \$90,000 over the bond issue's life.

The arena, the committee estimates, will realize an annual revenue of about \$170,000 which will supply payments on the bonds plus provide \$80,000 per year for maintenance and operation.

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