

today's hot line

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Park Is Born

A new park is born and the Farmington Enterprise & Observer, which has covered the delivery since conception, now presents a pictorial preview of the new baby — the City of Farmington's new Drake Road Park.

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Annexation Update

The annexation campaign continues to be newsworthy in the Farmington Area and the latest reports can be found inside today's edition, including: a promise by the city to revise its charter if annexation passes and a claim by Township Supervisor Curtis Hall that the township was not present when an offer to delay the election was made.

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Build Understanding

It takes a lot of talking to help visiting exchange students feel at home. Listen in on one of their conversations.

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You Knew Her When

If you went to Clarenceville High and that pretty girl in the television serial looks familiar, well, you're right. Read about the Livonian who's appearing regularly on the TV screen.

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Unbeatens Roll On

A trio of unbeaten Observerland prep grid teams emerged from weekend football warfare with their unblemished records intact. North Farmington thumped Franklin, 22-6. Farmington whipped Stevens, 14-6. And Plymouth clobbered Belleville, 28-0. All the fire, the color, the facts of these contests are recorded on

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Order Chief Yakes To Court For Suspending Policeman

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes has been ordered to appear in Federal District Court to explain why he "ignored" an injunction issued Friday.

Yakes reportedly suspended Patrolman Noah Wormack Friday night after being served with an injunction ordering the township not to interfere with Wormack's civil rights.

FEDERAL DISTRICT Judge Ralph Freeman has ordered a show cause hearing and asked Chief Yakes to appear and explain why Wormack was suspended Friday after an earlier Federal Court injunction had been served.

The show cause hearing was scheduled to be held Tuesday (Oct. 6) in Freeman's court in downtown Detroit.

The injunction resulted when Chief Yakes ordered Wormack to attend a meeting in the chief's office with a lieutenant from the Michigan State Police Post.

It is believed the meeting was scheduled to discuss Wormack's knowledge of events surrounding the fatal shooting of Eldon Kephart of Farmington Township on Aug. 30.

State Police apparently are still investigating the Kephart shooting. A second-degree murder warrant has been issued against Cpl. Thomas Godwin of the township police force and pre-trial examination set for Nov. 16.

WORMACK NEVER showed up at the meeting called by Yakes but instead was in Federal District

Court with his attorney, Noel Gage who is legal counsel for the Farmington Township Police Officers Association (FPOA).

Gage was appearing before Federal District Judge Thomas P. Thornton asking that an injunction be issued against the township.

Thornton issued the injunction, which prevented the township from violating the civil rights of Wormack, Gage told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

THAT INJUNCTION, Gage explained, was delivered to Chief Yakes at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. Six hours after receiving the injunction, Gage said, Yakes suspended Wormack.

Wormack reportedly was suspended for failing to comply with a direct order — the order being to attend the Friday afternoon meeting with Yakes and the State Police.

"It is our position that the township ignored the injunction," Gage told this newspaper Monday.

If Gage is correct, the decision to suspend Wormack was made about 11 o'clock Friday night.

YAKES DID NOT report to work Monday and could not be reached for comment before this newspaper's deadline.

When Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan was contacted Monday by this newspaper, Brennan said he was completely unaware of the suspension, injunction and show cause hearing.

Brennan said he could not give an opinion because he had not been informed about any of the events.



ON THE JOB — Elise Avery spends a rare quiet moment at her desk in the township treasurer's office. (Evert photo)



AT HOME — One of the many interests of Farmington Township Treasurer Elise Avery is creative weaving on one of her four looms. (Evert photo)

Elise Says Farewell After 20-Year Career

By LIZ WISSMAN. On Nov. 20 Elise Avery will go to her desk as Farmington Township Treasurer for the last time in 15 years and seven months.

Mrs. Avery has been township treasurer since the township offices were located in what is now the Farmington Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rd. She has chosen not to run again even though she has always been near the top of the list of voters in township politics.

SHE'LL NO LONGER have to subjugate her myriad interests to the job of running the treasurer's office.

She will have time again for her creative weaving, for her antiques, for her new home in Port Hope on Lake Huron, for the Eastern Star, for Gray Lady Work (which she loves), for the Detroit Civic Study Club (which she belonged to for 25 years but had to give up), to go back to her study of

the Rosicrucian philosophy and for her family. She could even find time to organize another 182nd Field Artillery mother's club as she did during World War II if the occasion demands.

"My work became my life," says Mrs. Avery. "I gave over everything to it. Not regretfully, I may add, but the hours have been long and the job busy."

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE in new township hall won't be quite the same with Mrs. Avery gone after 15 1/2 years. The shell collection will be off the window sill, the framed piece of weaving will be gone, the two religious tracts will be gone off the desk and the keys drawer will no longer contain the dozens of greeting cards which the lady treasurer delighted to send to those in trouble.

A personality will be gone.

WHAT LED this complex lady into politics? Twenty years ago she went to a township board meeting with friends because "we had nothing better to do that evening."

"There weren't many people there and I had to open my big mouth and say what could be done for the township. My friends said 'Why don't you run for office — you could make it.' So I ran for trustee."

"For my campaign I bought 20 postcards and picked names helter skelter out of the phone book to send them to."

Mrs. Avery was trustee for two years and treasurer for all the rest. She has been elected seven times.

ABOUT CAMPAIGNING she says:

"I never knocked my opponent. The best thing for a politician to do is ignore his opposition."

I have never said unkind things about my opponent and he's always lost. I think such things come back to you."

Another thing the township

official will also have time to do after Nov. 20 is write. She has attended and kept minutes of every township board meeting and would like to write about township politics.

Right now she's looking for a second hand file cabinet to store all her notes in.

WHILE MANY WOMEN can't balance a checkbook, this lady has seen township treasury business grow from one special assessment district 15 years ago to over 100 today.

She learned about money matters when she was a girl and kept the books and payroll for her father's contract business in Detroit.

"The public always thought the township was to blame for raising taxes," she notes, "and we had nothing to do with it."

"But it's the funniest thing... the people who have the least money complained the least about taxes. And the older

Lt. William Kelly, second in command to Yakes, said he had heard nothing about the suspension until coming to work Monday morning and could not comment.

Attempts were made to contact Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, but the supervisor could not be reached at his office.

Apparently Brennan was not contacted when the injunction was served Friday afternoon nor asked for advice before the decision was made to suspend Wormack.

THE FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP Board had gone on record earlier that Wormack would not be suspended for refusing to give a statement to the county prosecutor's office on the Kephart shooting.

Wormack and Godwin were singled out by the board as not having to make statements because both had fired shots at the scene of the Kephart shooting.

At a special board meeting, Brennan had explained Wormack would not be suspended for refusing to make a statement because the patrolman had fired a shot and had the right to remain silent under fear of possible incrimination.

Because the right to remain silent was extended to Wormack, it is believed he was suspended for refusing to attend the meeting rather than for refusing to reveal his knowledge of the Kephart shooting.

GODWIN HAS been under suspension from the date the prosecutor's office issued the warrant against him.

The examination for Godwin was delayed last month when he dropped Gage as his defense attorney. Thomas Rosen will represent Godwin at the Nov. 16 pre-trial examination.

The township board has been highly critical of Gage for advising township patrolmen against cooperating with law enforcement agencies investigating the Kephart shooting.

Write-In Foe For Teeples Enters Race

By LYNNE LUTHER

Louis Charles Rebeck, a three-year Farmington resident, announced Monday he will oppose Earl Teeples on a write-in ticket for Farmington Township supervisor.

Rebeck told a small group of newsmen and family members at the Farmington Community Center that he believes his candidacy "will provide the voters... the opportunity to have a choice in the selection of the official responsible for the protection of their personal safety as well as their financial investment."

He said the primary was "not a true reflection" of the people's choice and that he decided to enter the race for supervisor "officially" last week.

Rebeck announced his candidacy too late to have his name on the ballot Nov. 3 but promised to "provide all the stickers for write-in votes and explicit instructions on how to use them" on election day.

EXCEPT FOR a statement of "total opposition" to annexation, Rebeck declined to take a stand on any other major issues facing the township. He said his platform would be announced later "this week."

He told newsmen he is a Republican and said he "hopes to have the support of the Republican party."

Rebeck is presently employed by the Pontiac Motor Division, General Motors Corp., as supervisor of labor relations. Prior to 1966 he worked at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at Wayne State University.

Rebeck earned his bachelor's degree at WSU in 1965 and plans to complete a master of Business Administration degree shortly. The 28-year-old candidate resides at 31766 Wayburn Drive in Farmington with wife Barbara and one child.

In a prepared campaign statement, he said: "The administration of an organization the size of the Farmington Township government requires professional managerial experience."

"I believe I have that experience and I am willing to work at applying it in carrying out the duties of the office of supervisor."

A FEW MEMBERS of the Future Farmington Association (FFA) at the press conference invited Rebeck to an Oct. 15 debate with the Republican nominee for township supervisor, Earl Teeples.

Rebeck replied he would be "willing" but that his "availability might be limited."

FFA members continued to pressure Rebeck.