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Annexation Is Defeated; Teeple Beats Write-In

Annexation has been defeated, and Republican candidates held substantial leads in Farmington Township with about half of Tuesday's vote totals completed.

Earl Teeple, winner of the Republican nomination for township supervisor in August, had no trouble outdistancing write-in candidate Louis Rebeck.

The police sergeant had about an 8-1 margin over Rebeck, an obscure figure until Republican regulars launched an 11-hour campaign for him after Teeple ousted Supervisor Curtis Hall.

A proposal to annex roughly the southern half of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington carried in the city but was soundly defeated in the affected township area. It had to carry in both.

Complete returns in the city gave it 2,350 with 1,361 opposed.

With six of eight affected township precincts reporting, annexation was opposed by 2,357 and favored by only 1,007. There was no chance that later returns could upset the returns.

It's now probable that a proposal to incorporate the township as the City of Farmington Hills will go on a near-future ballot.

If Hall was out of office, two of his proteges managed to survive, on the basis of half-complete returns in which 75 to 80 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls.

Republican Trustee Tom Nolan, seeking to move up to township treasurer, led Democrat Harris Berger 4,545 to 4,380.

In a four-way race for two trustee posts on the township board, Planning Commission member L. David Stader (R) had 3,290; incumbent Earl Oppert (R), a Hall friend, 4,225; Democrats Burton Levy 2,255 and William Hutton 2,296.

With only three precincts missing in the township, incumbent Democratic Sen. Philip Hart led Lenore Romney (R) by 5,672 to 4,323.

But the normal Republican edge went to two other GOP candidates. U. S. Rep. Jack McDonald led Fred Harris 6,350 to 3,319 in a race that pitted two township residents against each other. Republican Carl Pursell of Plymouth was well on his way to victory, collecting 5,901 votes to Democrat Paul Kadish's 3,351 in the township.

City voters backed Republicans by about 2 to 1 with only a few exceptions.

Gov. Milliken (R) swamped Democrat Sander Levin 2,768 to 976. U. S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R) had a similar margin of 2,707 to 1,009 over Fred Harris (D). Carl Pursell, a Republican Wayne County commissioner from Plymouth, turned back Livonia Democrat Paul Kadish by 2,537 to 1,073.

Trailing his party mates slightly was State Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington), who nevertheless soundly led Democrat Leonard Baruch of Southfield by 2,415 to 1,188 in the city.

Democrats showing unusual strength were Sen. Philip Hart, who defeated Mrs. Lenore Romney 1,909 to 1,881; and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley, who

led William Farr Jr. by 1,951 to 1,627. In the secretary of state race, Republican Emil Lockwood led Democrat Richard Austin 1,939 to 1,229.

In the State Supreme Court races, Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Piggles, a Republican nominee, gathered 2,017 votes and was closely followed by Judge John Swainson, a Democratic nominee, who had 1,589.

Justice John Delmers, a Republican nominee, had 1,374 votes, and former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a Democrat, trailed with 989.

City voters opposed the state housing bond issue 1,938 to 1,662, which was proposal A on the ballot. They also opposed Proposal B, the 18-year-old vote, 2,336 to 1,373.

The anti-parochial Propo-

sals was favored 2,299 to 1,525. An Oakland County three-mill proposal was opposed 2,206 to 1,021.

A mixup occurred in the city and township when it was discovered many voting machines had not been adjusted from the August primary, making it impossible to vote a split ticket except by writing in the candidates name the first time the voter tried to split his ticket.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reports almost all machines were corrected by 10 a. m. Cairns says Earl B. Icken of Livonia has been preparing the township's voting machines for 18 years and this was his first major error.

Some observers believe the faulty machines affected about 10 per cent of the total votes cast Tuesday.

today's hot line

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17 Years With Kids

After 17 years of working with Kids, Mark Stitts is retiring and turning over his official interest in youth to a younger man. Stitts, 70, will still have an interest in youth, but will no longer serve as chairman of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

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Winery Liquidates

The LaSalle Winery is pulling up stakes in Farmington and going out of business after operating here for the past 37 years. When a winery goes out of business, it requires an unusual amount of "liquidation."

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Undefeated!

Our Lady of Sorrows dumped Ferndale St. James 28-8 to win a divisional title, and North Farmington scored 53 points in the first half to humiliate Oak Park. Both Farmington teams are undefeated in seven games.

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No Savings

The Schoolcraft College board debated 45 minutes over how to save some money on a car purchase. But when our R. T. Thompson calculated the dollar value of the time they spent, it turned out not to be such a good value after all.

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Read this "sensitive" difference on today's WOMEN'S PAGES



VOLUNTEERS HELP pull the body of Michael Szymula, 21, out of this heap of twisted metal after a freak traffic accident on the I-696 freeway. (Evert photo)

2 Die In Auto Crash

Halloween was a day of tragedy for Michael J. Szymula, 21, and Julian C. Wyche, 55, who were killed in an early morning traffic accident on the I-696 freeway west of Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP police are still investigating the mishap and are unable to come up with any sure conclusions about the "why of it."

Szymula, of 3914 N. Connecticut, Royal Oak, was allegedly traveling east on the I-696 freeway, returning from Pontiac where he and a friend had gone to pick up a car.

His friend was driving behind Szymula in another car when the accident occurred but was uninjured.

WITNESSES TOLD police Szymula was driving along at expressway speed and had just pulled out into the left lane to pass a car when he saw Wyche's car coming straight at him going west in the east-bound lane.

Szymula's car and Wyche's auto collided head-on, police said, killing both drivers. There were no passengers.

Szymula and Wyche, of 8100 LaSalle Blvd., Detroit, were both pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital.

Traffic safety officials in the township said this accident brings the number of fatalities here to 14 so far this year.

Traffic Accidents Swell Injury Toll

Three traffic accidents that injured several Farmington and Southfield residents late still under investigation by Farmington Township police.

The first occurred Oct. 29 on Middle Belt near Medbury when Junior Lee Hill, 38, of Chatsanooga, Tenn., ran into the rear of a car with his

pickup truck, according to officers.

Police said the driver of the car, Nancy Susan Hockstein, 17, of 22476 Maple, was taken to Botsford General Hospital for treatment. Hill was not seriously injured.

Police said it appeared Hill lost control of his vehicle and struck Miss Hockstein's car.

Hill's car flipped over onto its side and he was also taken to Botsford Hospital.

A SECOND accident at 10 Mile and Ridgeway Rd. Oct. 28 occurred when Kevin Blake, of Newell Circle, Farmington Township, driving a car, sideswiped an auto driven by Harold Stein, of 17441 Madison, Southfield.

Blake 20, was driving with his brother, Russell, 27, and his mother, Gertrude, on a rainy night when he slammed on his brakes quickly after Stein stopped suddenly in front of him, police said.

Stein allegedly told police that Blake's car struck his, then it dove into a ditch and struck a tree.

The injured, were taken to

Botsford General Hospital for treatment.

ON OCT. 29, police said a car driven by Betty June Rankin, 46, of 30130 Wicklow collided with Gary F. Cortes' auto at Orchard Lake, and 11 Mile Rd. near the Farmington Township police station and city hall.

No one was seriously injured, police said.

Officers explained that the Rankin car was heading west on 11 Mile and the car driven by Cortes, of 25361 Larkins, Southfield, was traveling north on Orchard Lake Rd.

Police said Mrs. Rankin, with her daughter, Barbara, as a passenger, collided with the Cortes car and another one driven by 65-year-old Richard Spurgeon, 50, of 24799 Edgemont, Southfield.

National Traffic Safety Council Set For County

The first meeting of the advisory council for a national traffic safety demonstration program for Oakland County will be held Nov. 11, in the Pontiac Sheraton Motor Inn.

The council, which is comprised of public officials and traffic experts from the national, state, county, and local levels, will provide overall direction for the three to five year traffic program.

Funds to carry out the first phase of this program were provided through a grant from the National Highway Safety Bureau, Department of Transportation.

ber of locations throughout the United States as one of two sites in which a concentrated effort will be made to design, implement, and evaluate new and innovative techniques for reducing traffic crash losses.

A grant of \$175,000 was awarded the County Board of Commissioners for the first phase of the program. This will consist basically of an inventory of the current status of traffic crash prevention activities in the county.

It will be followed by a series of comprehensive countermeasures designed to reduce the county's traffic toll.

(TIA) has been named by the Board of Commissioners, to administer and coordinate the demonstration program.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, experts and traffic technicians from the Highway Safety Research Institute at the University of Michigan will work with the county and TIA in the first phase of the program.

Those invited to serve on the advisory council from the national level include: U.S. Rep. William S. Broomfield, 15th District; and U.S. Rep. Jack H. McDonald, 19th District, and a member of the public roads sub-committee of the public works committee.



TWISTED WRECKAGE is all that remained of the car driven by Julian C. Wyche of Detroit. (Evert photo)

OAKLAND COUNTY was recently selected from a num-

The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County