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Pollution Crackdown

Oakland County plans to crack down on water pollution in the Farmington Area and other communities in the county. The county health department is preparing to get tough on dual drainage systems which cause mixture of sewage and storm runoff water.

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Analysis Shows Split

An analysis of the vote returns in Tuesday's township election indicates a substantial number of Republican and Independent voters were splitting their tickets for the trustee race, voting for Republican L. David Stader and Democrat Burton Levy. An analysis on how Farmington voted is offered on today's local editorial page which also includes a message via Daniels-Den to township officials from a sage on township government.

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One Of A Kind

A new bookstore that has opened in Farmington is in a class by itself. You can read why in our Church Section.

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All On The Line

Two football teams will put their perfect records on the line at 2:30 p.m. Sunday when Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows and Center Line St. Clements clash at Memorial Field in Center Line. Outcome will determine which squad makes it to the finals of the Catholic League Second Division contest. Read all about it on

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Bucking Trends

Democrats may have won statewide, but Republican Congressman Jack McDonald bucked the trend, even boosting his vote from 1968. And Carl Pursell became the fourth Republican to be elected from the 14th State Senate District.

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Levy Asks Court To Delay Township Vote Certification

An unsuccessful candidate for Farmington township trustee, Dr. Burton Levy, feels the malfunctioning of voting machines for the first two hours of voting Tuesday may have cost him a victory in that race.

On Thursday, Levy was considering seeking a court injunction to bar certification of the vote in the trustee race but decided to appeal, instead, to the township board of canvassers. Levy reports large numbers of Republican and Independent voters were splitting their tickets for him and Republican L. David Stader for trustee.

FOR TWO HOURS voting machines would not allow a



LEARNING ON WHEELS — School doesn't stop when a Farmington youngster is incapacitated. With both an arm and a leg in casts from a fall, Paula Antczak, fifth grader at Wooddale, has lessons at home twice a week with Mrs. Lois Cotton, teacher of the homebound. Students who must remain out of school for six weeks or more due to a non-contagious physical disability are eligible for instruction under the homebound program. (Evert photo)

split vote by pulling levers, explains Levy, and this malfunction might be responsible for the outcome.

Having lost by only 900 votes to Republican Earl Oppertbauer, Levy adds, it is entirely within the realm of possibility that the race was decided during those first two hours.

Levy was considering seeking an injunction from Oakland County Circuit Court to bar certification and asked his lawyers to file such a request if they felt this was the proper action.

Levy and Dietz went to Levy's attorneys, Paul Dietz and Donald Calkins, who was scheduled to meet at 7:30. But the meeting was cancelled because some members were unable to attend. The canvassing board consists of two Republicans and two Democrats.

The appeal will be made whenever the canvassers hold their meeting, probably either Friday night or tonight (Saturday).

Dietz says the canvassing board will be asked to exercise investigative powers granted by state law which canvassing boards traditionally do not choose to employ.

"We want the board to delay certifying the trustee votes and investigate how bad the mistakes were. The board could get the facts afternooon that the best remedy lay in appealing to the circuit court."

"We did not feel the courts would be likely to set aside an election unless deliberate fraud could be established," explains Dietz.

A CAMPAIGN supporter close to Levy says he does not believe there was any deliberate fraud by election workers, only gross incompetence expressed by an inability to take the proper corrective actions.

Levy and Dietz went to township hall Thursday night when the board of canvassers was scheduled to meet at 7:30. But the meeting was cancelled because some members were unable to attend. The canvassing board consists of two Republicans and two Democrats.

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Voting Machines Not Set Properly

Farmington votes were counted on Election Day, but confusion was rampant at many precincts in the first couple of hours as faulty machines prevented voters from splitting tickets.

The voting machines were not changed from the primary election. Because primary elections are held to nominate party candidates, the machines are adjusted to prevent splitting tickets.

The MACHINES were supposed to have been readjusted for Tuesday's general election to allow voters to split their votes between parties.

But in both city and township, many machines were not readjusted, and the error was not discovered until after the polls opened and voters complained to precinct workers about being unable to split their tickets.

The problem in the city was corrected within a half an hour, but in the township, which has many more machines, it took two hours to get them fixed.

In the township, there were faulty machines in almost all precincts, and most of the township's 67 voting machines were affected.

The machines were prepared for the election by Earl Bracken of Livonia. Bracken prepares the machines for both the city and township.

Bracken has been maintaining the township machines for 18 years, says Cairns, and this is his first major error.

When he learned about the faulty machines, Cairns called all precincts and ordered election workers to instruct voters how to write-in a candidate's name in those

TOWNSHIP CLERK Floyd

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Record Turnout OKs Proposal C, Defeats Merger And Backs GOP

Farmington area voters turned out in an unpredictably large volume Tuesday for a non-presidential election.

In Farmington Township, 75.2% of the registered voters went to the polls and in the City of Farmington the voter turnout totalled 77.7%.

The city's record turnout was larger than the last gubernatorial election in 1966. The township's turnout was about 15% higher than expected.

The big drawing cards for voters appeared to be the annexation question and Proposal C, the constitutional amendment asking a ban on public aid to private schools.

Farmington area residents voted against the low income housing bond proposal (A) 10,800 to 6,860. The combined city-township vote against the 18-year-old vote (B) was 11,070 to 4,640.

IN THE CONTESTS for township offices, Republicans won every contest but Democrats finished close in the treasurer and trustee races.

For treasurer and trustee, the leading Democrats lost by only about 900 votes in one of the strongest showings for that party here in many years.

Normally, Republican candidates for township offices can look forward to victory with a 2-1 margin. But Tues-

day there was a 6-5 margin with less than 1,000 votes separating winners from the losers.

In the supervisor's race, Earl Teepley gained a 10-1 victory margin over the write-in candidate, Louis Rebeck. Teepley received 9,845 votes against Rebeck's 888 votes. Floyd Cairns, running unopposed for clerk, received 9,272 votes.

Thomas Nolan, Republican, gained election as township treasurer with 7,856 votes but Harris Berger was close behind with 6,187 votes.

Leading the trustee's race was L. David Stader, Republican, with 7,342 votes. Winner of the second four-year trustee's seat, 200 votes behind Stader, was Earl Oppertbauer with 7,140 votes.

Dr. Burton Levy was the leading Democratic vote-getter with 6,187 votes as runner-up in the trustee's contest. William Hatton finished fourth with 5,114.

Christian Powell was returned to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners with 2,388 votes from the northern portion of Farmington Township. His opponent, Henry Kralkic of Birmingham, received 1,587 township votes.

Delos Hamlin, running unopposed as county commissioner, received a total of 7,560 votes from the city and

southern portion of the township.

FOR LOCAL races, the top vote-getter was Republican Teepley with 9,800 votes despite his write-in opponent receiving almost 900 votes. Cairns, running unopposed, received 600 votes less than Supervisor-elect Teepley.

For the State House in the 64th District, Farmington area residents gave incumbent Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington) 10,535 votes compared to 6,070 votes for Democrat Leonard Baruch of Southfield.

For State Senate in the 14th District, Farmington area voters gave Carl Pursell, Plymouth Republican, 11,220 votes. His opponent, Paul Kadish of Livonia, received 5,975 Farmington votes.

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DESPITE THE rain Tues-

day, 15,020 residents voted in the township and 3,969 city residents voted.

Defeat of the annexation question means that the State Boundary Commission will now take action on a petition asking an election to incorporate Farmington Township.

The petition which now becomes active asks for the incorporation of the township and the Village of Quaker-town into a home-rule city.

The Boundary Commission has three options to exercise with this petition: accept it as presented and call for an election; reject it outright; or alter the requested boundaries and call for an election.

Before making a decision, the Boundary Commission will be holding public hearings in Farmington Township and may ask for a study by state consultants. Probably, the earliest an incorporation vote could be held is April 1971.

Countywide, the Oakland County tax proposal failed by a vote of 154,780 "no" and 11,923 "yes."

Total votes from the county districts show: McDonald re-elected to the 19th Congressional District; Pursell as the new senate senator for the 14th District; and Baker returned to the House in the 6th District.