

today's hot line

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Verdict Up To You

"The Night of January 16," a drama by Ayn Rand, is a play in which the audience is given opportunity to pick jurors and decide the verdict. Farmington residents can participate in the play when it is performed by Farmington High School dramatists on Nov. 18, 19.

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Training Tradesmen

Having trouble finding a reliable mechanic to keep the family car running? The lack of skilled mechanics, and many other trade labor shortages, may be alleviated soon because of the vocational education center being operated in Oakland County for Farmington students.

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Special Troop

A different sort of Girl Scout troop has begun meetings in a Farmington school. You can learn what makes the difference in our Women's Section.

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Unconstitutional

All Observerland cities have some length of residency requirement for city council candidates. But a federal judge called one city's charter requirement unconstitutional, and his ruling may have impact all over.

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Bus Maneuvers

Two Observerland congressmen sought to amend a federal bill that would affect inter-district school bussing. One passed, and the other was beaten, and here is a status report.

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SPORTS FUNDED -- The Farmington Junior Football Assn. has raised the money needed to finance winter and spring sports and all extra-curricular high school activities for the year for Farmington public schools. Presenting the money are (from left) Robert Chesley, Dick Crudele and Richard Peters, board of education president. (Nick Merrick photo)

Brotherton Picked As City Mayor

Wilbur Brotherton was picked mayor of the City of Farmington and Ralph Yoder mayor pro tempore Monday night at the city council's organizational meeting. Selection of both for the two-year terms was made at the beginning of the meeting after councilmen had met in a closed-door "executive" session prior to the public meeting. Brotherton has served six years as mayor and this will be Yoder's first term as mayor pro tempore, an officer who serves in the mayor's absence. Councilman John Allen has served as mayor pro tempore for the past two years. SWORN IN to the council were re-elected incumbents Yoder, Allen and Fred Seibert.

Brotherton thanked fellow councilmen for their support and promised to continue representing the city in the manner the council felt he should. The mayor also said he was pleased the voters saw fit to return the three incumbents to office.

Yoder expressed his appreciation and promised to attempt to perform the job as well as Allen has during the past two years.

ALLEN THANKED voters for returning him to office and added he was pleased most of the residents were pleased with the performance of the council.

Seibert commented that he

had been appointed to the council in 1968 to fill the unexpired term of Hugo Petersen and was gratified the electorate sent him back to the council in his first campaigning for the job. "I will endeavor to continue pushing for the things I feel are important for the community in the long run," said Seibert. "Obviously, I won't be a hero to everybody."

Seibert added he was impressed with the harmonious relationship that existed between councilmen. "There is a diversity of opinion, but when a decision is made, personalities are submerged. There is no one grabbing for glory."

Appointments of Brotherton and Yoder were both unanimous.

Farmington's Junior Miss Will Be Picked Saturday



TEN OF THE 22 girls entering the 1972 Junior Miss Pageant are: (from left) front row, Karla Whinnery and Karen Hebson; second row, Rosanne Sinacola, Nancy Moffatt, Nancy

Kamm, Donna Ankus and Karen Tamra; back row, Gail Nymshack, Karen Stewart and Debbie Mulcahy. (Evert photo)

The field of hopefuls has been narrowed to 12 girls and of these one will be named 1972 Farmington Junior Miss Saturday night.

The Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees, will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Harrison High School. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students under 14 years old at the door.

JUDGES FOR the preliminary were: Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand; Mrs. Barbara Benya, executive secretary, Farmington Chamber of Commerce; and Mrs. Helen Jackson of the Wendy Ward Charn School.

The winner Saturday night will receive a \$200 scholarship from Roger Peck Chevrolet plus a chance to enter regional, state and national Junior Miss contests.

The first runnerup will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Harvi's Suburban Casuals and each of the 12 semi-finalists will receive a \$25 gift certificate from her sponsor.

The pageant Saturday will open with all 22 entries combining for a revamped version of "Hey, Look Me Over." Choreographer will be Linda Pulghini and accompanist Marsha Welch.

Belcrest Studio of Farmington will take photos of the winner and runnerups and will present framed photos to these girls.

Tickets for the event were printed by Towne Toggery.

Hearing Set On Cityhood

Farmington Township residents will be able to tell their views on cityhood to the State Boundary Commission when it holds a public hearing Thursday, Dec. 2.

The hearing, which will begin at 8 p.m., will be held in the auditorium of North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Township.

GOVERNMENT spokesmen have already filed briefs and made verbal arguments before the commission, and the Dec. 2 hearing will be primarily for residents. The attorneys will be given an hour between them and then the floor will be given the public.

At stake is whether the township and villages of Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown should be joined in a home-rule city through the process of incorporation.

Under incorporation, the villages will not enjoy " veto power" because the village

votes are counted as part of the township's total balloting. Three matters being considered by the commission are setting a cityhood election: (1) as requested in October 1969 by Future Farmington Association (FFA); (2) as requested except for exclusion of five township parcels which would later be annexed to the City of Farmington; or (3) as requested except for exclusion of Quakertown, which would become a fifth-class city.

UNDER incorporation, the commission has authority to reject the petition outright, approve it as presented, or alter the boundaries requested before setting an election.

The commission has been ordered by the courts to set an election, and so the only options it can now exercise are establishing the boundaries for the proposed new city.

The commission will not make any decision at the Dec. 2 hearing but is expected to



TWELVE OF THE 22 girls entering the 1972 Junior Miss Pageant are: (from left) Cindy Tarpinian; Betsy Dow; Elayne Hodkowski; Lynn Bernadett; Diane Mather; Kathy Ash; Sharon

Hamlett; Kathy Wood; Sally McCoy; Becky Pierce; Carolyn Mekjian; and Debbie Marzinske. (Evert photo)

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