

FACTS and OPINIONS

By PAUL CHANDLER

On the desk is a communication from Life Magazine which says:

"Last week LIFE editorially endorsed the candidacy of Lyndon B. Johnson. This week, examining the possible effect of a Democratic landslide in November, LIFE says that the election of above-average Republican candidates 'capable of forming the nucleus of a strong, nationally based opposition.'"

"Five such candidates are Kenneth Keating, George Romney, Hugh Scott, Robert Taft, Jr., and Charles Percy."

As a newspaper which has encouraged Governor Romney in the strongest possible terms, The Observer would circulate LIFE's newest remarks about Romney.

GEORGE ROMNEY: Elected in 1962 as Michigan's first Republican Governor in 14 years, Romney was supposed to move easily into a second term this year. But he has not endorsed Goldwater and has done his best to run a totally independent campaign. Romney has a very creditable record as governor and is presidential timber. He is banking on ticket-splitting to defeat his able opponent Congressman-at-Large Neil Chamberlain, although Michigan is one of 20 states where ballots are designed to make straight-ticket voting easy. It will be close.

"Romney should have a second term."

An isolated aspect of the above comments from Life is that the Massachusetts ballot (which will appear as a special proposition next Tuesday) is not as strange, exotic, and strangulating a device as the CIO political, Demo press agents would have one conjure.

Most people will have an opinion by now about the big races, but are going to be confounded by the "non-partisan" elections.

The American indifference to elections to Courts is one of the most bewildering phenomena. In almost every other phase of life—including the never-ending joust at home—it is agreed that the "Empire" shall dictate the quarrel.

But in political life today, typically American in its approach, the idea has become that "if you own the empire you own the game" and further, as far as empires are concerned, "every mortal man has his price."

For the new Michigan Court of Appeals (a court created for the first time by the new constitution) Oakland County voters do have a chance to vote for three men who aren't "owned" by any special interest.

All are citizens with records of public service wide open for public inspection. All three are fair in their approach to life and all know law. (The Observer's recommendations for the Court of Appeals are Louis M. Gregor, Timothy Quinn, and Farrell Roberts.)

For Circuit Court our endorsement goes to the same three men whom we are told also have received a proffered rating from the Oakland Citizen's League. They are Arthur Moore, James Thornburn, and Philip Pratt.

For the past two years the editor has sat in the House of Representatives in Lansing as a colleague of State Representative Ray Baker of Farmington. Rep. Baker is a devoted public official and well deserves re-election.

Many good men are available on both party slates for the many open seats on the State Board of Education and the governing boards of Michigan's universities.

We would like particular attention to voters of this area to James O'Neil, a neighbor who lives in Livonia and a man who has demonstrated his talents as a member of the Schoolcraft College Board and as a member of the State Board of Education.

Then we'd like to give a strong word of endorsement for John C. Kreger of Flat Rock.

Jack Kreger has served as a member of the Flat Rock Board of Education for 15 years. He has been president of the Wayne County Board of Education. He is a delegate to the White House Conference on Education in 1955.

But most significant of all, Jack Kreger recently has received, in writing the personal endorsement of virtually every school superintendent in Wayne County—such men as Benton Yates of Livonia, Russell Hilbert of Redford Union, Merlin Roe of South Redford, and Russell Liebster of Plymouth.

Jack Kreger is running for the State Board of Education and it's a name worth picking out next Tuesday down on that part of the ballot.

UN Receives a Stirring Tribute

The American Legion, regarded by many as a right wing, isolationist organization, marched through the drowsy streets of Farmington, Saturday in honor of the United Nations Day. And the keynote speaker at the UN ceremony, James Casey, Member-at-Large of the American Legion, delivered a speech that would have pleased the most dedicated World Federalist.

The parade and ceremony were sponsored by the Exchange Club, the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts.

The procession, including a band, marched from Farmington Square to the Farmington City Park. A highlight of the service at the Park was the planting of a tree, in honor of Australia, by the Exchange Club, the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts. Starr and Farmington's three other exchange students — Milwaukee had to make the oc-



ELY PETERSON'S Victory Bus for Oakland county prosecuting attorney; Ray Baker, candidate for State Representative from the 64th Dist.; and State Rep. Paul Chandler, candidate for State Senator from the 14th Dist.



CANDIDATES gathered with Mrs. Ely Peterson, the cocktail party in her honor on Saturday, at G.O.P. Headquarters in Farmington. From left to right: Robert Templin, candidate for Oakland county prosecuting attorney; Ray Baker, candidate for State Representative from the 64th Dist.; and State Rep. Paul Chandler, candidate for State Senator from the 14th Dist.

School Board Debates Education Resolutions

By JOY STINSON
 At the regular meeting of the Farmington Public School District held Monday evening, the Board of Education took action on 11 different resolutions offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards. Among them, a resolution urging and endorsing a system of accreditation of the entire school system rather than the present high school accreditation procedure now in effect, was not approved.

The Board divided on this decision with Herbert Neal and George Nabbell voting negative and Richard Peters abstaining. With Vernon Fisher absent, the resolution lacked a majority. Board members opposing the resolution felt that accreditation of the entire school system would lead the accreditors to dictate programs which the Board opposed. Another opposing view felt that if a high school was accredited, the elementary system naturally would be up to standard.

Union Lake Man Killed in Twp.

Clyde L. Johnson, 71, of 3372 Elymere, Union Lake, was killed in a car accident in Farmington Township, Friday night, Oct. 23. The two others involved in the accident are still hospitalized but neither is in critical condition.

Johnson was riding in a '63 Chevrolet convertible, driven by his wife, Kathryn, 51. She was killed in a car accident at 13 Mile and Farmington Rd. at 13 Mile and Farmington Rd. She apparently failed to yield the right-of-way and pulled into the path of a car driven by Jack David Gamble, of 3107 Ferris, Royal Oak.

Gamble and Mrs. Johnson were both taken to William Beaumont Hospital. As of Monday, Gamble's condition is described as "good," but Mrs. Johnson remains only "fair."

The accident at the scene was Officer William Kelly, of the Farmington Township Police. Witnesses describe the wreckage as "hideous."

Girl Stabs Man in Self Defense

At approximately 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, a 16 year old Farmington girl was walking west on Grand River, about 500 east of Bookdale, near the bridge at that point, a young man of medium build—wearing a red quilted, three quarter length coat and dark pants—stepped in her path.

She tried to go around him. But he turned, and grabbed her, and tried to force her into the bushes on the side of the walk.

Around the young lady's neck, a small knife hung from a key chain.

Just as suddenly as he had grabbed for her, she struck the bewildered invader with the open blade of her knife.

She believes she struck him on the left side. But she is not sure whether the blow landed on his face, neck or shoulder.

But it had sufficient force to knock him over the guard rail—25 feet down into the water. He went down so hard, he sheared a 3" free off at the crown.

Quite understandably, the girl was also unstrung by the incident. She did not wait to see what had happened to her

attacker. She ran away herself. About forty minutes after the incident, she reported it to the Farmington Police.

Chief Foltz, Lt. Vandell, Sgt. Harrison, Sgt. Dedman, and Officers Berning and Watson searched the area of the stream from about 11 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. but the man had apparently escaped.

Even if he did get away, the police think it is likely he was injured. He may have a flesh wound, or a broken bone.

They have issued the following description: "white, male, 20 to 30 years old, 5'8" to 5'10", medium build, light brown hair, with a pronounced comb in back, clean cut in appearance."

Someone may have seen him still wearing wet clothing last Wednesday night.



PROUD PARTICIPANTS in the dedication of the John F. Kennedy Book Shelf at the Farmington Library Saturday, from left to right: Aldo Vagnozzi, Chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club; Mrs. Mary F. Allison, Secretary of the library's Board of Trustees; and W. Allen Nelson, one of the founders of the Farmington District Friends of the Library, which was founded in Farmington in 1954. He was the first president of that organization. He was also one of the founders of the Farmington Democratic Club.

Incumbents Reply to Gluckstein

Members of the Township Board and the Township Attorney have expressed concern that Democratic candidates for township office have "stepped to a mud-slinging campaign."

Said Supervisor Curt Hall, "The vicious and unprincipled personal attacks by Democrat candidates on hardworking and dedicated public servants, point up the fact that the Democrats have been unable to come up with a single, legitimate issue in this campaign."

"Both trustees, Tom Duke and Earl Oppertbauer, had outstanding records of public service before coming on the Township Board. Unlike the Democrat office seekers, these men are on the Board because they can make positive contributions needed by good government. Our trust is in the men recognized throughout the county and by our Circuit Judges as an expert in Township law."

"The personal attacks leveled against these men illustrate the irrepressible character of the opposition. Persons that so flagrantly disregard the truth should not be entrusted with public office."

"Everyone knows that I am a builder and developer, and the voters were so informed prior to my past election," said Trustee Tom Duke's comment. "I am proud of my business and of the good things we have done in Farmington Township. Forestbrook Hills and Forestbrook Estates Subdivisions are among the finest in the Detroit area. I have never received the slightest preference in my business because of my work with the Township."

"In fact, the opposite is true. To claim that I have an adverse interest because I happen to be a builder is like saying Aldo Vagnozzi is a union goon, simply because he works for a labor union. Citizens who have attended our meetings know how well come they are, the efforts we make to answer their inquiries and to make Farmington an even better place to live."

Trustee Earl Oppertbauer said, "I believe my background and experience in government, as a lawyer and as president of the Kendallwood Farms Association, promoted the Township Board to appoint me a trustee. I did not seek the appointment but, having a keen concern for

JFK Library is Dedicated

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Book Shelf was dedicated at the Farmington public library. It contains 40 new books, purchased with funds raised principally by members of the Farmington Democratic Club, and by other individuals as well.

The dedication address was made by Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club. He said he thought "it is fitting that this bookshelf should honor the late Pres. Kennedy, because he probably did more than any president since Thomas Jefferson to raise the intel-

lectual standards of our nation."

Vagnozzi took issue with the view of American youth as declining in morals: "Now you hear a lot of talk about our nation being in a state of moral decay. I say to those who preach this doctrine: let them come to Farmington and to our Library on a Saturday or an evening and watch our youth make use of this splendid facility and its books."

He then talked of politics, and of its place in the affairs of the community.

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Vagnozzi-Hall Sum Up Debate

Curt Hall Aldo Vagnozzi

Supervisor Curt Hall described the current Township election as a choice between the proven ability and record of achievement of the present, Republican administration and the inexperience and hollow promises of the Democrat challengers.

"The opposition is attempting to distract the voters, distort the facts and discredit able public servants," said Mr. Hall. "Our citizens are being treated to the usual barrage of unsubstanced charges and petty complaints, but all this cannot mask the fact that the Democrat candidate has nothing whatever to offer the people of Farmington. All of their slogans and trick phrases cannot hide their inexperience and ignorance of the most elementary facts of Township life."

"We have a strong record of solid achievement in all of the areas stressed by my opponent," continued Mr. Hall. "In what way does he propose to improve upon this record? I challenge anyone to find one specific proposal anywhere in his news releases, speeches or literature. My opponent accuses us of

"I would urge these committees to have their reports ready in time to go into action immediately upon my taking office," Vagnozzi summarized his

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