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HIS COMPANION CARRIED GUN

Farmington Constable Resigns After Being Arrested

One of Farmington Township's Constables has resigned. The Observer has learned, after being arrested and brought before a Justice of the Peace following a bizarre incident. William Scott, 25, elected to the office in 1963 and due to leave next April, signed a letter of resignation on Nov. 24 which said:

"Effective this date, I hereby resign from the office of Constable Farmington Township.

"I do not intend to assume the duties of the office at any time in the future and hereby offer to execute any and all necessary or appropriate instruments to

effect the purposes of this resignation."

The letter was delivered to the Supervisor and Governor.

But prior to that, The Observer was told, Scott had been arrested and brought to the station by Farmington Township Police. He was apprehended apparently while in the process of driving a young driver. Scott had ordered the youth to stop his car and pull over to the side.

According to this newspaper's information, Scott wore a police-type uniform at the time. The constable was accompanied in his car by a man of college age, and the

latter reportedly walked beside Scott carrying a gun, as they approached the car they had halted.

Officers in a Farmington Township Police car, apparently had witnessed Scott's car pulling away at high speed prior to the incident. When the Township officers witnessed the scene at the roadside they brought Scott and his friend to the station.

A charge of "reckless driving" is understood to have been withdrawn after he agreed to resign. The man with Scott also was formally booked, The Observer was told.

Farmington Township officials and Police absolutely refused Monday to discuss the episode other than to produce the letter of resignation and said "that's where the affair will end." They said, "publicly isn't going to help anybody."

Scott was involved in other controversy over his generous use of his Constable's badge, uniform, and power of arrest. A Circuit Judge cautioned him to be prudent.

Scott did not run for re-election as Constable this year and his term automatically would have expired April 1, 1965.

'Referendum' Petition Delivered to Town Hall

1,600 DEMAND VOTE ON OFFICIALS' PAY HIKE

Petitions bearing more than 1,600 signatures were delivered in a surprise maneuver Monday demanding that recent action by the Farmington Township Board increasing the salaries of top officials be "referred" to the people for a vote.

Harris Berger is one of the leaders of the group which has decided to challenge the raise in salaries voted

on Election Eve by the Township Board.

Pay for the office of Supervisor was elevated at that time from \$10,000 to \$15,000; for Clerk from \$8,500 to \$11,500; and for Treasurer from \$8,000 to \$11,000.

The right to ask for such an election is guaranteed by Michigan Township Law, but it has never been used in the history of Farmington Township. Under the process, if sufficient legal signatures are found on petitions the Board has no choice but to hold a special election.

Spokesmen for the group which appeared at the Township Hall Monday said the legal requirement to force an election was "about 1,500 signatures" and that the petitions delivered to Farmington Clerk

Floyd Cairns had "just under 1,700 names."

The Board approved the pay increases 24 hours before the election on Nov. 3. All incumbent officials, subsequently were re-elected—Curtis Hall as Supervisor; Elise

Police Quell Riot In Township Bar

A riot broke out at the Grand View Bar, 34506 Grand River, in Farmington Township Saturday night. At its height, it involved more than 30 participants, officers from six police stations, and the Farmington Fire Department—armed with a fire hose.

The Grand View is known as a "working man's bar." It has a pool table and a juke box. A group of young men came in Saturday afternoon. At about 10 p.m. they got into a fight. The origins of the fight are unclear. But one version, that of participant Ronald Rose, of Detroit, is supported by several of the other participants.

According to Rose, he was sitting at a table with his wife, when a woman at a nearby table began to insult her. His wife replied so that the other woman would hear, that she had never been in such disagreeable company. Thereupon, the woman's male companion hit Mrs. Rose in the face.

Rose, a burly 205 pounder, came to his wife's defense. At this point, the police came in. Thinking that Rose was the instigator, they sought to arrest him. Onlookers, apparently feeling that Rose was being un-

derestimated, came to his aid. A fight broke out between the two groups. Police officers used their batons and tear gas to quell the riot. Several people were injured and taken to the hospital.

FACTS and OPINIONS

by Paul Chandler

Bits and Pieces today—

It appears that some communities (Livonia is one) are planning to abandon formal judging contests for outdoor holiday decorations in residential areas this year.

Other communities never even have had such competition.

Judging the displays is no great chore, and the existence of such a "contest" does provide some incentive, and a little reward, for those citizens who would put out extra effort to brighten up the corner where they are during Christmas season.

Facts and Opinions wonders if the recreation departments and service clubs might not put the subject on the agenda for a new, immediate hearing.

Board OKs Bank in Kimbirely

The clouds are lifting from Kimbirely Subdivision, and the scars, happily, are fading. On Wednesday, Nov. 25, the Farmington Township Board of Trustees voted to permit the National Bank of Detroit to construct a branch in the subdivision. A handful of Kimbirely residents were present at the



FARMINGTON JUNIOR MISS, of 1965, is Janis Pierce of N. Farmington High. Here she is seen by other winners. From left to right: Pauline Poladian, second runner up; Pat Prucha, first runner up; Janis Paige, Junior Miss; and Chris Meyers, last year's Junior Miss.

Discrimination Is Widespread, Group Told

Discrimination against Negroes is as widespread in the Detroit area as it is in the rest of the country, a student of race relations said Tuesday.

The speaker, Eric Krysiak, spoke at a meeting of the Farmington Citizens for Better Human Relations at the Church of Our Savior United Presbyterian, Krysiak, a white South African, lived three years in an integrated section of Detroit.

"The leadership of the Negro community says conditions in Detroit are better than in the Southern states," Krysiak said, "but they don't speak for their people."

Krysiak, who surveyed the racial attitudes of 250 Negro women while working on his doctoral dissertation at the University of Michigan, said half of them felt prejudice was worse in the North.

He said that while looking for a home in an integrated neighborhood, he found rents charged white families there were \$20 a month less than that charged Negroes.

He said discrimination was less obvious in Detroit than in Johannesburg, South Africa, but that the attitude of the Negroes was similar.

The failure of broadscale contact between Negroes and whites in Detroit was criticized by Krysiak.

"We fight liberals," he said, "talk with Negro leadership and they convince each other that progress is being made, but the attitude of the mass of Negroes

Janis Pierce Farmington's Junior Miss

Janis Pierce, a gifted and beautiful blond senior at North Farmington High School, was crowned Farmington Junior Miss Saturday night. Pat Prucha and Pauline Poladian received the first and second runner-up awards, respectively, in the contest which was held at Farmington Junior High.

This is an annual event, part of the national Junior Miss Pageant, which seeks to find the nation's ideal high school senior girls. It is decided on the basis of character, citizenship, high school activities, personal ambition, scholastic achievement, and tidy poise and demeanor.

Local and state Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations sponsor committee and then state pageants to pick a Junior Miss from each state.

Miss Pierce will compete in January, in Pontiac, for the title Michigan Junior Miss.

The emphasis in the pageants is on education. They do so by offering college scholarships as the major awards. At the national level, in excess of \$10,000 is awarded to the winner and four runners-up. Fifteen hundred dollars is awarded the winner and two runners-up at the state level. For her victory Saturday night, Miss Pierce will get \$250 from the Farmington Jaycees.

The contest is divided into three parts: There is the part about which the audience is not

Policeman Shoots Cat, Stirs Row

Farmington Township Police killed an 8½-month-old kitten, early Saturday morning. The shooting set off an angry row between the police and Robert Schulkins who owned the pet.

Schulkins claims it was killed on his property. The police say it had wandered off the property.

They say it was killed on the mistaken assumption that it was an abandoned animal. The Police say their policy is to destroy abandoned animals, because they are biters and disease carriers. Schulkins says he has been an auxiliary police officer in the Township since 1958, and knows of no such policy. He says the cat was killed out of sheer meanness.

The men who fired the shot was Officer Valoga. He was talking with Aux. Policeman Gidix.

He says that, at about the time Schulkins' cat was shot, he did shoot a cat along the fence of the latter's home. Schulkins argues that the cat was shot right on his property. He claims his son spotted the police car backing out of their driveway, with its headlights on, since 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. He had gotten up early according to his dad, to exercise on the trampoline.

The Schulkins driveway is 450' long. Schulkins says he found his cat about 250' down the drive. The reason he did not hear the shot, he explains, is because his windows are thermopaneled.

The Farmington Township Chief of Police, Irving Yakes says: "We dispose of hundreds of abandoned animals - each year. Disposing of the animals is a matter of judgement on the part of the officer. This is the first time we have received a complaint that a pet had been disposed of by our officers. It is a regrettable incident and we are very sorry it happened."

Auto Hit by Truck On 9 Mile

A terrible collision took place at Farmington Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. at 2:51 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27. Sixty-year-old Roy James Nesbitt, of Detroit, and his wife, Marion, 59, were hospitalized at St. Mary's in Livonia, after their 1956 Chevrolet was struck by a Mack double bottom semi-trailer truck. He is in good condition. But, as of Monday, his wife — who was originally on the critical list — remained in only fair condition.

There were three witnesses to the accident. They all agreed that Nesbitt, driving east on Nine Mile Rd., shot right into the path of the truck, which was heading north on Farmington Rd. The driver of the truck, Don W. Fisher, of Howell, Mich., tried in an attempt to avoid hitting the car. In doing so, he caused the cab and lead trailer of his truck to turn over, and he knocked over a telephone pole.

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One of the national Education journals offered this wisdom: "As long as there are final exams, there will always be prayers in our schools..."

And a home magazine this one: "...It's not enough for a gardener to love flowers, he must also hate weeds."

Nothing can change the general analysis that November 3 was a day of massacre for the Republican party throughout the United States.

It was much more than the defeat of a presidential candidate, of course. The U.S. Congress saw GOP candidates swamped by Democrats, wholesale. From coast-to-coast, State Legislatures became dominated by the Democratic party, with state house after state house turning over control from one party to the other.

(The winds of change blew hard in Lansing. Some of the most respected legislators there, men and women with experience and known for their ability; not labeled with any particular "liberal" or "conservative" reputation; a host of such are among the missing since the election.)

In the whole sweeping national trend, however, there was an exception. The Republicans actually have one more Governor than did previously, 17 instead of 16.

In each case, the decision went to a so-called "moderate" candidate—John A. Volpe in Massachusetts; Warren P. Knowles in Wisconsin; and Daniel J. Evans in Washington, not to mention holdovers John Chaffee in Rhode Island and George Romney in Michigan.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho is current chairman of the Association of Republican Governors and recently was interviewed by U.S. News and World Report.

"The election demonstrates that the real strength of the party exists in the statehouse and courthouse level—and in those places the offices are held by people known as moderates.

"I think we're going to have to move the party's philosophy back toward the center..."

The reader will find no argument here opposing that objective.

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