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Victorious McConnell Tells Plans For Farmington Hills

By DOUG JOHNSON

Robert McConnell is in the strange position of working to abolish a job he just won in Tuesday's primary election.



ROBERT MCCONNELL

Supervisor Earl Teepley by 91 votes out of nearly 4,250 votes cast in the GOP primary race.

He will automatically be supervisor after the November election, since no Democrats filed for the office.

But McConnell says he really doesn't expect to keep the job. He hopes the incorporation of the City of Farmington Hills will be approved by voters in either November or during an election next spring.

McConnell, a manufacturer's representative, is chairman of the Farmington Hills Charter Commission.

McConnell, in a special interview with the Enterprise and Observer, said he felt his victory over Teepley meant two things: township leadership was in question, and voters favor incorporation as a means of "protecting the industrial parks and our tax base."

Currently, three annexation petitions involving township territory are before the State Boundary Commission, the state body that has jurisdiction in annexation cases since 1968. Two of the petitions have been filed by the city, a third by the Village of Quakertown.

MC CONNELL outlined the scenario or game play by which he hoped the township would become a home rule city.

First, the charter commission will continue to meet at least once a week through August to draft a charter.

Currently, the group, under McConnell's leadership, has been meeting each Tuesday night (next meeting: Aug. 15) in township hall.

"We are about halfway through our draft of the charter," McConnell said. The commission has met 10 times so far.

Then sometime in early September, a decision about putting the charter and cityhood on the ballot will have to be made.

"It will depend on how far along we are with the charter at that time. Right now, I cannot say for sure the charter will be on the ballot. We won't really know until early September," McConnell said.

If the decision is made to go for a November vote, the question will ride along with the national presidential election and important state and county races.

A November vote would assure a big turnout for the charter.

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"I very much want to get input from the public on the work we have done," McConnell said. "And one of my objectives would be a charter acceptable to the City of Farmington, so we can consolidate with the city at some time in the future."

The city also has a strong council-city manager form of government. The last consolidation election (1959) passed in the township and the two villages, but lost in the city by about 250 votes.

The plan for the charter passage goes beyond November.

If the commission work and public hearings aren't done soon enough, then the charter will be voted on in the spring, McConnell said.

McConnell would then have to serve as township supervisor for several months.

business partner, and he will take over. I will be a full time supervisor," McConnell said.

"But I want to provide an orderly transition to more efficient type of government. Farmington is on the threshold of a new era," McConnell said.

If the voters turn down the charter—either in November or in the spring—then the charter commission will analyze what the voters disliked and "get it back to them again, with corrections," McConnell said.

The charter commission is looking at the charters of Birmingham, Southfield, Oak Park, Pontiac, Barton (Michigan's newest city), the proposed Rochester Hills charter, and even the charter from Enfield, Conn.

They have also been using the American League of Cities' model charter.

When and if the charter passes, a period of transition would be needed to move Farmington Township into cityhood.

"IT'S NO problem. I have a

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Spreen, Kuhn

Former Detroit police commissioner Johannes Spreen did well in Tuesday's primary election. So did some other well known names. For full details on who won in Oakland County, see

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Precinct By Precinct

What precincts did Robert McConnell and Earl Teepley each win in the very close race for township supervisor? The Enterprise & Observer has a full set of figures; check to see how your area voted

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Campbell, Nowak, Brotherton Win

Three well known Farmington men did well in Tuesday's primary run off election.

PAT NOWAK AND WILBUR BROTHERTON won GOP nominations in two county commission districts. And John Campbell topped a challenge from a Southfield man for the Democratic nomination in the 64th house District.

Here are official figures in the four county commission races involving Farmington, the House race and the 17th Congressional race, as well as township primary results.

IN THE 27th Oakland County Commission GOP primary, Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton beat August Barbrick Jr. 1,531 to 729. Brotherton got 681 votes in the city to Barbrick's 327; in the township, Brotherton polled 835 to Barbrick's 365. The district includes the city and the south end of the township.

In the 23th commission race, for the Republican nomination, Pat Nowak (1,095) beat out Edward Holmes (698), Frank Marotta (439) Lester Maynard (298) and Margaret Stevenson (559). Nowak gained prominence by rising to high office in state and national Jaycee organization. His district includes the north-central section of the township, Milford, Commerce and Walled Lake. He netted 535 votes in Farmington Township.

Nowak will face Margaret Genus, who beat Jack Rose 431-329 for the Democratic nomination.

In the 24th County Commission District, Lew Coy, a Wixom Republican, ran unopposed. For the Democrats, William O'Brien of Novi (2,971) topped a field of three others: Glenn Betts (166), Ben Bundo (88) and John Gillis (141).



PAT NOWAK

The 24th District includes the north west section of the township, Novi and the lakes region to the north.

In the 15th (the northeast section of Farmington and western Southfield) Republican Lillian Moffitt polled 1246 to beat Marshall Greene (480), Joseph Roberts (604) and Neil Wallace (975). Democrat Elliot Banks ran unopposed.

REP. RAYMOND BAKER ran unopposed for the 64th House GOP Nomination, and polled 4483 votes. John Campbell of Farmington topped Robert Leach of Southfield, 1169-613 in the Democratic runoff.

Finally, in the 17th Congressional District, Rep. Martin Griffiths ran unopposed; she will face Detroit's Ralph Judd (6880), who beat Thomas Klunzinger (7031), also of Detroit.

LOCALLY, ONLY 1,862 voters went to the polls in the city, about 31 per cent of the total registered. In the township 27 per cent of 22,976 voters voted.

Official township figures in the clerk, treasurer and trustee Republican primary races are included here. All incumbents won. Floyd Cairns (2,446) led the GOP ticket, beating Alvin Paine (800) and Art Pussey (973).

Thomas Nolan Treasurer topped Charles Foust, a Livonia School District teacher, 2313 to 1,294. Fred Lichtman (2,043) and Margaret Schaeffer (2,242) beat two young challengers, Joe Teepley (1,382) and Steven Davidovich (1,101).



PONY AND CART -- Martini (that's his right name), a Shetland pony, eyes the camera while Mark Glowacki and Daniel McHugh stop to enjoy the view. Daniel, who owns Martini, and his friend Mark like to ride along the unpaved roads in the north end of Farmington Township. Photographer Fran Evert caught this picture near her home.

Nostalgic Scene

Pontiac Busing Is Discussed

By MARY PADEN

Did busing help Pontiac Students? "I think it made them grow up, maybe a little too fast," Mrs. Barbara Jones, a Pontiac teacher said.

While many suburban parents are shaking their fists at school busses, one group of parents, the Metropolitan Coalition for Peaceful Integration with chapters in Detroit and many suburbs, is planning how to make busing work if it is finally ordered.

The Farmington-Clarencville chapter recently heard a clergyman, a parent and a teacher from Pontiac tell how they lived through—and even benefited from—busing.

About 50 Farmington parents and one man from Clarencville gathered in the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Farmington last week to hear the speakers and map out a strategy to ease in busing, if it comes.

They spoke of talking to parents at coffee hours, educating teachers on how to deal tactfully with black students and teachers, asking police to prepare a plan for it's hands and won't have it's head together if busing comes," said one woman.

UNDER THE LATEST plan from Judge Stephen Roth's 11-member desegregation panel, sitting in on the discussion Farmington would be paired with schools in northwest Detroit's Mumford High city School area.

When one man referred to the area as the "inner city," a woman who had lived near Mumford five years ago corrected him: "That's a middle class area."

"My daughter was the only white child in the first grade class and she never had any trouble," she said. "When my older daughter was in sixth grade, she had a black woman teacher who taught her to love with the child. But five minutes later,

Farmington School Board President Ken Perrin who was sitting in on the discussion Farmington would be paired with schools in northwest Detroit's Mumford High city School area.

"IT'S FOOLISH to think there won't be trouble at Farmington schools if busing comes," said a woman in another group. She said anti-busing women had stood at the doors of her son's elementary school, Shawasssee, during a boycott protesting busing last year. If parents didn't want to keep their children home, they were asked to send a card sympathizing with the protest with the child.

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