

Very Heavy Voter Turnout Predicted For The Election

A heavy turnout is expected in Tuesday's election, according to clerks in Farmington.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns expects close to 90 per cent of the 25,395 registered voters to show at the polls in the township.

In the city, about 600 absentee ballots have been taken out, said Clerk Nedra Viane. This is about double the normal amount. More than 2,000 have been taken out in the township.

TOPPING THE LOCAL ballot is the proposal in

the city for a \$1.25 million bond proposal for a city ice-sports arena. The facility, proposed for the corner of Shiawassee and Orchard Lake Rd., would allow the city to go ahead and bond the project for 30 years, to be paid partly by revenue and partly by the general fund of the city.

Farmington Township has the main local candidates race, with the slate topped by unopposed Robert McConnell, who is being challenged for supervisor by a write-in campaign conducted by Earl Teeples.

Other township offices being decided include the clerk's race, between the incumbent Republican, Cairns, and Democratic challenger Joyce Hungerford.

The treasurer's contest is between incumbent Republican Thomas Nolan and Democratic challenger Catherine Vignoe.

There is also a four-way race for two trustee seats: incumbents (both Republican) Frederick Lichtman and Margaret Schaeffer, and challengers Maynard Gordon and Michael Zeglan.

LWV Summary

The Farmington League of Women Voters has compiled a complete summary of local races in the Farmington area. We have the summary on:

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Campaigns End

With the campaigns drawing to a close, several candidates have been taking some stronger jobs. Stories on these, and some candidates' positions, are on:

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The Lottery

Where can you buy tickets for Michigan's new lottery? A number of local businesses -- and a township -- are announcing they have licenses, but the lottery bureau in Lansing still couldn't supply your hometown newspaper with a master list.

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For Card Shoppers

Our Church Section today includes an array of Christmas cards that are being sold by charitable organizations and can help as well as bear greetings. How-to-order information is included.

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Bazaar With Difference

A Livonia church offers a different twist on the bazaar theme this week. It's an international festival, with missionary representatives as well as items for sale from around the world.

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Rink Proposal Gains Support, And Critics

The proposed ice-sports facility in the city of Farmington, a \$1.25 million bond issue on Tuesday's ballot (Proposal D), has drawn support from several local groups, and also some criticism.

The Farmington Planning Commission and the director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission have gone on record supporting the proposal, while a "committee" headed by Robert Neuhauser, 31581 Lamar Drive, is fighting the project.

The ballot proposal is asking for approval of a bond issue which would finance a multi-use sports facility for the city of Farmington.

THE COUNCIL put the proposal on the ballot and has entered into an agreement with the school district to purchase a portion of the property at Farmington High School as a site for the proposed arena, at the corner of Orchard Lake and Shiawassee.

An indoor Olympic-sized ice rink, handball courts, paddleball courts and a meeting room are proposed for the building. The city estimates the facility will cost about \$35,000 per year to be financed out of the general fund -- equivalent to one-half mill in property taxes.

Evans Bageris, director of the FARC, endorsed the

proposal saying, "It could fulfill a great recreational void that now exists in our community during the winter months."

"The addition of this facility would mean the cessation of trips by our Farmington youth to adjacent communities," he added.

"These cities have heard the plea of our youngsters. I hope that the residents of Farmington will do likewise."

Neuhauser, who lives close to the proposed site, was critical. "I feel if the Farmington taxpayers will balance the benefits against the costs, they will find the Farmington residents will be paying increased taxes for the next 30

years for a facility, located on an inappropriate site, which will mostly benefit a select group of boys, who may or may not even be Farmington residents."

"The city manager has gone so far as to say that he is not sure any tax increase will be needed. If he has this kind of money tucked away, an investigation should be made."

Neuhauser says that it is "not a reasonable prediction that the revenue from this building will be able to pay 60 per cent of the costs."

City Manager Robert Deadman has said he was conservative on the revenue projections, basing them on the experience of area rinks.

Rink Deserves Support

Editorial

A local proposal on the ballot would allow the City of Farmington to obligate itself for \$1.25 million in bonds to build an ice and sports arena on a site purchased at Farmington High from the school district.

We feel the project would be popular and heavily used by area residents -- a fine addition to the Farmington community.

IT ALSO HAS some defects as a community project, related to the fact that the city council has had the foresight to go ahead with the project on its own.

There is no question that it should be a Farmington area project, either bonded by both the city and the township or by an area recreation authority.

The cost, which will amount to about 1/2 mill out of the city budget, will be borne by taxpayers in the

city, although a lot of other people in the area will benefit.

The city has been completely candid about the finances of the project, and although there is some hope it will become self-supporting, it is not being "sold" on this basis.

With the hope that in the near future real cooperation on recreation between the township and the city will develop, we endorse the building of the ice rink in Farmington.

It represents a positive move towards a better place to live.

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Lillian Moffitt

A women shouldn't get elected to office just because she's a woman, but a person with the qualifications of Mrs. Lillian Moffitt deserves many votes.

Mrs. Moffitt of West Bloomfield is the Republican candidate seeking election as Oakland County Commissioner in the 15th District which includes parts of Southfield and Farmington Township.

She has invested a decade studying Oakland County Government, its role, leaders, and how it can be changed for the better.

Observer Newspapers believes Mrs. Moffitt is the best qualified candidate in the 15th and recommend her for your consideration.

Wilbur Brotherton

In the 27th county commissioner's race, we believe Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton would be the best choice for the office.

His long (14 years) association with local government on the city council should provide his district with needed familiarity with the area's problems.

His long-time association with the people and the politics of the area should ensure much-needed communication between the county and Farmington and Southfield.

William O'Brien

The 24th District represents the biggest section of vacant land in Farmington Township.

The district also includes the rapidly growing areas of Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom.

William O'Brien, a Novi councilman, with an academic background in local government, would like to orient the county towards regional solid waste disposal, county manager form of government (which Coy opposes) and takes a progressive view towards the impending growth of the area.

O'Brien's ideas on regional problems seem much more in tune to an area which will change from countryside to a populated suburban landscape in the next few years.

We endorse O'Brien for the county seat.

Our Local Choices:

Floyd Cairns

Floyd Cairns has been township clerk for 16 years, and in that period has seen the job grow to one of large proportions.

Today, his office handles many items of administrative nature that should properly be the function of a city manager, and he agrees with that conclusion.

But the township does not have a manager, and Cairns has done good work in keeping public service projects moving, including setting up special assessment districts, and organizing such projects as the 10 Mile Rouge sewer arm.

He deserves re-election.

Thomas Nolan

Treasurer Thomas Nolan has done much work in organizing the financial records of the township. This year the records received compliments from the township auditors, which is some indication he is doing the job of treasurer efficiently.

He has been fit to run the office on a part-time basis, for which he has often been criticized. However, part time he has organized computer tax billing and modernized the office.

Nolan's work in the office of treasurer on balance has earned him our endorsement.

Schaeffer, Lichtman

The two incumbent trustees for Farmington Township have done a creditable job and deserve re-election.

Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman have represented sometimes opposing views, but both have been the kind of trustees that do their homework and make strong contributions to the work load at the board table.

For trustee, we endorse Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman.

Patrick Nowak

Patrick Nowak is not the first to promise better administration for county government, but we believe he will be more effective than most in obtaining it.

His work with the Jaycees, including the office of vice president in 1971 of the national organization, has been of much benefit to the Farmington area.

He has also worked with the board of review and the beautification committee in Farmington, which has established some fruitful contact with local officials and given him some insight into local problems.

We endorse Nowak for the 25th county commissioner's district.



ARTHUR LAMB

Arthur Lamb Dies

Arthur G. Lamb, 91, mayor of Farmington from 1929 to 1933, died Oct. 30, in Botsford Hospital after a short illness. Married for 67 years, Mr. Lamb lived with his wife, Rena, in the house he built at 33204 Oakland since 1918. Before that time they had lived in the white frame house next door, beginning in 1911.

MR. LAMB was active in the Farmington community for many years.

Included in his activities was membership in the Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151 as a past master; the Trinity Shrine No. 151; and a charter member of the Farmington Exchange Club.

A carpenter by trade, he also had served on the Oakland County board of supervisors for 16 years and had served on the Farmington board of education.

While serving on the board of education he organized the first school band in town.

LIVING IN Farmington when Grand River was a wood plank road, Mrs. Lamb recalled early days in Farmington High School.

"Arthur's brother was the first high school teacher, and there were four boys in the graduating class his first year," Mrs. Lamb said.

Funeral services for Mr. Lamb were Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. in the Thayer Funeral Home. Officiating were Rev. John Howell and Rev. Howard Snell of the Farmington First United Methodist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Rena; a daughter, Mrs. Louis White of Farmington; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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