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Voters polled on Tuesday

Voters will be going to the polls Tuesday to determine nominees for Congressional representative, state senator, state representative and county commissioner.

The polls in Farmington will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are no longer available.

City Clerk Nedra Viane said there were 6,653 registered voters in the city of Farmington.

"There seems to be quite a bit of interest in this primary, from the calls and questions we've received," she said.

Candidates for Congressional representative in the 17th district are William Brodhead (D), Robert Fitzpatrick (D), Kenneth C. Gallagher (R), A. J. Goldenthal (R), Carl Patrick Jones (D), Joseph Levin (D), Patrick A. McDonald (D), Dennis F. Shrewsbury (D) and Kathleen Straus (D).

The 17th Congressional district includes the cities of Lathrup Village, Southfield, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Two unopposed candidates are running for the state senate in the 15th district.

SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC nomination is incumbent Daniel S. Cooper. Lee Alan Coppock is running for Republican state senator.

The 15th district includes the cities of Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Wixom, Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Walled Lake.

Five candidates are running for state representative in the 6th district.

Candidates are Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton (R), John Campbell (D),

Douglas J. Collins (R), William A. "Bill" Ortmann (R) and Markus W. Simon (R).

The 6th district includes the cities of Farmington and Southfield (southwest section) and Farmington Hills.

Two candidates are running unopposed for county commissioner in the 24th district.

William R. O'Brien is the Democratic candidate. The Republican incumbent candidate is Lew L. Coy.

Five Republicans and three Democrats are running for county commissioner in the 27th district.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES are August Barbrick, Jr., John J. McDonald, Donna R. Sklar, Robert L. Smith and Nancy A. Dittmar.

Democrats are J. Andrew Ditzhay, Jr., Gerald J. Farrell and William Hutton.

Voters can choose between incumbent Patrick Nowak and Edward Morey in the Republican primary for county commissioner in the 25th district.

One Democrat, Sheldon Toll, is running.

The 25th district includes the southwestern quarter of West Bloomfield and a section of Farmington north of Twelve Mile Road and most of Commerce Township to the west.

Two attorneys will compete for the new seat in the 47th District Court, which serves Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Two will be nominated to run in the general election in November.

Candidates are: John H. Burke, Clair R. Carney, William J. Dillon, Gerald Freedman, Frank B. Hill, Judith Holtz, Richard Megegan, Edward R. Reagan, Kenneth E. Rosse, Bruce A. Saperstein, Margaret Schaefer and Lawrence F. Sklar.



The summer of '74

Starting to get the summer doldrums? We may have a cure for the ailment. Today's Suburban Life section describes 49 ways to spend the remaining 49 days of summer. One is to visit the Detroit Zoo on Ten Mile Road near Woodward Avenue. These baby monkeys are only two of the many animals which can be visited in the zoo. As much as possible, animals

are permitted to roam in their natural habitats. Another interesting way to spend an afternoon is to see the photographic exhibit at the Detroit Library on Woodward at Putnam. This exhibit by Observer & Eccentric photographer Tracy Baker is among those on display.

School board gives up fight for millage

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—The Farmington School Board has at least temporarily given up its fight for additional operational millage for the 1974-75 school year.

The defeat July 30 (by 53 votes) marked the second time this year that a school millage in Farmington has been rejected by voters.

The school board held a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon to consider another millage election.

"At this point, I think we have to be responsive to the people who voted yesterday," Board president Gary Lichtman said.

"It is a tough decision, but one which I am stuck with. I say that we should do what the public has told us to do and get down to the business of running this school district with \$1,000,000 less than we had last year."

The school board first asked voters to approve the four mill increase during the June 10 school election.

When that request was denied the board voted to hold another special election, again requesting four mills.

That election was held on Tuesday, July 30. Again the millage proposal was defeated, this time by 53 votes.

DURING WEDNESDAY'S MEETING board treasurer William Gravius moved that the board call a special election requesting 2.3 mills.

"I feel we should come back one

more time and ask for a bare minimum millage, so we can have our programs as we knew them last year," Gravius said.

"If we do not get this bare minimum, we will lose an entire school year. I think the board would be remiss if it did not try to save and reinstate some programs for the coming school year."

The motion to hold a special election requesting the 2.3 mills was defeated 5-2.

Dr. Mervyn Ross and Gravius voted for the motion.

Lichtman, Mrs. Emma Makinen, Mrs. Ann Rodewig, Mrs. Anne Struble, and William Corliss voted against the motion.

"It's too late, it's all over for 1974-75," Corliss said. "There is no time, two mills, 10 mills, it's just not there."

"I recommend that the board do what it can to maintain as many of our programs as we can for the 1974-75 school year and begin to work toward reinstating the excellent programs we have had in the past for the 75-76 school year. We just can't do it for 74-75, we'd be kidding ourselves if we said we could."

Mrs. Emma Makinen called the defeat of the millage request a "tragic situation." She said the people of the Farmington school district have indicated they are willing to settle for a second rate educational system for their children.

ROSS URGED THE BOARD to go back for at least 2.3 mills, if not the entire four mills.

"There is no way I personally can see us neglecting this one faint light at the end of the tunnel on the behalf of the students of this district despite the threats, abuses, or whatever that may come to this board," Ross said.

School business manager William Prisk said the board could not hold the election before late October or early November.

"The date of the election would not allow us to reinstate those programs which must be cut," he said. "It is necessary to get this school district organized so we can open school on Sept. 4 or 5 with a known budget."

DUE TO THE JULY 30 defeat, the school district will be operating with \$1,000,000 less than last school year.

It will be \$1,700,000 short of the tentative budget the board had discussed for the 1974-75 school year.

The tentative budget would have allowed the district to continue programs they have been offering this year and make additions and improvements to buildings and existing programs.

The board and administration have

not definitely said what cuts they will make in existing programs, yet.

However, it has been suggested that one elementary school be closed, that there be reductions in teaching staff, with the resulting increase in class size, that athletic programs be cut by a third and that funds for pilot programs, textbooks, materials, field trips and specialized programs be cut.

These reductions were suggested as possible cuts prior to the July 30 election. None of them have yet been instituted or definitely accepted by the board.

There will be a discussion of the budget at the Tuesday, Aug. 6 board meeting.

Board meetings are held at the school administration building, 32500 Shiawassee Road, at 8 p.m.

Cops patrol on cycles

By CARL STODDARD

FARMINGTON—Imagine this: Elmer and Curley are bombing around the empty field on their dirt bikes.

First they wait through a patch of thickets, shot down into the ravine and sail into the air as they roar up over the opposite edge.

Naturally, the neighbors get upset. They happen to own that patch of ground. They hate to see their young spruce trees damaged and they aren't too fond of the motorcycle sounds early Saturday morning.

So the neighbors call the Farmington Hills police.

Well, the police pull up in their bug car with the flashing lights on top. Elmer and Curley, duly noting the arrival of the officers, hightail away to places only motorcycles can go.

But the Farmington Hills police don't give up.

Recently, the department instituted something new: motorcycle patrols. Look out Elmer. Look out Curley.

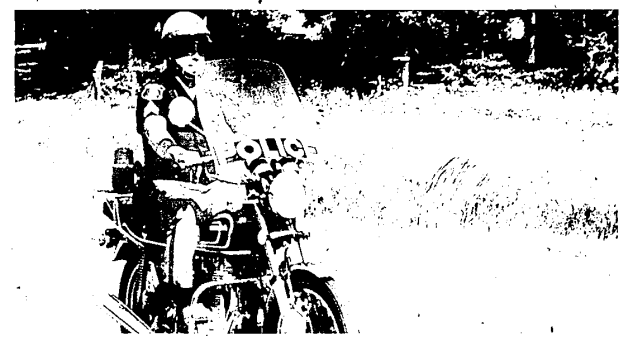
LT. A. NEWELL and Sgt. Richard Kruger, both cyclists during their off hours, will constitute the first stage of the police department's motorcycle program.

Astride Honda 360 motorcycles, the two officers will patrol subdivisions and give chase to culprits like Elmer and Curley.

"We tried it first on a volunteer basis," Newell said. "This worked out very well."

"This is quite a shock to these guys riding their bikes back in these areas," he added. "They don't expect to see a police officer."

The two motorcycle mounted policemen will begin regular patrols Aug. 1, Newell said. The patrols will be concentrated in subdivisions and adjacent to vacant property.



Farmington's Sgt. Rick Kruger pursues law breakers riding motorcycles (Photographed by, Ralph Evert)

Winery seeks liquor license

FARMINGTON—LaSalle Winery, the turn of the century building once used by the Detroit Urban as a power station, may have a new life as a posh restaurant.

James Coquillard, an architect from Southfield, is asking the Farmington City Council to approve a class C liquor license for the sprawling building.

If the council approves the license, which would allow alcohol to be sold by the glass, Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said the architect plans to immediately begin converting the former winery into a restaurant.

THE COUNCIL WILL HEAR the request at 8 p.m. at Farmington City Hall.

The Winery is presently owned by the Chamberlain Company, a holding company based in New York.

In all, the building contains more than 60,000 square feet of floor space, but plans only call for the utilization of about 4,500 square feet, Deadman said.

According to architectural drawings, the building will be preserved as much as possible. Plans call for an interior designed to match the build-

ing's history with the railroad and the winery.

IN OTHER ACTIONS, the council is expected to approve a three-year contract with members of the Farmington Dept. of Public Works. The 13 workers are members of the AFL-CIO, local 1456.

Council is also expected to give the go-ahead for the repaving of several streets in the south part of Farmington. Deadman said the construction, if approved, would be completed within about 30 days.

Deadman said the council will be asked Monday night to approve the extension of insurance benefits to a number of city employees. The benefits would include the option of paying \$21 a year for free optometric care. Under the plan, the employe and members of the family would be entitled to a new pair of glasses every two years.

In addition, there will be a resolution before the council asking them to support the Oakland Police Academy efforts to purchase a former NIKE missile base site in Commerce Township for training purposes.

The site, once part of an intended perimeter of defense against nuclear attacks on Detroit, has been dismantled.

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