

### today's hot line observerland

**LIVONIA**—A state mediator has been requested to come to Livonia to help resolve differences between the Livonia Board of Education and the Livonia Education Association after negotiations for a new teachers' contract became stalemate. The request to Lansing was made jointly by both groups. The board's highest offer thus far has been \$6,700 yearly for beginning teachers. In the meantime, the LEA has reduced its initial asking price of \$8,000 yearly to \$7,200.

**LIVONIA**—Annoyed because the Felician Sisters won't give the city title to 27 feet of roadside along Newburgh and Five Mile Roads for widening and paving purposes, Mayor Harvey W. Moelke has ordered work to proceed without an extra lane at Newburgh High School and firetrucks costing \$15,000 to pave. The Felicians want \$75,000 for the approximate five acres stretched along the mile, and one-half of property. The tract is the home of a college, the high school, the municipal hospital and a hospital, all described by the mayor as "tax free."

**REDFORD**—Two unidentified men, complete with deep-south chivalry, doused a fire in the kitchen of a home owned by the David Leffards, then left before he could thank them. Mrs. Leffard was in her backyard with her four children when she heard the dog barking; she ran in, found the kitchen ablaze and the men at work.

**REDFORD**—A one-mill tax increase will be the key drawing card bringing Redford Township voters to the polls Tuesday for the August 6 primary. Heated races are expected for district judge and in the Democratic primary contests for trustee, county board and state representative.

**PLYMOUTH**—The National Bank of Detroit will spend three-quarters of a million dollars in an expansion and modernization program. Included is a new building at North Territorial Road and Second Road in the Township that is to be constructed next spring.

### What's Inside

Don't forget to vote in the Aug. 6 primary, and before you do, read today's edition carefully to be fully informed on the candidates and issues.

Tim Richard is covering the Michigan delegation at the Republican National Convention, and reports it will hold an important caucus Monday. Page 1C.

Gardening columnist Betty Frankel took an expert look at several Observerland pages and analyzes them for you in story and pictures. Page 1B.

Sports Editor George Mafkin tells who is the key man in the Detroit Tigers' pennant race. Observing Sports on Page 3B.

Two civic organizations have rated primary candidates, and we have the congressional and legislative ratings listed on Page 1A.

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# Primary Election Is Tuesday

An estimated 40 per cent of Farmington City and Township's 20,240 registered voters are expected to cast ballots in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. According to state law, all persons standing in line at closing time will be allowed to vote.

Both Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and semi-retired City Clerk Treva Quinn placed the

expected number of voters at 40 per cent of the total. This is about average for a state primary.

FOUR PROPOSALS are included in the ballot. Three are amendments to the state constitution, while the fourth is a one-mill question sought by the Oakland County Road Commission for road maintenance. If approved, the mill would be levied for five years.

On the nonpartisan ballot,

nominees will be chosen for the newly created post of Farmington District Judge and the State Court of Appeals.

The two having the highest number of votes in both these races will face each other in the November election.

In the party primaries, contests are staged for state offices, while other candidates are unopposed.

One of the hottest local contests is in the Republican party

for the post of precinct delegate. At stake is which group -- the Romney forces or the anti-Romney forces -- who will control the party organization for the next two years.

Just about every Republican precinct delegate post in both city and township is contested.

THERE IS A Republican primary contest for three nominations for seats on the Farmington Township Board, while the Democrats face no primary op-

position for these posts. However, on the Democratic ticket there is a contest for the nomination for U.S. Congressman and State Representative, while GOP incumbents Jack McDonald and Raymond Baker are unopposed in the primary.

In addition to these seats nominees will be selected for six county offices. At stake in the election are: County Clerk and Register of Deeds; County

Treasurer; County Prosecutor; County Sheriff; County Drain Commissioner and representative to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors race in the 18th District (roughly the north half of the township) has a primary battle on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. In the 17th District (the city and south half of the township) there is no contest for either the Republican or Democratic nomination.



**CRAFT TIME** — Instructor Nancy Ralph shows a group at the Farmington YMCA's Day Camp the fine points of arts and crafts. More than 130 youngsters attended the day camp sessions this summer.

## Schools Buy Frankel Site For Junior High

Farmington's Board of Education voted unanimously this week to pay \$200,000 for a 20-acre site on which to build an intermediate high school by 1972, and by so doing the board reopened a potential powder keg of community discord.

The site lies between the Franklin Fairways, Stogewood Court and Old Frankel Towne developments north of Northwestern Highway and east of Middlebelt Rd., an area whose residents have fought loudly and strenuously against encroachment for several years.

It is in Section One at the northeastern corner of the township. The section itself is bordered by 14 Mile, Middlebelt, 13 Mile and Inkster Rds., with Northwestern slicing diagonally across its midriff.

THE PROPOSED school will be designed to accommodate at least 1,000 seventh, eighth and ninth graders, 500 of whom are within walking distance, according to school officials.

Present vehicular access to the site is gained from Middlebelt by way of Old Frankel Dr. and Tilt Timber Dr., while from Northwestern it can be reached by way of Stogewood Ct.

The school board purchased the heavily wooded land from two Frankels who had hoped to convert the same property to a development of 350,000-and-up single-family homes, but who was opposed so vigorously by neighboring landowners that he ultimately was turned down on a rezoning request by the township board of trustees.

The building of a school on the same property needs no permissive rezoning action. Frankel also had proposed that his Franklin Gateway subdivision would include apartment buildings on the strips flanking both Middlebelt and Northwestern, and the township planning commission approved his rezoning petition earlier this year.

The township board then overruled the planning board, ordering that the single-family designation be retained for the entire acreage.

SCHOOLS and churches are not prohibited from such zones, however, and the board of education's site committee recommended unanimously that the land be acquired for the district's fifth junior high school.

During a series of public hearings on Frankel's rezoning request the neighboring residents based their opposition largely on claims that his development would increase traffic hazards and destroy the residential atmosphere of the section.

Whether they will take any organized steps to fight the newly scheduled use of the same land has not yet been indicated. Frankel still holds ownership of approximately 15 acres flanking both Middlebelt and Northwestern.

## FTRA Sets Campaign To Defeat Road Millage

The Farmington Township Road Association (FTRA) reaffirmed its stance against the proposed Oakland County one-mill tax increase for roads at its meeting Tuesday night.

The proposal offered by the Oakland County Road Commission will be on the Aug. 6 primary ballot.

The FTRA first took its position in June during a meeting attended by Road Commissioners Fraser, Sumner, Sumner and the group at that time that money raised from the tax would be used for primary roads only. All efforts of the FTRA, since its inception, have been directed toward improvement of local roads. With no substantial amount of the tax revenue pledged

for local road repair, the FTRA adopted a resolution withholding support of the millage.

A NEW resolution adopted by members Tuesday makes these points:

Assistance must be given by the road commission that millage will be spent the way the township wants it to be spent and the way township residents want it to be spent. Any taxes collected within a community should remain within that community for its sole use. Revenue must be spent within the boundaries of the local government.

governing bodies, which are much more responsive to the people.

SUMMING UP the attitude of the FTRA, Chairman William Hutton, who introduced the new resolution, stated:

"I lack confidence in what the road commission will do. In an effort to defeat the millage, the FTRA has planned a telephone campaign and will distribute posters calling for a 'NO' vote on the proposal. In other business, members heard that three new signatures had been obtained during the Founders Festival on FTRA petitions calling for local road repair.

## Rocky Wins Poll

New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller is the choice for president among the people attending the Farmington Founders Festival last weekend.

At that time the conclusion from a poll conducted during the festival by the Farmington Republicans. The local GOP organization operated a booth during the festival and conducted a presidential preference poll. Results of the voting:

R. Rockefeller 189  
N. Reagan 21  
Visitors to the booth were able to cast a secret ballot for one of the three recognized candidates and for any other person. Others gathering votes were:

E. J. McCarthy 16  
G. J. Wallace 12  
G. J. Romney 7

An additional 11 votes were cast for random political names. Local Republican Chairman Thomas S. McMullan said that the Farmington voters listed their precinct of residence, while other persons were asked to list their home city. Max, participating in the poll came from the nearby cities of Livonia, Novi, Southfield and Detroit. A total of nine votes were cast by residents of Iowa, Florida, New Jersey, Minnesota, Illinois and Ohio.

McMullan said that this distribution of voters gives the Republicans a victory a wider base and shows the Festival's drawing power.

Voters in Farmington Township Precinct #7 (Old Hammond, Independence Green) provided the largest number of votes, followed closely by voters in precincts 9 and 10. In the city, Precinct #1 (Albion and Woodcroft) lead the number of participants. All city and township precincts were represented, said McMullan.

## Dems Hear Two Court Candidates

Only two of the four candidates for Farmington District Judge appeared Thursday night at a political forum held as the initial event in new headquarters of the area's Democratic Club.

On hand to outline their legal philosophies were Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand and Bernard S. Kahn. Their rivals in Tuesday's primary, at which two of the quartet will be nominated, sent messages of apology for their absence. These were Robert H. Nelson and Earl C. Oppenheimer.

Despite his absence, Oppenheimer's shadow fell over the meeting through frequent references to his vigorous campaign and the views he has expressed.

From certain advertisements one wonders whether he is running for judge or sheriff, commented Hand in answer to a question from the floor as to his reaction to the Oppenheimer plan.

Hand continued: "As municipal judge, I have no more right to dictate what the police should do than any citizen has."

The judge asserted that in his view it is equally important to protect the rights of individuals and the general citizenry, a philosophy that was echoed by Kahn, who stated:

"The rights of every criminal are just as important as the rights of a non-criminal. When these are taken away from any of us we may find there will be no stopping the trend."

Kahn stated that in the new District Court "we must be flexible in our approach to the law and our philosophy of law."

"Some say, 'We can't coddle those brought before the court,' but we will have to be wary on this for we live in a time of sociological and historical changes. I am as flexible regarding the law as our own Supreme Court," he added.

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## Candidates Voice Views—Section A