



MARK OF
CIRCULATION INTEGRITY
Farmington Audited Circulation
14,255
Total Audited Circulation \$3,795
As of March 31, 1968

The Farmington

ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER

This Week's
Press Run
76,000
Fifteen Cents Per Copy

Vol. 80, No. 91

Sunday, August 11, 1968

62 pages, 5 sections

Philip H. Power, Publisher

today's hot line observerland

LIVONIA—Mayor Harvey W. Moeke has threatened to veto or interpose his "citizen's suit" if the City Council goes through with an offer of \$33,000 to the Felician sisters for right-of-way along Newburgh Road. The mayor charged that a "secret" session was held and that council president reversed his previous stand of supporting his contention that the sisters should dedicate the land to the city.

LIVONIA—Voters called the City clerk's office following the primary election complaining about the poor placement of squares for the district judge race on the ballot. City Clerk Addison W. Bacon explained that the ballots were made up in Detroit and that his office was blameless. Some 2,600 persons failed to cast votes for district judge nominees because they either did not see it on the ballot or were so confused that they didn't vote at all.

LIVONIA—Five Mile Road, between Inkster and Merriman Roads, will be widened and paved next year as part of the regular program of the Wayne County Road Commission. Estimated cost is \$1,200,000, of which the county will pay 60 per cent and the city, 40 per cent. The remaining four miles of Five Mile up to Eckles Road also will be improved, possibly at the same time, if the county accepts the city's offer to "advance" necessary funds. Latest reports are that the county is seriously considering the offer and will undoubtedly accept it.

REDFORD—Voters defeated the township's request for a one-mill tax increase by a 4-3 margin Tuesday while approving, as did the total county, a county one-mill renewal by a 2-1 margin.

REDFORD—Nominated for Democratic berths in Tuesday's primary were: for township trustee: Don O. Christie and Roger Handy; for county board: Harvey J. Beadie; for district court (nonpartisan): Robert Brang, John Dillon, Paul Harty and James Kennedy; for state representative: John Bennett; for constable: James Gordon; for parks commission: Chester Beadie and James Wright. The lone Republican contest was won by Donald M. Hanson for county board.

PLYMOUTH—The Plymouth Community Fund has set a record goal of \$118,700 for the 1968 drive that opens on October 10.

PLYMOUTH—Area government officials set last week in September as target date for adopting new proposal to solve garbage disposal problem.

PLYMOUTH—Carl Pursell makes political comeback to win GOP nomination for seat on Wayne County Board of Supervisors, while two Plymouth attorneys—Judge Dunbar Davis and Tom Healy—battle it out for new district court position.

What's Inside

Community Calendar	5A
Editorial	4A
Christian Powell Wins GOP Nod	3A
Egypt Lays a Pipeline to Bypass Suez, World News Roundup	5A
Several Catholic Schools Face Closing	5A
Wally Roberts Talks With Comedian Morey Amsterdam	6A
Cab Strike Now Threatens Democratic Convention, National News Roundup	6A
Detroit Policeman Shot, State News Roundup	7A
Area Deaths	8A
Tim Richard Views Last Day of the GOP National Convention in Miami	1B
More Convention, Election Coverage With Pictures	4-5B
Schoolcraft Seeks Fact Finding in Wage Dispute	1B
World of Women	3B
Observer Sports News Look at Happenings in Redford Township — Two Teams in State Finals	6, 7, 8B

OCEAN BOUND?

If your vacations have gone nautical, you don't need that trailer anymore. It's probably not too seaworthy. Why not offer it for sale to a family headed for the woods? For only \$4.44 you can run an Observer Twin-Action Want Ad in two editions.



Bounce Incumbents In Primary

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

No matter what happens in November there will be a group of new faces around the Farmington Township Board table when the new trustees take office.

In the Republican primary

Judge Race Is Close

The township candidate, Earl C. Opperthausen, and the city candidate, Michael J. Hand, will square off against each other in November for the \$27,500 district judge post.

Joining from the vote tallies of Tuesday's primary it should be a close race.

Opperthausen led the field of five candidates drawing a total of 1,446 votes. Hand, however, was far behind with 1,453 votes.

The man who placed third, Robert H. Nelson, pulled 776 votes. Other candidates and their totals were: Bernard S. Kahn, 519; and Edward R. Reagan, 107.

The district judge seat is a new post—and the highest paid on the local level.

Created by the re-organization of Michigan's lower court system, the new district court will replace both the City of Farmington's Municipal Court and the Township's Justice of the Peace Courts on Jan. 1, 1969.

Vagnozzi Loses In Primary

Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington lost his bid for the Democratic nomination for the local state representative seat Tuesday by 26 votes.

Winner of the nomination was Leonard P. Baruch of Southfield. Baruch will square off against Republican incumbent Raymond L. Baker in November. Baker was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Final vote count from throughout the district was: Baker, 5,795; Baruch, 1,147 and Vagnozzi, 1,121.

In the City of Farmington Baker pulled 678 votes. Democratic votes in the city were: Vagnozzi, 138, and Baruch, 75. In the township Baker had 1,880 votes, while Vagnozzi pulled 614 to Baruch's 216.

Vagnozzi lost Southfield, however, which erased the lead that he had built up in his home area.

Farmington Agrees With County Results

Oakland County's primary election offered new surprises as county, Farmington Township and city-voter selections matched perfectly.

With no exceptions, the winners countywide were also top vote-getters in township and city elections.

The most popular countywide candidate proved to be incumbent sheriff Frank Irons with 33,708 which was topped in spite of the fact that four other candidates ran unopposed.

Highest vote-getter in city and township was incumbent drain commissioner Daniel W. Barry with 597 city and 1,629 township votes. Barry was unopposed.

REPUBLICAN voters outnumbered Democratic voters 59,139 to 16,697. The only incumbents receiving the most votes were Barry and Irons. Two Democratic incumbents ran third with two Republicans gaining more votes in both races.

the two incumbents, Peter Klopp and James Skillman, were defeated. The third incumbent whose term was expiring, Earl C. Opperthausen, did not run for re-election as trustee.

Republican nominees for the November election are: Fred-

erick Lichtman; Margaret Schaeffer and Charles H. Williams. Lichtman and Mrs. Schaeffer will seek four-year terms. Williams is a candidate for the township officials with not being responsive to the wishes of the

Both Klopp and Skillman were appointed to fill vacancies on the board and neither had faced the voters before.

Williams made a point of this in his campaign and charged the township officials with not being responsive to the wishes of the

voter. Total vote of the candidates: Williams, 1,208; Klopp, 940 for the unexpired term; Lichtman, 1,316; Mrs. Schaeffer, 1,301; Skillman, 1,215; and George T. Crook, 435.

The Republicans face Dem-

ocratic opposition in November. Democratic candidates, none of whom faced primary opposition, and their vote totals are: Joyce T. Hungerford, 545 for the unexpired term; William E. Hutton, 554; and Allen Sultan, 460.



CHECKING RETURNS—On election night township hall was crowded as the candidates came to listen to the returns. At far left is Republican Margaret Schaeffer who won her party's nomination to the Farmington Township Board. Second from left is Municipal Judge Michael J.

Hand, District Judge candidate Bernard S. Kahn is behind Hand, while the lady next in line was checking the returns for District Judge candidate Robert Nelson. At the far right is Charles Williams who also won the Republican nomination for one of the seats on the township board.

Spend \$6,000 For Meager 5,800 Voter Turnout

It cost over \$6,000, or \$1.19 per voter, to allow 5,807 Farmington area citizens to vote in the Aug. 6 primary.

The total cost for city and township was around \$6,000 and involved a crew of 130 election workers at 20 different voting sites.

The money expended and the 16-hour day put in by each worker proved rather disappointing as only 25 per cent of the 20,466 registered voters in township and city bothered to vote.

Unfortunately, voter turnout has absolutely no effect on costs of conducting the election. The costs are fixed since the same amount of equipment, supplies and workers must be available for 1,000 voters than for 10,000.

Workers put in a long, dreary 16 hours in both city and township with meager returns for their volunteer efforts. The city pays \$25 for chairmen, \$22 for inspectors, \$18 for chairman and \$15 for each member of the absentee ballot board.

The total cost for election workers to the city adds up to \$603 which must be added to an approximate \$3,000 bill for printing ballots, legal advertisements, and other non-salary costs.

Farmington Township pays \$1.50 per hour for all election workers plus a \$5 bonus for chairmen. Based on 96 inspectors and chairmen working a 16-hour day, the salary costs adds up to \$2,533.

The county paid for printing ballots since it was a county-wide election so the township's non-salary costs are smaller than the city's. A rough estimate on non-salary costs is \$800 bringing the total to \$3,333. The turn-out in the city was 1,263 and 1,524 voted in the township. This amounts to a cost of \$2.74 per voter in the city and 74 cents per voter in the township.

If all registered voters cast their ballots, the per voter costs would be reduced to 83 cents for the city and 21 cents for the township.

IT WAS A SLOW day at all voting sites as workers had to remain long after the last vote was cast for the final tally which was then turned in to the respective clerk. The day which started between 5:45 to 6:30 a.m., dragged on until 10 to 11:30 p.m. before the tallies were completed.

All of the voting sites were located at schools with three exceptions -- the Wheeler Street Fire Station in the Town-

ship, and city hall and American Legion Hall in the city.

Voting sites are selected by the city and township clerks. Sites are selected which are geographically spread out throughout the municipality to allow proximity for voters to their voting site. Because of this, schools are the most popular voting site since there is usually a school in each precinct.

In the city, workers are picked by the clerk and in the township they are approved by the clerk, supervisor and treasurer.

An attempt is made to divide the workers evenly between Democrats and Republicans.

With the primary over, both clerks will soon begin picking workers and sites for the general election preparing again for "the longest day." Only, hopefully, for a larger voter turnout.

Any volunteers are welcome to contact Mrs. Elizabeth Brynes, city clerk, or Floyd Cairns, township clerk. There's work to be done in November.

Road Tax Is Dead

Farmington City and Township defeat the proposed Oakland County one mill tax for roads by a two-to-one vote.

Township "No" votes tallied 2,460 to "Yes" 1,025.

City residents voted 664 "No" to 33 "Yes."

Total vote was 1,358 "Yes," 3,124 "No."

Local organized opposition to the millage came from the Farmington Township Road Association (FTRA).

FTRA members objected to the proposition after learning that the tax revenue raised would have been used for primary roads. The FTRA has been fighting for over a year for remedial repairs to local roads.

The FTRA was joined in its effort to defeat the millage by its sister organization, WHAN (Why Have Awn Road?).

A county-wide battle to pass the millage was conducted by a group of civic and business leaders and members of the road commission, who made numerous sorties into local communities to drum up support.

Frazer Staman, road commis-

sioner, came to an FTRA meeting seeking support, but members took the position that he had not attended when previously invited and did not have an axe to grind.

Blue Star Mums
Set Daisy Sale
Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers has been given permission to sell Blue Daisies in the city on September 12, 13.

Money raised from the sale will be used for hospital work for veterans and to assist needy veterans and their families.



WONDERFUL WORLD — Patti Ray, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray of 23162 Lilac, Farmington, discovers the sweet smelling flowers. Summer explorations in the back yard open up all kinds of intriguing possibilities to the youngster.

Continued on Page 4A