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BULLETIN

Gov. Romney has invited Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Spiro T. Agnew to address the State Republican Convention in Grand Rapids Aug. 24.

Michigan delegates to the national convention in Miami were distressed at Agnew's nomination and Romney became a last-minute candidate against him.

Romney also announced that Presidential Candidate Richard M. Nixon will be in Michigan to confer with him, probably in Detroit, next Monday or Tuesday.

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PLYMOUTH—City Commission to petition Wayne County Drain Commission for help in obtaining safeguard against floods in the Tonquish Creek area.

LIVONIA—Plans have been revised to extend the proposed new boulevard for Five Mile Road by a quarter of a mile. The boulevard will start at Berwick and continue east of Bentley High School, and continue to Yale, west of Farmington Road.

GARDEN CITY—A public hearing has been set for Sept. 4 to allow the community to voice its feelings about a proposed urban renewal project which is aimed to bring new commercial and residential facilities to the downtown section.

WESTLAND—Developers unveiled plans for the community's largest proposed project, which will cover 140 acres just south of the Westland Shopping Center. The development will include a variety of land uses—commercial, offices, residential, and recreational.

REDFORD—The Redford Union school board ratified its master contract for teachers Monday. The contract calls for pay increases of more than \$600,000. This is the equivalent of more than two mills in the district.

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Stick around, folks . . .

The better-than-ever Observer Newspapers are going to keep some of the features that you enjoyed during our expanded coverage during the newspaper strike in Detroit.

The newspaper strike is over and we're glad. But we learned that you want a complete local newspaper which includes news of the state, the nation and the world.

Other features:
• The popular Public Affairs Page, which groups together the news of politics and government on all levels.

• The page for teenagers, NOW, will be back when school starts.
• Up-to-date television listings with news related to the viewing patterns of your hometown.
• The Green Thumb column, by Doc Abraham, who tells you how to make your garden grow.
• Cross-word puzzles.
• As time goes on, we're going to add others to make your Observer Newspaper even greater.

Police Cancel Tonight's FATAC Dance

A teen dance scheduled earlier by the YMCA for tonight (Aug. 14) has been canceled by the Farmington Police Department because of repeated disturbances in City Park while the dances are being held.

The move followed disturbances last week at the dance which resulted in the arrest of five Farmington youths on charges of disorderly conduct.

The incident started when a young man yanked on the long hair of a guitar player providing music for the dance. Another young man dancing objected, words were exchanged, and a group headed outside toward the hill to settle their differences.

Police were alerted and arrests immediately followed.

BUT THAT INCIDENT WAS only one of many in the past

several weeks according to Sergeant William Gardin, Deputative Bureau Chief and temporary head of the department while Chief Robert Deadman is vacationing.

Gardin said the trouble at the last few dances was started outside the enclosed tennis courts where the dances are held.

The problem involves a few trouble makers, he said, who come to the park to drink with no intention of dancing. With darkness as cover, they roam through the park drinking and eventually start fights with their own kind or the innocents who attend the event to dance.

He said it was a shame to have to penalize all when the trouble was being caused by a minority but the disturbances have become the rule rather than the exception.

Gardin explained that two policemen are assigned to the park while the dance is in progress but if trouble breaks out three or four more have to be sent in to arrest the instigators before real mob violence breaks out.

Most of the trouble occurs outside of the tennis courts, he said, and are started by youths looking for trouble but when outbursts occur police have no choice but to close the dance down to prevent fights spreading into an all-out brawl.

GARDEN STRESSED that he does not intend to ask one shift to work overtime to help quell fighting at the park inside but beefing up police force at the park to contain trouble, he said, the source for trouble should be eliminated.

He said it was not an emergency problem but whenever a large group of kids gather outside at night the situation becomes that much harder to control.

It is hard to keep people inside the courts and even harder to patrol the entire park to roust rowdy teens from their hidden drinking spots, he added.

He said it is much better to keep dances inside, such as at a school, because it is easier to keep traffic within the building and keep drinks and rattle-trousers outside.

Gardin said tonight's dance was canceled but the YMCA could get together with Chief Deadman upon his return and try and work out a plan to prevent future skirmishes.

FRED FREIDLI, program-director for the "Y," told The

Enterprise & Observer that most of the difficulty has occurred outside of the tennis courts. He said his workers have had trouble getting the kids congregating throughout the park to come into the court area.

Freidli, who left Friday for a three-week vacation, said the dance inside the court is well-controlled and usually little trouble occurs inside.

He said, as Gardin did, it was a small number causing trouble outside of the court area.

The YMCA has been holding the dances every Wednesday during the summer months. The dances, held for Farmington youth only, had been attracting between 600 to 800 each week.

Name Peters New Vice President

Otis Resigns Board Position



SEARCHING THROUGH precinct cards, Rick Davis is engrossed in party work at the Farmington Democratic headquarters while spending three weeks leave.

The Farmington Board of Education Monday night lost one of its outstanding members as Vice President, George W. Otis, resigned his resignation effective immediately.

Otis, a lifetime resident of Farmington, is being transferred by his employer to Niles, Ill. He has been employed as Division Pricing Manager for the Great Lakes Division of Mobil Oil Corp. in Southfield, Mich. Otis, a resident of Farmington since 1919, graduated from Farmington High School and received his B.A. from Kalamazoo College in 1947.

He has served as trustee, secretary and vice-president on the Farmington School Board, served on the City of Farmington Charter Commission, and as vice-president of the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"I URGE the board and administration to provide increasing opportunities to bring to the attention of the public the good qualities of our student majority. I also urge every opportunity of self-expression. It has been my experience to find much wisdom and a high sense of fair play among these people."

"I congratulate the 99 per cent and their parents and pray for their continued success. They represent the opportunities and the aspirations of our community."

In a final note of appreciation, Otis concluded: "I want to thank all of the board members for the help they have given me during the past two years. I also thank the voters who gave me their trust by electing me. I sincerely regret that I must now relinquish the responsibility with which they entrusted me."

The board passed a resolution expressing their respect and extending their good wishes to Otis while on his new assignment.

Otis and his wife Shirley were married in 1946 and have four children: Chris, 21; Mark, 18;

Seven, 19; and Martha, 11. Otis was elected to the board in 1966 as was the board's current chairman, John Washburn III. Besides his many other activities, Otis was active in scouting serving as cubmaster and scoutmaster and serving as vice-chairman of the Lost Lake Fun Drive for the boy scouts.

Born in Walled Lake, he lived in the city of Farmington from 1919 to 1956; moved to Kendallwood subdivision in Farmington in 1956, and in 1964 moved to Kimberly North which is in the Farmington School District.

Candidates Join Forces To Remove All Signs

THE BOARD VACANCY is expected to be filled soon with his replacement serving until elections are held next June. By unanimous vote Monday night, the board selected Trustee Richard D. Kuhn to replace Otis as vice president.

"The past few years have been extremely rewarding," Otis told fellow board members. "They have given me an opportunity to carefully evaluate the excellent qualities of the Farmington schools."

"I am sure that our strength, as an educational institution, is in highly skilled administrators, teachers and other school employees. I am confident that the trust of the community is well placed in their hands and in the able leadership of our superintendent, Dr. Smith."

"Another point I would like to comment on is the fine quality of our students - 99 per cent of them are bright young people who repeatedly demonstrate that they are good citizens. Unfortunately, we only, as a general rule, hear of the few who, for one reason or another, present problems."

A movement to remove unsightly political signs has blossomed into a community campaign with winning candidates joining in a combined, all-out cleanup effort.

The initial spark for the cleanup came from David Bradbury, campaign manager for prosecuting attorney candidate Richard D. Kuhn.

Before the polls closed Aug. 6, Bradbury announced the formation of a special task-force to tour the county during the week following the election to remove excess campaign posters.

"Not only will they endeavor to remove all posted Kuhn signs," he explained, "but as a added service will also remove as many placards for other candidates as might be done without injuring their future campaigns."

When word circulated of the Kuhn task force, Sheriff Frank Irons called Bradbury and volunteers of his campaign and many other candidates. The good signs were kept for possible future use since they cost between 15 and 20 cents each.

"Our workers have been out into many areas already," said Bradbury, "and will continue to direct their efforts in all areas not already covered by the other candidates."

"I'm delighted with the immediate desire to pitch in and help that I've received from each of these other men... and between us, we should be able to demonstrate the kind of political responsibility that can be held up as an example for other areas as well."

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NO DRIVEWAYS — That's the problem in the Alta Loma Subdivision as the roads are re-surfaced. The work, which has been running behind schedule, is expected to be completed in the next week. The city will grade the driveways down to the street level, but the residents

are reportedly upset because the additional cost of re-surfacing the drives and re-seeding of lawns was not pointed out when the petitions for the road work was circulated. The road work was started only after more than two years of discussion in the subdivision about the project.

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