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Hedrick Cleared

Jury Acquits Patrolman

BY WYLIE GERDES

Farmington Township Policeman John Hedrick Wednesday was acquitted of assault and battery charges after a three-day jury trial.

The verdict cleared the 32-year-old president of the Farmington Township Officers Association of the misdemeanor complaint signed by John Von Sauers, 24, of Plymouth. The complaint alleged Hedrick struck Von Sauers Sept. 9, 1968, after Von Sauers had been arrested for auto theft.

THE TRIAL MAY HAVE ended months of allegations of criminal police brutality against Hedrick. Five other complaints were investigated by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office but were found to have no basis to prosecute Hedrick.

The charges of brutality against Hedrick were made public in a trial board hearing for Township Detective Sgt. Earl Teepees. Teepees was punished by the township for talking to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office about the brutality charges.

The jury, composed of six women, deliberated only a half-hour before returning the not guilty decision.

Held in the Southfield District Court of Judge Clarence Reid Jr., the trial featured intense legal maneuverings and arguments between Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Jim Williams and Hedrick's attorney, Noel Gage.

TESTIMONY to the facts of the case hinged on the credence of Hedrick or Farmington City Police Detective Murray Switzer, after Von Sauers said he couldn't identify the man who

allegedly struck him.

Von Sauers testified he drank over 40 beers the afternoon and evening before the incident occurred.

The incident took place about 1 a.m. Sept. 9, 1968, in Farmington Township on Grand River just west of Gill Rd.

Von Sauers had stolen a car from the Grand River Drive-In Theatre and was pursued by City Police Sgt. Dan Byrnes with Switzer close behind in another auto. Hedrick was a passenger in a police car driven by Patrolman Peter Larion, the third police vehicle in the chase.

When Byrnes succeeded in stopping the stolen car just south of the Star Cutter plant on Grand River, Von Sauers jumped from the car and ran towards the pond in front of the plant.

Byrnes tackled Von Sauers at the edge of the pond and both fell into the water. Byrnes, with assistance from Switzer, dragged the unresisting and intoxicated Von Sauers to the shore and began to handcuff him.

Testimony diverged after that point.

SWITZER TESTIFIED he saw Hedrick place his foot on the back of Von Sauers' neck and yank upward on Von Sauers' hair while Von Sauers was lying face down on the ground being handcuffed.

Byrnes also testified someone placed a foot on Von Sauers' neck and yanked his hair but said he could not identify the person. The man was wearing a police uniform, Switzer testified.

A few moments later, Switzer said, he saw Hedrick strike Von Sauers on the left side of the

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JOHN HEDRICK

Carolyn Vies For UF Title

A Farmington resident, Carolyn Trick of 18017 Briar Hill has been named a finalist in competition for the "Miss Torch of 1969" title.

Miss Trick, 20, is a stenographer for Ford Motor Co. She is among 10 Detroit area beauties who will vie for the "Miss Torch" crown during final judging set for 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Pontchartrain Hotel.

The winner will become the official United Foundation representative of 150,000 Torch Drive volunteers during the campaign scheduled for Oct. 14 through Nov. 6.

Finalists were selected from 64 entrants by the UF "Miss Torch" committee chairman, Richard E. Forbes, director of advertising, Chrysler Corp., and a panel of 18 community representatives.

Immediately following the final judging, the new "Miss Torch" will be presented at an announcement luncheon in the Pontchartrain's Plaza Room.



BEAUTY — Carolyn Trick of Farmington is one of ten finalists seeking the United Foundation title of "Miss Torch - 1970."

Open Doors For Sexuality Classes

Discussions of the propriety of including human sexuality in the public school curriculum have evoked a statewide controversy.

Organized opposition to sex education programs has caused some school districts to proceed with extreme caution in studying proposals.

Farmington School District is studying the possibility of expanding its family living courses and has authorized investigation by a citizen's advisory committee composed of educators, clergy, physicians and laymen.

WHILE A FULL sex education program has not been offered here in the schools, the Farmington Area has sponsored a program of planning for family life.

Since 1962, the Farmington Area YMCA has conducted a volunteer program on human sexuality for junior high age young people.

The program, which has not been met by local opposition or controversy, has attracted attention statewide from physicians, clergymen and educators.

This year, YMCA Director David Comfort is opening the doors for the classes to encourage residents to observe the program the "Y" offers.

Comfort said he invites anyone who has concerns about human sexuality instruction to attend the YMCA's classes as an observer.

THE CLASSES are taught by the Rev. Karl Kattreider, pastor of Antioch Lutheran Church and Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, D.O.

The first scheduled classes this year will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 8, 16, 23 in the O.E. Dunkel Jr. High on 12 Mile between Powers and

Farmington Rds.

These three sessions will be for students, and their parents from Dunkel and East Junior High. The classes will be held later for Powers and Farmington Jr. High.

A registration fee of \$1 charged to defray expenses for registration blanks will be given to students at school. May be obtained from the Y by calling 474-3232.

THE FIRST two sessions are attended by parent and young people and the third is for parents only.

Session one covers "Anatomy and Physiology of the Male and Female," "Mating and Sexually," and "Human Reproduction." Membership in the Y is not required to enroll in the classes which are offered as a community service.

1-City Education Campaign Starts With Area Hearings

No official announcements have been made but the consolidation campaign is underway. The Nov. 4 election is 38 days away and activity is picking up.

Voter registration deadline is only six days away, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. And with just a little more than a month before election, the 28 candidates for the charter commission are beginning to make themselves heard.

CITIZENS FOR A Better Farmington, the group which petitioned the State Boundary Commission for the election, begins its educational program today with the first in a series of articles in The Enterprise & Observer.

Next week, the first in a series of public meetings on consolidation will be held under the sponsorship of the Joint Study Committee.

The Joint Study Committee, composed of representatives from each of the four governments in the Farmington area, will hold five meetings to educate the public before Nov. 4. Plans are for two meetings in the township, and one each for the city and villages.

THE FIRST will be held at the Sarah Fisher Home in the Village of Wood Creek Farms on Oct. 3 beginning at 8 p.m. The Sarah Fisher Home is located at Inkster and 12 Mile Rds.

A Joint Study meeting for township residents will be held Oct. 8 in East Junior High School on

the east side of Middle Belt north of 10 Mile.

On Oct. 13, a hearing for Quakertown residents will be held in the First Presbyterian Church which is located on Farmington Rd. north of 11 Mile.

The hearing for city residents will be held Oct. 15 in Farmington Junior High on Thomas St., north of Grand River east of Warner.

The final scheduled Joint Study Committee meeting will be a second hearing for township residents to be held in O.E. Dunkel Junior High on 12 Mile between Powers and Farmington Rds.

DURING THE NEXT two weeks, the Farmington Area Board of Commerce will sponsor a breakfast meeting and invite the public to attend a discussion on consolidation.

During the past few weeks, two city councilmen have appeared before various civic groups in the area to debate the question. John Richardson has spoken in favor of consolidation and John Allen against.

Voter registration activity is keeping the clerks from all four governments busy. The deadline is 8 p.m. Oct. 3.

Places of registration are: city residents in city hall at 23600 Liberty; township residents in township hall on 11 Mile west of Orchard Lake; Quakertown residents at 34027 Cotswold; and Wood Creek Farms residents at 22551 Spring Rd.

Voters must register in the vicinity in which they reside.

Single City Means Unity In Fact

(On Nov. 4, Farmington area residents will be asked to choose whether a nine-man Charter Commission should be given the chance to explore the consolidation issue in the first in a series of articles on what a single city means.)

The people of the community have developed a spirit of unity even though the Farmington Area is controlled by four separate governments. Farmington is a unified community in many ways: a single school district; a post office; a single library system; a District Court; a single Board of Commissioners; a single Community Center; a single program; a single YMCA; and a history under a single name.

This spirit of unity is also seen in the government boundaries: Jaycees; Eastern Sons; Job's Daughters; Order of Eastern Star; Exchange Club; Artist Club; Garden Club; American Legion; Farmington Musical; American Legion; Rotary, etc.

Residents, when asked "where they live, proudly answer "In Farmington." Not "In the City of Farmington." Not "In the Township of Farmington."

It is the people living here who have made the four governments one community. The government have not kept pace with the people and are now being asked to catch up. The people, who created the community, have a single government for their single community. That's one thing consolidation means. —The Enterprise & Observer.