

today's hot line

what's inside

Pick All Stars

Observerland's All Star team is announced in today's sports section. Sports Editor George Maskin and the area coaches, who cooperated in making the selections, call it the best such team in years. One of the ends and a tackle attend Farmington schools, while a Clarenceville player also earned a spot. Who are they?

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Cityhood Report

Farmington Township is asking for an incorporation election to form a city from the township and both villages. But the other three governments of the Farmington Area disagree that is the best choice and have told the State Boundary Commission. The views of the four governmental units and the petitioner are given in an in depth report.

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Ten Little, Nine Little...

Ten beautiful Farmington girls were selected Sunday as finalists for the Farmington Junior Miss pageant. The names of those ten girls and pictures of all 17 entries are included today in our coverage of a contest which promises to "Keep Farmington Beautiful."

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Indians & Industry

Plans are announced for a carrier annex for the Farmington Post Office. Indian Guides clean up the site for the future YMCA Center. . . a new industrial firm locates in Farmington. Township. . . and today's Farmington Community Calendar is full of activities for you and your family.

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All In Town

The Farmington Players opened a new season last weekend and our dramatic critic was in the audience. A musician will be at the Community House tomorrow evening for a special kind of program, while a local woman has been named soloist for an area concert. All this hometown news plus information on what's doing on the cultural scene in Observerland are on the Amusement Pages.

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Actors To Visit

A theatrical troupe from Oakland University will visit Clarenceville next month. Details of the announced visit are on

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About Movies

The new war film is in the style of a documentary and our critic reports on its validity on today's movie page. There is also a handy guide to the industry ratings so you can check on the film's content before arriving at the theater. This is just a part of the most comprehensive entertainment coverage in the area.

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CHRISTMAS

The Convenient and Easy way to do your Christmas shopping... the "Gift Spotter" starting in today's Want Ad Section. It's filled with gift suggestions for everyone. Check it NOW and every edition till Christmas.

City Applies For Park Funds

By EMORY DANIELS

The City of Farmington is applying for funds from the \$100 million recreation bond issue approved by Michigan voters in November 1968.

The application, if approved by the state, will result in development of a \$32,000 recreation site on the proposed Drake Road Park.

The application and a revised city recreation program were approved Monday night by the city council following previous recommendation by the Planning Commission.

ONCE FUNDED by the state, the \$32,000 will be spent on the Drake Road Park for a large, lighted ball diamond, two smaller ball diamonds, 12 tables and stands and playground equipment.

Under the state formula, the \$32,000 will be divided on an 80-20 matching basis—state share, \$26,000; city share, \$6,000.

Originally, the city had developed a \$125,000 park improvement plan to be financed under the state bond program. Anticipating full cooperation from the state, the city budgeted \$31,250 as its share in the matching program.

At that time, there was no dollar limitation as long as the local programs met the criteria established by the state. But when the Legislature approved allocation of the \$100 million bond proceeds and established how the money would be split, there were drastic cut-backs for local projects.

THE FORMULA eventually agreed upon was 45% for state conservation, 25% for state facilities in urbanized areas and 30% for local projects.

City Manager John Dinan explains the Legislature also specified that funds for local levels would be computed on the 1960 census on a per capita basis of \$3.83 per person.

The per capita formula, Dinan said, "greatly reduced the proposed program that we had originally developed."

ORIGINALY, the city used to spend \$65,000 on the Drake Road Park and another \$60,000 to improve the existing city park at Power and Shawnee.

Dinan hopes the remaining portion of the original plan can be implemented in the future should additional funds be available.

"It is possible that we may be able to qualify for additional funds after a two-year period if all the local municipalities do not request or participate in this state program," said Dinan.

"We could conceivably be eligible to complete our entire park improvement program at that time. But it was necessary to establish priorities in this first phase so we can get the program implemented."

Because the city cannot get funds for the \$125,000 program from the state in a lump sum, it became necessary to revise the recreation program by dividing priorities into four phases.

PHASE ONE is the present application being made for \$26,000. This will use up \$5,000 of the city's budgeted funds for parks leaving \$26,000 to apply on an 80-20 matching basis for the next three phases.

Phase Two of the five-year program involves \$32,000 for a tennis court, parking lot, storage building and toilets for the

Drake Road Park. If the city can qualify for state participation after June 1971, Phase Two would be developed in 1971-72.

Phase Three involves \$28,000 of improvements for the existing city park including: a new toilet building plus improvement of existing toilets; a storage building; playground equipment; eight tables and stands; lighting improvements; parking lot; paving at pump house and bridge improvements.

Again, if funding is approved by the state in June 1971, Phase Three would be implemented in 1972-73.

Phase Four would be installation of an indoor pistol and target range in the existing city park for \$32,000. If funded, Phase Four would be implemented in 1973-74.

IF THE CITY had not approved the application for Phase One Monday night, and missed the Dec. 2 deadline, submission of a program would have been delayed until May 1970.

Council approved the revised five-year plan and application after some discussion on priorities.

Councilman John Richardson said he felt better toilet facilities for the city park should have given higher priority.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton suggested maybe funds for improving toilet facilities could be taken someplace from the budget next year.

City Manager John Dinan said the program was laid out to meet the criteria set by the state to qualify for funds. The priorities can be changed at a later date, said Dinan, without endangering funding.



FIRST PURCHASE -- William G. Anderson of 21944 Treadwell, Farmington, waited in line four hours and 20 minutes to purchase the first license plate Saturday morning.

(Evert photo)

New Rules To Buy Car Plates

Automobile license plates went on sale Saturday with the usual lineup of motorists seeking to get the first plate or to be among the first purchasers.

In Farmington, the annual lineup occurred at the Grace Insurance Co., 33304 Grand River. Gerald Grace is the local Secretary of State's office handling license plate transactions.

SOME PURCHASERS had to return home for a copy of their automobile title before buying plates. This year the rules have changed, and motorists must present a copy of their title to buy plates.

Grace, who has sold plates in Farmington for the past 13 years, urges residents to make sure they bring the necessary documents before coming for plates.

Persons wishing vehicle license plates must bring a copy of their car's title and either a certificate of insurance or a copy of a current insurance policy.

Without proof of insurance, the applicant must pay the \$35 uninsured motorists fee.

Grace said persons wanting commercial plates must bring their old registration certificate as well as a title copy and proof of insurance. The same documents are needed to buy plates for trailers weighing 2,500 pounds or more.

To buy plates for smaller trailers under 2,500 pounds, owners need only bring the old registration. Mobile home owners buying plates must bring only a copy of the title.

PERSONS registering snowmobiles must bring only a bill of sale.

The Farmington branch office will be open from 9 until noon on Saturdays and 9-5 on weekdays.

Grace urges residents to buy their plates early and avoid the long lines and confusion which exists as the deadline approaches.



ANNUAL LINEUP -- The lines were long Saturday morning at the Farmington branch office of the Secretary of State as residents get their license plates early. Shown

first in line (far left) is Mrs. William Anderson who took turns with her husband standing in line and getting warm in the car. (Evert photo)

Speaks In Farmington

Parents Can Teach Sex--O'Neil

by WYLIE GERDES

James F. O'Neil, a member of the State Board of Education, a probable candidate for U.S. Senator, said Monday a "vast majority of parents" favor sex education.

O'Neil addressed the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington Hills. O'Neil received an enthusiastic welcome at the meeting Monday afternoon in the Farmington Community Center.

PARENTS, O'Neil said, feel sex education is needed but prefer to be involved in the education process.

The treasurer of the State Board of Education noted, "We are frequently described as a minority group trying to prevent a majority from having sex education."

He disputed the argument by saying most parents want to handle their children's sex education. "Classes for parents should be a first step in sex education," O'Neil said. He commented that television would be the best approach to distribute sex education information to parents.

We need to start to give parents the equipment, he said. If parents won't go out to meetings, "you meet them at the boob tube."

is producing such a television program. O'Neil said.

The Livonia Republican also recommended sex education be taught after regular school hours in conjunction with parents. He said the meetings would "help bridge this generation gap."

O'NEIL SAID he objected in some degree to about 60% of the sex education materials he has screened. The other 40% is acceptable, he commented, and some of it is very good.

The guidelines for sex education proposed by Dr. Ira Polley, recently fired superintendent of state education, were objectionable, O'Neil said.

Polley recommended sex education in all K-12 grades and integration of the program into the regular curriculum.

"It is ludicrous to suggest sex education to children who still believe in the Easter bunny and Santa Claus."

"The advent of puberty is a more appropriate time," O'Neil said, to begin sex education.

O'Neil said he believes in specialized teaching. Teachers should be trained for sex education classes just as they are for English or mathematics, he commented.

Teaching sex education in every class might be illegal and unconstitutional, O'Neil

added.

SINCE MICHIGAN law allows parents to withdraw children from sex education classes, O'Neil said parents would have to keep children home from school to avoid instruction.

O'Neil said he has asked an attorney general's opinion on sex education integrated into other subjects and also on the legality of teaching birth control.

Another area of disagreement with the guidelines proposed by Polley concerns sexual deviation.

O'Neil said Polley proposed sexual deviation should be

treated without moral judgment.

"To the questions the children might ask--Is this right or wrong?--they're to let the children decide."

"One of the major problems confronting society is a lack of morality," O'Neil said. He urged society to "get back to some fundamental morality."

The State Board of Education treasurer said schools should teach morality. He said religion shouldn't be taught in public schools but added morality isn't religion. Self respect and respect for others are the bases of the Judeo-Christian morality, he said.

Scout Fall Roundup

The annual fall roundup to enlist new members of Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer units in the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, is under way.

Individual units are actively recruiting new members through open houses and invitations to visit pack, troop and post meetings.

All boys living in the area served by the council--all of Oakland County with the exception of the four southeastern townships and all of Macomb County north of the 14 Mile--are invited to join.

Inquiries concerning the location of the nearest unit

should be made to the council's Service Center in Pontiac at 334-2500.

The Cub Scout program is open to boys who are seven and in the third grade or are eight, nine and 10 years old. Boys 11 and older are eligible to become Boy Scouts and the Explorer program is open to boys 14 and older.

Closed to 1,600 boys were signed up during the council's recent School Night for Scouting program. At the end of 1968, there were 11,651 boys in 268 units in the council. The goal for the end of next month is 12,174 boys in 292 units.



JAMES O'NEIL