

### today's hot line observerland

**REDFORD** — While their union representatives fight the township for more money via fact finding, 35 male employees of the public services departments are fighting by refusing to be associated with township officials.

**PLYMOUTH** — Negotiating teams charged with working out a new teachers' contract in the Plymouth School District will meet again Tuesday after making little progress in an 11-hour session Aug. 21. Teachers are scheduled to report for duty Sept. 3, with classes opening Sept. 5.

**PLYMOUTH** — An engineering study of Plymouth's municipally operated water supply will be revealed in a special City Commission meeting Monday night. It is expected to contain an economic analysis of whether Plymouth should continue to operate its own wells or become a customer of the Detroit water system.

**LIVONIA** — Two Detroit youths are dead and one reported in poor condition at St. Mary Hospital after being overcome by poisonous fumes in the Kopyak Painting Co., 12225 Meridian Road. The trio had gone there to paint a motorcycle helmet at night and were found next morning by the shop foreman as he arrived for work.

**LIVONIA** — Livonia Board of Education and the Livonia Education Association are reported in agreement on a new contract for the coming school year. Unconfirmed reports revealed that beginning teachers will receive \$5,900 per year. Approval of both groups is expected in a few days.

**LIVONIA** — Strong objections by Councilmen Jerry Raymond and Peter A. Ventura failed to deter the City Council from establishing the new position of engineering and awarding across-the-board pay raises to all levels of the city engineering department. The two argued that establishment of the new classification was the issue, not the blanket pay increases.

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## Democrats In Chicago-And You Are There

Publisher Philip H. Power and Editor Don Hoenshall are in Chicago this week to send back to Observer Newspaper readers their first-hand accounts of the Democratic National Convention.

They will cast their coverage in terms of the readers here — what their delegates are doing, what is the party planning for the suburbs, what the Michigan delegation is doing.

The first of their articles will appear in the Wednesday editions.



BUSY LAYING BLOCKS for the new concession stand at the North Farmington High School athletic field are two members of the school's varsity club who are among the students volunteering labor to build the stand. Pictured from left are: Dave Gehart and Tony Garcia.

## Varsity Builds Hot Dog Stand

The football squad at North Farmington High shouldn't have any trouble getting in shape for this year's season.

They have spent the past summer, along with other members of the North Farmington Varsity Club, volunteering labor to erect a concession stand at the school's athletic field.

Members of the club are providing all the money and labor to build the field's first concession stand, which, when completed, will be valued at \$4,500.

AT PRESENT, the concrete slab has been laid and walls put up. This past week, Varsity Club members have been especially busy laying block and spreading mortar hoping to complete as much work as possible before they start throwing blocks on the football field.

The workers are being aided with technical advice from the district's maintenance department but beyond that all effort is coming from student volunteers.

The idea to build the concession originated two years ago and was prompted by a former coach. The plans being used were drawn up by Glen Reimer, a 1968 North Farmington graduate.

Heimer drew the plans during his junior year and the following summer was hired by Harry Stultz, the school's director of building and grounds. He presently is studying architecture at a university in Florida.

Since starting the project in 1966, the club has raised money through concession sales at athletic events, held car washes and special benefit games. Last year, a basketball game with the Harlem Diplomats was scheduled to raise funds for the stand.

Money must still be raised this year in order to finish the project.

Working with students on the project are the club's co-sponsors, Ron Holland and Dennis Fitzgerald. Holland is head football coach and track coach and Fitzgerald is an assistant football coach and the gymnasium coach.

The Farmington Schools and the City's Zoning Board of Appeals bumped heads last week and are preparing for another session Wednesday (Aug. 28) starting at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

The dispute involves the placement of six temporary mobile classrooms at Farmington High School. According to city ordinance, the district must obtain a special-exception permit required for schools in a residential area.

Approval was granted at last Tuesday's Zoning Board meeting, after two votes, but the approval was obviously unsatisfactory to the school district since it involved an added cost of about \$7,000.

THE ISSUE involves what members of the high school consider to be the unsightly appearance of the temporary classrooms. Some residents were present Tuesday night to object to the present location of the mobile classrooms.

The mobile classrooms are at the west end of Farmington High and had to be used by the district since the construction strike delayed completion of classroom additions to the school.

On the first vote, the Zoning Board moved to grant the permit, subject to the moving of two units behind the school and as long as all six units would be used only for the duration of the current school year.

The vote was 3-2 in favor

## Campaign Costs Filed; Oppertnauser Tops List

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Campaign expenses filed with the Oakland County Clerk's office reflect the costs of running for office.

By far the most expensive post in the primary election was the Farmington District Judge contest.

Township Trustee Earl C. Oppertnauser, who led the ticket, spent \$5,257 in his successful drive for the nomination.

Of this amount, \$5,155 was raised by the Committee to Make It Judge Oppertnauser, Farmington Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand, who placed second in the field and received one of the nominations, spent \$1,213.79. Hand reported campaign contributions of \$1,337.50 so he has a start on the funds required for the November election.

Township Justice of the Peace Robert Nelson, who placed third, spent \$2,095.63. Since he reported no contributions, the funds all came out of his own pocket.

The man who placed fourth in the race, Bernard S. Kahn, reported expenses of \$666.96. He reported that he had received no contributions.

A fifth candidate in the race, Edward Reagen, pulled out before the election and did not file expenses.

UNDER THE law the names of the contributors must be listed. The listing is interesting.

Farmington Realtor Omar Sanderson contributed \$50 to both the Oppertnauser and Hand campaigns. Hand received a total of eight contributions from people who do not live in Farmington. These contributions totaled \$637.50. Most of the addresses listed were in Detroit's Penobscot Building where Hand's law firm is located.

Oppertnauser's campaign committee raised a total of \$2,000 from five people who live outside Farmington. One of the contributions—for \$100

—came from Developer Mel Rosenhaus, the builder of the Hunter's Ridge apartment complex at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds.

The local primary campaign for Farmington Township Trustee was not nearly as expensive as the Judge's race.

FREDERICK Lichtman, who drew the most votes in the Republican primary, spent \$227.06. Of this \$210.50 came from the campaign committee Citizens for Lichtman.

The other winners in the GOP primary, Margaret Schaeffer and Charles Williams, spent \$325 and \$189.58 respectively. Neither reported any campaign contributions. The other candidates for the GOP nomination and the campaign costs were: James Skillman, \$143.83; Peter Kopp, \$198.83; and George Crook, \$198. None of these candidates reported any contributions.

Expense reports from the Democratic nominees for trustee

—Joyce Hungerford, William Hutton, and Allen Sultan—were not on file. However, since there was no primary opposition on Democratic tickets, it is not expected that the expenses would be high.

INCUMBENT Republican Congressman Jack McDonald reported campaign expenses of \$2,966.08. A campaign committee, the McDonald Boosters, raised \$2,966.08.

Neither Gary Frink nor Ron Madros had filed reports in Pontiac. Frink won the Democratic nomination for the congressional seat.

Incumbent Republican State Representative Raymond L. Baker filed a report stating that he had neither received nor spent any money in the primary campaign as he had no opposition.

Leonard Baruch and Aldo Vignozzi, who were candidates for the Democratic nomination, have not filed expense reports. Baruch won the nomination for the state post.

### Owner Can't Enjoy Property

## Juvenile Vandals Destroy Local Nature Dream Land

By EMORY DANIELS

After four years, Frank Buzzell is losing patience over destruction of his property by juvenile vandals.

Buzzell owns three and a half acres of wooded land at 28803 W. Nine Mile Rd., Farmington Township, immediately behind the William Grace Elementary School.

The backyard consists of rolling hills of thick trees with nature trails winding throughout the property which also includes a pond and stream.

The house sits on a hill to the front of the lot off Nine Mile. A red pony barn, which used to house a pony, is located across the stream east of the house. For a man who enjoys nature, the property is a dream. Buzzell is vanishing if not already evaporated.

THE PROPERTY is being slowly devoured by curious children who enter the property for adventure and before leaving make their contribution to a tale of vandalism which has plagued the Buzzell family since moving to their township home four years ago.

Vandals are pretty much free to destroy unnoticed since the trees provide cover and they cannot be seen by the Buzzells from their home atop the hill. Some of the damage done is unintentional while other has been malicious destruction.

The "vandalism" acts involve children seeking adventure who pick out one of the tall, but skinny, Red Pine trees to climb. The trees, never intended by nature for a look-out tower, bend and break.

To date, some 10-12 trees have been broken causing an estimated damage of \$2,000, according to Buzzell. But money is not the main issue, as it takes years to grow the trees.

MALICIOUS VANDALISM has centered mainly on the pony barn but signs are evident throughout the rolling hills, including a badly mangled cyclone fence which separates Buzzell's land from the William Grace playground.

The three Buzzell children used to have a pony to ride through the winding trails but after it turned mean from being harassed by individuals sneaking into the barn.

The pony had been stuck in the hole and was beaten with sticks until its disposition was spoiled. After the pony left, the young trespassers made unauthorized intrusions to the barn—this time to use it as a convenient hideaway to smoke cigarettes.

BUZZELL had an outdoor lighting setup for the backyard

work area but that is gone now. The vandals have smashed and stripped the wiring making it mandatory to leave the area turned off.

A 442-foot long fence separates Buzzell's land from the school playground has been mangled and is down to the ground in some spots.

A stream and pond has been turned into a cesspool of rocks, broken glass and other assorted litter. To the vandals, Buzzell's care is the appearance

of teen-agers using the trails for a lover's lane.

At one time, a 16-year-old was on the property shooting with a .22 rifle at a pheasant in the direction of the school.

The vandalism has been aggravated by theft, including a frontyard statue, bicycles, and \$300 worth of clothing removed from the Buzzell car.

Because of repeated claims, Buzzell has had his homeowners insurance canceled. His property value is depreciating rapidly.

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Besides the smokers and lovers' lane visits, Buzzell has most recently been visited by youngsters throwing stones at the house.

Since 1965, nine official complaints have been registered by Buzzell or his wife to Farmington Township Police; one each in '65 and '66, six complaints in '67, and one so far in '68.



LEFT DISCARDED by juvenile offenders are a paper bag, pack of cigarettes and matches. A trio of boys 7-9 years old sneaked a smoke on the private property of Frank Buzzell on 9 Mile Rd., Farmington Township, using the trees on his heavily wooded lot for cover.

## M Announces Sales Office In Farmington

The SM Company announced today it will build a \$5,000, one-foot sales office and warehouse in the Farmington away Industrial Park.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, with a completion date set for the spring of 1969.

An announcement was made today that the company had completed a purchase agreement for 4.6 acres of land in the away Industrial Park. The price was not disclosed, but a new plant is the 26th company operating or buying in the Thompson-Brown development.

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troit area sales branch and warehouse at 411 Piquette Ave. According to the company this building is being sold.

E.G. CUNNINGHAM, branch sales office manager, said that most of the 50 employees will transfer to the new location.

The Area Development Division of Marketing Department of Detroit Edison assisted SM in locating suitable property.

Headquartered at St. Paul, Minn., SM is a diversified manufacturer of products and services for industry, office, school and home, with more than 45 major product lines.

Scotch Tape to bowling and automotive equipment.

Last year total sales for the firm amounted to \$1.25 billion.

The company is known in business circles as a "conglomerate" because it is involved in eight different industries throughout the world.

Last February, The Enterprise & Observer reported that SM was negotiating for a site in Farmington Township. At that time company officials would not confirm the report.

A company spokesman, however, described the 50,000-square-foot site plant as a "minor expansion" for the firm.