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Prospects In 19th

Jack McDonald, it's generally agreed, will be a tough man to beat, but five Democrats want the right to challenge the 19th District Republican congressman. Tim Richard has an authoritative report on their prospects.

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The Senate Seat

As expected, Sen. George Kuhn will seek another term in Lansing, and he told Observer Newspapers why he wants to continue. Meanwhile, a Democrat challenger named Paul Kadish told us why he's "itching" to take on Kuhn.

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Our Population

Some Observersland suburbs had spectacular growth in population during the 1960s, and some didn't. The area census director gave preliminary figures. See the Regional Affairs Page.

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Test Of Freedom?

Alan Sultan, a local Democrat and U-D law professor, warns Farmington Township it might be in for a lawsuit unless it exercises caution in enforcing the disorderly persons ordinance recently enacted. Sultan defines where the line should be drawn to avoid interfering with civil liberties.

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Eternal Sermons

If you attend church in colonial Boston, you'd have to listen to a three-hour sermon, hour-long prayer and still would have strength enough to argue politics on the church lawn after the congregation was dismissed. The first of a series of articles on the history preceding July 4, 1776, begins in today's paper.

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MR. BUSINESSMAN,
LOOKING
FOR
SUMMER
HELP?

See today's want-ad section and pick from the local kids with initiative, we think you'll find willing workers.

FREE work wanted ads to all Jr. & Sr. High school students. See student want ads and find how to place your ad.

Classified WANT ADS

Group Plans Draft Of Teeple's For Supervisor's Nomination

Supporters of Farmington Township Policeman Earl Teeple are preparing to file nominating petitions on Teeple's behalf for the Republican nomination for township supervisor.

Bernard Kahn, a Southfield attorney who lives in Farmington Township, said he would file the petitions Tuesday, the deadline.

KAHN SAID the movement to place Teeple's name on the ballot is "in the nature of a minor draft." He added that he hopes Teeple will accept the nomination.

No committee has been formed yet, Kahn said, the circulators will likely organize soon.

The attorney reported a "tremendous reaction" on Teeple's behalf.

"I haven't known anyone who knew Earl who wasn't extremely fond of him," Kahn commented.

He called Teeple a "fine, contentious, dedicated citizen and added that he personally holds Teeple in the "highest esteem."

Support for Teeple has been "most distinctly bipartisan," Kahn noted.

Other incumbents were reported ready to file, including Supervisor Curtis Hall. Others seeking GOP nomi-



EARL TEEPLES

nations are Clerk Floyd Cairns and Trustee Earl Opperthausen.

Teeple, 47, of 30155 14 Mile Rd., is a life-long Farmington Township resident. He is a detective sergeant with the Farmington Township Police Department. In police work since he was 20, Teeple has been a township policeman for 14 years.

He and his wife, a nurse at Botsford General Hospital, and five children live on a former farm homestead in the township.

THE DETECTIVE sergeant was embroiled in a controversy which shook the township and city police departments last year and which included a temporary demotion.

Before being vindicated, Teeple was disciplined by Township Police Chief Irving Yakes and Hall for allegedly creating morale problems on the force and for insubordination in an alleged police brutality case that Teeple had called to the attention of the county prosecutor.

After being suspended for two weeks without pay and demoted, Teeple was cleared of the charges by a civilian review board. The board's investigations into the matter were dropped in mid-hearing for lack of evidence.

Teeple was restored and the township paid him for the two weeks' suspension.

Teeple was suspended after he answered questions from an Oakland County prosecutor about an alleged beating of a prisoner by a fellow officer in the Farmington Township Hall.

The officer, John Hedrick, was later tried and acquitted on a charge of assaulting another prisoner. A Federal civil lawsuit and a complaint with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, both involving alleged police brutality, are pending against Hedrick.

REPORTED TO BE circulating petitions for Democratic nominations to township posts are Dr. Burton Levy, Harris Berger and William Hatton.

Berger is seeking the nomination for the two-year treasurer's term, and

Levy and Hatton the two four-year trusteeships to be filed in the November election.

The two year supervisor's job pays \$12,500 per year. The clerk receives \$11,000 and the treasurer \$10,000. The supervisor and clerk also receive a \$1,500 per year expense account.

Berger, 52, of 30224 Paddlesford Rd., is a retired Ford Motor Co. supervisor who campaigned for a trustee's post on the board three years ago.

Levy, of 29058 Ramblewood Ct., is an associate professor of political science at Wayne State University. He was community services director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and an unsuccessful candidate for the Farmington Board of Education last year.

Another seeking a Democratic nomination in the trusteeship race is Hatton, a senior research chemist with M. and T. Chemicals. Hatton, of 24526 Nine Mile, is a leader of the Farmington Township Road Association and has been a regular at Township board meetings.

REGISTRATION for the primary election ends at 8 p.m. July 3. Township voters should register at the Farmington Township Hall at 31555 11 Mile Rd.

Besides regular office hours, the clerk's office will be open to receive registrations until 8 p.m. on June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 3.

Both the township and city clerk's offices will be open for registration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.

At Mission Station

Smith To Teach Haitians

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Farmington's Supt. of Schools Roderick J. Smith will drop his doctoral title of "Dr. Smith" for two weeks this summer and become plain "Mr. Smith."

He will do this because he

leaves June 26 to spend two weeks in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, working with Dearborn Free Methodist Church's quasi-missionary project on the island.

TO THE HAITIAN natives the word "doctor" means only one thing—a medical man.

Trying to explain to them what his title means would take Dr. Smith his entire two-weeks' venture.

Besides, the explaining would have to be done in a mixture of French and Creole, and Dr. Smith is not fluent at either, as he freely admits.

Ruth Smith will accompany her husband and perhaps make communication a little more easy because she speaks French and also spent time on the island last year, so she knows the dialect the natives speak.

MRS. SMITH was so enthralled with the natives with whom the Smiths' church works that her husband can hardly wait to meet some of them.

"Her impressions and observations last year 'I amazed her,'" says the superintendent. "She was so impressed with the joy they get out of simply sharing with or to another."

"A native will actually 'cry' in a small broken cry that we would think too useless to keep. If they have an old envelope on which to write, they feel rich."

He adds: "There is just no rivalry between them. It is such a contrast to the competitive nature of our own children's lives."

THE SMITHS' SON, Brad, and daughter Becky, brought back similar impressions from visits they have made to Haiti. Brad has worked with the missionaries on the island on two visits.

"I am well aware of what this has done for my own youngsters," notes Dr. Smith. "It has helped them achieve a tolerance and understanding they wouldn't have had otherwise."

"We get too entangled in the materialistic earning of a living."

THE SMITHS' WORK on the island will center around the sanctuary their churches have built in Port-au-Prince. Their schedule calls for Bi-

ble instruction classes and classes in the rudiments of health care. The two-hour instruction classes will be conducted through interpreters, so Dr. Smith says it will be "slow going."

Living conditions on the island are quite primitive, and the superintendent says that the Haitians arrive for the camp sessions with one set of clothes which they keep clean by washing in the river and pounding on rocks.

Roads are deplorable and the natives travel on an old rickety bus which Dr. Smith describes: "If you just grab hold of a corner, you're a paying passenger."

BUT THE SUPERINTENDENT and his wife are not going to be casual travelers on this trip.

Dr. Smith comments: "I have no reason to go unless I can help the missionary station. They get so discouraged."

"I only hope I can help them inspire the young native Haitians. If you enjoy a trip like this, it is only frosting on the cake."



MINI-BUMPER — Gas prices may be low again in the Farmington Area, but the skirts are high on pump attendants at Tom Klucks' station on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake. Shown filling the tank is Anne Clarke of Farmington Township. (Everett photo)

Put Garbage Tax On Primary Ballot

Farmington Township voters will decide Aug. 4 whether they will pay a two mill property tax for garbage and rubbish collection.

The Farmington Township Board voted Monday night at a special meeting to place the question on the ballot for the August 4 primary.

If passed, the two mill levy (\$2 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) would replace the present agreements between homeowners and different garbage collectors in various sections of the township.

MOST PRIVATE collectors charge \$48 per year, but Township Supervisor Curtis Hall

said some residents pay \$56 per year.

The present rate of \$18 per year would equal the two mill levy on a home assessed at \$24,000. The total amount collected from the tax would be about \$400,000.

The township trustees voted the issue before the voters after a mail poll. Hall said more than 1,000 letters were sent to township homeowners asking whether they would support a property tax for solid waste collection.

The supervisor noted 2,213 of the letters were returned with a majority supporting a tax for the service.

He said 1,018 of the letters

returned favored a weekly pickup to be paid for by a two mill levy, and 310 more favored twice monthly service and a one mill levy. The present system was supported on 885 replies, Hall said.

AS PROPOSED by the township board, the two mill levy would be in effect for five years and be used solely for garbage collection.

If the plan is approved, contractors would bid on the service for the entire township and the lowest bidder would receive a three year contract.

The trustees showed enthusi-

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