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Many people will get involved in politics on the grass roots level in Farmington as they run for precinct delegate posts August 4. Some of the precincts will feature contests between two candidates. Who is running for office in your neighborhood?

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Sam Adams' Story

Editor Emory Daniels' series on the historical background leading to the American Revolution continues today with the story of activist Samuel Adams. It's all part of Farmington's annual July 4th celebration.

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The Farmington District Library Board has made four attempts to get Federal funds to help construct the new library. The latest results from the State Board of Education have left board members unhappy.

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Teeples Battles Township Over His Plans To Run

The Farmington Township Board has agreed to discipline policeman Earl Teeples, a candidate for supervisor, for engaging in political activities in violation of township rules. The agreement came at the board's regular meeting Monday.

However, circuit court action may prevent the trustees from taking such action. In last moving developments Friday and Monday and Tuesday:

• Bernard S. Kahn, Teeples' attorney, obtained a temporary restraining order in Oakland County Circuit Court, ordering the township to restrain from "disciplining, harassing, demoting, suspending or discharging" Teeples because he is a supervisor candidate. Teeples filed to run against incumbent Curt Hall.

In court Tuesday, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James Thoburn dissolved the temporary restraining order obtained by Kahn Friday.

However, Kahn said that the judge warned township officials that if they discipline or fire Teeples, it will be at "their own peril."

While dissolving the re-

straining order, Thoburn also ordered a trial, which Kahn expects will be in the near future since the election is only seven weeks away.

Teeples name will appear on the ballot, Kahn reported.

• Earl C. Oppertbauer, trustee, called the Teeples candidacy "a flagrant violation of the policeman's manual" and called for an investigation into Teeples' record as a police officer.

• Curt Hall, current supervisor, said in a prepared statement that "I suspect that the Teeples backers count on becoming a 'shadow cabinet' and impose on the township, indirectly, what the voters have repeatedly rejected directly."

The political entanglements began last week when Kahn, Teeples' attorney, filed nominating petitions for the Republican nomination for township supervisor on behalf of Teeples.

When township attorney Joseph T. Brennan learned of the petitions, he wrote a letter to Lt. William Kelly of the Farmington Township police department, reporting police rules prohibited Teeples from engaging in political activity.

"The regulation is clear and concise and prohibits any political activity on the part of a township policeman. This includes taking part in or contributing to a political campaign," Brennan wrote.

"If the officer actually becomes a candidate and campaigns for this office he will be in violation of this rule and will be subject to removal from the force," Brennan added.

The township attorney cited Federal laws (Hatch Political Activity Act) to support the police rule.

Brennan, however, did agree that the mere filing of petitions constituted political activity. Brennan said he assumed Teeples would withdraw the petitions by the June 15 deadline.

"If he does not, he will, of course, be in violation of the rules and regulations of the department, and subject to departmental discipline," Brennan concluded.

In Kahn's request for a restraining order, he said Teeples had done nothing to violate the rules and regulations of the police department. Monday, Kahn told the Observer

that Teeples doesn't intend to do any campaigning. "He won't shake a hand, he won't make a speech. I don't feel his present posture violates the rules, assuming the rule is right," Kahn said.

Monday night at the routine board meeting, Brennan filed the trustees in on background for the Teeples lawsuit, saying he didn't "fully understand the complaint," since Judge James Thoburn had no recognition of signing the temporary order. He said the current moves

seemed aimed more at "publicity than anything else." (Judge Clark J. Adams signed for Thoburn, Kahn reported.) Oppertbauer, also an attorney, said that the police rule could not be circumvented with a draft by a third party, since Teeples had to sign an affidavit when the petitions were filed.

Oppertbauer cited the same case Brennan had, the U.S. Supreme Court Decision on United Public Workers of America vs. Mitchell. In which political activity curbs are

sanctioned if the person involved falls in certain classes. "Earl Teeples knows and understands the regulations," Oppertbauer said.

He also called for an investigation of complaints on Teeples personnel record saying he had "always been concerned with his performance."

Teeples' Oppertbauer also noted the board was in a dilemma. "If we suspend him, we will make a martyr of him. But our business is not politics."

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Board Accepts Report On Human Sexuality

The Farmington Board of Education accepted the report of the Family Life Education (FLE) committee's human sexuality task force in a 6-0 vote Monday night.

This report is the third and final one to come from the FLE. Other FLE reports previously accepted by the school board covered minority understanding and substance abuse programs for Farmington public schools.

Before acceptance came for the human sexuality report, residents and parents had a chance to voice their objections to instituting such a program.

"Let us take the real guidelines—let us get back to the Bible," began Rev. Charles J. Fisher of the Bible Baptist Church in Farmington. "The greatest textbook ever given to man in his history has been

omitted in this report," he said. "You'll stimulate the children if you put in this program," commented Father Higgins, a Catholic mission procurator. He suggested sending questionnaires to all parents to see if they want sex education for their children.

"We feel that citizens of this community have been extended ample opportunities to discuss the program," said Rev. Hugh V. Stewart, FLE chairman and task force member.

He added that the committee hadn't seen Father Higgins or Rev. Fisher before at its meetings for the past 13 months.

Mrs. Nancy Muzbeek, a teacher in Livonia for eight years, explained that Michigan state law says parents can

remove students from sex education classes.

"But what program are you going to substitute for the child whose parents don't want him to participate in sex education?" she asked. "An education isn't sitting out in the hall doing math problems," Mrs. Muzbeek reminded.

"We haven't yet developed guidelines for substitute programs," said Supt. Roderick J. Smith. "These things will be taken into consideration," he assured.

The human sexuality report is now directed to the superintendent to prepare guidelines for implementation, including both procedures and materials.

The preliminary report is to be presented not later than Sept. 15, 1970, and the final report is to be made available to interested citizens two weeks prior to the scheduled final action of the board.

During the meeting, Bruce E. Duke, FLE and task force member, filed a minority report objecting to the human sexuality report. Duke's report stated that "sex education acts as verbal sexual stimulation of children."

He proposed the following amendment to the task force report: "Sex education information necessary in science, biology and hygiene is acceptable provided it is treated no different than the rest of the body and the parents are aware and approve of their child's participation."

The board didn't move to accept Duke's amendment but it was mentioned that parent rights are outlined in the human sexuality report.

The objective of the human sexuality program is "to help the individual develop into a mature person, more capable of love in all its aspects, and better equipped for making responsible decisions as a sexual person about himself and his life."

Gary L. Lichtman, board member, said, "I've heard a lot of people who haven't read the entire report. It doesn't mention developing a 'sexy' or a 'sexual' one."

"We've learned that sex education is far more than giving out particular sex information," said Rev. Stewart. "Sex education involves what it means to be a male or a female. A program in human sexuality, as the report's introduction states, must be conceived within a moral context," he added.



DEBBY AND 'SNOOPY' — Constant playmate to Debby Zinski is pet Snoopy who helps pass after-school hours for Debby who was stricken by cystic fibrosis at birth. (Observer photo by Gerald Gazda)

Heroine Winning Fight Against Crippling Illness

By LYNNE LUTHER

A perky, brown-haired, pug-nosed Farmington Junior High School student is a real champ to the rest of her family. Debby Zinski has fought long and hard for all of her 14½ years to lead a normal life while afflicted with cystic fibrosis.

Now, thanks to expert doctors' care, the love and encouragement of her family and a lot of determination, Debby is on the road to recovery.

Debby's second of five children born to Mrs. Delores Zinski of Southfield and the late Kenneth J. Zinski, inherited the disease at birth. Mrs. Zinski said her daughter's left side was about two inches shorter than her right side.

"Debby has to wear her leg brace from morning till night and it supposed to wear the back brace 23 hours a day," Mrs. Zinski explained. "It doesn't make for very comfortable sleeping."

"But she's grown remarkably these past three months since putting on the brace. Southfield city employees bought it for her through a special collection they took. Now if she keeps it on long enough, she should grow to an even height."

Debby's father was Southfield's dog warden for 15 years until his death last year.

AN ALMOST all-A student, Debby will complete the seventh grade at Farmington Junior High School this year.

She attends the Farmington

school system through the Oakland County special education system. She plans to attend Camp Grace Bentley, a special summer camp for crippled children sponsored by the Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The atmosphere in the Zinski home is lively and noisy as a home with five children and a dog should be. The kids pitch in with all the chores and mom is thinking of going back to work soon. Most of the doctor bills now are paid by social security benefits.

"It's great to know that Debby is well on the way to recovery," Mrs. Zinski said, watching her daughter move slowly toward the door to take the dog for a walk. "She's some girl," she said.

New City Assessor Hired

The City of Farmington has hired a new assessor, Miss Dorothy Shields, who will take over the job on July 1.

The city council confirmed the appointment of Miss Shields to replace George

Clement and William Brinkman, present city assessors who are retiring.

Miss Shields has been working in the assessment office for the past four years, said City Manager John Dinan, and

is very familiar with the operation.

The city has retained a consultant, Kenneth Palmer, who has worked for 15 years in the City of Detroit's assessing department.