

'Speechless' Campaign Ending

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AFTER THIS curt observation, Hall quit talking about his opposition and began reciting his accomplishments.

That's the kind of interview Hall enjoys because he's quite proud of the township's growth in the past ten years and is a top salesman of his community.

During Hall's decade, the township built 45 miles of sewers costing \$10.5 million, 36 miles of water mains costing \$7.3 million, and paved or improved 19 miles of roads.

"These capital improvements are all being paid for by the persons benefiting without increasing our taxes one cent."

In 1959 when Hall took office, the township had a police force of seven men housed in a room in a fire hall. Ten years later Hall can boast of a 37-man police force with its own building and equipped with modern tools. In addition, there are 17 auxiliary police, three police dogs and a mounted police auxiliary of 25 officers.

THERE IS ALSO a new town hall fully paid for.

The township's zoning has been completely revamped since 1959, the township's zoning plan was upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, and the master plan is now being updated.

"People complain about the increased assessments on their homes. But the mere fact that our zoning was revamped, establishing one of the finest residential communities in the metropolitan area, explains why assessments went up.

"People who purchased their home for \$20,000 now have a home worth \$40,000. Our zoning policies made the township a desirable place to live and this makes values and taxes go up.

"We haven't pleased everyone," he admits, "but they crucified the greatest man of all. Even he couldn't please everyone.

"Those of us in the administration are real proud of what has been accomplished. Ten years ago, 11% of our assessed valuation was other than one family homes. Today, other than one-family residences account for 27% of our assessed valuation. This is a very important step in obtaining a stable tax base."

ONE OF HALL's biggest selling points, however, is the Farmington

Freeway Industrial Park which he describes as his "pride and joy."

"We started from scratch and worked 2-3 years before we were able to get it off the ground. That's going to be a wonderful thing for the township. It's just at a quarter of its potential now and will enjoy tremendous growth when I-275 comes through.

Asked what his top accomplishments have been, Hall replied: 1-Detroit Water; 2-Sanitary sewers; 3-The industrial park.

Water lines now stretch across the entire township area except for the northwest area. "Our water system is second to none in the metropolitan area. We've no storage tanks and have a contract with Detroit that calls for 50-pounds of pressure on the streets at all times.

"It's called maximum power service, yet our water rate is cheap. We buy water from Detroit at only 10% over cost.

Sanitary sewer laterals are now installed throughout the township except for the 10 mile arm. Hall said the engineering phase is almost complete for both the 10 mile sewer and northwest water line but implementation will wait until the economy picks up.

The township will not float bonds on these two projects, he explained, until it is assured the connection fees will finance the construction costs. Because of the economic slowdown, Hall adds, it does not appear the undeveloped land will be platted at a rate fast enough to service construction costs.

The township hopes to obtain a federal grant to get those two projects going. If not, they will be started on as soon as it appears the property in those areas will sustain the expense.

HALL POINTS to progress being made in roads. Road construction is underway in Kemberton Park and will soon begin in Grand River Homes subdivision, both in the southend.

Last Wednesday night, a necessity hearing was held to consider road improvement for Section 38.

"Residents are beginning to understand they must pay for road improvement. If we had \$10 million, we could do a lot of hard surfacing, ditching and graveling but couldn't do a complete road job.

"But we have one of the most progressive road programs in the state

with our matching funds. With the township contributing 10% of the cost and the county 10%, the homeowner only has to pay 80% for his road.

"I'm amazed at the attitude of people in Grand River Homes and Kimberton Park. When they were finally convinced the only way to get roads was to participate in the cost, there has not been that much opposition. They really want to help themselves.

"Two years from now, when the roads are finished, it'll really be a delightful area. We can plant some trees and it'll be pretty nice."

HALL SAID THESE are the policies and programs which will be continued if he's restored to office. But Hall's not simply gloating over past accomplishments, he's looking to the future.

With most of the physical problems (water, sewer, roads) nearing solution, Hall says the township will shift

its emphasis to what he calls "people's problems."

Included in this attack on "people's problems" are involvement in the Farmington Area Rap Line (a substantial township cash contribution has already been made) and establishment of senior citizen housing.

Would you like to be the first mayor of Farmington Hills? Hall was asked. "I would like to think I could contribute to the township until we become a city.

"I'd like to stick around until the township incorporates and then silently slip away," said Hall explaining he thinks the new city ought to be administered by a professional city manager and strong council.

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Hall concluded by mentioning if the courts allow the township to vote on cityhood, and he's reelected Tuesday, his last term might last for only 14-16 months.

Group Rates Candidates

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Coalition on National Priorities today released a list of candidates in the primary election Aug. 4 whom it rates as "peace candidates."

Like U.S. Senator Phil A. Hart and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Zoltan Ferenczy, endorses, the favored candidates "are men whom we believe have done more in the past year that say

they believe in peace," the organization said.

According to the Coalition, the genuine peace candidate should have shown his conviction and competence in this area by appearing as a member, speaker or participant in an anti-Indochina War meeting; should have voted "yes" on anti-war resolutions of elected governmental bodies; and should have given clear public expression for reducing military expenditures in favor of desperate domestic needs.

Candidates for staff legislative seats in both houses were asked whether they believe a state legislature can exert any influence on the conduct of the war or on military expenditures, and if so, how.

FIFTY-THREE candidates in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties filled out the Coalition's questionnaire. Many candidates did not return the questionnaire, and therefore could receive no rating from the Coalition.

The area candidates approved are:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - James L. Exman (D) and Annette Miller (D), 18th; Ronald Hecker (D), 19th.

STATE SENATE: David Plawicki (D) 12th; Paul Kadish (D), 14th.

STATE LEGISLATURE: Nathan Vinson (D), 13th; Alan Bend (D), 15th; Gary S. Kapowski (D), 19th; Richard I. Dwyer (D), 6th.

I-696, I-75 Interchange Bids Let

Two Detroit contractors submitted a joint low bid for construction of one of the largest interchanges on Michigan's highway system, one which will link Interstate 696 and Interstate 75 freeways.

Charles J. Rogers Inc. and Jutson-Kelley Co. bid \$10,918,827 on the 94-acre interchange, which will extend into Hazel Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak and Madison Heights in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Work on the interchange began last summer with construction of sewers and service roads. The new project calls for construction of five bridges, ramps and drainage structures, utility alterations and paving. Completion is scheduled for November, 1972.

United Construction Co. of Livonia was the low bidder, at \$1,041,213 for construction of nine-tenths of a mile of storm sewer to carry surface water from the interchange.

Kenbrook's Work Hard

One of the hardest working junior members of Festival participants was the Kenbrook Elementary Band.

While that is their official name, the youngsters added a number of different schools but met at Kenbrook for summer sessions.

Approximately 100 fifth and sixth graders marched the full length of Saturday's parade with their steps just as lively at the parade's string finish as they were back at the Plaza formation point.

Occasionally they stopped to perform a precision turn without faltering a note. All in all, their performance was amazingly professional, and credit must be given to two perspiring instructors who have worked extremely hard with this group all summer, Lloyd Smith and Stanford Weinberg.

Farmington Man Helps Rescue Crash Victim

By VICTOR OMELCZENKO

FARMINGTON The whole ordeal lasted only about 40 minutes but within that period a human life was saved.

And James Benson, 24, of 29845 Shawasssee, Farmington, was one of three men from Observerland who helped in the rescue.

LAKE CADILLAC In Westford County was recently the scene of a pontoon plane crash in which Mrs. Rosemary Gross, 21, of Scotts, Mich., found herself trapped in her seat under water for almost 10 minutes.

Benson, Terry Krug, 23, of Plymouth, and David Holman, 27 of Livonia, were vacationing at Lake Cadillac when the crash occurred.

The plane, piloted by Dr. Frank Clifford of Cadillac, apparently got caught in a crosswind when it was banking, causing it to hit the water straight on the propeller. The pontoons then broke off.

Krug, Benson and Holman jumped into a cabin cruiser and reached the plane about 100 yards from shore and in 10 feet of water, in five minutes.

THE MEN WERE ready to dive in to reach Mrs. Gross when William Dalquist of Bay City pulled her to the surface.

Dr. Clifford, the pilot, was already saved but in shock.

"Jim grabbed her first and started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," explained Krug. "She was completely blue and her heart wasn't beating at first," he said.

"After two or three minutes she got her color back," continued Krug. Mrs. Gross then began to regurgitate the swallowed water and Krug took over reviving her. Holman, all the while, was holding together the broken pontoons, on which the woman was outstretched.



"We then got her into a police boat and she was half-way breathing," said Benson. But when the three men got her to shore, Mrs. Gross lost her color again.

"She just turned blue, so I continued the mouth-to-mouth," explained Krug. An ambulance with a resuscitator had arrived by that time but Krug didn't want to move her until she was breathing once more.

"You don't know how long it would be until they could start the resuscitator," said Krug. So he kept on applying the mouth-to-mouth technique. At one point, a comb had to be put down her mouth since her jaws kept closing.

AS ALWAYS at an accident scene, gawkers began milling around the rescuers.

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South Little Leaguers Battling For District Title

South Farmington Little League's tournament team is two games away from the District 4 championship after a win over Southfield Tuesday.

The Farmington team topped Southfield 5-0 for its third consecutive win in the District 4 tournament. The next game for the South Farmington will be in Holly against the winner of the Novi-Hickley game.

Players for the tournament team are chosen from the South Farmington Little League's National League. The manager is Fritz Wensink and the coach is Bob Walden.

Walden and Wensink have players have performed particularly well. Dave DeBo, pitcher, and Kevin Hickey have lead the team in its championship drive.

Tournament team members are Vince Ekyed, Danny Sutton, Jim Brown, Sherman Stenson, David Gledard, Kevin Hickey, Steve Chapman, Kenny Medelis, Jim Vopi, Jim Gallagher, Dave Duto, J.J. Cummings, John Carney, and Bruce Habermehl.

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