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Teeples Suit

Farmington Township trustees have instructed their attorney, Joseph T. Brennan, to continue the lawsuit involving Earl Teeples' political campaign in order to clarify legality of the police manual's rule barring political activity by police officers.

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Champs Honored

South Farmington Little League All-Stars have won the state championship and will head for Ohio in quest of the national title. Complete details of the state championship game can be found on today's sports pages and local coverage of tributes paid to the team, including pictures, can be found on the second front page.

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Big News Inside

Harrison High School will not open on time this fall because of delays caused by the plumbers' strike. A multi-million dollar development is in the making for Quakertown, and the City of Farmington is continuing its fight to eliminate sign pollution. These important news stories cannot all fit on page one, but you can find complete reports inside.

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Amateur Pollsters

All congressmen take polls of their districts these days. Sometimes the results match each other closely...and other times they don't. A Regional Affairs Page feature straightens out the tangle.

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By The Stars

News of the theater predominates this week. There's a new group at Oakland Community College, a producer is charting his stars' progress by the stars, and in spite of the fire at the Henry Ford Museum the show will go on at the American Drama Festival.

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Schools Set Ice Rink Hearing After Receiving City's Report

The proposal for a civic arena on Orchard Lake Road north of Shiawassee will be discussed again at a public hearing Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. in Farmington High School.

Residents and officials from Farmington city and township, West Bloomfield township, Clarenceville School District and other interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION set the hearing after City Councilman John Richardson and Russ Ellis, a local hockey enthusiast and realtor, requested approval for acquiring the seven acre school-owned property for building the proposed arena.

"The city is requesting a long-term lease of the land at a nominal charge," said Richardson. "If the school board authorizes use of the land for the arena, the city council then must decide whether to put it on the ballot or commit the city to a financial obligation," he explained.

But the school board didn't authorize the land use after several questions came up about who would be able to use the arena once it was built.

The Farmington School District includes Far-

mington city and township and parts of West Bloomfield township. Money from taxpayers living in these areas was used to purchase the land.

AT THE MEETING, it was pointed out, only city funds would be used to build the arena.

As previously reported in this paper, City of Farmington residents would probably pay less than non-residents for using the arena for skating, hockey and other activities.

"One of the problems is that if, in truth, we represent people of the entire district, it is rather difficult for this board to give the land to one of these political subdivisions (the city)," said Trustee Gary L. Lichtman.

He explained that equitable fees would have to be established for school district residents, which includes the city and the other communities.

"The district will benefit from the arena," commented Ellis, a city representative. He mentioned the district would break even from rates charged skaters and hockey teams.

KENNETH PERRIN, board vice president, had

several questions he wanted to discuss with school administrators before making a decision.

Among his concerns were the value of the involved property; with whom Farmington hockey teams would compete; and whether first choice of using the arena would be offered to Farmington schools.

Perrin also wanted to know the legality of approving the land use and who would get the profits made at the arena.

A resident living near the proposed site wondered whether building the arena is "at odds with the residential area since the arena is commercial in a way."

"Building the arena probably will inconvenience some people, but that's progress," said Councilman Richardson. "It's for the good of the masses," he added.

"I think this is a power play around right end," said Trustee Ronald W. Emmitt, of the city's request. He said the city should consider another site, possibly school owned, or look for a benefactor who would donate land.

Emmitt felt the board "will assist the city in finding an alternative" to the present site.

RICHARDSON countered: "It wasn't the intent of the City of Farmington to have a power play. We wanted the feeling of the board about this arena."

"We've researched other sites, and this is the only one in the City of Farmington that's acceptable."

"We'll go after this number one site first. If we don't get it, then we'll move on," said Richardson.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board discussed a lease agreement with the Farmington Area Advisory Council (otherwise known as Drug-Rap Line) for a relocatable classroom.

At the previous board meeting, approval for the lease was given, but confusion arose Monday night over the location of the classroom in the fall.

Rap Line, under direction of Rev. Ralph Rideout, has been operating out of various churches in the area. But as fall approaches, the churches will be starting their own activities again.

Rev. Rideout and school administrators visited Nichols School as a possible location for the classroom, which will have an office for Rideout, group space for counseling and several telephones for teenagers to man.

But Nichols School had no sewer connection for the classroom, so Middle Belt School is now being looked at.

Middle Belt school apparently has the sanitary sewer connections, but there was some question about the effect of Rap Line's older "clients" on the elementary students at Middle Belt.

Board member Kenneth Perrin mentioned that some parents of children at the school had reported East Junior High students bothering the younger pupils.

Rev. Rideout, Asst. Supt. Marinus Van Albeede and Business Manager William Prisk will continue working on a site for the classroom.

At Monday's meeting, the board also found out from its attorney, Robert J. Kelly, that it cannot give cash donations to Rap Line.

Interview



By WYLLIE GERDES

The Victor Is Planning His Moves

The contest for the Republican Party's nomination for Farmington Township Supervisor was in many ways a classic exhibition of American politics.

Earl Teeples' battle with incumbent Curtis Hall for the supervisor's job was laced with dramatics—the tensions of the long-standing feud between Hall and his backers and the Teeples' camp, the glamor of newcomer Teeples challenging Hall and his entrenched supporters, the gallantry of the old war horse Hall fighting for one last term, and the tragedy of the death of Hall's wife during the final week of the campaign.

THE OUTCOME Teeples blasted Hall about 2-1 in a 40 per cent turnout — was a great personal victory for the Farmington Township police detective.

Unopposed in the November general election, Teeples will take office in late November.

What's ahead now for Teeples is three months of waiting and planning.

IN A WEEKEND interview at his farmstead home in the township, Teeples said he'd spend his spare time until he takes office listening to citizens complaints and suggestions.

After major areas of concern are found, a systematic plan will be devised to solve the problem, he said.

"If old Joe Blow has a hole in his road down here, then let's find a way to take care of all the holes, not just his," Teeples said.

Many of his plans naturally concern the police department. He listed as improvements under consideration greater use of police dogs and a "Light the Night" program for areas troubled by crime.

A BIG BALDING man with the face of a character actor, Teeples shied away from the sensitive area of personnel appointments.

"They (officials) are appointed by the township board, and if the seven members feel there should be changes, there will be," Teeples commented.

The township supervisor is chairman of the township board, other members are clerk, treasurer

and four trustees. Incumbent clerk Floyd Cairns is unopposed in the general election. Cairns and Teeples, plus present trustees Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer and Fred Lichtman, are the only persons certain of posts on the board.

Harris Berger, a Democrat, and Tom Nolan are candidates for the treasurer's job. Battling for trusteeships are Republicans L. David Stader, now secretary of the planning commission, and incumbent Earl Oppertbauer. Democratic candidates for trustee are William Hatton and Dr. Burton Levy.

All the Republicans must be rated as favorites in the heavily Republican township.

TEEPLES SAID he probably won't support a slate in the November election as the incoming supervisor but might give his personal preference.

He named Stader, Levy and Hatton as qualified candidates, omitting Oppertbauer.

With a change in the form of government in the township area imminent, concrete issues were lacking in the campaign. The candidates' personalities clearly were the crucial aspect of the contest.

Teeples, however, refused to comment on his predecessor's work.

"I'm just going to forget what's past and go on from here," he said.

ALTHOUGH CITYHOOD for the township area probably overshadows any administrative program, Teeples' win is expected to change the climate of the township administration.

Hall's administration, reflecting the character of the supervisor, worked behind the scenes and often viewed public interest with suspicion.

If Teeples' administration reflects his personality, the township hall likely will be streaming with visitors.

Teeples' farmstead on 14 Mile has been a famous meeting place for youths from the north Farmington area, and during the afternoon of the interview, visitors and telephone calls often interrupted Teeples.

A hearty man with wide-spread acquaintances in the township, Teeples probably will run a face-to-face administration.



YOUTH INJURED—Patrick J. Dygert, 16, of 26163 Westmeath in Farmington Township was injured last Saturday when the motorcycle he was driving collided with an automobile on 11 Mile. The driver of the auto was Elbert Ward of River Rouge. Dygert was admitted to Botsford General Hospital with internal injuries. (Event photo)