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PLYMOUTH — The Wayne County Sheriff's Department reported this week that it handled a total of 2,239 complaints, ranging from low misdemeanors to felonies, in Plymouth Township for the first six months of 1968.

PLYMOUTH — An explosive political controversy was touched off in the City of Plymouth Monday night when irate city commissioners demanded to know exactly what are Plymouth Township's intentions when it took an option on 63 acres of land for a recreation site. The acreage had been earmarked by the city as its most coveted site for a proposed ice rink.

GARDEN CITY — Ford Rd. in the community will be widened into a five-lane limited access freeway, probably within four years, the state highway department informed the city. The city planning commission immediately set out to study the long range impact the project would have on land uses in the city.

GARDEN CITY — Fifteen persons were named to the citizens' advisory committee which will be involved in the planning for a 31-acre urban renewal project, aimed to bring new commercial and residential development to the northeast corner of Ford and Middle Belts.

WESTLAND — The Nankin Mills Board of Education approved a \$2,238,000 budget Monday, the last it will pass. The district faces a reorganization problem which will have the district dissolved among its neighboring districts within a year.

WESTLAND — Mayor Thomas Brown and Council member Justine Barns are competing against each other for the Democratic nomination on the Wayne County Charter Commission in the Nov. 5 election.

REDFORD — Ford Motor Co. announced plans to enlarge its Telegraph Rd. production design facility by 35 per cent.

LIVONIA — Larry L. Bowen, 32, of 15992 Brentwood, Livonia, was killed early Sunday when his car left Commerce Road, west of the Oakland County line, and smashed into a tree. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital, Farmington.

LIVONIA — Several housewives along Clements Circle have formed a jogging club, complete with the four-year-old daughter of one as a mascot. The "girls" claim they're not trying to lose weight, but just want to do a little "trimming."

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Democrats, Road Group Want More Voter Registration Spots

As the deadline for registering to vote draws near the battle over the availability of spots to register draws hotter.

Deadline for registrations for the November Presidential election is Friday, Oct. 4.

Republican Township Clerk Floyd Cairns' office has announced a total of 16 special days and hours for voter registration during September and October.

The Farmington Township Road Association has requested that the clerk's office provide registrars at meetings of the group.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, chairman of the 19th District Democratic organization, has requested a

program of registrations being conducted throughout the township in either schools or shopping centers.

Vagnozzi told Cairns in a letter that "Many of the people I know to be unregistered do not have transportation to come to township hall. They would be able to register if facilities were within walking distance."

Leo C. Devine, vice president of the Farmington Township Road Association, wrote to The Enterprise & Observer asserting that "It appears that the township clerk is attempting to limit voter registration in Farmington Township."

Cairns says that he won't set up registering spots

throughout the township because the township hall is centrally located and the records are all there.

He said that many of the people who come in to register to vote are already registered, "I used to go to the schools and to the fire hall to register voters," Cairns said, "and the Republicans complained that I was spending too much time in the Democratic precincts, while the Democrats said I was spending too much time in the Republican areas."

"That's when I decided that I would stay in township hall, I will keep the office open as many nights as necessary," he said, "and if it looks as though voter registration hours are required each night I'll keep the office open every night between now and Oct. 4."

Cairns said that there was a "steady stream" of people into his office to register. His office placed the average number of new voter registrants at "about 12 a day."

The clerk said that one full time girl had been added to his staff to handle the workload and he added that "if more are needed I'll hire them."

Vagnozzi cited the problem of parking at the township hall because of the construction work. Cairns replied that "there is plenty of parking available and we haven't had a problem."

Devine's letter listed four points to back up his contention that Cairns is "attempting to limit voter registration."

They are:

office will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. The state law requires that the clerk's office be open until 5 p.m. on that day.

●The township clerk may appoint any number of deputies or assistants to register voters. According to Devine, Waterford Township, Berkley and the City of Detroit have all done so and he says that "volunteer registrars will not accept compensation from the township."

●The township clerk told the Road Association that no registrations would be taken outside the township hall during the June registration period (for the primary). According to Devine, however, registrars registered voters in the Farmington Village Cooperative on June 25.

●Devine also cites the construction work as a problem, but adds that "the clerk is not responsible for the obstacle course resulting from the construction."

"THE TOWNSHIP clerk had complaints because the local deputies or registrars were unfairly placed. He can allay this dissatisfaction by appointing a sizable number of deputies from various interested organizations," Devine concludes.

Cairns said Monday that he would be present at the Road Association meeting on Tuesday night to register any new voters.

Under the state law you must register to vote if you have recently moved or have not voted during the past two years. In August 1967, he had a total of 18,121 registered voters.



ALL SET TO VOTE — Amy E. Knay gives her change of address to Farmington Township Deputy Clerk Gladys Thomas so that she will be all set to vote in the November Presidential election.

Son Scott watches the proceedings. Deadline for voter registrations in both the city and township is Friday, Oct. 4.

Board Again Has A Feminine Touch

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
Although she expected school board chores to keep her busy, Patricia Smith was not quite prepared to attend four meetings in a week's time following her recent appointment to the Farmington Board of Education.

"And that's not all," says the new trustee. "I've been out at 7 a.m. viewing walking conditions at various schools."

As a board member, Mrs. Smith has been placed on the curriculum and safety subcommittees and "viewing walking conditions" is all part of the committee work.

MRS. SMITH was appointed Aug. 27 to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of George Otis.

Her term will end June, 1969, and she is giving some thought to the rigors of campaigning should she decide to seek a full term as trustee.

"The thought of getting up and talking in front of a group of people terrifies me," she exclaims. "I do feel, however, since I was a hand-picked appointee, I should see election to the office."

THE SMITH HOME at 26479 Greythorne shows creative touches, particularly in the selection of art works, but the lady of the house disclaims any love for housework.

"It's not my strong suit," she notes. "I'm just thankful I have a cleaning woman who comes in and digs me out once a week."

As the mother of three school-age children (Scott, 15, Wendy, 13, Kendall, 10), the new board member thinks, "I feel I can give a feminine point of view to school problems concerning children."

"Then, too," she continues, "from

the practical standpoint, I've got more free time during the day to give to school matters."

MRS. SMITH is the first woman trustee to sit on the board since Barbara Brown resigned in June, 1967.

She says she plans to talk to Mrs. Brown about the role a woman can hope to fulfill as a school trustee. "She should be able to give me some good advice."

A native of Palo Alto, Calif., Pat takes some exception to Michigan weather. "The winters are two months too long."

Following her marriage to her husband, Bill, whom she met at the University of Colorado, the Smiths lived for some time in Indiana and Detroit, moving to Farmington eight years ago.

MRS. SMITH helped organize the Farmington chapter of the League of Women Voters and served as a member of the LWW board since that time. She resigned from the LWW board after her school board appointment, with some regret. She is also a member of the First Farmington Committee and believes that women belong in the membership of such groups.

"Our society is changing and women aren't just left in the home as they used to be. They can be as dynamic a force as men," she comments.

SHE DOESN'T specify herself as a product of changing society, but seems to think her lack of interest in household activities an example of this change.

Says the new trustee, "We're becoming less family-oriented and this transitional period is difficult. I would hate to see the family unit dissolve, but it can't be held together by force."

Police Seek Swimmers

Livonia and Farmington police are hunting car thieves who like to swim.

Whoever took the car of Calvin Rock Jr., 25, of 19319 Inkster, Livonia, and abandoned it at Deering north of Seven Mile Road, left a pair of clues in the glove compartment.

They were a man's bathing suit and a girl's two-piece bathing suit.

Rock said they weren't his. He reported the car, a 1960 white sedan, stolen in Farmington after he had left the keys in the ignition.

The car was found by Livonia police. It was undamaged.

Registration Hours Listed

Special voter registration hours in Farmington Township are: Thursday, Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 30, through Friday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Regular hours for the township clerk's office are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

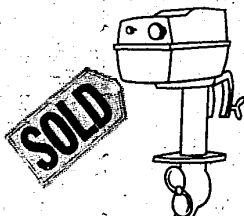
In the City of Farmington the clerk's office has announced special voter registration hours on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Deadline for voter registration for the November Presidential election is Friday, Oct. 4.

You must register if you have recently moved or have not voted during the past two years. This week the Oakland County Democratic Committee said that only 68 per cent of the county's potential voters are registered.



BUSY LADY — Mrs. William H. Smith, 26479 Greythorne, Farmington, has a crowded calendar since her recent appointment to the Farmington Board of Education.



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