

today's hot line observerland

LIVONIA—Completion of the 57-acre Plymouth-Levan Industrial Subdivision was celebrated with a luncheon Thursday at which awards were made to Burton-Share, Inc., developers; Detroit Bank and Trust Co., financiers; and Holcroft and Co., new tenant. The industrial complex is the first of its kind in Livonia.

LIVONIA—Voters at a special school election Monday will decide upon renewal of a current seven-mill levy and the addition of four more mills for future use by the city school system.

LIVONIA—City Councilmen torpedoed a resolution which would have provided \$225,000 as a supplement to \$1.3 million appropriated by the Federal Government for erection of an apartment building for low-income senior citizens.

PLYMOUTH—Herbert W. Straley Jr., former patrolman and later detective with the Flint Police Department and most recently an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will become the City of Plymouth's new police chief Monday. City commission gave unanimous approval of City Manager Richard Blodgett's recommendation to hire Straley Thursday night. His starting salary will be \$11,500 per year.

PLYMOUTH—Supervisory and salaried personnel are attempting to maintain production at the Plymouth plant of Anchor Coupling Co., while the plant's 230 hourly employees of Local 408 United Auto Workers conducted a week-long strike. State and City of Plymouth police have been escorting company trucks to and from the plant. Negotiations have broken down and spokesmen say they are far apart on a wage settlement.

REDFORD—The Redford Township Police Officers Association has served notice on the Township Board that it is asking for a state labor mediator to enter into the salary talks.

REDFORD—Redford Twp. Police Chief Edwin Gleza reports efforts are being made to check out alleged irregularities in the circuit court trial which acquitted a Detroit man of charges of wounding a Township police officer.

REDFORD—300 Redford Township residents are assured that new Boundaries Commission Act will not affect annexation procedures in any way.

What's Inside

SUBURBIA GOT its first visit from a national ticket candidate last week. The story and pictures of Sen. Edmund Muskie's visit are on Page 6B.

HOW MAYO SMITH guided the Tigers to the pennant is told on Page 1B, and there's an array of pictures of your favorite Tiger stars.

A NEW HIGH school won its first football game. Details are on Page 3B.

WHAT WILL YOU do for a career for the rest of your life? In a new teen series, job opportunities—and what it takes to grasp them—are explored, starting with the field of veterinary medicine. Page 9A.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY has programmed a new season, featuring many works it has never performed before. Schedule and story on Page 4B.

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THAT'S THE ONE — Julie Ann Roush of 23986 Colchester picks out her pumpkin ahead of the Halloween rush as she tells Howard McCracken to save this one from his field.

'Ease Busing Rules,' Trustee Tells State

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Farmington School Board Trustee Leland Clifford presented a case to reduce the district's \$39,000 bus transportation bill before a legislative committee in the Oakland County Supervisors' auditorium Thursday morning.

The hearing was one of three being held as a prologue to possible legislation to update school busing. Committee chairman is State Rep. William V. Weber (R-Kalamazoo).

Fifty representatives of Oakland County school districts were in attendance, including Dr. William Emerson, superintendent of the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

Clifford's main argument was for state reimbursement to local districts of the money spent to transport pupils living within a mile and one-half walking limit who are bused because of hazardous walking conditions.

The district's main problem this year on the mile and one-half walking limit has been with Gill School. Pupils living

within the limit are being bused because walking conditions on Gill Rd. are considered dangerous.

Clifford said, "Every year we have more parents demanding their children be bused. The problem is getting more acute in Farmington because of our bad roads and the danger to children walking them."

"I think," he continued, "that we are entitled to state aid for that transportation within the limit which we (the local district) feel is justified."

"We have some instances in Farmington where we are busing pupils six-tenths of a mile. The mile and one-half limit should be made more flexible."

HAROLD WAGNER, superintendent of transportation services for Oakland schools, asked Clifford, "You would prefer that the local district make the decision as to what are hazardous walking conditions?"

"I have confidence that local school boards can make this decision. They are also spending money on transportation."

replied Clifford, "And I don't think it would make an impossible situation in regard to parental demands."

LATER in his statement Clifford touched on his primary purpose in attending the hearing -- to require road commissions to do something about roads on which schools are built.

"When a district builds a school and finds the road impassable at times, I feel road commissions should be required to make the road passable," he commented. "The district should be obliged to notify the authorities involved and the road authorities should be required to review the matter."

BUSING of children to and from school in Farmington is big business, amplified by the geography of the district. This year 8,000 school children are being bused at a cost of \$334,056. The state reimburses \$111,307 of this cost, including \$35,000 for busing special education pupils.

Propose Pistol Range For Old City Dump

The City of Farmington's 16-man Dept. of Public Safety has plans to build an outdoor pistol range at the abandoned city dump on Nine Mile Rd. near Brookdale, if they are granted a special exception permit by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Public hearing on the request has been set for City Hall at 8 p.m., Oct. 2.

"Southfield's range, where we have been shooting is going to be closed soon," Chief Robert Deadman said.

"It's on borrowed property and the owner has found that it is too valuable to use as a shooting range."

Deadman explains that the same economic factors that forced the Southfield range to close were important in choosing

the Nine Mile Rd. property. "The land is already owned by the city and is really nothing more than an eyesore," Deadman said.

"It's full of old junk and mounds of dirt and asphalt,"

HOWEVER, Mrs. Alice W. Brown, whose house at 32080 Nine Mile Rd. is about 500 ft. west of the city property, thinks economic factors is an important reason for not having the pistol range at the dump.

"It would lower the property value all around here," Mrs. Brown said.

Mrs. Brown also said she was concerned about the safety of the proposed pistol range.

"There are about 50 little kids that play around here all summer and can you imagine

the attraction of a pistol range," Mrs. Brown said.

Chief Deadman, who says only Farmington policemen will shoot on the range, said:

"IT'LL BE the safest outdoor range in Michigan."

The police chief said that officers will be shooting from a room enclosed by earth on three sides.

"The buildings floor will be 14 ft. below the surface of the existing property as is the target area," Deadman said.

"Targets will be situated down the range and below overhanging battens that absorb stray bullets."

Republicans Quiz Candidates On 'Law And Order'

By DAVID SARTIN
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Law and order, the phrase that has been interpreted 1,000 ways from Miami Beach to Chicago, has been wedged into the jargon of Farmington candidates.

Out of 10 candidates at the Farmington Hills Republican Women's Candidate Night Sept. 24, four were singled out for more than an hour of questions on law and order.

The 50 husbands and wives asked the candidates questions from "How can we stop the rising crime rate?" to "What are we going to do with all those revolutionary students?"

"The first thing we have to do is protect the law-abiding citizens," District Judge candidate Earl C. Oppert-Hauser said.

"The only way we can protect the law-abiding citizens is firm and fair treatment of the law violator."

"In order to act firmly and fairly, I want to make sure that I know why that person has gone astray."

Oppert-Hauser said that he planned to initiate a pre-trial investigation procedure to determine why a crime was committed. He said the investigators would be citizen volunteers.

The district judge candidate said that 50 cities in the United States have volunteer pre-trial investigators.

ANOTHER district judge candidate told the predominantly Republican audience that absolute firmness in interpreting law can be dangerous, especially with juvenile first offenders.

"What do you do when you have a young man who gets into

trouble and doesn't really realize the magnitude of a police record," asked Michael J. Hand, Farmington Municipal Judge.

"A record will keep him from taking entrance exams to law or medical school as well as keep him from other jobs."

"I've had more than 90 cases of first offenders that I took their case into advisement so that no formal record would be entered, and only three have been re-arrested."

Hand's position, which he said was lenient to first offenders but harsh on re-arrests, was contradicted by Richard D. Kuhn, candidate for Oakland Prosecuting Attorney.

"Lawlessness is brought about by permissiveness," Kuhn said.

The 38-year-old attorney said that higher bonds and harsher penalties are needed to cut down permissive attitudes of the courts.

"If I am elected, within six months your children will not be able to buy marijuana in high school," Kuhn said.

When asked by a Farming-

ton policeman how he planned to stop marijuana traffic, Kuhn said:

"I can't divulge my plan now."

THE AUDIENCE'S concern on the law and order issue was also displayed in 40 minutes of questions to Fred Mathai Jr., incumbent candidate for University of Michigan Board of Regents.

When asked about students' radical activism, Mathai said:

"Everyone knows that students today are much more caught up in social activism than in previous years."

"But, the majority of students are not involved in the revolutionary movements that people think mark all students."

Mathai said that there are about 50 revolutionary students at the University of Michigan and that most of the 37,000 students are idealists but not revolutionaries.

Mathai added that when radicals break the law they are subject to civil prosecution and are not protected by the university.

County Issue Is Control Over Roads

County roads and township government are perennial issues for Farmington voters, and local candidates know it.

Two Republican candidates for separate County Board of Supervisor districts told 60 men and women at the Farmington Hills Republican Women's Candidate Night that poor county roads are an administrative problem.

"Roads come under the jurisdiction of a three-man board appointed by the county board of supervisors," said Christian F. Powell, 18th District candidate (northern Farmington Township).

"And nobody supervises what they do."

"The new County Board of Supervisors should take a stand that no one will be appointed that is not in favor of a good county road network."

Delos Hamlin, incumbent candidate for southern Farmington Township and City, said:

"The Legislature sets the formula for gas and weight tax refunds and Oakland County gets 41 per cent of what they send in."

"Oakland County gets less than other counties because we have more road per person, proportionately, than other

counties."

Township Trustee candidate Charles Williams said that the condition of the township roads is an indication of the effectiveness of the township government.

"The road program has been terribly mismanaged by the township board. A liaison from the board should have been appointed to work with the road group (Farmington Township Road Association) from the start," Williams said.

"That liaison member could have explained the township fiscal position and power, so that there would have been understanding from the outset."

Williams also said that little dissent is heard at the township board and that all of the present board members were appointed.

"If you were appointed to the board (as a trustee), where would your loyalty stand?" Williams said.

Mrs. Margaret G. Schaefer, candidate for township trustee, said:

"People have a right to make decisions, not only the board, but the voters."

Mrs. Schaefer, an attorney, said that she planned to get out to the people "more than the present board does."

PISTOL RANGE — Mrs. Alice W. Brown doesn't think that the abandoned city dump near Nine Mile and Brookdale should be used for a pistol range by the Farmington City Police.