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today's hot line

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Paving-Delayed

Lack of bids has delayed the paving of Robinson St. in the southeastern corner of Farmington Township. Last spring the condition of the street forced the closing of Clarenceville's Westbrook School.

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Farmland Gives Way

The McCracken Farm on 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Township has been operated by the same family for 100 years. One of the last four working apple orchards in the township is on the farm. However, by next year the farm land will be turned over for new homes. Staff Writer Elizabeth Wissman paints a word picture of the past of the farm, while Photographer Fran Evert's pictures show it today.

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A World Opens Up

Patients in the young adult age group at Northville State Hospital used to spend their time in their rooms, taking little interest in the world. Now they're taking classes, making things and putting on a show. Margaret Miller tells the story of the transformation.

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A Way With Horses

Young Andy Eckler has a way with horses. She has beaten professionals for blues, she gives lessons, and she's an honor student. Check the New Generation page for details and picture.

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LIVONIA—The City Council has called in community leaders and formed a committee to recommend proposed changes in the City Charter. Although voters twice defeated such revisions in recent years, the Council indicated the 1950 City Charter is antiquated. Council President Edward H. McNamara declared the Charter is "badly in need of revision."

PLYMOUTH—Patrolman Robert J. Commure, president of the Plymouth police association, said his organization will support the new statewide unionization movement among officers "100 per cent." Plymouth's department was one of 25 which helped establish the new group Wednesday, and Commure was one of nine men elected to the executive board.

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Cast First Ballot In 1896

Dem Or GOP, Jennie Always Votes

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

From 1896 to 1968, Mrs. Jennie Zingelmann, of Farmington, has been voting her choice for 72 years.

Looking at the tally of years, it should not surprise you to read that Mrs. Zingelmann is 92 years young.

BROWNING must have had Jennie in mind when he wrote: "Grow old along with me, 'The best is yet to be, 'The last of life 'For which the first was made."

The 92 years rest lightly on Jennie.

She had to switch off the World Series to discuss her voting record. (She thinks McLain didn't live up to his capabilities).

WHEN JENNIE first went to the polls in 1896 she voted for Grover Cleveland, a Democrat.

This year, she's going to vote for Richard Nixon, a Republican.

She was a Democrat until William Howard Taft ran for president and then the political party didn't make any difference to her because, "He was the one I wanted."

Jennie will vote by absentee ballot this year. She got the first one issued in the township.

"I voted for Nixon when he

first ran, too," she says. "He went into every meeting Eisenhower held when he was vice president. He's best prepared."

NATURALLY, Jennie watched the political conventions on television. (She doesn't like "All those soap operas.")

About the trouble in Chicago, Jennie blazes, "I was completely disgusted with those young folks. What business did they have there. I admire Mayor Daley for what he did. I sure would have showed them who was boss."

"My father would have blistered our backsides if we had done that," notes Jennie in a fiery tone.

The 92-year-old is just as emphatic about the "No" vote she will cast on time change.

"You have to get up so early in the morning on Daylight Saving Time, especially in the winter. The old times are good enough for me."

THAT MENTION of the "old times" must have slipped in when Jennie wasn't paying attention to what she was saying—she doesn't live in the past.

But her memory of years gone by is vivid and clear.

She even remembers what she wore when she graduated from old Farmington High in 1892. "It was white wool with a jacket and long skirt."

"We didn't wear skirts so short they showed our pant tops," recalls Jennie. "I thought the old hobble skirts were bad enough. These skirts today are outrageous. Let's have a little modesty, I say," comments Jennie, back in the present again.

JENNIE exudes peace and serenity when she talks to you, but she has known stark tragedy in her life. Her son and daughter were killed in a school fire in Cleveland years ago and her last son died three weeks after Jennie's husband, Will, in 1958.

Will Zingelmann broke his back when the children were young and was handicapped for years. Jennie supported the family by caring for 34 foster children over a period of 19 years.

None of her children are living, but Jennie isn't lonely. She has six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren living in this vicinity. Another great grandchild lives not too far away.

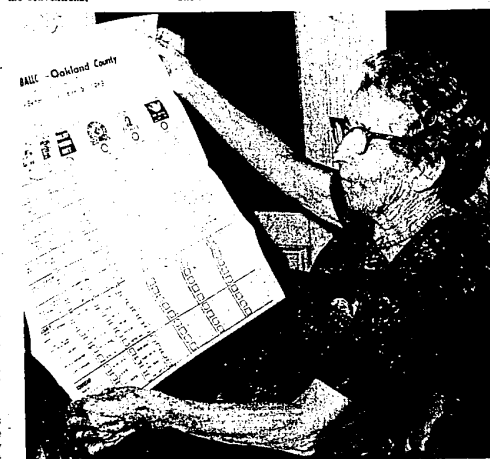
THE MATRIARCH of this family has given each of these descendants a quilt, beautifully hand-wrought during her quiet days in the Kendallview Nursing Home.

Nursing homes have schedules they must keep, but it's a sure bet that Jennie won't go to bed on time on election

night. She broke the rules to watch what it's all about—even if she is a senior citizen.

After all a lady has to know what it's all about—even if she is a senior citizen.

Don't tell Jennie we called her a senior citizen. She objects to the name.



CLEVELAND TO NIXON — Mrs. Jennie Zingelmann, of Farmington, 92 years old, eyes her absentee ballot, the first one Farmington Township issued this year. Mrs. Zingelmann has changed political parties since she first voted for Democrat Grover Cleveland in 1896. This year she's voting a straight Republican ticket.

Road Group Gives Williams A Workout

As the only Republican to goad fighting trim at a meeting in Democratic territory, GOP candidate for Farmington Township Trustee Charles Williams got a workout Tuesday night.

Williams did his stuff at the annual meeting of the Farmington Township Road Association, (FTRA) a Democratic stronghold.

GOP candidate Margaret Schaeffer was also present, but arrived late and left early because she had taken a member of her family to the hospital just before the meeting, and was apparently unsettled by the family trouble.

A death in his family kept the other GOP candidate Frederick Lichman at home.

The three Democratic candidates—William Hattow (FTRA president), Joyce Hungerford and Allan Sultan were out in force.

AS THE FTRA PRESIDENT, it could have been expected that Hattow would confine his opening remarks to roads and nothing else.

He included a bad road thesis, but went beyond this to ask why the township board is also not doing anything about recreation needs, better fire and police protection and better urban planning for the future.

Williams was quick to capitalize on this enlarged theme. He told how his organization, the Farmington Area Jaycees, had offered to develop into a park the five acres the township owns adjacent to Glen Oaks Golf Club.

BOTH Williams and Sultan mentioned several times the present township study on incorporation being conducted by private consultant Donald Oakes, hitting hard at the cost of it, the moratorium it has placed on any kind of action, the lack of any need for it and the money it is wasting.

MRS. HUNGERFORD's main point was a proposal for an open forum during which the township board would make an achievement report to the people.

"The people's right to know is the basis of good government," she said. "I would make the board more responsive to the needs of the people."

All four candidates conceded that the board at present is not "responsive to the needs

of the people," especially on the road question, a point that might have been expected since it was a road group meeting.

Sultan and Williams both said there would be no need for such a road organization if township hall were doing its job.

HATTOW even mentioned that nasty word, "millage" as a means of getting the money to improve township roads. He called it unfair that property owners should be assessed as much as 25 per cent to improve their roads. "No more than three to five per cent of the assessed valuation should go into improving the road in front of a person's house," he stated.

HATTOW and Williams, and Mrs. Schaeffer each dwelt on

the way the present township board spends its called "contingency funds."

HATTOW said, "The township hall addition cost \$400,000. It would have been better if they had put up a tarpaper shack to match our roads."

Williams said, "They have \$300,000-\$400,000 in surplus money some years. Why was it given to paving Powers down to 11 Mile Rd? It was all part of the finishing-up-of-township hall—something that does not directly benefit the people."

Mrs. Schaeffer said, "They should use the excess funds on roads and ditching."

Sultan thought the biggest waste of the taxpayers' money was that being spent on the Michigan State Study for incorporation and the funds spent

to hold special elections on incorporation.

PROBABLY the most popular proposal of the evening was the one Williams made for a township road commission which would operate similar to the township planning board.

Whatever proposals they make, the five candidates who attended this meeting will do well to have the FTRA in their corner in November. It was announced at the meeting that the group will have 3,500 signed petitions for road improvements by election day, all to be presented to the new township board. Ninety per cent of the signatures were obtained south of 10 Mile Rd. and each was by a registered voter.

'The Black Eye' Views Self Determination

By DAVID SARTIN

Self determination, a phrase that may seem foreign to Farmington residents, but is a way of life for most bedroom community citizens, was the underlying theme of a film collage presented at Thursday night's New Farmington Committee meeting.

Self determination is the philosophy that drove most suburbanites to aspire to what they believe are good jobs, comfortable homes, sound education for their children and decent lives for themselves. Self determination may be what led people to move to the suburbs, or what kept people here when they started their own families.

"The Black Eye," the 50-minute film program of Thursday's meeting, deals with self determination from the Negro point of view.

The film was financed by the New Detroit Committee and totally produced by black writers, technicians and personalities.

"The Black Eye," which is available for public use through the New Detroit Committee Speakers' Bureau, deals with problem areas of youth, housing, education, employment, welfare, and gun control. After viewing the film, members of the New Farmington

Committee said that it was intended for white audiences.

"THE BLACK EYE" starts with a business-sited Negro man standing in a Detroit ghetto, telling the viewer that the film may sound threatening and unfair.

"But, this is the truth," the man says, "this is Black America, as seen through the Black Eye."

Life in Black America is depicted by short film shots of Negroes at work, during leisure hours, at school and at social events.

"Much of the film shows Negroes doing the same thing that members of the so-called white community do," one New Farmington Committee member said, "but with the added problem of being Black."

A teenage Negro girl is shown sitting at a dressing table with a dozen bottles of sprays, perfumes, and other cosmetics. She's looking at a magazine advertisement that reads, "If you want to be blond, really be blond."

She's making herself gorgeous like all women do, and decides to be a blond.

When she is a blond, an I've-sold-my-soul look comes over her face and she cuts her hair into an Afro-American style.

"The most important reason I wear my hair natural," she later said, "is because I want to say that I am proud of myself."

Around Farmington

The Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary is seeking help in transporting Farmington's Senior Citizens to the polls on election day. Each month the auxiliary provides transportation to the senior citizens' meetings. The presidential election is Tuesday, Nov. 5. If you can help with this project, contact Mrs. Gordon Rivers at 476-5604.

Farmington Schools are still searching for bus drivers and substitute drivers. Drivers must be 21 years of age and have a chauffeur's license. Contact John Greshover at 474-9091 for all the details.

ALL THAT LITTER — Three scouts go after the debris as four girl scout troops conducted a clean up in the city park this week. From left are: Susan Bone, 8, and her sister Ruth, 9, members of Brownie troop 99, and 10-year-old Peggy Jones, a member of Junior Scout troop 421.