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A Non-Debate

They might not have debated face to face in Farmington, but two editorial staffers combined their reports on the campaigns of incumbent Congressman Jack McDonald and Democrat Gary Frink.

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UN Scholars

Sixth graders at Farmington's Eagle School have been studying about the United Nations. For a report on what they have learned turn to

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A Different Look

Neither Congressman Jack McDonald nor challenger Gary Frink wants to be identified with the older elements of his party. After covering their talks, Tim Richard got a below-the-surface story on their political philosophies. See "The New Breed versus The New Coalition."

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Haunts--For Real

There's a real haunted house that kids can visit. It has a bat room, spider room, giant fly room, a room of horrors and a fiery staircase. Where is it?

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Al, The Old Pro

Al Kaline was injury-ridden and almost given up as a has-been, but he made a comeback and gave an old pro's touch to the Tigers' series drive. W. W. Edgar gives the story his personal touch.

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upcoming

CANDIDATES for Congress and the Legislature have been looked over carefully by the editors of the Observer Newspapers, and on next Wednesday's editorial page we'll tell you how we think they stack up in our endorsements.

THE NOW Generation page won't appear this week because of the illness of Dianne Ziessow, but we're looking forward to having her back soon—probably for next Sunday's edition.

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Candidates Have Busy Time As Campaign Pace Quickens

GOP Holds Rally

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Eight GOP candidates gave the 40 guests at the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington Candidates Night Thursday a view of all scenes—federal, county and local, plus a view of the academic scene. Candidates present, in the order of their appearance, included:

Raymond Baker, seeking reelection as 64th District state legislator; Victor C. Raviolo and Kurt Keydel, candidates for the Wayne State University Board of Governors; Earl Oppertbauer, candidate for the nonpartisan post of district judge; Hugh C. Dobany, candidate for county treasurer.

Others were Richard Kuhn, running for county prosecutor; Margaret Schaeffer, township trustee candidate; Congressman Jack McDonald, running again for the 19th District post; Delos Hamlin, 17th District county supervisor incumbent; and Charles Williams, township trustee candidate.

BAKER CAME OUT with strong support of the Rev. 5 ball proposals for bond issues on water pollution and recreation areas.

He also supported the proposal amending the law prohibiting state legislators running for another office while serving their legislative term. He noted that he was a member of the House Conservation Committee, which was instrumental in getting the water pollution question on the ballot.

CANDIDATE Oppertbauer spoke only briefly because as he commented, "I have to run to my third rendezvous tonight."

In his presentation, Oppertbauer touched on the rising crime rate, citing that 85 percent of the major crimes are committed by those who have taken part in lesser crimes and misdemeanors.

Using the statistics as a springboard, the judicial candidate outlined his plan for a citizen-volunteer probation department.

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A REAL FIND — Philip Tenaglia, of Tenaglia and Sons Excavating Co., holds a piece of limestone rock bearing 400 million year old fossils which was unearthed in a basement excavation in Farmington's Independence Commons Subdivision this week.

Contractor 'Digs Up' Ancient Rock Find

Excavators digging a basement in Independence Commons Subdivision at Drake and 11 Mile, Farmington, unearthed boulders filled with 400-million-year-old fossils this week.

Rocco Tenaglia, of Tenaglia and Sons Excavating Co., dug up the specimens.

Fortunately, Tenaglia is a rock hound and knew he had discovered fossils. The specimens are buried in limestone rock, which breaks easily. With the help of his son, Philip, Tenaglia carefully eased the specimens up from the six-foot basement excavation.

Mrs. Betty Odie, exhibit designer, and Dr. Philip Clampt,

staff zoologist, of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, investigated the finding.

Mrs. Odie would not identify the age of the fossils until the institute investigates a sample it took.

She said, however, the specimens are at least 400 million years old and could be older. Mrs. Odie described the various specimens imbedded in the limestone as coral, crinoid stems, brachiopods and bryozoans.

All are prehistoric, extinct marine life and were probably washed down from northern Michigan by glacial drift.

When living in the glacial

age, the marine animals were encased in shell substances. The specimens found this week show the shell casing in exact detail.

According to Mrs. Odie, fossilization does not occur unless optimum conditions for it are found.

She said that the subdivision soil is clay, which makes the find rare. She also said that the rock pieces brought up by Tenaglia are split off a huge boulder still imbedded in the excavation. The boulder is standing on its end, which Mrs. Odie says is also unusual.

Some Don't Agree

Salvador Barricade Back

The barricade on Salvador St. blocking through-traffic from Farmington Township through the Farmington Meadows Subdivision was replaced Tuesday afternoon.

That night an unknown person painted the words "Love Thy Neighbor" on the 38-foot wooden barricade.

The slogan sums up the views of residents — both city and township in the area.

Residents are divided on the issue — some from both city and township calling it a "hate fence" while others contend that the barricade is necessary for the safety of the children in Farmington Meadows.

When the work on Farmington Rd. started last spring, city officials contacted the subdivision group asking if the barricade could be removed while Farmington Rd. was impassable to traffic.

The answer was "yes" if the city would promise to replace the fence once Farmington Rd. was open to traffic.

At this point mothers blocked the street and asked why the fence should be removed for the convenience of the city residents.

The mothers pointed out that they had tried for years to have the street opened with no results.

During a stormy city council session at the time, the councilmen listened to arguments for both sides and agreed that the fence would be replaced once Farmington Rd. was opened.

H. Hall, The Oakland County Road Commission has also gone on record asserting that it would like the street to be open to traffic.

A WALKING easement has

always been provided for children from the township attending the Farmington Elementary School in the Meadows Subdivision. The council agreed that the easement should be maintained.



ONE OUTLOOK — Shortly after the barricade on Salvador St. was erected an unknown person painted the message "Love Thy Neighbor" on the wooden structure. The fence blocks

Jaycees Host All Candidates

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Thursday night was something like a treadmill for Republican candidates.

It showed at the Jaycee-sponsored candidate's night in North Farmington High School.

All of the GOP candidates except incumbent State Rep. Raymond Baker made their pitches and left the Jaycees gathering to head for the Republican rally at Independence Green Apartments.

Baker arrived late because as he told the people in the North Farmington cafeteria "the Republicans had a meeting at Independence Green."

CANDIDATES for the non-partisan post of Farmington district judge opened the program.

Farmington Township Trustee Earl C. Oppertbauer reviewed his background as a private attorney and a claims attorney for Grand Trunk Western Railroad and explained his probation program.

Oppertbauer advocated the establishment of a probation department using professional direction, but utilizing citizen volunteers to help with the work load. He cited the Royal Oak department as a model to follow.

The City of Farmington's Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand told the audience that there is an existing probation department operating under the municipal court.

"In the past year and a half, I have placed 90 people on probation," he said, "and only three have been repeaters."

In answer to a question on the U.S. Supreme Court, Oppertbauer said that the court should stop legislating and merely interpret existing laws.

He told the group that on the "one man, one vote" redistricting decision, the issue had been raised for political reasons, "if the constitution meant to be interpreted differently, I would have thought that the 13 men on the court since 1789 would have raised the question before this."

OPPERTBAUER'S historical and numerical slip provided the only real fireworks of the evening.

Hand told the audience that the "one man, one vote" ruling had been an 8-1 decision.

"The last time I counted," Hand said, "there were only nine members of the Supreme Court not 12."

When the time came for Democratic Candidate for Township Trustee Allen Sultan to talk, he noted that "He hated to correct a person who has left, but my college professor back-ly past to point out that the Supreme Court was formed in 1789 following the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and not in 1777."

FOLLOWING the exchange of the candidates for district judge the interest in the program revolved around the two hottest

local issues — roads and school financing.

Democrats Sultan and William Hutton, along with GOP candidate Charles Williams, who terms himself a "disillusioned Republican," all said that the current township administration had been unresponsive in meeting the road needs in the township.

GOP nominee Margaret Schaeffer said that she wished to see more citizen participation in township affairs and would push for the formation of citizens committees to make recommendations on township problems if elected.

The other GOP candidate, Frederick Lichtman, was not present because of a death in his family.

Democratic nominee Joyce Hungerford called for a plan to keep the public informed on township activities and to make the board responsive to the needs of the people.

CANDIDATES for state representative, incumbent Republican Raymond Baker and Democrat Leonard Baruch, heard questions about state aid to education and Farmington's \$800,000 loss of revenue under the new state aid bill passed by the legislature.

Baker told the audience that Farmington had lost some state aid funds because of the increase in the local tax base. "You don't write a state aid formula for Farmington, but for the entire state," Baker said. He added that across the board, the new formula was better than the old.

Baruch said that the problem of school financing was a question of priorities. He added that too much emphasis was being placed on the development of junior colleges and that this was hurting public education in grades one through 12.

THREE of the four candidates running for Oakland County Board of Supervisors were present, Republican Christian Powell, who is running in the 18th District (northern Farmington Township), was unable to attend because of illness.

Republican Delos Hamlin seeking election in the 17th District, said that the new county board would face problems in the area of rubbish and trash collection and could also provide services to the local government. He added that he felt that the board would do this.

His Democratic opponent, Gerald Freedman, while calling Hamlin "a positive force in county government," hit the current county programs calling for the construction of a new jail and a new airport.

He said that the existing county board has been unresponsive to the people's needs and he would try to make the newly elected board more responsive.

Democrat Michael J. Kelly, who is running in the 16th District, told the audience that he agreed with Freedman.

through traffic from the township north of Eight Mile and east of Farmington Rd. directly onto Farmington Rd. through the Farmington Meadows Subdivision.