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### election hot line

#### The Presidency

Farmington voters have supported Republican Nominee Richard Nixon in the national Presidential contest.

With 17 precincts out of a total of 20 precincts in both city and township Nixon led with 9,367 votes to Democrat Hubert Humphrey's 6,320 votes and the 1,354 votes cast for third party candidate George C. Wallace.

#### State Representative

**INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN** State Representative Raymond L. Baker seems to have won a fifth term in the State House of Representatives over Democratic Challenger Leonard P. Baruch.

The seat is from the 6th district, which includes all of Farmington City and Township, all of West Bloomfield Township, the City of Keego Harbor and part of the City of Southfield.

In Farmington with 17 precincts out of 20 reporting, the vote tally was Baker 8,984, Baruch 4,846.

Baker, a pharmacist by profession, is the only pharmacist currently serving in the Michigan House.

#### County Supervisor

**REPUBLICANS** Delos Hamlin and Christian Powell seem to be elected to terms on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors from the partial returns.

Hamlin will serve from the 17th District which includes the city, both villages and roughly the southern portions of Farmington Township.

Powell is running in the 18th District which includes the northern part of the township part of West Bloomfield Township and the City of Orchard Lake.

Returns in the 17th District with 15 precincts out of a total of 15 precincts are: Hamlin 7,157; Democrat Gerald Freedman 4,002.

Farmington returns in the 18th District with two precincts out of five Farmington precincts reporting are: Powell 2,515; Democrat Michael J. Kelly 1,166.

#### Township Trustees

**THREE REPUBLICANS** seem to be elected to terms on the Farmington Township Board with returns in from 13 precincts out of a total of 16 township precincts.

Partial returns listed the tally as: Republicans: Margaret Schaeffer, 7,429; Frederick Lichtman, 7,218; and Charles Williams, 7,249.

Democrats: Allan Sultan, 4,147; William Hatton, 4,432 and Joyce Hungerford, 4,415.

Mrs. Schaeffer, 47, a long-time township resident, is a lawyer associated with the Detroit firm of Markie & Markie. She was elected to the township charter commissions in 1965 and 1967.

Lichtman, 40, is vice president of the Tulsa Oil Corp. and an attorney. He was an active member of the Citizens Council for Community Development which sparked the 1967 incorporation drive in the township.

Williams, 33, a certified public accountant, is a past member of the Township Zoning Board and the past president of the Farmington Jaycees. He was elected to the charter commission in 1967.

#### District Judge

**MICHAEL J. HAND** was elected district judge of Farmington by a margin of slightly less than 2,000 votes over Earl B. Oppert-hausser.

The vote, with only absentee ballots missing, was Hand 8,349 and Oppert-hausser 6,586. Hand, 50, of 6347 Cass Court, City of Farmington, has been municipal judge since 1965.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON** employees will enjoy a liberalized retirement program under the terms of a charter amendment approved by the city voters in Tuesday's election.

Complete returns from the city show 2,416 yes votes to 1,069 no votes.

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# Council Hears Walled Lake Stadium Pitch; Refuses Stand



**WAITING TO VOTE** — Voters were at the polls at 7 a.m. Tuesday to cast their votes. This scene is in Precinct 7 in the township in the O. E. Dunkel Junior High School.

## Nixon Wins One, Loses One In Schools

**N**, Farmington High students went to the polls last week and voted the complete ballot which their parents marked Tuesday. The results were overwhelmingly Republican.

Results of the high school election were:

President, Nixon, 612; Humphrey, 429; Wallace, 105; and Peace and Freedom Party candidate Eldridge Cleaver, 43 ballots.

For U.S. Congressman, Republican incumbent Jack McDonald drew 716 and Democrat Gary Frink 395. Frink was the only one of the candidates to visit the school to speak to the students.

For state representative, Republican incumbent Raymond Baker got 645 and Democrat Leonard Baruch 409.

Republicans also carried the township trustee seats with Margaret Schaeffer receiving 641 votes and Frederick Lichtman 539 votes as compared to Democrats Allan Sultan 427 and William Hatton's 426 for the four-year terms.

To fill the vacancy on the board for a two-year term, Republican Charles Williams received 636 votes as compared to 422 for Democrat Joyce Hungerford.

Republican Bernard Christy, who is unopposed, received 668 votes for township constable.

Republican Christian Powell received 594 votes as compared to 484 votes for Democrat Michael Kelly for the delegate to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the 18th district.

In the other purely local contest, North Farmington students elected Township Trustee Earl Oppert-hausser as Farmington district judge with 318 votes as compared to 172 votes for the city of Farmington's Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand.

**OTHER PROPOSALS** on the ballot included:

Graduated income tax, 389 yes, 512 no; Daylight Savings Time, 602 yes and 327 no; water pollution bonding, yes 738 and 172 no; park development, 617 yes and 283 no; the proposal to allow state legislators to seek other jobs while serving in Lansing, 452 yes and 423 no.

The Oakland County proposal to institute a medical examiner system carried by a margin of 569 to 283.

**REPUBLICANS** also carried all the state educational posts in the school vote. Final tallies were:

State Board of Education, Republicans Barbara Dubouché, 604, and James Tim Brink, 605; Democrats M.J. Deeb, 423 and M.J. Kelly, 456.

University of Michigan Regents, Republicans L.B. Lindemer, 595, and Fred Matthias, 564; Democrats T.G. Dunn, 433 and R.F. Niederlander, 458.

Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Republicans Ernst, 591 and Dietl, 591 and Democrats W.M. Huff, 427 and B. Martin, 426.

Wayne State University Board of Governors, Republicans Keydel, 592, and Ravetto, 591, and Democrats A.J. Calloway, 435 and E.C. Edwards, 425.

On the nonpartisan ballot, incumbent State Supreme Court Justice M.D. O'Hara received 244 votes to T.G. Kavanaugh's 233. John Foley received 224 votes for the new seat on the State Court of Appeals.

**STUDENTS** at Farmington's Eagle Elementary School -- also in the north end of the township -- voted Monday on selected candidates and questions.

Results of this election were: President, Humphrey, 145; Nixon, 147 and Wallace 5.

Congressman, McDonald, 140 and Frink, 99.

Eagle students voted 229 to 49 to retain daylight savings time and approved the bond issue to fight water pollution by a vote of 223 to 46.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Eagle participated in the election.

Members of the Farmington City Council heard a pitch for support for the selection of Walled Lake as the site for a new sports stadium Monday night, but declined to make any decision at the present time.

Councilman Ralph Yoder said, "I don't see how Walled Lake will get the stadium, but it's OK with me."

Yoder then moved that the Council put the city on record as favoring the selection of the Walled Lake site, but the motion died for lack of support.

Council action—or lack of it—came after the members heard a description of the complexities of the stadium business and the advantages of the Walled Lake site from Gerard Lacey, a member of the group pushing that particular location.

A new sports stadium is expected to be built in the metropolitan area.

**CURRENTLY**, the City of Pontiac and the City of Walled Lake have made presentations, along with two possible locations in Detroit—at the State Fairgrounds and in the Downtown area.

The Farmington-based Thompson-Brown Company has made a proposal to locate the new stadium adjacent to the industrial park the company is developing within the downriver city of Taylor.

Lacey told the Council that the \$75,000,000 domed stadium would be financed by a combination of private and public financing.

He said that Walled Lake was sitting in the midst of the projected population center for the future growth of the area and that the 400 to 500-acre site off E. 14th and Haggerty Rds. was the only feasible piece of land.

Lacey said that in order to be successful, a stadium had:

- To have the support of all the people.

- To have financial support in order to operate.

- To have enough land. He said that 150 acres would be needed for parking alone.

- Estimating that it costs \$1,000 a seat to build a stadium, Lacey said that 65,000 to 75,000 capacity is needed for professional football games.

**COUNCILMAN** John Allen told the Council that he did not want to see the stadium located in the suburbs, but rather favored the Downtown Detroit proposal.

Calling the suburbs "satellites of the central city," Allen said that if the central city continues to deplete its reserves and resources it would not be able to survive.

"If you take away the business a stadium would generate in the downtown area," Allen said, "the city will need additional revenue. The only way they would get this revenue is through a new tax from us."

The Councilman also cited a sociological factor in his opposition to a suburban site. "We must help the center city to grow strong in order to survive," he said. "This is too big a decision to make a rapid decision about and I'd be interested in hearing anything anybody has to say on this matter," Allen concluded.

Lacey said that he had to agree with the economic points raised by Allen, but noted that physical factors rather than economic ones were in favor of the Walled Lake site.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** the Council:

- Received a \$2,000 check from the Farmington Jaycees as payment of the Jaycee share in paying for the new parking lot in the city park. The Council directed City Manager John Dinan to write to the Jaycees, formally thanking the group.



**BARRICADE DOWN** — Litter from the torn-down Salvadore St. fence was scattered on city resident's property, after someone dismantled it late Halloween night. Fence post stub is seen embedded in cement in center of road.

## Salvadore Fence Out, May Stay Down—City

The wooden barricade separating city and township on Salvadore is down at least for the time being.

Originally erected seven years ago to cut down through traffic to Farmington Rd., the fence was removed last summer in order to provide an exit for the residents of Farmington Meadows.

The fence went back up a few weeks ago once the work on Farmington Rd. was completed.

It was up one night and someone painted "Love Thy Neighbor" on the city side of the barricade. Sections of the fence were removed at regular intervals.

Vandals have now almost completely dismantled the 34-foot long fence leaving one pole embedded in cement in the center of the street.

**FARMINGTON** City Manager John Dinan reported the problems the city has encountered maintaining the fence to the City Council Monday night and suggested that the fence remain down for a time to determine whether or not a traffic problem still exists.

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton noted that the city had just approved the payment of \$296 for the fence.

"You can forget it because we can't keep the fence up," Dinan said.

The city manager said that traffic counts conducted by the city police when Salvadore was open to through traffic showed that 120 to 130 cars traveled the street during a 24-hour period.

City Police Chief Robert F. Deussen said that between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m., less than 20 cars had gone through the street and that most of this was from the city into the township.

**COUNCILMAN** Fred Selbert objected to removing the fence because he said that the council had made a commitment to the residents to replace the barricade after Farmington Rd. was open.

Dinan told Selbert that he had talked to the president of the association and the matter would be discussed during the subdivision association meeting at the end of the month.

"The Oakland County Road Commission is taking the theory that the fence is on township property because it is at the end of the census," Dinan said, "and they told us that if we didn't take down the fence they would."

This report angered Selbert.

who called it "another indication of the high handed attitude of the road commission. They didn't care when Farmington Rd. was closed," he asserted, "and we made a commitment to the people. I think we should hear from the residents on this matter."

Brotherton reminded the council that the association had agreed to maintain the fence after the city put it up. "We can't spend money to keep putting up a fence," the mayor said calling the idea "foolish."

**ERNEST SAUTER** of 21323 Birchwood told the council that he objected to removing the fence simply because of vandalism. "I think that it is wrong for a small group of citizens to stop an act of vandalism," he said.

Brotherton called the barricade a "spite fence" and added that the matter would never be accepted gracefully.

"The fence was never a spite fence," Sauter countered. "The idea was to knock down a speed traffic pattern in that area. It was never the intent of the subdivision that the fence become a spite matter."

Brotherton agreed that "it might not have been the intent but that's how the fence has turned out."