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'Our' Armistice

Their ranks are thinning, but there are still many World War I Veterans about, and Veterans Day this year has a special meaning. Roving Editor W. W. Edgar tells why they consider it "our day" in 1968.

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Cross-country isn't a popular spectator sport, but it's one of the most challenging and grueling to the high school boys who take part. To give them some special recognition, Sports Editor George Maskin reports the selection of the All-Observerland Team.

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Happy Jack

There was a Democratic trend in Michigan Tuesday, but Jack McDonald bucked it in winning a second term as a 19th District congressman. Tim Richard called him in his Washington office to learn of his legislative and home-building plans during the 91st Congress.

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Some Luck

When you cast a play that has many children's roles, there are often problems between the kids and the adult actors. But the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild was lucky when it cast the king of Siam for "The King and I."

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upcoming

GEORGE WALLACE was portrayed as cutting into the blue-collar vote of the Democrats, but what happened in the Observerland suburbs, where the white collar predominates? Our local editors have put together a special report—which may surprise you. Watch next Wednesday's edition.

TODAY'S FIREFIGHTING methods owe a lot to advances made by the U.S. Navy during World War II. We'll have a special report and some exciting pictures next Sunday.



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Winners And Losers Comment

GOP Takes Township Races

Republican candidates for Farmington Township trustee outpaced their Democratic challengers by more than 3,000 votes in each of the three contests.

Final returns for the four-year terms are: Republicans Margaret Schaefer, 9,351, and Frederick Lichtman, 9,139; Democrats William Hutton, 5,683 and Allan Sultan, 5,567.

In the race for the two years in the unexpired term, Republican Charles Williams received 9,145 votes to 5,770 votes

for Democrat Joyce Hungerford.

Republican Bernard Christy, who was unopposed for the post of township constable, received 9,450 votes.

The newly elected trustees will take office Jan. 1, 1969. They join incumbent Republican Trustee Thomas Nolan, along with the Republican Township officials, Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, Clerk Floyd A. Cairns, and Treasurer Elsie Avery, at the Board table.

STATEMENTS by the new

trustees included:

Mrs. Schaefer: "I'm happy at the confidence the voters expressed in me and I'll try to do my very best to serve all the people in the township."

Lichtman: "I'm very happy I won and I'll do my best to warrant the confidence of the people of the township. Between now and the time I'm sworn in, I plan to go to Township Hall and learn about pending matters so that I won't waste valuable time once I'm sitting

on the board."

Williams: "I'd like to express my appreciation for the support I have received and promise the citizens of Farmington Township a positive approach to local government problems. I further promise to maintain an independent attitude and will work diligently toward solving all local problems."

The Democrats expressed the feeling that they believed that they had made inroads into Republican strongholds in Township politics.

Gerald Freedman, chairman of the local Democrats, said: "We believe the whole Democratic ticket has made tremendous inroads into what was once a Republican stronghold."

THE DEFEATED candidates said:

Hutton: "I think we made some inroads into the normally Republican township ranks. It is quite possible that the present members of the board may find the going a little tougher than in the past."

Sultan: "I would like to thank everyone who supported me and Farmington Township for taking me, a newcomer, into their midst so wholeheartedly. I look forward happily to fresh and spirited individuals bringing some new direction to the township board."

Mrs. Hungerford: "The results are not totally unexpected. I have great respect and admiration for my opponent and believe he will be a fresh breeze on the board of trustees."



IMPROMPTU SERVICE — The line of people waiting to vote in the Farmington City Hall and the kids were restless. City Clerk Elizabeth Brines and Trena Quinn set up an impromptu baby-sitting service. Featured was a sample ballot so the youngsters could also vote. (Photo by Evert)

GOP Takes Four Posts In County

Farmington voters followed the same pattern as Oakland County voters Tuesday in electing six Republican county officials — with one exception.

Farmington voters endorsed Republican Richard D. Kuhn, while the rest of Oakland County elected Democrat Thomas C. Plunkett for prosecuting attorney.

Plunkett, Oakland's 26-year-old chief assistant prosecutor and law instructor at Oakland Community College, won the county-wide race by 2,100.

Plunkett (D) received 160,456 while Kuhn (R) received 158,378. In Farmington, Plunkett was endorsed by 5,512, while Kuhn tallied 11,072.

Plunkett's term as the county's chief legal counsel will end in 1972. The office carries \$21,500 annual salary, making it the highest paid county office.

IN OTHER Oakland County races, Farmington voters followed county-wide trends in electing Republicans to sheriff, clerk-registrar of deeds, treasurer, drain commissioner and two county supervisors for recently created county board of supervisors districts.

Frank W. Irons, (R) was elected Oakland County Sheriff by more than 30,000 over Democrat Ruel E. McPherson. County vote was 175,311 for Irons and 141,810 for McPherson, with Farmington voters tallying 12,050 for Irons and 7,264 for McPherson.

Irons was Berkeley chief of police for 30 years before becoming Oakland sheriff in 1955. The sheriff is elected to a four-year term paying \$17,500 annually.

Irons will be the county's chief law enforcement officer and will work closely with the prosecuting attorney's office. He will be responsible for the county jail and the transfer of persons to state penal institutions.

LYNN D. ALLEN, R-Pontiac, was elected Oakland clerk and registrar of deeds. County-wide, he received 166,170 compared to 144,828 for Shane F. Murphy, D-Royal Oak.

Farmington voters endorsed the 43-year-old clerk-elect by 11,618 to Murphy's 7,248.

Allen, who is presently a practicing optometrist, will be responsible for the county's vital statistics and will be responsible for the county's vital statistics and will be responsible for the county's vital statistics.

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C. HUGH DOHANY, R-Southfield, defeated incumbent Democrat County Treasurer James E. Seeterlin by more than 11,000. He received 160,773 to Seeterlin's 149,852.

Farmington voters endorsed the treasurer-elect by 11,762 to Seeterlin's 7,235.

County treasurer is a four-year term paying \$17,500 annually. He is chief fiscal officer and may pay out money only on an order of the County Board of Auditors with the approval of the county clerk.

DANIEL W. BARRY, R-Union Lake, was reelected Oakland Drain Commissioner over Robert M. Simburger, D-Ferndale. County-wide, Barry received 170,121 to Simburger's 134,053.

Farmington voters endorsed Barry by 11,978 to 5,942.

Barry, a 45-year-old public works administrator, will have jurisdiction of the county's network of natural drains and water courses as well as the man-made drainage systems not under authority of city, village and township administrators.

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Vote
Tops
80%

More than 80 per cent of Farmington's 24,857 registered voters went to the polls Tuesday.

In the city, 87.74 per cent of the 4,985 qualified residents voted. Township voters turned out 87.8 per cent of their 10,882 registered people.

Local totals for the presidential race were: Nixon, 2,507 in the city and 8,938 in the township for a total of 11,500; Humphrey, 1,539 in the city and 6,488 in the township for a total of 8,027; Wallace, 249 in the city and 1,443 in the township for a total of 1,737.

In the 19th District Congressional race, Farmington went for incumbent Jack McDonald with 1,281 votes in the city and 10,081 in the township for a total of 11,370.

His opponent, Democrat Gary Frink, received 1,281 votes in the city and 5,881 in the township for a total of 6,978.

Final returns in the congressional election were McDonald, 105,979; Frink, 74,855.

Farmington voters like incumbent Republican State Rep. Raymond L. Baker and gave him 5,708 votes in the city and 9,920 in the township for a total of 12,233. His Democratic challenger, Leonard P. Baruch, received 1,869 votes in the city and 5,778 in the township for a total of 4,899.

Final returns in this race were: Baker, 26,289 to 18,348 for Baruch.

Voters Approve 3 Of 5

Farmington voters followed the state trend Tuesday in approving three state-wide ballot proposals and defeating two others.

Local voters also endorsed an Oakland County proposal for a medical examiner system to replace the current county coroner.

The state results on the five ballot proposals were as reflected in the Oakland County tallies.

FINAL local results were: The proposal to allow a graduated income tax county, 80,336 yes to 211,798 no; township, 2,681 yes to 11,984 no; and city 797 yes to 3,022 no. The proposal went down to state-wide defeat.

The other proposal turned down by the state voters would have allowed members of the state Legislature to resign their legislative seats. In Oakland County the vote was 93,250 yes to 183,131 no. Local returns: township, 5,094 yes and 9,248 no; city, 1,309 yes and 2,231 no.

Daylight Savings Time carried narrowly in the state, but both Oakland County and Farmington voters approved the measure by wider margins. Returns are: county, 177,819 yes and 123,768 no; township 10,072 yes and 5,556 no; city, 2,580 yes and 1,453 no.

FINAL OAKLAND County returns on the medical examiner proposal were 192,457 yes votes to 73,604 no votes. In the township there were 10,998 yes votes as compared to 2,652 no votes. City voters cast 2,935 votes in favor of the question while 709 ballots were opposed.



CENTER OF ATTENTION — Girl Scouts from Troops 167 and 659 took good care of Leslie Hanson while her mother voted on election day in Flanders School. Farmington scouts performed this service at three locations as a community project. From the left, the scouts are Debra Stewart, Barbara Ruyle, Cathy Hamel and Janice Beattie.

Education Week Events Planned By Many Schools

Farmington schools will observe American Education Week, Nov. 10-16, in a variety of ways.

During its open house observance Nov. 12, North Farmington High will conduct a survey of parent attitudes.

Open houses will be held in Farmington Junior High Nov. 12 and in Silvaswasee and Fairview Schools on Nov. 13.

Book fairs will be part of the program at Fairview and Silvaswasee. Fifth graders at Fairview will don costumes of favorite literary characters and parade for their classmates on Nov. 6.

Silvaswasee's open house will introduce parents to the four portable units being used

to handle the over-population at the school.

WILLIAM GRACE School will invite parents to visit from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 14. Theme for the day will be "Foster Lifelong Learning Through Discovery." PTA mothers acting as hostesses will serve coffee to the visitors.

Afternoon kindergarten classes will entertain mothers between 2 and 3 p.m.