

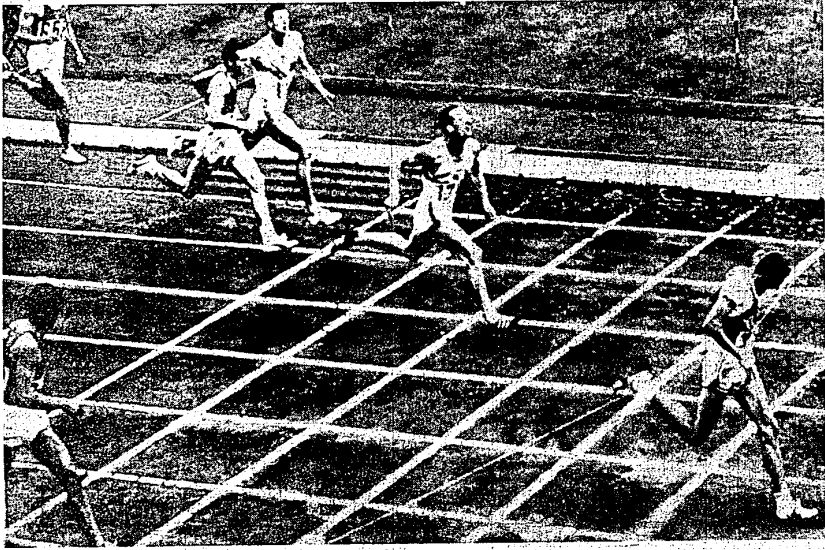
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Rex Had Jitters, Sore Leg In Winning Medal at Tokyo

Farmington Shines at Olympics



REX CAWLEY IS SEEN here crossing the finish line ahead of his competitors in the 400 meter hurdles, at the Olympics in Tokyo. Next to him, James Edmund Luck of Watertown, Mass., finished second, Salvatore Moreale of Italy, left, was third. Gary James, Australia, top center, was fourth, John Hugh Cooper, of Britain, center, was second.

On Friday, Oct. 17, before 72,000 people, at Tokyo's National Stadium, Rex Cawley won the Olympic Gold Medal for first place in the 400-meter hurdles.

Track and field experts had regarded him as their apparent top title since his days at Farmington High School, when he scored in all three National AAU championship hurdles—high, low and intermediate in a single meet. But he has been held back by muscle pulls throughout his career.

Cawley started this season slowly — his eye on the Olympics. He reached his peak on Sept. 13, in the final trials for a place on the American team, when he broke the world's record in his event. His time then was 0:49.1, a tenth of a second lower than the previous mark.

In the two qualifying rounds in Tokyo,

Cawley's performances were disappointing. He sent a post card to his parents last week, assuring them that he was all right. But to track experts on the scene, it was obvious that he was having leg trouble.

The news brought gloom to Farmington; which has taken his glory—and his pains—its own. At various civic functions over the last several weeks, such eminences as Acting Mayor Henry Forrest and Board of Commerce Chairman Ed Ogelsby have expressed guarded confidence — that Rex would bring home a Gold Medal, if only his leg held up.

For two hours before the big race, the 24-year-old former USC star was admittedly nervous and jittery. But he says, once the gun went off his jitters passed and all he could see was the finish line.

Nevertheless, he got off to a dismal start. He missed his step on the first str hurdle. Then he came on strong. He took the lead on the next-to-last hurdle, and won by three yards, from Britain's John Cooper and Italy's Salvatore Moreale. His time was 0:49.6.

The Rex Cawley Story

(As told to the Observer by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cawley, Farmington High School Athletic Director, John K. Oakton, and other sources.)

Harry Cawley spent his boyhood in Iowa. He was hardy, a good hunter, and took many fish from the Mississippi River. His wife, Erna, never displayed any athletic ability.

They have four children: Jay, 40, years old; Dolores, 35; Val, 25; and Warren, 24. All of them are well-formed, healthy, and quick. But only the youngest, Warren, went in for organized athletics.

At Post Intermediate in Detroit, his dad says, "he was pretty much of an average boy."

By the time Warren was old enough for high school, his family had moved to Farmington. He was chosen to the Cadets, that Warren's "whole attitude changed" not long after he began attending Farmington High School. It seems to have "brought him alive," says his mother.

Warren enjoyed hunting with his dad. But he had never expressed an interest in other forms of athletics.

One day, shortly after enrolling at Farmington High, he asked his mother what she thought of his going out for football. This idea did not please her. She was afraid he would be hurt.

That Warren had a talent for running, came as another surprise to his parents. It came on a day when Mr. and Mrs. Cawley paid a visit to their daughter Dolores Spradler, who lived on Church Street near Nine Mile Road, in Oak Park.

When they got to their daughter's, they found Warren, who had no car, waiting for them. He had, it seems the urge to use his legs, and had run all the way from Farmington to Oak Park.

One day he invited his parents to a track meet, and, to their delight he proved to be good not only at running, but at high jumping and pole vaulting as well.

For the great changes that came over their son, the Cawleys give the credit to the teachers and faculty of Farmington High—to the "terrific interest" they took in him.

By his sophomore year, in 1957, Cawley was using his middle name, Rex, because it was shorter.

He did not burn up the cinders that year. But he did win his letter. And, more important, he impressed his coach, Gene Freed, that he was a potentially great hurdler.

Freed saw that he was "split big" — track idiom, meaning he had long legs. It was also obvious to Freed that the boy had an intense desire to succeed.

He worked with Cawley throughout the winter of 1958, setting up hurdles in the hallway of the school. By spring, Cawley, now a junior, was ready.

That season, he set state records in the 160 yard high hurdles, and the 120 yard high hurdles.

In June 1959, at the close of his high school career, he competed in the National AAU track and field championships, at Boulder, Colo. (Continued on Page 2)



REX CAWLEY as he looked when he starred for the University of Southern California.

The Observer Endorses Romney

FACTS and OPINIONS by Paul Chandler



Before it gets any later, The Observer clearly wants to announce its unequivocal support for Governor Romney for another term.

We would offer this recommendation even if Michigan had not blossomed during the past two years, even if there wasn't a stimulating new atmosphere around the capitol building in Lansing and a bright new confidence in the minds of citizens from the tip of the Upper Peninsula to the southern frontiers of the State.

Governor Romney would be endorsed here because he represents a kind of citizen who is desperately needed in all our elected offices, and of which the supply is all too sparse.

He is motivated by abstract ideas of right. The Governor is an Idealist, rather than a cynic; he deals in principles rather than in learning to shoot curves around legislative corners.

Without apology or embarrassment, he makes revealing a part of his total activity. Likewise, he keeps himself in shape physically, largely through early-morning exercise, and finds himself with more energy to give to his task than is available to a couple of men living a torpid existence.

The word is self-discipline. Romney has it, along with his Idealism.

The details of the laws which were passed in Lansing between 1962 and 1964 are not particularly pertinent here, except insofar as they might show that there was much activity there during that period and that the Governor did exert leadership and give direction to the progress of Michigan government during the period.

He was able to squeeze approval out of a Republican dominated legislature for several measures which his Democratic predecessors had been unable to budge—a minimum wage law, for example.

Romney's persuasiveness with the conservatives was based somewhat on give-and-take—at the same time he was exacting "liberal" changes, he was demonstrating careful budgeting based on the pledge not to permit annual operations to run in the red.

In his only conspicuous frustration, the Governor's big package of "financial reform" didn't emerge from the legislative halls. If it had, all citizens would be paying their taxes on a fairer basis than they are today, and (Continued on Page 2)



MRS. WILLIAM LADD and her store, at 12 Mile Road and Halsted, daughters, Barbara Kohlman, look over this building served as West Farmington Public School from 1912 to 1945.

OLD SCHOOL RUINED HERE

Fire Ravages Historic Site

A remnant of Farmington Township's historic past was severely damaged by fire, early Monday morning.

At about 2 a.m., neighbors saw flames shooting from the bedrieroof of a grocery store at 12 Mile and Halsted. The fire was a bad one. At 2:30 a.m. Paul Buttons, chief of the township's Fire Station No. 4, called Station No. 1 for help. A truck and a tanker were dispatched to him. Without that additional water the building could not have been saved.

The job was tough enough as it was. The men of No. 4 were forced to work right on top of the burning roof. These men—all volunteers—were firemen William Allen, Fred Sulman, Bernard Christy, Tom Cudlak, George Geddis, Charles Lorion, Robert Moch, S. Schulte and Marvin Struth. Chief Buttons and Assistant Chief Howard McCrackin.

It was fitting that Howard McCrackin was there to save the building. From 1912, when it was built, until 1945, the building was known as West Farmington Public School, and McCrackin, now an apple-grower, went to school there. His grandfather, William McCrackin, a carpenter, built the original building which had two owners. It is now owned by John Albus.

Unfortunately, he was uninsured. For the last ten years, he has been renting it to a grocer, Mrs. William Ladd. Her stock was completely destroyed in the fire. She was partially insured.

West Farmington Public School, on that very same site, in about 1870.

Since it ceased its function as a place of learning, the present building has had two owners. It is now owned by John Albus.

Chairman of the committee which will lead the 1965 enrollment campaign is Senior Vice Commander Charles Currie, GR 60723, Commander "Griff" reported. Other members of the special committee are Harold (Continued on Page 2)

Council Sets Hearing on Easement Error

The Farmington City Council agreed to continue at its next meeting the plight of the Chester Siders of 31975 Lee Lane. Mrs. Siders, in a letter to the Council, complained that through an error the garage on their property was built on five feet of the existing twelve-foot easement.

Mrs. Siders said that this error was not discovered until they tried to sell the property. They were unable to close the deal because of the cloud on the title to the property and because of this the family was forced to forego a job opportunity in California.

After some discussion about the rectifiability of the mistake, the Council voted to consider in open session on November 2 the possibility of the city vacating the five feet question and thus clear the title.

City Manager John Dinan cautioned, however, that the city can't vacate their interest in the easement as they are for private utilities. He said that the property owner will have to obtain consent from other utility companies in question. The Council directed the City Manager's office to discuss this matter with the utility companies and to present the companies' feelings on the problem at the open session.

The Council also approved a Traffic Control Order limiting parking on Maple St. between Grand River and Cloverdale to two hours. The regulation will be in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Plans for honoring Rex Cawley, Farmington's Olympic Gold Medal winner, include a dinner for 600 at the Farmington High School on November 12, and a parade and welcome ceremonies on Saturday, November 14. Tentative approval was given (Continued on Page 2)

Vagnozzi-Hall Continue Debate

ALDO VAGNOZZI
 Aldo Vagnozzi, Democratic candidate for Farmington township supervisor said that if elected he would insist on more Oakland county services for the Farmington community.

"We are being short-changed as far as county services are concerned," Vagnozzi declared. "The main reason for this short-changing is that Farmington township had a population of over 28,000. That figure is probably over 30,000 in (Continued on Page 2)

CURTIS HALL
 "My opponent's one man—one vote libe at the Oakland County Board of Supervisors is typical Solidarity House propaganda," said Curt Hall today, "but whether the principle is right or wrong, it is an area in which a township supervisor has little or no influence. My opponent appears to be running for the wrong office. Perhaps he should strive for Supreme Court Justice or the legislature."

Supervisor Hall continued, "He is also misinformed as to the amount of services which we are getting from the County and those we might get if he had (Continued on Page 2)

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