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# Township Raises to Be Challenged in Court

## Farmington Voters Follow National Trend in Voting

by Allen Rosenfeld

The Farmington area revealed itself, in the recent election, as a political microcosm of the state and nation.

Nov. 11, William Blair prophetically described the Middle West as "seething with change." Its "once rosy Republican political complexion is being lost in the shuffle . . . While losing its Republican orientation, the Middle West's Puritan Protestantism is being diluted, its often violent and virulent anti-attitudes are submerging."

This statement seems to apply clearly to Farmington.

One of the phenomena of last week's election was the Democrat victory in the suburbs of America. These areas have traditionally been Republican. Farmington was among the suburbs which deserted the Grand Old Party last Tuesday.

While the pollsters had unanimously predicted a Democrat victory, they had not expected the Johnson-Humphrey ticket to do quite so well in the suburbs. The Democrat suburban margin, it was predicted, would be reduced by the "white backlash." The backlash proved to be greatly exaggerated, in many places it was apparently non-existent. It has been apparent to the observers that the backlash, for all intents and purposes, did not exist in Farmington. The demonstration that CORE's dominant local Republican told

and they stood together back in angry self-imposed isolation. A struggle for control of the GOP now seems inevitable. Will Farmington be one of the battle grounds? Local leader Dick Duncan says it will not. He is a party man. He worked hard for Goldwater and Romney. He feels no bitterness: If Romney is the presidential candidate next time, as now seems very possible, Duncan will happily do his best again. And he is sure there will be no serious split— at least not in Farmington.

## Brennan Claims That It's Just Politics

A group of Farmington Township residents is planning to take the Township officers to court to temporarily restrain them from accepting the pay raise they voted themselves last week.

Supervisor Curtis Hall, Clerk Floyd Cairns, and Treasurer Elise Avery were ordered to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court at 9 a.m. on Nov. 23, to show cause why they should not be enjoined from causing the pay raise to go into effect.

The raise was passed by the Township Board, on which the above cited officers are members, on Nov. 2. The national, state, and Township elections were held on the following day.

According to the complaint, "Section 41.95 of the Compiled Laws of 1948 . . . provides that no salaries shall be raised within 60 days prior to an election."

According to Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, however, the Township Board is no longer constitutionally prevented from increasing or decreasing salaries during their terms of office. Such a restriction, he noted, did exist in the 1968 Constitution, but it does not exist in the present one.

"There is, however, a statute which controls the compensation of township officers. This statute provides, in townships which have abolished the annual township meeting, that the compensation of township officers shall be determined at the last meeting of the Township Board preceding the election."

According to Brennan, the meeting might be "regular" or "special" as long as it was the "last" one.

Among the plaintiffs were political opponents of the present administration. Their attorney is Bernard S. Kahn, a recently defeated candidate for the Board. But there has been a general rumbling in the Township since the election.

Job-wise, the program is expected to expand greatly after the first of the year with the opening of Botsford Hospital. The hospital plans to accept 28 trainees in such fields as maintenance, laboratory and pathology, medical records, office, pharmacy, nursing, housekeeping and dietary departments.

Baumunk will continue administering the program on a part-time basis pending the remainder of his time teaching. He plans to develop the technical and industrial facet of the program next which is expected to be more complex, time-consuming and pose knotty legal complications.

The new employees—who has not yet been selected — is expected to start on a part-time basis.

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## Anxious Hours in the Supervisor Race



CANDIDATE for Farmington Township Supervisor Aldo Vagozzi (center) followed the returns at the Farmington Democratic Club. Things looked promising for him in the beginning. Flanking him on the left is Elizabeth O'Connor. On the right is Martin E. Gluckstein, who was a candidate for Township Trustee.

## Township Board Postpones NBD Zoning Approval

About 50 Farmington Township citizens crowded the Township Board of Trustees Monday night. Most of them were residents of Kimberly Subdivision, there to argue the pros and cons of rezoning three lots on the corner of Middlebelt and 11 Mile Road.

They are presently zoned residential but the Thompson-Brown Co., which owns them, is seeking to change their status to commercial, in order to sell them to the National Bank of Detroit. The National Bank wants to build a branch there.

From the spectators came angry charges against Thompson-Brown. The real estate company was charged with bad faith, for it was claimed, securing the rezoning in Detroit. The National Bank said that it would remain residential. The most effective of these arguments was probably that of Trustee Byron Walter, who is a Kimberly resident. He stated the lots were among the most suitable residential sites in the metropolitan Detroit area, and that the fact that they were worth more as commercial property was not an adequate reason for rezoning them.

Another source of ill-feeling against Thompson-Brown was the feeling that it was engaging in a game of implicit blackmail. That it was hinting that if the Bank was turned down, the lots might wind up as a gas station site.

William Bowman, vice president of Thompson-Brown, spoke in defense of his company. He denied engaging in misrepresentation and untruths:

## School Board Expands Work-Studying Plans

by Joy Stinson

The new Farmington School District's new Cooperative Occupational Training Program was given a unanimous sanction by the Board of Education last Monday evening when they voted to expand the program's facilities by hiring a full-time coordinator.

Since its beginning the program has been carried out on a part-time basis by Earl Baumunk, industrial arts teacher at Farmington High School. Due to the skyrocketing success, increased applications for entrance into the program and the continuing need for Baumunk as a teacher in the school system, an additional person is needed to coordinate the work-studying program of office and retail students.

Eventually the Board also hopes to have Baumunk on a full-time basis with the program.

The Cooperative Occupational Training Program was inaugurated in the Farmington Schools September, 1964 after two years of intensive study by a 24-member subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee. In this area, Farmington may be setting a pace for suburban school boards. Until recently, only large urban systems have had such programs although the concept of the work-studying program is not new dating back to 1918, according to Baumunk.

After only six weeks in operation, the program has attracted 58 applicants for next semester. Baumunk expects this figure to project to 70 by June, 1965 and 100 by January of 1966.

At present, 21 students are enrolled in the work-study program—nine in retailing, eight in office jobs and four in trade and industrial fields. These figures include seven boys and 14 girls—five of these students from North Farmington High School and the remainder from Farmington High School.

Before being selected for the program, prospective trainees are screened. They must be 16 years old, have parental consent and supply their own transportation to the job. Each student is placed in an occupation of interest to him and paid standard beginners' part-time rates.

Students are graded by their employers. For their work, they receive one school credit.

A trainee is on the job for a minimum of 15 hours for 38 weeks, usually in the afternoon. Passing grades in the need of his studies are prerequisites to work-study course credit. If he drops out of school during the program, he is dismissed from the co-op job.

In addition to his basic studies, a trainee spends one class hour a day in a work-related course receiving technical instruction and personal counseling about his job. The co-op counselor visits the job about once in every ten days.

## The Election at a Glance

U. S. Congress 19th	88,339
Furnum (D)	77,204
Stewart 15th	46,843
McCarthy (R)	42,286
State Representative 64th	18,943
Bain (D)	13,195
Township Supervisor	5,602
Hall	4,162
Township Clerk	6,350
Cairns	6,350
Township Treasurer	5,624
Avery	3,538
Township Justice of the Peace	4,967
Walter	4,971
Lawson	4,971
Township Board (elect two)	5,317
Opperhauser	5,289
Duke	4,015
Kahn	3,997
Gluckstein	3,997

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## FACTS and OPINIONS By PAUL CHANDLER

ON MONTEGO BEACH, JAMAICA—If you have a friend who'll drive you, after 25 minutes from your home you can be aboard a plane at 10:55 p.m., airborne and en route to Miami.

By 9:30 the morning you will be here in Jamaica for breakfast, and that elapsed time includes five hours of sleep at the Miami Airport hotel. According to the Jamaican habit, breakfast begins when they hand each traveler a goblet of shaved ice, rum and lime juice at the airport while he waits to receive his baggage from the airline.

Almost on impulse we decided to come down here to the Caribbean to shake away the grind and weariness of the election. After several weeks of tension, the desire to escape was strong and Florida just didn't seem far enough nor different enough.

Jamaica is only 80 minutes farther than the neon lights of Miami's strip but there must be at least 80 years in difference.

The idea seemed original enough, but once checked into our rooms on the north shore of the island, we discovered that almost at the same time two hotels to the left Barry Goldwater was arriving for what he called "complete relaxation—to play golf and go fishing."

Robert Kennedy also had reservations, but cancelled. No one has been unkind enough to suggest he changed plans after hearing that the Senator from Arizona would be a next-door neighbor.

So, the escape from politics wasn't quite as complete as first appeared.

Jamaica is brushed constantly by the trade winds. It is one of those islands where it often rains while the sun is shining and almost always when it isn't shining.

Hence, the first reaction of the newcomer is the vivid green color of hills and foliage—greener even than a leprechaun's heart. But the air and water scarcely vary in temperature, hovering between 70 and 85 degrees year around.

Once airplanes arrived here by flying directly over Cuba. This is enough to get the passenger thinking about international politics and the Jamaican newspaper makes the subject even more urgent.

Jamaica has been an independent state for only two years. For 300 years before that this island colony. Almost 98 per cent of the population has colored skin. Land ownership, education and general wealth is concentrated in a few hands. Poverty and unemployment are great.

Hence it was huge front page news Saturday when one of the two political parties announced a program of out-and-out socialism for the island.

An advertisement run on the front page was something like home to see the familiar "B" of Burrough's Corporation. The local outlet was offering six cash registers for 80 pounds sterling. Another ad threatened to develop into an international incident.

A man who signed his name as R. N. Ackles and Continued on Page 2

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PARENTS, preparing to participate in National Education Week at the Plauders School, are about to sample the food of meal their children enjoy daily. At the front table (left): Dolores Bleiby, and her son Jeff; Billy Fox, and his mother Marie; Elaine Greenberg; and her daughter Susan; Claudia Cook, and her mother Marge. In the next row from left: Diane Hamilton, Linda Zimmerman, Diane Douglas, Mary Anne Ruylo, Doris Melton, Kathie Palmer, Pattie Mastow, and Karen Woods. In the third row (from left): Cliff Salo, Jim Fletcher, Philip Deighton, Steve Kelsch, Kim Jaske, Dave Sherplitt, Dale Brenden, and Mike Flynn, Woody Dunn, and Ken Lawless.

## School Head Is Panelist

Farmington Board of Education President Lewis G. Botsford appeared on a four-member panel of school board members at the Oakland County School Board's Association meeting held last night (Nov. 10) at Rochester Senior High School.

The 207-member group discussed the problems of teacher-administration-school board relationships. Clifford, supervisor of school audits at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., evaluated the positions, policies and resolutions adhered to by teacher organizations.

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