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## *Olympic Hurdles Champ Calms Anxious Parents*

Farmington was given something to talk about last Friday as word filtered slowly in from the Olympic Games in Tokyo that Warren "Rex" Cawley had won a gold medal with his performance in the 400-meter hurdles.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Cawley of Farmington, were anxiously awaiting news from the Olympics on how the former track star at Farmington High had fared in his event in Tokyo. A telephone call from friends Friday morning informed them of their son's triumph.

**ALTHOUGH HE** was favored to win the rugged 400-meter hurdles event, Rex felt it was necessary to reassure his parents he was ready for the race. Word had been widely circulated that he was being troubled by an old injury and a postcard home informed his parents it wasn't serious.

By Monday the senior Cawleys were just beginning to receive the clippings from newspapers across the country, sent by friends and relatives, reporting the Farmington hurdler's stunning victory.

The "Los Angeles Times" reported a conversation their reporter had with the Farmington athlete after he had captured the gold medal.

"A trailing wind took all of us too close to the hurdles and we had to chop our stride on the back stretch," Rex said after the race. "Because of my injury, I could train only half as much as I wanted to here. The result

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THE PARENTS OF OLYMPIC Champion Warren "Rex" Cawley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Cawley of 32305 Middlebelt Road in Farmington, are pictured above with the front page of a sports section from an out-of-town newspaper. The headlines proclaim "Cawley Sweats Out a Triumph." This was true also of his parents and many fans the gold medal winner had pulling for him back in Farmington. (See story and picture of Cawley's 400-meter hurdles victory at the Olympic Games in Tokyo on Page 1-C).

## Council Okays Elks' Plan for Old City Hall

An official resolution was adopted by the Farmington City Council Monday night approving of the granting of a liquor license and dance permit to the Farmington Elks Lodge for the old city hall building on the north side of Grand River a couple of doors west of the present Elks Lodge.

The way has thus been cleared for the Elks to make official application with the State Liquor Control Commission for the license and permit. State approval on this application will make possible the swap of the old Grace Hotel building which the Elks are now in and the vacant city hall which has been long considered and much discussed between Elks Lodge and city officials.

**THE REQUEST** had been made initially by the Elks the latter part of September but the council delayed action pending the submission of a floor plan by the Elks. Particularly concerned with whether the bar and dance floor area would be properly shielded from the view of those walking in front of the building was Councilman Henry Forrest.

Forrest stated Monday night that he was well satisfied with the floor plans submitted by the Elks calling for the bar and dance floor to the rear of the building and shielding of the doorway and the use of frosted glass on the front windows.

The swap of the two buildings will make it possible for the city to carry out a plan long considered of tearing down the old Grace Hotel building and thus providing a good access to the rear of stores on the north side of Grand River Ave. downtown. The hope is to be able to eventually develop substantially more off-street parking in this quadrant and thus revitalize the business section on this side of Grand River Avenue downtown.

## UN Day To Be Observed Sat.

Special ceremonies are planned in the city this Saturday, Oct. 24, in observance of National United Nations Day.

The special program will be conducted jointly by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars under the chairmanship of George Griffin, Groves-Walker American Legion Post commander.

There will be a parade starting at 10 a.m. from the Farmington Junior High with the parders, led by the North Farmington High Band and Legion and VFW color guards, proceeding along Warner St. to Shiawassee Road and thence to the tennis court area in the city park.

Following a practice started a few years back, another tree will be planted in the United Nations Grove at the park and this year the tree will be dedicated to Australia.

Foreign Exchange students attending Farmington schools this year will take part in the ceremonies. They are: Clinton Stora from Australia; Michael Hortmann and Gislund Steinhauser, both of Germany, and Larz Egill of Denmark.

Two clergymen from the community as well as representatives from the various service clubs, scouting units, and city officials, will take part in the ceremonies at the park. The state commander of the American Legion will also give a talk.

All citizens of the community are being invited to take part.

## City, Twp. Cooperating To Get Rouge Cleared

The Farmington City Council took official action Monday night pledging its full cooperation with Farmington Township in getting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clear out a section of the Rouge River branch running through the community.

The section which is presently blocked up badly that the township is seeking to get cleared by the Army Corps of Engineers runs in a southeasterly direction from culverts under the I-96 Expressway to Middlebelt Road. Being badly blocked and snagged with tree roots and other growth as it is, a free flow of water along this section of the Rouge branch is not allowed, resulting in flooding conditions upstream during rainy periods.

**WHILE NONE** of the section proposed for clearing is within the city limits, it is a project that will be beneficial to the city since it will help prevent back-ups and flooding further upstream, City Manager John Dinan explained.

Dinan estimated that this would be an approximately

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## Restrict Parking On Maple Street

A recommendation by Maurice Fox, City of Farmington Director of Public Safety, to establish two-hour parking restrictions on Maple Ave. from Grand River to Cloverdale St. was officially approved by action of the city council Monday night.

The city has been attempting for some time now to get a traffic and parking congestion problem which prevails in this area cleared up and it is felt that this will at least help the situation.

The city manager also indicated that he and the public safety director were planning to meet with Bill Root Chevrolet officials to see if a compromise can't be worked out in getting an off-street parking lot south of the Root used car lot on Grand River.

Root had made a zoning appeal earlier in an attempt to get some more off-street parking lot area at this location but no agreement was ever worked out, Dinan told councilmen.

## City Clerk Reports 755 Additional Voters

City Clerk Trena Quinn reported Monday that the official total voter registration count in the city stood at 4,370 which is an increase of 459 over the count at the time of the Primary Election in September.

A few cancellations reducing this figure slightly are still expected by her.

The total voter registration count in the city for the last Presidential Election in November of 1960 was 3,615. The present figure represents an increase of 755 over the November, 1960 figure.

## State Rejects Light At Grand River-Power

Another roadblock has been thrown into the path of the Farmington City Council in its attempt to provide a safe crossing for children at Grand River and Power Road and also break up the heavy and steady flow of traffic in Grand River between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road.

Councilmen were informed at their regular meeting Monday night by City Manager John Dinan that state highway department officials had forbidden the erection of a light at this location. The somewhat "hot-under-the-collar" councilmen were told by the city manager that the state highway officials had a right to do this because of the fact that this is a state highway under their control and jurisdiction.

**THE CITY** manager assured the councilmen, however, that he and the public safety director were going to continue efforts in an attempt to convince Samuel Levine, state district traffic engineer, that there was a definite need for a light at this location.

The reason for the councilmen's rather heated reaction to the announcement that the state was not going to allow the light stems from the fact that councilmen had agreed two weeks earlier to stand the entire cost for installation and maintenance of the light.

Normal procedure for lights on state highways within a city is for the state to stand half the cost and the city the other half. The first attempt was to have a light installed on Grand River at Power Road under this arrangement but the state rejected the city's request.

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## Mkt. Research Bd of Commerce Program Topic

"Profits Thru Market Research" will be the topic of the program for the Tuesday, Oct. 27, meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce to be held at the Parker House Frontier Town on Grand River Ave. a short distance east of Nine Mile Road.

Two qualified speakers in the field of marketing research have been engaged to give the general membership of the B. of C. and their guests insight into the values of marketing research for them. Following their presentations questions from the floor will be welcomed.

As has been the practice in the past, there will be a buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting and special committee reports with the balance of the evening devoted to the especially arranged program.

**THE MAIN** speaker will be Fred Currier, vice president of Market Opinion Research Co., whose topic will be "How Market Research Can Help Farmington."

Currier was with the Detroit Free Press for seven years as research manager prior to his present work. A member of the Research Advisory Council of the Bureau of Advertising he is also past president of the Detroit Chapter of the American Market Association.

The second speaker will be John Creecy, a publicist with the National Bank of Detroit who now works closely with the bank's market research department in studying the potential of various suburban communities.

**A MEMBER** of the editorial staff of the now defunct Detroit Times for 17 years and a specialist in economic matters, Creecy has also written for Harpers magazine and the American Weekly.

The topic of his talk will be "Why National Bank of Detroit Likes Farmington."

## Continue Effort To Solve Buffer Problem–Mayor

Mayor Robert Lindbert informed officials of the Farmington Meadows Association in attendance at the regular City Council meeting Monday night that efforts were being continued to find a satisfactory solution to the problems which exist in providing a satisfactory buffer between the industrial plants to the south and homes on Meadowlark Street in their subdivision.

He indicated that two separate discussion meetings had already been held in an attempt to find solutions agreeable to all concerned and that a detailed report should be forthcoming within a week to ten days.

An official of the Farmington Meadows Association stated that there was some concern among residents with regard to what type of operations would be conducted in the new Mills Products plant going up. The fear is that there may be noisy operations near the large back door. The city manager stated that it was his understanding that nearly all of the work in this plant would be plating operations with highly automated equipment.

At the suggestion of the councilmen, the manager agreed to check into the matter more thoroughly and report back on types of operations planned in this plant.

## Board Erases Error on Board

How can one conduct a math class without a blackboard? This problem confronted classes at East Junior High School last Monday morning. Through an error, the math room was equipped with tack board instead of chalk board.

During the four-day school recess, the contractors for the addition made considerable headway; but through some error, the plans called for tack board on the wall instead of chalk board.

The Farmington Board of Education, at the request of Supt. G. V. Harrison, remedied the situation at their special meeting Monday evening by approving the expenditure of $200 for the necessary 30 feet of chalkboard. Harrison explained that the tack board will be needed anyhow and this small error has not resulted in any extra expense.

# Township Candidates Debate Issues Publicly, But Only a Handful Hear

Incumbent Republican officials and their Democratic opponents were all present at the Farmington Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday night at the Botsford Inn to express their views on township governmental operations and the differences of opinion which they have on township matters.

Despite the fact that an invitation was extended to the general public to attend this special candidate forum there were less than two dozen present to hear the candidates.

The most heated candidate presentations and exchanges occurred between Supervisor Curt Hall and his Democratic opponent, Aldo Vagnozzi and the opposing candidates for the two trustee seats — GOP incumbents Tom Duke and Earl Opperthauser and Martin Gluckstein and Bernard Kahn, their Democratic rivals.

**IN HIS STATEMENTS** to the group, Vagnozzi said that he felt there was a serious need for greater public participation in Farmington Township governmental affairs and for open discussion on opposing views on township matters.

He stated that he felt safety problems in the township needed more attention and action and that there should be a special citizens safety study committee established. Vagnozzi was critical of the inequitable Farmington Township representation on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and the inability of the township to get the services from the county it should.

Vagnozzi promised that if elected he would establish a special citizens' complaint setup within the framework of the township administration whereby all complaints or problems of citizens could be recorded so they could be followed up on and checkbacks made to see that they were properly taken care of within a reasonable period of time. He said also that he would work for all Farmington telephone numbers in one phone book and a Farmington phone line at the Oakland County offices so that direct non-toll phone calls to the county offices could be made.

**SUPERVISOR** Hall countered Vagnozzi's statements both at meeting and in previous newspaper stories by stating, "he is promising many things he just can't fulfill, as since they are completely out of the jurisdiction or control of the township supervisor's office."

Hall answered the Democratic candidate's charges that little has been done for the township by the present administration with statistics. He reported that almost 45 miles of sanitary sewer lines providing facilities for over 2,500 homes had been laid in the township since 1960; that almost 35 miles of water lines had been installed; and that 8½ miles of major roadways had been surfaced.

The formation and development of the large industrial park

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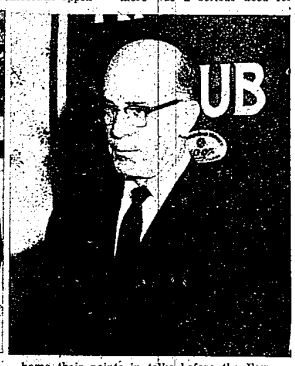


DEMOCRAT Aldo Vagnozzi (left) and Curt Hall (right) facially express the pressures of sharp debate in the photos above as they drive home their points in talks before the Farmington Kiwanis Club Tuesday night.

# New Larkshire Elem. School to Have Carpeted Library and Gas Heating

Preliminary plans and specifications, including a carpeted library, for the proposed Larkshire School were approved by the Farmington Board of Education at a special meeting Monday, October 19.

The use of carpeting in the library of the new elementary school on an experimental basis was brought up for consideration at a previous meeting, and board members had requested more information on the subject of carpeting in school buildings.

Trustee Herbert Neal gathered some facts and figures which he presented at the Monday evening meeting. Neal stated that there have been many articles and stories published in national school journals indicating that carpeting is actually cheaper than tile floors because of reduced maintenance costs.

**ALTHOUGH COSTS** are the main concern, there are other desirable features of carpeting, Neal said. The acoustical value is such that sound reduction is ten times as much as that of hard surfaces. Carpeting is also a good insulator. Carpeting is safer — students are less likely to slip on it; and if they fall, it makes a softer landing place. Carpeting is more comfortable to walk on all day. It has also been shown that students behave better with carpeted floors.

Neal presented the findings of a survey which was conducted for the American Carpet Institute, Inc., by the Industrial Sanitation Counselors, Inc., of Louisville, Kentucky.

For the survey, cost and upkeep figures were compiled on 400,000 sq. ft. of carpeted floors and on one million square feet of non-carpeted hard surfaces throughout the nation.

**THE COST** comparison for various types of floor coverings based on the annual cost per thousand square feet was found to be as follows: Carpeting installed, $100.06; cleaning labor, $70.10; equipment, supplies and maintenance, $12.31; total, $182.41. Terrazo installed, $66.67; cleaning labor, $204.40; equipment, supplies and maintenance, $36.79; total, $307.86. Vinyl tile installed, $10.00; cleaning labor, $213.45; equipment, supplies and maintenance, $57.36; total $310.81; Vinyl asbestos tile installed $30.60; cleaning labor, $230.97; equipment, supplies and maintenance, $59.32; total, $320.89. Asphalt tile installed, $23.33; cleaning labor, $261.34; equipment, supplies and maintenance, $63.62; total, $348.29.

Thus the survey showed that although the original cost of carpeting is $76.67 more than the least expensive asphalt tile, the total cost of labor and maintenance is $242.55 less, making a total saving of $165.88 on carpeting over tile.

**ALL BUT ONE** board member was convinced, and the motion to use carpeting (approximately 900 sq. ft.) in the library room of the new elementary school was carried.

Plans for the central kitchen which will be built in conjunction with the new school were also approved by the board. Food for the hot lunch program

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## Rex Cawley Day Plans Are Set

Plans for the "Rex Cawley Day" were announced at the Farmington City Council meeting Monday night, October 19, by Councilman Henry Forrest, chairman of the Cawley Homecoming Committee.

The dinner banquet for the Olympic Champion will be held at Farmington Senior High School on Thursday evening, November 12. The tickets for the banquet will go on sale this week and will be limited to 600.

**A PARADE** is scheduled to start at 12 noon on the day of the big Farmington-North Farmington football game, Saturday, November 14. The parade route will be from Farmington High School up Lakeway Avenue to Grand River and west to the Town Hall site, to the City Municipal Building where special ceremonies will take place.

City, Township and Farmington School District officials will take part in the special ceremonies climaxing the parade through the downtown area. Rex will also be honored at the special half-time ceremonies at the annual gridiron contest between Farmington and North Farmington.

## Elly Peterson to Be Here Saturday

A request from local Republican officials for permission to use some space in the Downtown Farmington Center parking area this Saturday, Oct. 24, for a political rally featuring Mrs. Elly Peterson, GOP candidate for the United States Senate opposing Phil Hart, was officially approved by action of the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The rally is scheduled for baround 4:30 p.m. when Mrs. Peterson is expected here.

## Community Relations Coordinator Is Hired

The Farmington public school system and the Walled Lake public school system have approved the hiring of a community relations co-ordinator who will work for each district on a part-time basis.

Supt. G. V. Harrison stated that he and members of his staff as well as the Walled Lake Supt., Clifford Smart, and his staff, have felt the need of having a person qualified in the field of public communications for some time now; but that neither district could afford a full-time person at this time.

**MRS. MARJORIE** Eicher appeared before the Farmington Board of Education at a special meeting last Monday evening to answer questions and discuss the various phases of the proposed position. Board members had earlier been provided with a list of her qualifications and experience.

Mrs. Eicher stated that population and communications media had grown faster than the individual's ability to communicate. She feels that there is a need for better communication in every area of school activity. She said that there will soon be a need for a full-time public relations person in each of the two school systems, and that she hopes to lay the groundwork for these future full-time positions.

**BOARD MEMBERS** agreed that there is a definite need for a continuous flow of information to the public. The possibility of some instruction by Mrs. Eicher in the area of business writing and intra-mural correspondence for principals and school personnel was discussed.

Board president, Leland Clifford, expressed the hope that through communications a closer relationship could be maintained between the alumnae and

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## Twp Candidates Forum Oct. 29 At Bond School

The Westbrooke Manor Association has announced that a "Meet The Local Candidates Nite" open to all Township residents will be held on Thursday, October 29, 1964, 8 p.m. at Bond School.

Both the Democratic and Republican Candidates for the Township Board will be present.

In sponsoring this meeting, the Westbrooke Manor Association Board of Directors stated that they hope a large number of Farmington Township residents will take this opportunity to acquaint themselves with the candidates and the issues facing the Township.

The meeting is slated to be in the form of an open forum, with each candidate making a presentation on his own behalf, followed by a question and answer period.

This is one of the few times in many years that such a meeting has been scheduled in Farmington Township. The Westbrooke Manor Association officials expressed hopes that all persons interested in the future of their Township would attend.

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