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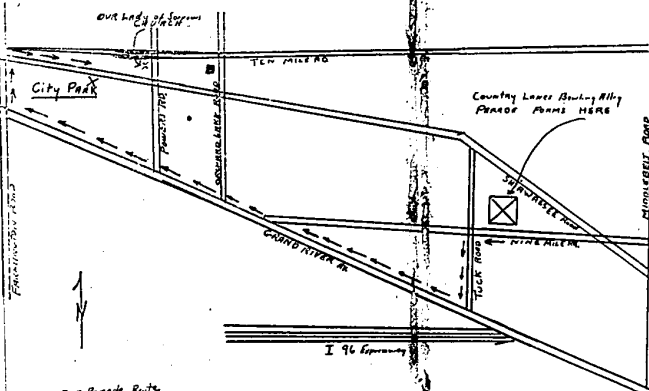
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## Voters Nominate Candidates Tuesday

Voters of the community will go to the polls next Tuesday to nominate Republican and Democrat candidates for state and local offices. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. In Farmington Township Republicans are squared off in a primary battle in which can only be termed as one of the quietest elections in recent times. There is competition for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustee spots on the Board with Wendell Brown and a group that fought the recent incorporation move hoping to upset the current administration of Curt Hall. In addition to the local offices voters in both the City and the Township will nominate their choices for U. S. Senator, Governor, State Representative, State Senator, and U.S. Congressman from the 15th District. The Democrats have the limelight in the battle for the U. S. Senate nomination between former Governor G. Mennen Williams and Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh. Two separate questions are on the ballot for U. S. Senate. One is a complete six year term, while the other will fill out the unexpired term of Senator Pat McNamara. On the Republican side, however, a sharp contest is being waged for the opportunity to take on freshman Congressman Billie S. Farmum in November. Richard Kuhn, the GOP candidate for the faces Redford Township Supervisor, Jack Donald and Schoolcraft College Instructor Larry VanderMolen for the nomination. In addition to this there is a contest throughout the community for the post of precinct delegates in the Republican organization. Every two years during the primary election voters in a precinct elect a person as their delegate to the county convention. The county convention chooses the delegates to the state convention who will nominate the other state wide candidates. During the years of a national convention the state convention which nominates the party's presidential and vice presidential candidates. Judicial candidates for the Oakland County Circuit Court and the Oakland County Probate Court will also be nominated by both City and Township voters. Candidates that will be voted upon in both areas include: Republicans, Governor George Romney, U.S. Senator, Robert P. Giffith, U. S. Congressman, (one)

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THE PARADE will be one of the highlights of the Founders Festival Saturday. Scheduled to start at 11 a.m. the parade will begin at Grand River and Tuck Rd. It will proceed west on Grand River to Farmington

## Farmington Honors Its Own Achievers in Life

Scholars, businessmen, athletes and entertainers are all a part of the Farmington community. They will all be honored during the Farmington Founders Festival. General theme of this year's event is "Farmington Honors Its Own." The special ceremonies honoring Farmington's achievers is developed by the Ball-A-Matic Machine, a revolutionary

## School Board Votes To Renegotiate Bid

Considerable debate and discussion provided the Farmington School Board's regular Monday evening meeting with board members strongly taking different sides on several occasions. The first debate concerned the awarding of the contract for the addition to the Administration Building. After bids were opened at a previous meeting and found to be some \$35,000 in excess of the \$100,000 budget, they were referred back to architect Linn Smith to see what revisions could be made. At the Monday night meeting Smith reported back on a possible \$9,487.30 in reductions which provoked the first discussion of the evening. It was finally moved to award the contract to the low bidder, Chisus Construction Co., and negotiate the savings suggested by Smith with this bidder. This action was taken, according to several board members to save time and halt the possibility of rebidding the job and possibly coming up with higher estimates. Board President Richard Peters, Herbert Neal and John Washburn strongly objected to negotiating a contract and voiced negative votes. However, the motion carried with affirmative votes coming from George Nahl, George Otis, Barbara

## Planners Have Short Agenda

The Farmington Township Planning Commission will meet to consider an amendment to the zoning regulations for car washes at a public hearing at its regular meeting Tuesday, July 28. All meetings of the Planning Commission begin at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall. The ordinance if recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the Township Board will make set back areas and parking provision for both self-serve and automatic car washes. In other business the Commission will consider an amendment to Township Ordinance that defines the required distance that a separated garage shall be located from the house for fireproofing reasons. Continue the study of an amendment to require underground utility wiring in the Township.

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## It's Festival Time

The greatest Founders Festival in history — that's the proud boast of those who have been busy with the three-day and night celebration which opens Thursday with the crowning of Miss Founders Festival and concludes Saturday with a huge square dance in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot. But in between there will be a constant flow of activities geared to draw the attention of all from babes in arms to those nearing the century mark. That's why directors of the huge Festival are calling this year's renewal the best in history. There has been more community effort behind this year's program than ever before. There has been more interest shown by the entire community and there are more activities than at any previous time. The preliminary judging for the Miss Founders Festival is over—that took place Tuesday night when the finalists were selected by the judges. This will be the fairest of the fair who compete in the final judging Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Botsford Inn when the judging panel selects the lucky girl who will rule over the Festival for the remaining three nights and two days. Her Majesty will be introduced to the public for the first time in an elaborate coronation ceremony at the Village Green, Farmington Rd. at Grand River, shortly after 8:30 p.m. The coronation will be preceded by Motorcade from Botsford Inn, west on Grand River to the Village Inn. Should it rain the coronation will be shifted to Farmington Junior High. Following the crowning of the 1966 Miss Founders Festival, the Franklin High band of Livonia, will stage a band concert in the Village Green and the three-day festival will be off and running. From that moment on, there will be nothing but fun and activities in the downtown Farmington area. A teen dance is listed for 8 p.m. Thursday at Farmington High with Pat Murphy, WXYZ disc jockey, as the master of ceremonies. The theme of this year's observance is "Farmington Honors Its Own" and the outstanding sons and daughters will be honored during the celebration. Friday's program opens at 9 a.m. with a field day staged by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission at the City Park at which youngsters between the ages of eight and 15 will demonstrate their athletic prowess. Then to make things a bit more interesting, the Eastern Star will present a country style Threshers Dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Judging of the band growth contest is slated for Friday at 7 p.m. at the Elks Club east in the Downtown Shopping Center. This promises to

## Superior Cancels Ambulance Calls

After Aug. 1 Farmington Township will be served by new ambulance services following notification in the form of a registered letter from Superior Ambulance Service that effective 12:01 a.m. Aug. 1 the company would "be forced to discontinue responding to ambulance service requests by the Farmington Township Police and Fire Departments." Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the Board that Monday afternoon when the letter came to his attention he contacted the Northland Ambulance Company in Southfield and the Harbin Ambulance Service in Novi and that both companies were "happy to have the Township's business."

## Rezoning Pleas Heard By Board

From the correspondence read at Monday night's regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board it seemed almost like a session of the Township Planning Commission. Included in the letters read by the Board were two requests to overrule recent decisions made by the Planning Commission on rezoning matters. In both instances the Board voted to uphold the Planning Commission's decision on the theory that the Commission goes into such matters in great detail and has the benefit of the knowledge of the Township Planners in making their decision. The requests involved a denial for rezoning from residential to local business at 13

## Whose Running? This Week The Observer of Farmington and the Farmington League of Women Voters publish a guide to the candidates for Township office and State Representative. Turn to page 8-C of today's Observer for the background and qualifications of the candidates.

## Suggestions Welcome For Board

Farmington Township Board has been one member short since Trustee Thomas Duke's surprise resignation June 27. Rumors are flying about a replacement, but no final decision has been made or if it has been made the Township administration isn't talking. Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the Township Democrats, wrote in the Board calling for a "broad-based citizens advisory committee" to conduct a "community-wide talent hunt" for the person best qualified to fill the vacancy. The letter was read at Monday night's Board meeting and Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall termed the letter as "almost verbatim to a letter which came to the Board the last time an appointment was made to fill a vacancy." He told Vagnozzi that the Township Board welcomes suggestions from any member of the community and the Board would consider them. In answer to a question from Vagnozzi Hall said that a member would probably be appointed "within a month" and added that there is "no hurry the Township always allows time for suggestions." Vagnozzi told The Observer that he had been approached by some people about the possibility of being considered for the post and that he would submit some suggestions including both Republicans and Democrats. Whoever is appointed — with a completely Republican administration and Board the new member will undoubtedly be a Republican.

## No Politics In Schools Says Board

There may be a lot of politicking going on at the Farmington Founders Festival with the Aug. 2 primary just around the corner, but if the Farmington School Board has their say there shouldn't be any elephants or donkeys, for that matter, around. John A. MacLellan, a Republican candidate for the office of state senator in the 14th district, appeared at the Farmington School Board to request permission to rent school property to present Wanda the elephant in the local children during the Founders Festival. He said he also planned to have pony rides and if necessary he would even try to get a donkey to have the whole affair non-partisan. MacLellan said that his aims were but recreational purposes but admitted that he probably would be passing out campaign literature. After consultation with the

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## Convertibles Needed!

The Board of Commerce is looking for convertibles for use in the Farmington Founders Festival parade Saturday, July 30. If you have a convertible that could be used for this community project please contact Russ Gilbert at Town & Country Dodge, 478 6750.

## Small Boy Drowns in Backyard

Gregory Feldstein, 20 months old, of 22343 Inkster, Farmington Township, drowned in a backyard swimming pool at his home Sunday, July 24. According to police reports Gregory was dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital. He was taken from four feet of water in the pool. Evidently several children had been playing in the pool and yard and the older children went to the front of the house, leaving Gregory alone. He was pulled from the pool by his 18 year old brother, Mark. Gregory was the son of Mrs. Barbara Feldstein.

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