

# No Lone Answer Seen To Millage Loss

Monday's defeat of the five mill proposal was the first time in the history of the school district that a request for funds had been turned down.

**Why?**

In seeking an answer to this question The Farmington Enterprise & Observer has talked to many people.

The answers are as many and as varied as the people.

**ALMOST** all are agreed, however, that the element of "uncertainty" injected into the campaign by the news that reassessments would be forthcoming from the county level was a deciding factor.

News that the reassessments would be required came as no shock to those who follow such matters. Under the state constitution the assessments must be pegged at 50 percent of

the market value.

The assessments are checked periodically in light of the current real estate values. Property values in Farmington have boomed over the past few years.

The required hike.

The sleeper in the election was the release

## analysis

of the news. Usually such announcements are made after the reassessing procedure is completed.

This time the story broke before the reassessments were finished and prior to the election.

**MAYBE** the schools should have checked on this factor before filing for the ballot proposal. Certainly they were aware of the state require-

ment.

Whether the schools forgot or neglected to check with the county, the news of the reassessments hit them right where it hurts.

A member of the City Planning Commission, James Platt, is the man who spread the news. Platt says that he heard about the possibility of an assessment boost and visited City Manager John Dinan.

Dinan had just received the information from the county and confirmed the rumors.

From there Platt went to work. He had Dinan write him a letter outlining the reassessment and read it at a few public meetings.

The rest of his campaign was confined to phone calls. He says that he didn't spend as much as a "nickel for a postage stamp" on the campaign.

Platt's motives are unknown. Many around town believe that he will use the campaign as a

stepping stone to the City Council. He denies this and says that he does not regard the millage defeat as a "personal" victory.

**ADDED** to the reassessment "uncertainty" is the fact that this is simply a bad time to ask for additional taxes.

The new state income tax is making itself felt in the take home pay. New hikes are due in the gas tax, license plates, etc. There is also pressure for a boost in the federal income tax.

On the school proposal the average citizen had a chance to vote. He said no.

In recent months the voters of Farmington have approved levies for pools and auditoriums, a new district library, and a county-wide vocational education program.

The millage request just seemed to be the final straw.

—Sue Shaughnessy



POTENTIAL DOCTOR -- With all the aplomb of a feminine Pasteur, Melinda Zaher, 29300 Medbourn Ct., conducts an experiment in the lab at Mercy High School.

## Medicine No Mystery To Mercy High Student

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN Staff Writer

When talking to Melinda Zaher, 29300 Medbourn Ct., it would be a good idea to have a handy-dandy college level book on medicine around someplace.

MELINDA was a winner last

## Boy Scouts Stage Court Of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 389, sponsored by Martin Park Methodist Church held a Court of Honor on Nov. 14.

A large group of parents were in attendance to watch the presentation of Badges and Awards, Senior Badges and Service Star Pins, Jim Bartlett, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster presided.

**TENDERFOOT** scouts receiving patches and badges included: James Angelo, Edward Arbritter, Robert Bartlett, Jim Bates, Paul Bay, Patrick Brandon, Barry Burgstahler, Kevin Burns, Edward Butcher, Jeffrey Clark, Steven Harasent, John Hubert, Mark Humphries, Gary Huntoon, Kent Leszan, Gary Mohr, Ron Noltes, Paul Peterson, Bill Phillips, David Reame, Jason Reber, David Ulrich and John Willson. Tenderfoot scouts after receiving their pins and badges honored their mothers with a pin.

Those advanced to second class were: Phillip Bay, Todd Dolan, Mark Mason, James Patton and Scott Round.

New first class scouts are: Mark Cherry, Paul Dyer, Mark Lewis, Kevin Reber, Joseph Thomas, Tom Weiss and Winston Wright.

David Harasent, received a Star Award.

Mother Badges were presented

## Peace Candidacy Eyed For McDonald's Seat

By DWIGHT JARRELL Staff Writer

Livonia City Charter Commissioner Ron Mardiros, who was born in the Armenian and Hungarian section of Detroit's Delray, five doors away from insurgent Democratic State Chairman Zolton Ferency, may be a peace candidate in the 19th Congressional District race next year.

If the 37-year-old Vietnam War dove does declare his candidacy he will not only be faced with the prospect of locking political horns with incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Jack H. McDonald, but he will be in a primary election arena of hostile and bullish Lyndon Johnson Democrats impatient for the anti-administration scalp of Ferency and any dissident Party member with him.

Mardiros blithely confirms, however, close association with the rebellious Ferency who has raised the pro-Johnson hackles of loyal Democrats with his pushing of Minnesota U.S. Senator Eugene Joseph McCarthy as a anti-war, Democratic presidential candidate to oppose the Party's man in the White House.

In the words of Mardiros, "Zolton and I are as close politically today as the days when we lived next door to each other."

He and Ferency formed a political deal that all but upstaged "Man from Uncle" TV star Robert Vaughn who was the keynote speaker at Saturday's Conference of Concerned Democrats held in Cobo Hall.

Ferency is a charter member if not the belter of the Michigan peace group which Korean War veteran Mardiros has belonged to since its inception eight months ago. It will be Ferency, with his resignation as State Democratic Chairman lead the McCarthy for president movement in the State.

Mardiros qualifies his intention of becoming a congressional candidate only if there is a cease-fire in Vietnam by June and if there is not another peace candidate on the 19th District scene by that time.

"My only purpose in running will be to provide the people within the Democratic Party a choice of a peace candidate," he said.

He continued: "I think Johnson has been and is the kind of president we want and need but I think his entire life span has been warped by the war."

Mardiros turned his announcement of becoming a possible candidate for Congress into an almost secondary issue with his immediate plans for a suburban-wide petition drive to collect signatures echoing what he feels is a general sentiment for peace in Vietnam.

"It is difficult for either President Johnson or Congress to react in the interest of the people without knowing what is closest to the people," he said.

"Such a petition drive would be a kind of dialogue and action which should bring the type of pressure to bear on our government to do those things necessary."

Mardiros' political plans were revealed in an interview with the Observer Newspapers.

When contacted, he had just returned from the hospital bedside of John Tutro, first Democratic Vice Chairman of the 17th Congressional District, and an old family friend.

Tutro, whose brother, William, was killed in World War II, had just been informed of the death of his son, Kenneth, in Vietnam.

"That's why I feel so especially strong about Vietnam and peace this afternoon," he said sadly.

about 60 members of the Farmington Barracks of Veterans of World War II and their wives attended a dinner preceding the recent installation of officers of the group.

Master of ceremonies was William Carpenter, past commander. Mike Metcalfe, past state commander, was the installing officer. Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton was one of the guest speakers.

The newly-elected officers are: Ernest Leader, commander; Andrew Fletcher, senior vice president; James Reeves, junior vice president; Floyd Meehan, chaplain; Paul Schiller, quartermaster; Herman Frank, judge advocate;

## Vets Install New Officers

James Nourjan, trustee for three years.

Committee appointments include Andrew Fletcher, publicity; Oscar Klein, historian; Virgil Randolph, legislation; Albert Bamford, sergeant at arms; Ernie Schneider, guard; William Carpenter, claims; James Reeves, relief and stock; Roy Mathieu, adjutant.

Mathieu, past commander of the Farmington Barracks, is now serving as commander of the 5th district.

All World War I veterans are invited to attend local barracks meetings, which are held the second Thursday of each month in the American Legion Hall, Grand River and Lakewood.

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