

### today's hot line observerland

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SAUCY SORCERERS — "MacBeth" without witches is like a face without a nose — something's missing. Betty Miracle (left) and Christina Braus portrayed two of the play's three witches in Flanders School's production of Shakespeare's classic recently at the school. As you can see, Flanders' witches were much nicer than MacBeth's witches.

## Northwestern Highway Rezoning Issue Beaten

Farmington Township took the sticky question of zoning for the corner of Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt Rd. and dropped it in the laps of the courts Monday night.

Overriding Developer Ivan Frankel's request for additional time to work out the road patterns and to meet with the residents of the area in an attempt to gain their consent, the township board voted to deny the rezoning request.

The next step, according to the developer, is a court case. This fact was recognized by the township board last month when it indicated that the question was closed and in cases such as this the proponent of the rezoning should bear the costs of a court case.

In taking the action the board overruled the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the second time in the history of the commission that the board has overturned its recommendation.

However, before voting on the matter Supervisor Curtis H. Hall warned the residents that they might come out worse after the matter had gone to court.

As Trustee Earl Oppert-hauser observed, "In most cases half a loaf is better than none, but in this case a whole loaf is better than nothing."

Formal vote on the action was 5-1, with Trustee Thomas Nolan, a member of the Planning Commission, dissenting.

## 3 Seek 2 School Posts

Names of only three candidates will be on the Farmington Board of Education ballot June 10, thus assuring re-election for at least one of the two incumbents whose seats are at stake.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions passed Monday without a flicker of excitement in the school administrative offices when rumors of candidacies failed to materialize.

IN CONTRAST to the 1967 school board election, when there were six candidates in the field with only one vacancy, the 1968 contest will be between:

Incumbent Richard H. Peters, first elected in 1960, reelected in 1964, and a past board of education president.

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## Housing Change 'Inevitable,' Says Township Board

BY SUE SHAUGHNESSY

The Farmington Township Board of Trustees followed the lead of the City Council Monday night and adopted a resolution retroactively recognizing May 5 through 11 as "Fair Housing Week" in the township.

Action came in response to a request from the New Farmington Committee asking for a resolution asserting that Farmington Township would "welcome and encourage all people of all races, creeds and colors" moving into the township.

It was, in substance, the same resolution adopted last week by the Farmington City Council.

IN A RELATED action the Board made public a policy statement which asserts in part:

"The Board has on different occasions forthrightly expressed its position in the areas of civil rights when these problems became germane to the jurisdiction of the Board. Several years ago, when home owners of a minority race were subjected to abuse by hoodlum elements in one of our sister communities, we warned in unmistakable terms that similar conduct would not be tolerated in Farmington Township and that all citizens would have full protection regardless of race, creed or color."

"The Township Board... has no authority of any kind to take any action with respect to the adoption of fair housing ordinances or to the enforcement of state laws or of court decisions in the area of civil rights. Passing a resolution in an area in which we have no jurisdiction would be a deceptive and hypocritical gesture."

"We board members, as individuals and holders of public trust, believe that no citizen of these United States should be deprived of any civil right to which he is entitled. The people of our state in adopting the Constitution of 1963 provided adequate machinery for the investigation of alleged offenses against civil rights and for the enforcement of those rights in the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. It is our impression that this commission is not only competent but is aggressive within its areas of responsibility."

"The policy of this Township Board in the area of civil rights is, has been and will continue to be a simple and straight forward one. We expect all of our citizens, home owners, builders, brokers, realtors, merchants and service people, to obey the laws of the United States and the statutes of the State of Michigan, which control civil rights as they are interpreted by our courts. Violation of the laws by any citizen without our responsibility will be dealt with quickly, firmly and impartially."

"We board members are all residents of Farmington Township, some for many, many years. Like all of our other neighbors, we live here because we feel that Farmington Township is one of the finest residential communities in the State of Michigan."

"We see no reason why the character of this community need change merely because of alterations in the racial balance in the community. We realize that change is inevitable, believe as we do that the citizens of Farmington Township are people of good will, we are confident that any citizen who is responsible, law abiding and has respect not only for his rights but the rights of others will be welcome to Farmington Township by his neighbors regardless of his race or color. Experience to date in the community has strengthened our beliefs."

## Township Trio Will Run Again

All three of Farmington Township's full time elected officials have announced their intentions to seek re-election in November.

The trio—Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, Clerk Floyd Cairns and Treasurer Elise Avery—made their plans known Monday following the Oakland County Circuit Court decision requiring township officials to seek election this year.

UNDER A LAW passed by the state legislature in 1967, township officials terms had been extended until Nov. 1970. A ruling handed down last week by Circuit Judge William J. Ben ruled this law as unconstitutional.

Whether or not the decision will be overturned by a high court is a matter of conjecture. However, political observers indicate that a ruling on the case must come from State Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, who had previously ruled that the law was unconstitutional.

19th District Democratic Chief Aldo Vagnozzi told The Enterprise & Observer that no names had even been discussed for possible candidates for township office.

"We just learned that there would be a local election in these posts a few days ago," he said, "and we will line up with a slate by June 10."

The incumbent township officials are all Republicans and the post is elected on partisan basis.

IN ADDITION to the new township officials and members of the Township Board, the possibility of an election this year. They are Trustee Earl Oppert-hauser and Trustee Skilman.

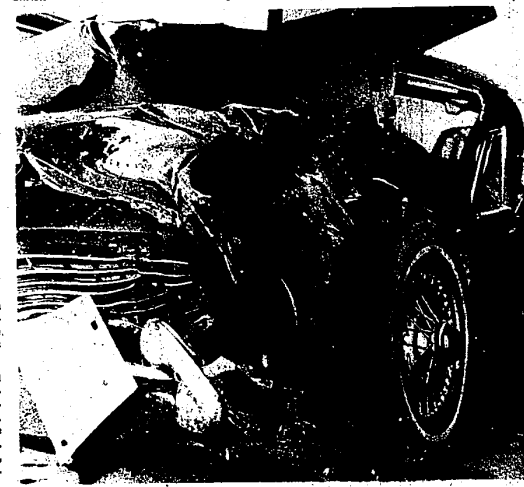
A bill currently being considered by the State Senate would require an election for the two seats. The bill, which is expected to pass, has already cleared the House of Representatives.

Trustee Skilman told The Enterprise & Observer that he had not decided whether or not to seek re-election to the posts.

Oppert-hauser has served on the board since 1960, while Skilman is a recent appointee.

BOTH CAIRNS and Mrs. Avery have been ill during the past year, but both have returned to their desks at a part time basis.

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DEATH TOLL: TWO — This is all that remained of one of the two vehicles involved in a double fatality Sunday afternoon at 12 Mile and Halstead Rds. Killed in the accident, which police blamed upon a youth running a red light, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luttman, of Walled Lake. Two others still are hospitalized.