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# Hamlin To Seek GOP County Seat

By FRED DeLANO  
Delos Hamlin, hailed earlier this year as Oakland County's "Mr. Government," will attempt to retain membership on a reappointed Board of Supervisors through election on the local Republican ticket, it was determined this week.

The man who has been the City of Farmington's appointed delegate to the board for 26 years, and recently was re-elected unanimously to his 13th consecutive term as board chairman, says he will run "if."

"That 'if' is the question of whether reappointment comes in 1969.

If it does, the current 87-member Board of Supervisors will be reduced, through re-districting, to 27 members.

No person may serve at the same time both as an elected

township supervisor and county supervisor under the new law, which will remove Farmington Township's Curtis H. Hall from county consideration unless he decides to run against Hamlin. His closest advisors say this he never will do.

IN CONTRAST to Hamlin's philosophy and decision to seek a continuation of his county role, the most experienced member of the present board in length of service has announced he will not run for the new office.

This is David Levinson, a City of Farmington appointee now serving his 35th year as supervisor.

For the last 10 years Levinson has been chairman of the powerful ways and means committee. He also was chairman of the full board in 1940-41.

Levinson is 72, Hamlin 63.

The third ranking member of the existing board in terms of seniority is Harry W. Horton, now in his 32nd year as a delegate from the city of Royal Oak.

ON THE BEELS of a Supreme Court decision upholding the "one man, one vote" principle, Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley has ruled that counties must complete their reappointment in time for this year's election. That means candidates would have to file their nominating petitions by June 18.

If this is not blocked by other legal entanglements, the bulk of the Farmington area will fall into a newly created district in which both Hamlin and Hall reside.

"It looks like reappointment is here," commented Hamlin this week.

"Selfishly, this would be a

good time to walk out, but at the same time I feel that if the new county board doesn't include some of our present experienced members, the county will be in trouble.

"Many times I've seen governments make changes in their structure and then go through the wringer with growing pains until they make adjustments and the men in charge gain experience.

"Although I made a decision years ago never to run for partisan office, if this election becomes a fact this fall I feel I have a responsibility to run."

THE COUNTY Reappointment Commission drew boundary lines last year for 27 new districts. That redistricting has been challenged in a lawsuit still in front of the Michigan Court of Appeals. The suit is

based on a charge of "gerrymandering."

As Hamlin pointed out, however, if the Court of Appeals throws out the boundaries as proposed, the chore of re-drawing an acceptable map will come right back to the same commission that drew the 1967 plan.

As proposed, the 17th Oakland County District would include that part of the Farmington area lying south of a line running from Hagerty and 14 Mile Rd., east to Haleside Rd., then south to 12 Mile Rd. and east to Inkster Rd.

The area will include all of the two villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms.

That part of Farmington Township lying north of this line would be joined with West Bloomfield Township as the 18th District.



DELLOS HAMLIN

## today's hot line observerland

**REDFORD** — State Rep. John Bennett is vowing to lead a House fight against Senate Bill 18, which is the third Senate-approved attempt to set up a State Boundary Commission. Siding with the Michigan Townships Association, he contends that because the bill would not put annexation questions before the state panel, townships could be red-taped out of tax base without recourse.

**PLYMOUTH** — Plans for two new central district parking lots and a parking authority were given a setback Monday afternoon when not a single bid was received for the proposed sale of \$290,000 municipal parking bonds.

**REDFORD** — By a 6-0 vote Monday, the Redford Township Board decided to join the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, but only if dues for the period it has been a non-member are waived.

**WESTLAND** — An estimated 100 Nankin Mills School District parents attended Monday's board meeting to hear the need outpouring for the approval of a seven mill proposal for one year on the June 10 school ballot. If the millage proposal fails, all elementary school pupils would be placed on half-day sessions and the Perrinville Elementary School would be closed.

**WESTLAND** — The City Council tabled a request by a church to locate in the city after the question was raised about "too many churches" in the city.

**GARDEN CITY** — Councilman James Lowe, completing his first term, became the first to announce his candidacy for the city's Aug. 6 primary election. In making the announcement, he pointed out his hopes for solutions to the city's problems.

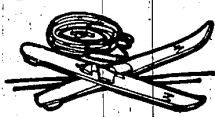
**GARDEN CITY** — Dr. Kenneth Carman, one of three school board candidates competing for two openings in the June 10 election, has publicly endorsed the two millage proposals on the same ballot. He is the second of the three candidates to support the proposals.

**LIVONIA** — City Council is set for a showdown on an open housing ordinance at its meeting tonight. Enough members have shown sentiment to adopt it — which is what Councilman Rudolf Kleiwer had hoped would happen before state and federal laws were passed. But Mayor Harvey W. Moelke is opposed, thinks the local action unnecessary and that anyone with means should live where ever he can. He has indicated a veto.

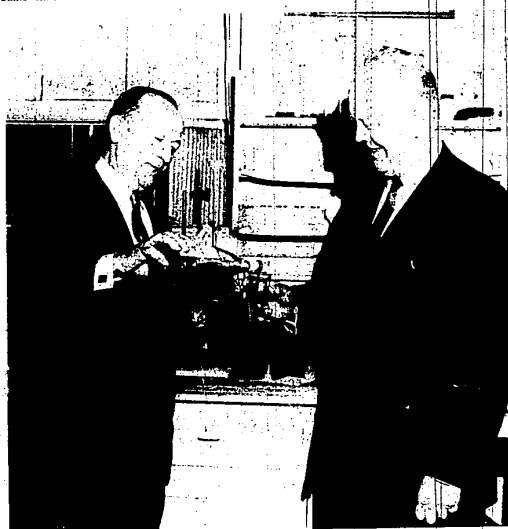
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## OUT OF GAS?



Or perhaps your boat sank — or your kids have taken up skydiving and you'd just rather sit on the patio. You don't need those water skis anymore, then, or the tow line. May as well sell them with an Observer Twin-Action Want Ad. Dial GA 2-0900 and place an ad in two editions for \$4.44.



SAMPLING THE LOCAL PRODUCT — Menominee's Mayor John W. Reindl visits the LaSalle Winery Monday during a tour of Farmington. Fritz Dorfberger (left) was the tour guide at the winery. Reindl visited Farmington on Mayor's Exchange Day.

## Visiting Mayor Finds Similarity In Problems

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Menominee might be located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, but it has less snow than Muskegon.

At least that's the contention of Menominee Mayor John W. Reindl, who says the opinion that Michigan's UP is deluged by snow each winter hurts in attracting industry to the town.

And seeking new industry takes 60 per cent of the mayor's time.

REINDL, and his wife, and Council President Pro Tem and Mrs. Joseph B. Madden journeyed to Farmington Monday for Mayor's Exchange Day as one of the festivities of Michigan Week.

From listening to the mayor and councilman the problems of Menominee aren't too different from Farmington's.

The city has a problem on gas stations, it doesn't like one at each corner. (Neither does Farmington.)

It wages an aggressive program to lure industry to settle within the city limits. (That's one of Farmington's problems, it has no more room to grow, needs to expand its tax base by locating industries in the city and thus the attempt to annex the township's industrial park.)

Menominee has a problem with traffic congestion in the downtown area.

Reindl said that the assessment had caused problems in Menominee. "It took our board eight days to hear all the cases that were filed."

Traffic congestion and a slump in the downtown business area are tied together by the closing of a draw bridge between Marinette and Menominee.

This illustrates the problem of a regional area including two states.

As Councilman Madden explained: "The bridge has served its time. However, Menominee spent \$10,000 on a repair job and then an accident forced the bridge to be closed."

"The state of Wisconsin will participate in the cost of building a new bridge, but the state of Michigan can't put any funds into a bridge that is not part of a major highway."

"A bill that would extend a state highway to the bridge is currently before us in committee in the Michigan legislature. An appeal for federal funds failed as the area is not 'distressed'. Our engineers estimate that it will cost \$2,250,000 to build a new bridge so this isn't a small project."

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT in Menominee is run on a "part-time" basis by the mayor and the council. The 14-man council is elected by a ward system dating to 1901 and the mayor is elected in his own right.

Thus issues such as the time and liquor sales on Sunday are of vital interest to the residents.

"We are on Central Standard Time," the mayor explained. "Last summer the council voted to set the city clocks and the date of business to central time. We didn't tell the people anything, but most of them followed the city time."

About the sale of liquor on Sunday (an issue which is dear to the hearts of the Detroit Convention Bureau) the mayor explained that "Tourists go to the Wisconsin side because they can buy liquor on Sunday. We loose tourist business because of the state law."

Do the people in Menominee identify with Michigan or Wisconsin.

"We're Wisconsin," according to Reindl. "We're Packers fans in football and the women go to Milwaukee or Chicago to shop."

(The mayor turned to his wife and asked if she had ever shopped in Detroit at this point. The answer was "no" but she will probably be changed by the time you read this story as a tour of Northland Monday afternoon.)

BECAUSE of the influx of industry into the city (416 new plants in four years) the economy of the area is "booming."

Assessed valuation for the city is \$30 million as compared to Farmington's \$39 million. Menominee's jumped this year, as did Farmington's, because of the constitutional requirement that all property be assessed at 50 per cent of its

## Salvador Street Closing To Stick, Council Rules

The Farmington City Council seemed to agree with a township resident's contention that "when the shoe is on the other foot it hurts" Monday night when it reaffirmed the city's stand that Salvador street would be closed off again when the widening of Farmington Rd. between Eighth and Nine Mile is completed.

At question is Salvador St. as it enters the Farmington Meadows Subdivision.

## Admiral To Head Parade

Plans for Farmington's annual Memorial Day Parade have been announced by Chairman Arnold P. McGovern of the American Legion.

Principal speaker of the day will be Rear Admiral John P. Sager, vice commander of the United States Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Moore and Grand River. The parade route will be west on Grand River to the closing ceremonies at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Monument in the city park just west of the Masonic Temple.

A NATIVE of Michigan, Admiral Sager holds a masters degree in engineering from the University of Michigan.

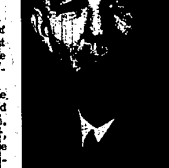
During the Second World War he served as a staff officer for the Commander Aircraft with the Seventh Fleet. He holds the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal for his work in the Pacific.

Theme of the parade is "Our Great American Flag."

Trophies will be awarded for the outstanding float in the parade along with the presentation of a Serviceman of the Year Award.

THE PARADE will be followed by a dinner at the American Legion Hall and a reception for service men and their families in the VFW Hall.

Traditionally the Memorial Day Parade has been one of Farmington's largest and one of the major parades in the metropolitan area.



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN P. SAGER

The street has been closed for seven years because of the wishes of the residents of the Meadows (city).

Township residents want the road open as they contend that it would provide access to their homes during the spring months when mud makes their roads impassable.

MRS. ROBERT PHILLIPS of Parker St. (township) described the situation during the spring thaw each year and asserted that the township people are blocked in for two months.

"We have been working for years to have the street opened," she said, "and we couldn't get it. However, when the shoe is on your foot it's different."

Clayton Yoder, president of the Meadows Homeowners Association, told the assembled residents that the only reason

the residents wanted the street closed was because of safety factors.

"We agreed to the opening at this time in a spirit of cooperation with the city. We would like to have the street closed because of the safety problem traffic through the subdivision. The safety factor is the only reason," Yoder concluded.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan told the group that the opening was temporary and would probably be over in a couple of months.

Salvador is an east west street which enters the Meadows just a block east of the Flinders School.

When the road is closed again provisions will be made for people for walking traffic to the school.

## Teenage Goal: 'Change World'

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Consensus of four experts and 75-80 parents at the third session of the Farmington Area YMCA's Mondays in May on Monday night seemed to be teenagers are a puzzle and they are in revolt today.

In making his presentation, an expert stated at least once that the age group presents a problem. The concerned parents at the seminar on the Orchard Ridge Campus concurred.

The experts represented the full strata of the personnel that works with teenagers.

They were: Herschel Wallace, former counselor, presently in charge of student admissions and student services at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus; Dr. David Magaw, Wayne County Recorder's Court psychologist and college psychology professor; Mrs. Lucille Magaw, psychiatric social worker; and Dr. David Schwartz, Farmington physician.

WALLACE LISTED eight reasons he personally believes

cause extreme behavior problems in youth: permissive rearing, pressure to excel, today's technological explosion, cold wars without solution, today's mobility, faster communication, civil rights issues and pressure to attend college. He said these caused the generation gap.

Mrs. Magaw commented "Kids today don't want to add 'ride to the world, they want to change the world. The 'acting out' of kids today has reached an all time high."

She stressed the importance of good communication between parent and child and offered these tips toward attaining it: always tell the truth, develop a third ear, watch your own reaction, keep a child's confidence and always use correct terminology.

(Session IV of the four Mondays in May will be held May 27 in Building M at the Orchard Ridge Campus.)

Small informal discussion groups led by Oakland Community College counselors.

## Woodcroft Loses Car Wash Protest

Residents of the Woodcroft Subdivision have been unsuccessful with an accomplished fact of zoning laws with the word from the City of Farmington that the proposed construction of an automatic auto wash at the corner of Grand River and Whitaker cannot be stopped.

City Manager John Dinan, however, offered his services to the residents of the area to try to arrange a meeting with the owner of the proposed car wash to see what could be worked out.

Dinan noted that under the ordinance a 50 foot setback would be required between the facility and the home on Whitaker.

When Carl Schmidt of 23960 Whitaker told the council that the owner had said that he had no interest in any part of the property but the corner Dinan suggested that perhaps a covenant could be added to the property that the facility would never be expanded.

Approximately 63 residents of Woodcroft signed petitions objecting to the proposed building.

However, Dinan told the council that the land was zoned for commercial use and the car wash was acceptable under that classification. Dinan also said that a building permit had been issued for the property.