

today's hot line

Election Roundup

FARMINGTON — Voters approved a 4-mills-for-10-years tax hike. Gary L. Lichtman defeated incumbent George A. Nahstoll, Jr., for a seat on the seven-member Farmington School Board and incumbent Richard H. Peters was re-elected.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP — South Redford School District passed a 3.5 mill proposal for operational expenses, elected three school board members, Carl F. Dumas, Orlyn Lewis, Patricia Ann Miller. Redford Union School District re-elected two incumbents, Harold Cassidy and Gordon Brockhurst and passed a four-mill tax increase for 10 years for operational expenses.

GARDEN CITY — Voters passed a 1.6 mill renewal and an increase of 7.5 mills. Wayne Community School District passed a one-year levy of 7 mills. Westland Attorney John Ryan was elected to the seven-member board of Wayne Community College. Winning Garden City school board candidates were incumbent William Keith and Dr. Kenneth Carman. There were no contested elections in Nankin Mills.

LIVONIA — Dr. A. Edward Katz and Donald H. Murch were elected to four-year terms on the seven-member Livonia Board of Education.

PLYMOUTH — Voters approved a \$11 million school construction bond issue, a 1.5 mill increase running new taxes to 4.2 mills. Three incumbents were re-elected without opposition to the Plymouth Community School Board.

CLARENCEVILLE — Voters rejected a four mill tax increase for operational expenses of the Clarenceville School District by 25 with 259 Yes and 234 No as a scant 11 percent of the registered electors cast ballots. Incumbents Raymond Chaiken and Martin Wechsler were unopposed and received additional four-year terms.

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WESTLAND — The City Council Monday signed the first negotiated contract with the Police Officers Association and an amendment to the agreement on the firefighters' association contract. Both pacts contain pay raises ranging from five to 15 per cent.

REDFORD — The Township Board acted Monday to place a proposal for a one mill operating tax increase on the Aug. 6 primary election ballot. As yet unpublished supervisor's proposed budget reflects a \$100,000 to \$300,000 deficit, depending on whether \$210,000 of anticipated state income tax rebates are used for operation, it was revealed.

REDFORD — School millage proposals in both Redford and South Redford school districts passed by substantial majorities. Incumbents Orlyn Lewis and Carl Dumas were returned to the South Redford board of education, along with their state-mate, Mrs. Patricia Miller, who will serve a one-year term.

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Record School Vote Turnout Approves Increase In Millage

Bench Lures Trustee

Legislative creation of a Farmington District Court not only brought one announced candidacy for the bench Monday but as a direct by-product also created an opening on the Township Board of Trustees to be filled at the November election.

Earl C. Oppenheimer, 43, a railroad claims attorney with offices in Detroit, disclosed that he will pass up his chance for reelection to the board of trustees and run instead for the four-year judicial term. It is this court which will inherit all matters of the type currently being handled by the City of Farmington Municipal Court and the two Township Justices of the Peace effective next Jan. 1. Those courts will be phased out of existence Dec. 31 under terms of the 1963 Michigan constitution as supplemented by legislative action of last Thursday.

Under terms of last week's legislative enactment, the city and township of Farmington will be combined as Michigan's 47th judicial district. The city does not meet the population requirements to maintain its own municipal court.

The election of a judge will be on a non-partisan basis, with two to be nominated Aug. 6. The winner will be determined in the general November election.

BASIC SALARY for the position will be \$18,000 per year, but the new law allows the city and township to join in supplementing this up to a maximum salary of \$27,500. Expenses of the court will be divided between the city and township, pro rated on a population equation.

Court sessions will be held both in the city and township, depending upon the source of origination of each case, and the system will become effective Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1969. All cases held over from Farmington Municipal Court or the Township Justice Courts automatically will fall within the province of the new District Court.

The person elected is required by the statute to give up all other practice of the law and devote full-time duties to his new judicial role. He also must be a resident of the district in which he is elected.

Oppenheimer and his wife and four children reside at 3216 Balfiore in the Kendallwood subdivision.



SMILES OF VICTORY — The hour was late, the temperature was near 90 and tempers were edgy until Board of Education President Herbert Neal read results of Monday's millage election to his colleagues, above. The issue's passage staved off school budget reductions for the year ahead of \$811,000.

Former Supervisor Dies At 76

Funeral services were held today (June 12) for former Farmington Township Supervisor Ward Eagle.

Mr. Eagle, 76, of 2955 W. 14 Mile Rd., died Sunday. Services were held at Thayer Funeral Home and burial in North Farmington Cemetery. Masonic services were held Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Eagle, who served as Township supervisor in 1956, had served on the Township board and was a justice of the peace from 1939-40. He was a retired farmer and had served 25 years as director of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Mr. Eagle, who never married, was a life-time resident of the Township and a life member of Farmington Lodge F & A.M. No. 151.

The Eagle Elementary School was named after the former supervisor. The school is located at 14 Mile and Middlefield Rds., on the site of the old Eagle farm.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. Carl H. Schultz of the Salem United Church of Christ.



WARD EAGLE

Forensic Honors

Two Farmington students, Michael Miller, of 2418 Elizabeth, and Colleen Peterson, of 2555 Foxgrove, have been accepted into membership by Delta Sigma Rho - Tau Kappa Alpha, forensic honors society at Wayne State University. The two were recognized at the 38th annual Awards Convocation of WSU's speech department at the Hilberry Classic Theatre.

Teeples Topples Terrors

"It's a routine police service which we're called on to do every year," is the way a Farmington Township detective described the breakup of a gang of at least 5,000 invaders last weekend.

The invaders were bees. Detective Earl Teeples said the heat wave brought on the unscheduled flight of several swarms of bees, each numbering in the thousands.

In the instance pictured in the accompanying photo, Teeples is shown as he took command of a swarm which settled in a bush at the Gerald M. Mulkin home, 2364 Meadowview.

Teeples said the process is relatively simple:

"Cut the branch from the bush, shake the cluster from a box, seal the box, and then arrange new housing for the bees, that's really all there is to it," minimized Teeples, displaying unusual forearms evidence that in his own case it's easily done.

As a word to the wise, however, before trying to control the stinging honey-makers, you'd call the cops. They're the gang busters.



DETECTIVE TEEPLES CONQUERS BEE SWARM

Vicious Diving Bird Attacks Wrong Enemy

Motorists in downtown Farmington were viciously attacked last week by a hawk-like bird which swooped down on passing vehicles, startling drivers, and attracting a crowd of spectators.

The rather large brown bird, with a white band across each wing, circled the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Rds. and dived down, again and again, on cars and trucks alike.

Included among the victims were an Army National Guard sedan and a milk truck, it would circle in the air and suddenly dive straight towards an open car window, gliding upwards at the last moment.

Miraculously, the big bird wasn't hit even though its wing made contact many times with various cars it attacked.

The bird's tactics attracted a crowd of spectators who admired the creature's maneuverability which equaled that of a side-winder missile. Although no one could identify the species of the bird it was believed he was a retired cinema star from Alfred Hitchcock's production of "The Birds."

The serial attacks were first noticed when the bird took a dive at two female employees of the Farmington Observer-Enterprise classified advertising office on Grand River, which proves a point made by a political veteran recently that attacking the press is for the birds.

Further investigation disclosed that the bird made similar attacks at the same intersection last summer. Oldtimers familiar with this aggressive fellow have christened him "Burt" and identify him as being a screech owl.

Apparently, Burt will attack anything that is shiny from the sunlight, which would explain his persistent aggression against automobiles.

In fact, one individual who remembers Burt's visit to Farmington last year recalls that Burt has a particular liking for red cars. Burt's most recent attacks have been on motorcycle riders sporting silver (and shiny) helmets.

Nahstoll Upset By Newcomer

In the largest outpouring of Farmington School District voters in history, property owners gave their approval Monday to a four-mill, 10-year increase in taxes to offset spiraling school operating costs and also elected one newcomer to the Board of Education.

The unofficial vote in favor of the tax boost was 3,430 to 2,414 as nearly 6,000 persons turned out clashing a heated campaign in which the Board of Education had put continuation of sports, arts and music on the line as the price which defeat of the measure would cost.

While approving millage, the voters at the same time found a way to protest school board activities by dumping Treasurer George A. Nahstoll after eight years in office in favor of a 29-year-old neophyte, Gary L. Lichtman.

Incumbent Richard H. Peters led the three candidates with 3,465 votes, even outpolling the millage mandate, while Lichtman garnered 2,762 in his first bid for political office. Nahstoll, seeking a third term like Peters, trailed with 2,442.

Lichtman will take office July 1. When he learned of his election shortly before midnight Monday, he told reporters his first areas of attention will be:

"To learn the exact functions of a school board trustee and to pursue a careful fiscal review in areas of spending other than for direct educational purposes."

Passage of the millage proposition brought jubilation from

Board of Education members in general, and from Dr. Rodrick J. Smith, who this week is finishing his first year as Farmington's Superintendent of Schools.

Despite triumph, however, board members gave a wary look to the immediate future, which includes last-ditch efforts for a satisfactory wage contract with the teachers union for the 1968-69 school year. If a new master agreement is not concluded by the end of June, negotiations will be suspended until late summer. The effect of the new tax income on this issue has not been foretold.

In the third issue before the voters Monday, Farmington residents joined with the rest of Oakland County in balloting

Dr. Collins Wins OCC Seat

Incumbents David W. Hackett of Rochester and Gordon C. Henderson of Birmingham were re-elected Monday to the Oakland County Community College Board along with Dr. Douglas J. Collins, a Farmington veterinarian.

Hackett led the field of 13 candidates with 15,915 votes, and Henderson was a close second with 15,305. Dr. Collins got 12,915, leading his closest competitor more than 2,600 votes.

For three members of the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

Passage of the millage issue reversed a November decision at the polls when a five-mill, five-year proposition was beaten, 2,287 to 1,669. At that time, only Precinct three gave millage a favorable margin. In Monday's election, all four precincts returned majorities, but Precinct three again led the parade when proponents came within 13 votes of doubling the opposition, 683-348.

Quakertown Will Vote On Liquor

The Quakertown Village Board agreed Monday night to set a September 10 referendum to decide the question of permitting liquor by the glass sales within Village limits.

The Board set the election date after being handed a petition containing 81 valid signatures requesting a vote on the issue. Only 35 signatures were needed since there are just a little more than 200 registered voters in Quakertown.

Quakertown's population of 750 can legally only have one restaurant selling liquor. State liquor laws limit liquor by the glass sales to one business per 1,500 people.

Quakertown has been dry since its incorporation in 1959.

BOX SCORE

MILLAGE PROPOSAL			
	Yes	No	Total
Prec. 1	868	708	1596
Prec. 2	1106	739	1845
Prec. 3	683	348	1031
Prec. 4	753	619	1372
Totals	3430	2414	5844

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Candidates	Pc. 1	Pc. 2	Pc. 3	Pc. 4	Total
Gary Lichtman	820	800	460	702	2782
George Nahstoll	707	830	365	540	2442
Richard Peters	986	1120	670	779	3465

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

With 28 of 28 precincts reporting, results of the Oakland County Community College Board of Trustees election follow: David Hackett, 13,003; Gordon Henderson, 12,767; Douglas Collins, 10,335; David Preston, 8,447; Richard Hoffman, 7,972; Boyd Zacharias, 6,827; Richard Reynolds, 6,414; Sandra Landsman, 6,176; Bernice Kahn, 6,030; Donald Loper, 5,009; Ladeen Floyd, 4,412; Robert Colyer, 3,882; and Harold Provizer, 2,381.