

today's hot line

LIVONIA—High winds which swept the suburbs during Tuesday night's electrical storm brought down two walls of a building under construction at 11873 Market. Two hundred and forty feet of newly laid concrete block tumbled shortly after 5:30 p.m. The structure is being built for small industry by Morris Friedman, who said none of his workmen were on the site at the time the wind struck.

LIVONIA—The City Council again brushed off Mayor Harvey W. Moelke's request for \$40,000 worth of anti-riot equipment, this time by referring it to the "first study session when all seven members are present." Summer vacations indicate that won't be soon. Council also "received and filed" the mayor's request for action of the "Stop and Frisk" ordinance that was given a nod of approval by a Supreme Court ruling that a policeman can stop and frisk a suspect who might harm him.

PLYMOUTH—City police and firemen have reached an impasse in wage negotiations after holding eight meetings in past three months.

PLYMOUTH—Township approved \$100,000 addition which will add five new lines to the sewer system.

PLYMOUTH—City officials are playing cat and mouse with budget as July 1 deadline nears.

REDFORD—Five persons have indicated an interest in two Township Board trustee posts that will be open to election this fall. First to file was Joseph Chaps, a Democrat. Incumbents Robert Anderson and Rhys Lewis, Republicans, intend to seek re-election. Other Democrats eyeing office are Roger Handy and Nathaniel Banks.

REDFORD—The supervisor's proposed township budget is \$343,000 greater this year than last.

What's Inside

Elderly mental patients have a feeling of isolation and worthlessness, but a money-making workshop at Northville State Hospital is giving them a new feeling of confidence. Story and pictures on Page 1B.

Those Army Reservists who were called into active duty from this area at Fort Hood, Texas, and may go to Vietnam. Page 12A.

How do you get on the ballot to run for county supervisor? What's the easiest way to file for district judge? The Observer News-papers got the answers about these new posts from state and area election officials. Page 8C.

Those sockin'-it-to-'em Tigers think they're on the way to their first pennant since 1945. Page 1C.

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up coming

Dr. Ronald Clark, Farmington physician charged with manslaughter, will finally go on trial in Lansing next week, and Fred DeLano will be there to write first-hand accounts of the complex and fascinating affair. Starting in Wednesday's editions.

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WATER FOR WOODCROFT—Signaling completion of sewer and water line construction in the recently annexed Woodcroft subdivision, these men joined this week in opening the valve permitting the flow of water. From left to right are Farmington City Manager John D. Dinan, Harold Scheerer of the Oakland County Water Department, John Overfield, city water department foreman, and Ted DeBaene, Farmington DPW manager.

Clark 'Truth Serum' Trial Starts Monday

The twice-postponed manslaughter trial of Dr. Ronald E. Clark will start at 9 a.m. Monday in a Lansing courtroom, seven months and a day after the Farmington Township physician was arrested near the tip of Michigan's "thumb" after eluding a police stakeout at his Grand River clinic.

Circuit Judge William J. Beer of Oakland County will preside though change of venue has relocated the trial in Ingham County.

AFTER selection of a jury Monday, the trial will be switched to the courthouse at Mason, seat of Ingham County, for the remainder of its proceedings. Judge Beer will conduct sessions on a Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday schedule, and counsel for both sides predict the trial will run at least two weeks.

DR. CLARK is charged with the death in his medical office at 30715 Grand River last Nov. 3 of Mrs. Grace Nell, 43, of 20255 Rensselaer, Livonia, through an overdose of sodium pentothal. Mrs. Nell, a part-time nurse, also was under Dr. Clark's care for a heart ailment.

When the case exploded in

November it drew such attention from the metropolitan press and television that Dr. Clark's court-appointed attorney, former Police major and city attorney Philip Rowland, was able to gain transfer to a new locale on the basis that an impartial jury could not be drawn in Oakland County.

Although at that time Oakland Prosecutor E. Jerome Bronson said deaths of several other patients of Dr. Clark's also were under investigation, no criminal charges have been filed against him other than the manslaughter accusation linked with Mrs. Nell.

Conviction could carry a jail sentence ranging up to 15 years and a fine up to \$7,500.

ON WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15, 12 days after Mrs. Nell's death, Bronson issued a warrant for Dr. Clark's arrest while township police maintained a vigil outside his clinic in the belief that Dr. Clark was inside.

When police broke into the clinic through the back door shortly after 5 p.m. they found they had been deluded.

It was at 3 a.m. the following morning, Nov. 16, that Huron County Sheriff's deputies captured Dr. Clark hiding in a snow-covered woods near

Port Austin, more than 100 miles north of Farmington.

The physician was arraigned in Farmington Township Justice Court 18 hours later and was held in Oakland County jail under \$50,000 bond until Christmas week. At that time bond was reduced to \$15,000 by Judge Beer and it was met by Mrs. Clark in the form of cashier's check. She said the funds were raised by her husband's friends and patients.

Before Dr. Clark was released from jail, however, he had to surrender his medical and narcotic licenses to Prosecutor Bronson.

Much of the time in the trial is expected to center on technical testimony of expert witnesses concerning the accepted uses of sodium pentothal and what quantity of the drug constitutes a lethal dosage.

One of the most bizarre aspects of the case stems from the fact that the presence of Mrs. Nell's body in the Clark clinic Nov. 3 was discovered by Township Patrolman Dale Hall while investigating the improper parking of a house in front of the building. It belonged to an undertaker who allegedly was called by Dr. Clark prior to notifying authorities of the woman's death.

Wage Barrier Stalls Teacher Contract Talks

By FRED DeLANO

Negotiating teams of the Farmington school administration and the teachers union cleared the table of all except economic issues this week as they moved toward a settlement of 1968-69 contract differences. However, after a lengthy bargaining session Thursday the president-elect of the Farmington Education Association, which represents the teachers, said that in relation to the wage problem, "We're still far apart at this time."

ROBERT NEWHOUSER, a Farmington High School teacher, continued: "We made real progress in Wednesday's bargaining talks, but most of it was in regard to non-economic issues. After that meeting I thought maybe we could settle the whole thing within a week or two, for it left the money package as the only big phase remaining. Now I'm not sure."

The next meeting of the two bargaining teams is scheduled for Monday, and both have expressed the hope that a 1968-69 master agreement can be hammered out before the end of June.

It has been agreed that if no settlement is reached by that time negotiations will be suspended until August.

Newhouser said that the package increase in wages and fringe benefits offered the F.E.A. by the administration "is not adequate although there is enough flexibility in the budget for them to make a reasonable offer."

When asked whether the F.E.A. would accept an average increase comparable to the one agreed to last week by teachers in the Novi School District, immediately to the west of Farmington, Newhouser said, "No."

Novi raised salaries of its teachers an average of nine per cent.

THE MINIMUM for a person holding a bachelor's degree was boosted from \$6,175 to \$6,700 and the maximum from \$9,153 to \$10,235, Farmington's current range for bachelor-degrees is \$6,200 to a peak of \$10,000. Novi also raised the minimum for a master's degree from \$6,575 to \$7,100 and the maximum from \$9,700 to \$10,915. Teachers in Farmington who

hold master's degrees now are paid within a range of \$8,700 to \$11,250.

Farmington's proposed school budget of \$11 million for

1968-69 provides for teacher wage boosts of an unannounced percentage, and it is here that the two sides have found their stumbling block.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB—Gary L. Lichtman, right, newly elected member of the Farmington Board of Education, is extended the hand of welcome by Board President Herbert Neal after results became known Monday. Lichtman unseated an eight-year board veteran, Treasurer George A. Nahstoll.

Voter Registration Dates Announced

Final date for registering to be eligible to vote in the Aug. 6 primary election will be Friday, July 5, unregistered adults were advised this week by City and Township Clerks Trena Quinn and Floyd Cairns.

City offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, said Mrs. Quinn, her office will be kept open Saturday, June 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Daily weekday hours of township offices are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but Cairns has announced these additional periods when persons may register:

Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, July 1, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, July 2, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 5, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Both Mrs. Quinn and Cairns urged unregistered adults to avoid the July 5 rush, pointing out that holiday weekend plans may at that time take many out of town.

Election Puzzler

What's Up For Grabs?

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

This seems to be the year not of "who's going to run" but what's up for election.

At least that's the situation on the local front as Tuesday's filing deadline for partisan election draws near.

The situation has left Farmington township politicians with their heads spinning.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns said that he has contacted the election commission many times and he still doesn't have an answer to the question of whether or not the township officials must face the voters in 1968.

One thing is certain. That is that two spots on the township board are up for grabs.

The seats are currently held by Trustee James Skillman and Earl Oppertbauer. Skillman will run for the post, while Oppertbauer has announced that he will seek election as District Judge instead.

That stood until Oakland County Circuit Judge

William J. Beer handed down a ruling that the law was unconstitutional and the officials had to go to the voters.

The ruling has been appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court. This week the state's highest judicial body announced that it would rule on the appeal on June 25. That's seven days after the deadline to file petitions.

As of Thursday the township clerk's office was not accepting nominating petitions for the supervisor, clerk or treasurer posts. Cairns said that the Supreme Court announcement held everything off.

If the officials are required to go to the voters the three Republican incumbents—Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, Cairns, and Treasurer Elise Avery—have all said they will run.

No word from the Democrats on the subject. The only state legislative office on the ballot is for the post of State Representative.

Incumbent Republican Raymond L. Baker has announced his candidacy.

On the Democratic side a primary battle for the nomination looms between Aldo Vagnozzi and Leonard Baruch of Southfield. Vagnozzi is chairman of the 19th District party organization, while Baruch was the party's nominee for the same post in 1966.

A new elective post is that of County Supervisor. County Board Chairman Velox Hagan has announced he will seek the GOP nod, while Gerald Freedman, head of the local Democrats, has announced that he will seek to oust the man hailed as "Mr. County Government."

Who will run for district judge—another new post—is still in the air. Oppertbauer has announced and the name of Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand and Township Justice of the Peace Robert Nelson are just two which are heard as possible contenders.



CINDERELLA ON STRINGS—William Grace School fifth graders Diane McIntyre (left) and Bridget Jones put the puppets through the paces in a production of "Cinderella" during a recent creative arts carnival at the Farmington school. This was just one part of the carnival which also featured an exhibition of art work and handicrafts.