

### today's hot line

**LIVONIA** — A special drive for registrations for this year's elections, waged through the week by 80 volunteers working evenings in 29 schools, didn't get the results expected. The average was about 200 per evening, or a total of 1,000 out of the estimated 8,000 to 10,000 who haven't voted in two years and must get back on the books if they want to vote in the presidential election in November.

**REDFORD** — There'll be 20 persons vying for the Democratic party's nominations in the August 6 primary election — seeking the right to run for six local offices in the November general election. Three slates are represented, one favorable to current township Democratic club chairman Joseph Patchett, another to former chairman Nate Banks and another to former chairman Robert Brang.

**REDFORD** — Bids taken by Wayne County on three special assessment sanitary sewer projects came in well over 10 per cent higher than cost estimates, at \$308,104 compared to estimated \$265,000. The township board started procedures to take new bids Monday.

**PLYMOUTH** — City Commission calls special study session in effort to end impasse in wage negotiations with police and firemen.

**PLYMOUTH** — State Rep. James Tierney will face two rivals for Democratic nomination for seat in the 36th House District.

**PLYMOUTH** — Plymouth Community School District sets up new committee to study construction costs in future buildings.

### What's Inside

An old-time town band starts a new season in Plymouth on Thursday. Story and pictures on Page 1 B.

None of the three local congressmen will be challenged in his party's Aug. 6 primary, but Democrats will fight for the chance to challenge two GOP incumbents. Complete listing of local legislative races. Page 12 A.

Top officials deny there's anything really wrong, but key men continue to quit at Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College. Page 7 C.

Drama critic Wally Roberts finds that Ontario's Stratford Festival is covering all the arts — and adding new interpretations of one of Shakespeare's standards. Story and pictures on Page 6 C.

Dr. Ronald Clark watched impassively last week as drug experts testified in his manslaughter trial about the dangerous doses he allegedly gave a patient. The court scene is described on Page 8 C.

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### Mr. Employer ...

Teen-agers are too often erroneously portrayed as lazy, too careless and unconcerned about the harsh, hard work and realities of life. We, at the Observer News-papers, do not agree with that view. As we know them, teen-agers are mighty fine people who, given half a chance, will work for every dime they earn. They are dependable, honest and willing. Of course there are exceptions, but they make up only a very small fraction of the whole group of teen-agers. Busy boys and girls don't get into trouble. The young person who has a good job isn't going to become a juvenile delinquent. They're on their way to becoming good productive citizens, not public charges. NONE OF THIS CAN HAPPEN unless YOU, the potential employers, find and offer work to these young people. They want to work. Won't you give them a chance to prove it? Turn to the Want Ad Section where hundreds of teen-agers are listing their desires for summer work.

# Teacher Pay Talks Still Stalled

By FRED DeLANO  
Farmington school teachers and the Board of Education still were groping toward a settlement of 1968-69 contract differences through their respective negotiating teams after a midnight bargaining session late this week.

Although the confrontation had the benefit of State Mediator Donald Gallagher's presence, the two sides broke up after a five-hour discussion without resolving the wage issue.

There were unconfirmed reports that individual members of the Board of Education were stimulating efforts to bring about another discussion before the end of June. If this try fails,

negotiations will lag until August.

Spokesmen for both the Farmington Education Association, to which the teachers belong, and the school system's administrative side say that non-economic phases of the 1968-69 master agreement no longer pose any problem. The stalemate revolves entirely around the salary scale and nature of fringe benefits.

In the most recent stab at breaking the deadlock, negotiators for the board offered a salary proposal which would have fixed the minimum at \$6,750 and the maximum at \$11,900.

This compares with a range of from \$6,200 to \$11,250 in effect for the academic year just ended.

F. E. A. representatives rejected

this and submitted a plan pegging the minimum at \$7,200 and the maximum at \$13,200. This scale was turned down by administration bargainers, and when conversation broke off neither side had budged.

One complaint of F.E.A. negotiators is their allegation that despite substantial boosts at both ends of the pay spectrum the administration has reduced the annual pay hike for the middle strata of teachers.

Striking similarity was seen in these two statements:

A member of the F.E.A. bargaining team commented, "It wasn't our last offer and we admit it was not realistic. We're willing to go further."

Said a member of the administration, "They aren't being realistic; we didn't make our final offer."

Meanwhile, with an enrollment of 16,000 students expected in Farmington schools when classes are scheduled to open in September, the possibility of a last-minute settlement to avert a teacher strike looms in the wings.

At the same time, several other Oakland County school districts have reached contract agreement on salaries within the last few days.

Included have been Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Hazel Park, Troy, Van Dyke, Ferndale and Waterford. The salary scale agreed to in Birmingham was from \$6,900 to \$12,550.



**WELCOME HOME, LIZ** — When seven-year-old Elizabeth Walker got home Wednesday from a three-week hospital stay after suffering a badly broken left arm, she found a welcoming committee of neighborhood kids on Manning had decorated her house with these signs: Elizabeth is in the middle of the back row, flanked

by Jim Brush and Kathy Allen. In front, left to right, are others who helped: Bob Kelley, Joe Allen, Crissy Allen, David Allen, Chip Haver-mehl, Cindy Haver-mehl, Leslie Walker, Charlotte LaCroix and Sandra Haver-mehl. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Walker, Jr., 22780 Manning.

## New Farmington Group Hears School Policy

In its continuing effort to relate to the problems of the Negro and to eradicate separatism in the local area, a sub-committee of the new Farmington Committee (NFC) recently met with members of the school administration.

A report on the outcome of the meeting was made by Roger Brown at a meeting of the NFC Tuesday night in Building M at the Orchard Ridge campus.

ington High where the standard English text will no longer be used.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**, the NFC:

Heard a Youth Committee report from Kathy Wilens and Greg Ketch concerning today's (Sunday, June 23) teach-in at 1:30 p.m. in Farmington Jun-

ior High.

Directed Ruby Jean Gould to work with the Farmington Library as a local bookstore on greater dissemination of Afro-American literature.

Heard a report from Maynard Gordon on upcoming television programming on the status of the Negro.

## CMU Graduation Mark Of Triumph

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

If Mary Rogerson's physical appearance matched her inner self she would walk in beauty. But Mary Rogerson was not born beautiful—she was born with severe physical handicaps. These she accepted with such grace and strength of character that at 21 years of age she is no different than any other young adult.

**MARY'S PARENTS**, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Rogerson, 24750 Hagarty Rd., Farmington, were asked when their daughter entered school if they would like her to be privately tutored, such were Mary's handicaps.

The Rogersons, with the courage they passed along to their daughter said, "No. Treat her like anybody else."

With their Mary recently graduated from Central Michigan University, the Rogersons are grateful to the young woman's teachers at Ten Mile Elementary, who took them at their word and introduced Mary to a normal, full school life.

**TODAY**, about to embark on a teaching career, this girl with guts says, "The way I figure it, the only way in which people accept you, is how you accept yourself."

The only thing Mary hasn't tried her hand at to date is skiing. She ice skates, drives a car, rides horses, hikes and does anything else that youth with whole bodies enjoy.

Blond and usually grinning from ear to ear, Mary hasn't let her deformity keep her from being the well-dressed girl her college friends are. She makes all her own clothes and they're up to the minute in style.

**WITH A MAJOR** in Spanish and a minor in French, she plans to teach awhile before returning to school for her master's degree. "I don't want to be a student again for a while yet," she explains.

At CMU, she walked five to 10 miles a day getting to classes so Mary is well accustomed to the life of an academic.

She laughs, "I got so I could do a mile in about eight minutes."

But she didn't spend all her time walking. This remarkable girl was on CMU's dean's list for her last three semesters, and chuckles when she hints she might have goofed off having fun during her early college years.

## Marine Is Viet Fatality

**A Farmington Township family**, the Henry Kolakowskis of 30016 Greenacres, has been notified of the death of their son, Henry on June 15 in the vicinity of Quang Nam, South Vietnam.

Kolakowski, 29, was a career soldier and held the rank of captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is the third soldier from the Farmington area to die during the past month in Vietnam.

**ACCORDING** to the government's telegram, Capt. Kolakowski suffered "sustained fragmentation wounds from artillery fire which fell short of the target."

Kolakowski left for Vietnam in June, 1967. At the time of his death he was serving on his last operation in the field and was scheduled for rotation back to the states in one week. He was awarded the Silver Star in Sept., 1967.

## The Sub-Committee's Discussion With School Superintendent

The sub-committee's discussion with School Superintendent Richard J. Smith, Joseph Nicita, director of secondary education, Clayton Graham, North Farmington High principal, and Allen Bennett, Farmington Junior High principal, centered on the atmosphere for integration within Farmington schools.

**NFC members** have been concerned about the recruiting of Negro teachers for Farmington schools and were told by Dr. Smith that there were no applicants and their recruitment has not met with success.

When told that Livonia has hired seven Negro teachers, Smith stated that Livonia has better transportation from Detroit than Farmington has.

The administrator suggested that the NFC serve as a source of information on the availability of Negro teachers.

**SMITH ALSO TOLD** the committee that the administration would prefer an informal approach to the introduction of Afro-American material into the curriculum rather than full-blown courses.

He indicated that the policy of adoption of new school text in five-year intervals negated the introduction of such current Afro-American literature. The NFC plans to explore this policy and the reasons for it, but is hopeful it can achieve some of its objectives at Farm-

## District Judge Race Draws Hand, Nelson

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Two more hats were tossed into the ring for the newly created position of District Judge this week.

Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand and Township Justice of the Peace Robert F. Nelson both announced that they would seek election. Township Trustee Earl Oppert has already announced his candidacy.

**THE POST** was created by the reorganization of the state's lower court system approved by the legislature. The new 4th District includes both the city and township of Farmington.

Under the reorganization both the municipal court and the justice of the peace courts in the township are abolished.

The state will pay \$18,000 a year for the post. Last week the Farmington City Council indicated that it would kick in its share to bring the salary up to the maximum of \$27,500.

Township approval of the higher salary is expected.

With Hand's announcement Associate Municipal Judge Dennis Pheny said that he would not seek election to the post. Candidates have until July 2 to file with the State Election Commission in Lansing. Either nominating petitions or a filing fee may be used to qualify for a spot on the ballot. The term of office is four years.

**HAND**, 49, has been municipal judge since 1965. He was named to fill the unexpired term of Judge Sylvester J. Pheny and was elected to a full term in April, 1967. Prior to being named municipal judge he had served as associate municipal judge since April, 1963.

He is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School and is a senior partner in the Detroit law firm of Hand, Klefer, Allen & Ryan.

**NELSON** has been a JP in the township since 1960. He holds a law degree from the Harvard Law School and a master's from the Harvard Business School.

His office is located in the Westbrook Shopping Center and he has practiced law in Oakland and Wayne Counties for 13 years.

A resident of the township for more than 12 years, Nelson resides at 28417 Hawberry Rd.

## Primary Battle Looms

A Republican primary battle looms in Farmington Township with the filing of six petitions for three township trustee GOP nominations on the November ballot.

The primary election is Aug. 6.

Three Democrats have also filed for the posts.

**NO PETITIONS** were filed for the posts of supervisor, clerk or treasurer. This stems from a law extending the terms of the full time officials until 1970.

**FILING FOR** the unexpired portion (to 1970) of Trustee Peter Rogerson's term were: Klapp of 41530 Rockycrest, and Charles H. Williams of 22001 Tredwell. Klapp was named to the seat when Trustee Arthur Bassette retired. Williams is president of the Farmington Jaycees.

One will be chosen in August as the Republican candidate. The Democrat filing for the seat is George T. Hangerford of 22231 Cass.

Only one incumbent, James Skillman of 28235 Forrestbrook Ct., filed for the two four year terms open on the board. The other incumbent, Earl Oppert, has announced his candidacy for the newly created post of district judge.

Skillman is a Republican. Other Republicans seeking the nomination are: George T.

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**BUSY MISS** — Mary Rogerson of Farmington, stitches a seam on the newest dress she is making.