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## 10 Days To Vote

Ten more days remain before Farmington Township voters will be going to the polls to decide the fate of cityhood and to elect nine charter commission candidates. Summaries of the views and backgrounds of 11 candidates can be found inside.

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## Mr. and Ms. Clean

The City of Farmington is conducting a general clean-up, fix-up, paint-up involving men, women, boys and girls during the first two weeks of this month. Information on that campaign is reported inside along with a success story of Farmington Township's massive clean-up this past week.

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## Junk Wanted

For those still involved in spring clean-up, that "junk" in the attic and basement can be funneled to the Farmington Community Center which is seeking donations for its annual Flea Market fund-raiser.

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## It's Music Week

The 49th observance of National Music Week begins this Sunday. Young musicians from Farmington, Livonia and Southfield will be involved in a series of concerts. Many of them are free.

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## George Who?

Farmington school officials didn't know until they read it in Observer Newspapers that they had rented out Harrison High School's auditorium for a George Wallace rally. Now they're puzzling over what arrangements to make for what may be a giant crowd.

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# School Board Loses Peters; Ross Will Seek Re-Election



RICHARD PETERS  
Will Not Run Again

After serving 12 years on the Farmington school board, Richard Peters, board president, will not run for reelection in this June's trustees election.

Peters announced his decision at last Tuesday's board meeting by explaining: "I'm finishing the last of 12 years with the school board. I think that's enough for both myself and the community."

"At this time I want to indicate my intention not to run for reelection," he continued. "This has nothing to do with the millage. I made this decision some time ago."

PRESENTLY senior board member, Peters, 45, will complete his third four-year term on the board this June.

During his tenure he has served in every position on the board except for secretary. As president, Peters has been involved in most areas of school operation; however, he has principally served with the finance, and building and site committees.

"I will be available to help in any way that I can," said Peters. "I will have a continuing interest in the system. You don't turn interest off like a faucet."

A construction coordinator with the J. L. Hudson Co., Peters has resided in Farmington with his wife, Norma, since 1955. The Peters have two children, Robert and Mark, both attending school.

Besides Peters' seat on the board, the position held by Dr. Mervyn B. Ross will be up for reelection during the June 12 election.

Dr. Ross was appointed in 1971 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Gary Lichtman. Ross was appointed because he ran second to Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan in the 1971 school election.

ALTHOUGH he has not formally announced his candidacy yet, Ross told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer that he will seek election to the school board again this year.

Next year Kenneth Perrin, board vice-president, and Aldo Vagnozzi, both will be senior members of the board with only one year of their current term of office remaining.

Ronald Emmitt, board treasurer, and Kath Stirling, board secretary, will complete their terms of office in 1974. The position held by Mrs. Brennan will be up for reelection in 1975.

# Rear Admiral To Visit Farmington On May 29

Rear Admiral D.L. Kauffman, U.S. Navy, will be guest of honor and speaker for this year's Memorial Day observance in the Farmington area.

Kauffman, commandant of the Ninth Naval District headquartered at Great Lakes, Ill., has been invited because the Veteran's Memorial Day Committee has selected the 1972 observance to honor the U.S. Navy.

A DIFFERENT military branch is honored each year and 1972 is the Navy's turn to take its bows.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29, and will last about 90 minutes. The parade will consist of personnel and equipment from the military, various veterans organizations, scouting units and other talented community groups.

The parade will assemble at Grand River and Mooney and proceed west on Grand River to the Memorial Monument at Grand River and Oakland for ceremonies.

An open house will follow in the American Legion Hall, 3175 Grand River, for presentation of band, float and marching awards.

The Memorial Day parade is planned jointly each year by the local VFW, American Legion, Blue Star Mothers, and WWI Veterans chapters.

The parade chairman is Oscar Auten of Livonia and deputy chairman is Eldridge Simonson of Farmington. Other parade committee officers include: staff executive director, Ronald Spjeldestad; military affairs executive director, Robert Vanden Huevel; parade marshal, Joseph Gibbons; and treasurer, Charles Currie.

KAUFFMAN is not only commandant of the Ninth Naval District but is also commander of the Great Lakes Naval Base and is responsible for coordination of the 30 different commands aboard the base complex.

As commandant, Kauffman directs the operation of nearly 175,000 men and property valued at more than \$2 billion. His district has an annual operating budget of more than \$5 million and the annual payroll exceeds \$80 million.

The chief mission of the Ninth Naval District is support to its Reserve Destroyer Division five-ship fleet and to keep more than 80,000 Naval Reservists trained and ready to mobilize in case of a national emergency.

Admiral Kauffman was born Aug. 4, 1911, in San Diego, the son of the late Vice Admiral James L. Kauffman. He was educated at St. Alban's and Kent and appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1929.

GRADUATED from the academy in 1933, poor eyesight denied him a commission in the regular Navy and he was employed by the U.S. Line Steamship Company for seven years in its New York, San Francisco and European offices.

In 1940, he resigned his position to join the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France and four months later was captured by the



D. L. KAUFFMAN  
Rear Admiral

Germans and held prisoner for two months. For his service with the French army he received the Croix de Guerre with star.

He was then commissioned a sub-lieutenant in the British Royal Navy. Volunteer superintendent of the U.S. Division of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Joint Staff. In 1965, Kauffman became the 4th Naval Academy and served on London disposal as bomb and three years, the longest of any mine disposal officer. His superintendent since 1950.

efforts were, commended personally on March 25, 1941, by King George VI.

ON NOV. 7, 1941, Kauffman was able to secure a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve and assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C.

It was from there that he was rushed to Hawaii to recover a 500-pound bomb lodged in a building at Schofield Barracks following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

For his successful disassembling of the bomb, he was awarded the Navy Cross.

He was selected rear admiral in July 1960 and two years later was assigned chief of Strategic Plans and Policy Division of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Joint Staff. In 1965,

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SIXTH GRADERS at Bond Elementary School of Farmington Public Schools participated in the Oakland County Legal Aid Society program sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Assn. and Legal News. An essay contest was held with students concentrating on topics dealing with the law in society. First place winner from Bond was Lisa Northway (right) who will receive her award May 9 in Lansing. Runner-up Sherrill Hosking will receive an achievement medal. Both participated in an awards presentation in Pontiac on Law Day, May 1. (Evert photo)