

today's
hot line

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6 Days To Go

Six days remain before the May 16 primary and cityhood election and today's edition of the Farmington Enterprise Observer is jam-packed with information for voters. To be an informed voter, read the League of Women voters guide on charter commission candidates and ballot proposals. In addition, there are stories inside presenting the views of 10 candidates for charter commission on separate pages.

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Runs For Board

On June 12, Farmington residents will be going to the polls again to elect two trustees to the Farmington Board of Education. William Conliss is the first to file for that position and presents his qualifications to voters in today's edition.

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Tennis Clinics

The Farmington Area Jaycees are sponsoring a series of tennis clinics which will culminate in a community-wide tournament for netters from ages 9-18 years. The clinics begin Saturday, May 13, and will be held the next four Saturdays.

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For Clarenceville

The Catalina Swim Club has chosen a zany time much like our own - the Roaring '20s - as the theme for its show later this week. Here's a photographic preview.

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Disruption

George Wallace talked by telephone hookup, but an audience in Farmington's Harrison High School heard only half the talk. Tim Richard got the story on the student disruption that the television crews missed completely.

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Township Board Ratifies 3-Year Police Contract

By EMORY DANIELS

Three years of labor peace with patrolmen was obtained Monday night when the Farmington Township Board voted unanimously to ratify a new contract with the policemen's union.

The Farmington Police Officers Association (FPOA), union for township patrolmen, had already voted to ratify the first three-year contract in the township's history.

The pact was hailed by trustees as a fair contract which exhibited a sense of responsibility on the part of patrolmen who agreed in

relatively low salary hikes in recognition of the township's limited financial resources.

The board also gave its approval to the police outdoor target range on the former Star Cutter property, adopted a new traffic control order, and approved a resolution proposed by the supervisor honoring Bezesky Brothers Auto Parts at 2800 Haggerty.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY Joseph T. Brennan said the contract is "well within" the 5.5 per cent limit of the Federal Pay Board including pension benefits which are not covered by the guidelines.

The new contract will mean an increase in the total police budget of about \$100,000 in 1972-73, Brennan estimates, with the police budget rising from \$900,000 to about \$1 million.

The contract provides a top pay for a patrolman with three years service of \$13,000 (4.8 per cent increase over last year's contract), \$13,560 in 1973 (3.5 per cent increase) and \$14,620 in 1974, also a 3.5 per cent hike in base pay. Starting pay for the majority of patrolmen in 1972 will remain at last year's level of \$11,200.

The POA agreed to contribute more to the pension plan with patrolmen contributing from three to 3.5 per cent for the first \$4,800 salary and five to 5.5 per cent over \$4,800.

In exchange for the additional pension contributions by officers, the township board agreed to add a cost of living factor into the last two years of the contract.

That provision states if cost of living rises more than 2.5 per cent, the officers' base pay will be increased by one per cent. Another concession by trustees was to lower the retirement age from 65 to 60 with 20 years of service and

from 55 to 50 with 20 years of service for an early retirement.

Life insurance coverage for patrolmen has been increased from \$15,000 now to \$20,000 in the second year and to \$25,000 in the contract's third year.

Longevity has been changed slightly to add another step, Brennan explained. Presently an officer leaving employment gets 0.50 per cent longevity payment after three to seven years with the department and two per cent of base pay after seven years. The addition provides a departing patrolman with five to seven years employment will receive a one per cent longevity payment.

Changes have been made in the grievance procedure to allow a faster resolution of problems, Brennan claimed, and provisions imposed to pay officers out of work because of duty-connected disabilities.

"We will have peace among our patrolmen for the next three years," he predicted. "They should be happy because they will be well paid."

Ronald Holko, director of public safety, commented that the contract was good for the township and officers and was within the financial guidelines presented by the board.

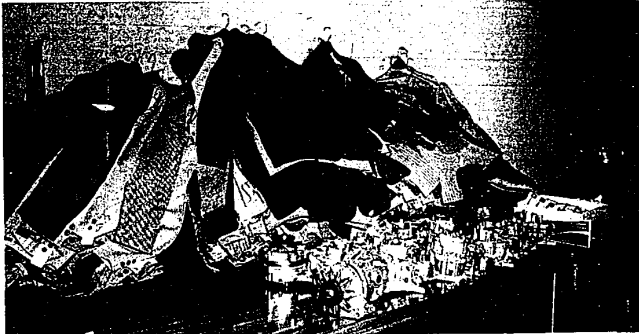
BRENNAN ADDED that negotiations were aided this year because the POA has retained a new attorney, Walter Nussbaum and his firm, to replace Noel Gage of Southfield as its negotiator.

"In view of demands we have seen in prior years," said Trustee Fred Lichtman, "this contract is real fair. The POA should be commended for the attitude it has displayed. It is a rarity these days in negotiators to have employees agree to increase their pension in this contract more so



A WALLACE RALLY in Farmington's Harrison High School gym was quiet here while television cameramen focused on the Alabama governor's supporters. But later, when the camera turned on Sen. McGovern supporters, a

shouting match erupted, drowning out the last half of Wallace's telephoned speech. For Tim Richard's story and Ralph Evert's pictures, see Regional Affairs, Page 10-C.



STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED — Farmington Township, Southfield and Ann Arbor police departments have made arrests resulting in the partial recovery of clothing and automobile parts stolen from Penney's Company of 3645 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. About \$48,000 of property was stolen and police recovered \$13,000 in goods. Arrested were Edward J. Lynch, 36 of Redford and owner of a service station at 31529 Northwestern Highway, and Joseph J. Leonard, 24 of Highland, Mich., reports Ronald Holko, the township's director of public safety. Both pleaded innocent when arraigned and were released on \$5,000 personal bond each. Pre-trial examination has yet to be held. (Evert photo)



CENTER IN BLOOM — Mrs. Paul Lentz (left), flea market chairman, and Mrs. Harry Stultz, geranium sale chairman, get ready for the flood of Mother's Day purchasers and gardeners who will be picking up geraniums at the Farmington Community Center Parking lot on May 12, 13, 14, the days of the center's flea market and geranium sale. Some flowers were previously ordered at \$79 cents a plant but others may be purchased on the spot for 89 cents each. The plants come in a profusion of colors and are healthy and vigorous. The plants come in a profusion of colors and are healthy and vigorous. Profits will be used for maintenance of the center. (Evert photo)

2 City Police Sergeants Quit



SGT. GLEN HARDING

Two veteran sergeants in the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety have resigned their positions — one to become a patrolman in northern Michigan and the other to manage the former Golden Rooster bar in the city.

Glen Harding, 32, and William Garden, 40, have both left employment with the city and were recently honored at a dinner thrown by the department in the Huron Valley Hunting and Fishing Club, Farmington.

Garden, who had 17 years with the city's public safety department, has started work as a patrolman with the Cheboygan Police Department.

Garden, who had 17 years with the city, will manage the Steia House bar, formerly known as the Golden Rooster, on Farmington Rd. just south of Grand River.

The department had five sergeant positions and will be testing and screening to fill the two sergeant vacancies.

Farmington, has been head of the detective bureau for the past eight years.

He joined the department in January 1955 after working for Lincoln-Mercury for a couple years. He was a patrolman for two years and then shift commander from 1957-64 when he helped set up the take command of the detective's bureau.

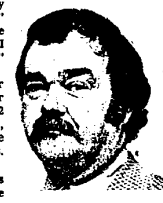
"I have enjoyed police work," says Garden, "it's been my whole life for the past 17 years, but I feel now is the time to make a change.

"For 17 years, my wife has

had to work to support my desire to be a policeman," commented Garden, the father of two sons. "So now, I will work 17 years for her."

Mrs. Garden was manager of the ladies sports wear department at Demery's, 12 Mile and Farmington Rds., Farmington, which has since been purchased by Crowley's.

The Steia House tavern has been purchased by Eugene McGee of Farmington. Garden's brother-in-law, and Donald Boyce of Novi.



SGT. WILLIAM GARDEN

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