

# Greene Tells Charter Ideas

**FARMINGTON** E. Marshall Greene of 27170 Skye Dr., Farmington, says he is running for charter commission May 16 because he wants government to be simple and efficient.

"I decided to run because most of our elected officials seem to reflect governmental and bureaucratic interests instead of citizen interests. "We are rapidly becoming over-regulated and over-structured. This, of course, is leading us towards a totalitarian state. I want this trend stopped and, to do this, must take a part in government instead of being just a critic."

Greene is president of Debt Aid, Inc., and has lived in the Detroit area since 1951. He has a BS degree in banking and finance from Ohio State University and is director of the local alumni club, chairman of the scholarship committee and was chairman of Ohio State Development Fund for Southeastern Michigan.

He has worked as program planning coordinator for Chrysler Corp. and spent three years with National Bank of Detroit in a management capacity.

AS VICE president and Michigan area manager for the Investment Planning Group of New Jersey, Greene maintained registered status with the SEC as an investment advisor.

A 32nd degree Mason and a knight templar, Greene served as president and secretary of the Caravan Shrine Club. He has served as treasurer and is now a director of the Science Museum Society of Detroit. He has served on a state legislative committee and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Chambers Presidents Club. He has been precinct delegate and delegate to two state political conventions and ran for charter commission in Highland Park.

Greene is a member of Future Farmington Assn., served on the township road committee under Supervisor Curtis Hall and is participating in the Township Citizens Community Inspection program under Supervisor Earl Teeples.

His task is to discover and report problems which would detract from the community in Section 13 which is bordered by 12 and 11 Mile Rds. and Inkster and Middle Belt Rds.

# Olivier Fears Annex Attempts

**FARMINGTON** Paul T. Olivier Jr. of 27107 Skye Dr. West, Farmington, believes Farmington Township must either incorporate into one large city or be annexed piecemeal into several smaller ones.

Olivier, a charter commission candidate May 16, believes the best government is the least government.

HE BELIEVES the charter should authorize no power to the city beyond the necessities of police and fire protection, building and zoning, sanitation and roads.

"I do not believe participation in welfare or giveaway programs is necessary to a city, and I believe none should be authorized.

"Taxing power should be severely limited with referendums being required in appropriate cases before taxes could be levied. Spending beyond income should be absolutely prohibited.

"I also believe that those in government should be servants, not rulers of the people. To assure this, all possible government officials should be elected and terms of office be short.

"NO INCREASE in salary or expense allowance should be effective until the following term, and no increase should be voted within 90 days prior to the following term of office.

"Any pension or other plan for future spending should be provided for out of present funds," he adds. "None should be dependent on future taxation."

The character the township now has should be preserved as much as possible, Olivier adds.

As qualifications, he points to his more than 20 years experience involving the interpretation of statutes and ordinances and drafting and interpreting of agreements involving private corporations and individuals.

Olivier attended Wayne State University and Detroit School of Law and received his law degree in 1950. He was admitted to practice law in Michigan in 1951, spent 2 1/2 years in the Korean War, and has been a practicing attorney for 20 years.

He has lived in the township for four years.

# Marks Wants City Manager

**FARMINGTON** Ben Marks of 25187 Briarwyke Dr., Farmington, is a charter commission candidate on the May 16 ballot who favors a non-partisan, city manager form of government.

Marks believes the city manager form will allow the new city to function with maximum efficiency without the encumbrances that tend to curtail that efficiency. The taxpayer must also be provided easy access for expression, he adds.

A REALISTIC ceiling on the city's operating millage is needed, says Marks, and a strong master plan to allow for balanced and functional zoning and the same type of plan for the township's ever expanding drainage needs.

Marks thinks charter provisions can be made to develop services that will justify tax dollars spent by the residents.

He is vice president and partner of Roth-Marks & Co.,

of Oak Park, which is engaged in general building and contracting.

The candidate first became active in township affairs when a proposed stadium in Southfield confronted Farmington residents. Marks was instrumental in forming the Council of Homeowners of Farmington Township and co-authored its bylaws.

He was elected the council's first chairman and served two terms.

While Marks was chairman, the Council undertook roles in aiding township subdivisions in defending against spot zoning appeals, helped new subdivisions with organizational problems, and supported unanimously the rejection of the 13 Mile and Haggerty Rd. property proposed for a regional shopping center.

Marks is presently a member of both the Council of Homeowners and Future Farmington Assn. executive boards.

# Letters To Editor

## Reader Explains Millage Defeat

**FARMINGTON** EDITOR: For the third time the voters of this area have spoken on the school millage question: all three times the answer has been the same - no millage increase.

In your analysis of the millage defeat, you sure do not face the actual issues involved, blaming the defeat on busing and economic conditions, when actually you shy away from the facts.

First, whoever in this day and age heard of a tax being levied for one year? What a joke! Experience should teach you that any tax levied is levied forever.

Secondly, your memory seems to be short with reference to the honesty of the present board. As you will recall, we voted on a board membership very recently and a candidate for a seat on the board was soundly defeated but, lo and behold, very shortly thereafter this party was appointed to the board, after the voters had turned down his bid for the same.

Thirdly, the board, knowing that the 18-year-olds would be eligible to vote on this issue, scheduled the election to gain their support and campaigned night and day to have them register for this election, but the real tax-payers, the property owners, handed the issue its third defeat.

Farmington voters are fed up with a school board which wants to further its feeble bedding by running the system for their own material gains, so why not present the

real reason for the millage defeats in place of assuming that the majority of the voters do not know how to vote.

G. HAHN  
Alta Loma  
Farmington  
(The levy would have been for more than one year only if voters decided on the ballot to continue the levy, if asked by the board. The candidate in question was not soundly defeated but was runner-up and appointed to fill a vacancy. - editor.)

## Urge 'No' Vote On Cityhood

**FARMINGTON** EDITOR: The people of Farmington Township should not vote to become a city on May 16. Taxes would certainly be much higher. The same elected officials who are now guilty of conflict of interest would still be in office under a new charter.

The shopping center that concerned citizens halted on 13 Mile Rd. would be built.

The officials who will financially gain from cityhood keep saying that people want

extra services. They fail to mention that \$1 in tax increase brings 10 cents in service increases.

HUGH SHELLY  
Farmington

(The requested zoning which would have allowed the shopping center was denied more than a year ago and the proponent, the HTK Corp., has decided against making an appeal. The shopping center is now a dead issue and irrelevant to the cityhood question - editor.)

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## Promoted

**FARMINGTON** Cadet Charles Brent Cherryholmes, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cherryholmes of 32621 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington, has

been promoted to cadet corporal by the Howe Military School, Indiana. Cadet Cherryholmes is a member of Co. "D" and a junior at Howe this year.

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