

today's hot line

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Whom Guns Kill

A number of persons each year are victims of accidental gunshot wounds in their own homes. Persons who own guns for other than the purpose of shooting loved ones will want to attend the gun safety courses being offered by the Farmington Area Jaycees beginning Wednesday.

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Enter New City

After 15 years of trying to get a cityhood question passed, Farmington Township will finally have the chance to write a charter to test the possibilities of becoming a home-rule city. Incorporation passed Tuesday and an examination of charter commissioners elected indicate the new city will have a city manager with non-partisan council.

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GOP Likes Wallace

George Wallace led in votes in Farmington as he did statewide but two things are significant. First, he received but one committed precinct delegate. Second, his wide lead in the presidential preference balloting was due to a Republican voter crossover of about 50 per cent.

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Moving Day

The congregation of one of this area's largest churches, Ward United Presbyterian of Livonia, moves into its new 1,000-seat sanctuary Sunday. Story and pictures are in our church Section.

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FOCUS: Suburbia

LIKE TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?



Read today's FOCUS for some "Great Escape" Ideas!

Michigan Week Observances Begins With Pride Awards

Michigan Week, which begins today (Saturday), will be highlighted in Farmington by observances of Community Pride Day and Mayor's Exchange Day.

Community Pride Day was

observed this morning with an awards breakfast sponsored by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee.

On Monday, the City of Farmington will exchange mayors for the day with the

City of Grandville near Grand Rapids. Two Farmington area youth will also be participating in statewide Michigan Week activities -- one an art exhibit and the other a musical concert.

OTHER SPECIAL days are: Sunday, Spiritual Heritage Day; Tuesday, Historical Appreciation; Wednesday, Livelihood Day; Thursday, Education Day; and Friday, Youth Day.

Chairman of Michigan Week activities locally is John Courville, owner of the Ebenezer Shop, who was appointed by the city and Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

James Geiger, principal of Farmington Senior High, is in charge of activities for Education Day Thursday. One of the features will be presentation of the Freedom Shrine exhibit of American historical documents to FHS.

On Livelihood Day, Wednesday, Gary Peterson will be guest speaker at the Farmington Exchange Club's annual Livelihood Day luncheon in the Salem Church.

On Historical Day, Tuesday, a special historical display will be in a showcase in the Metropolitan Bank of Farmington.

Also on Tuesday, the city hall at Grand River and Liberty and township hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake will both be open to the public for tours.

Sunday, ministers have been asked to talk about Michigan and Michigan Week from the pulpits to commemorate Spiritual Heritage Day.

MICHIGAN WEEK formally started this morning at 8 a.m. with the Awards Breakfast in the Botsford Inn

sponsored by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee.

About 26 local businesses and industries were awarded beautification awards by Mayor Wilbur Brotherton and Mrs. Peggy Schwallier, the committee's awards chairman.

The awards were given for "year-round beautification and cleanliness of property, and for renovation and improvements." Auto service facilities were also included.

Special awards were presented to business concerns and individuals along with youth groups who have participated throughout the year in helping to Keep Farmington Beautiful. Twelve honorable mentions were also announced.

Barnett Dickman was banquet chairman and the beautification committee chairman is Mrs. Carol Kurth. Special guests included civic leaders, representatives of sponsoring groups such as the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary, community leaders and city government members.

THE BREAKFAST was first held in 1969 and, since then, has become a traditional part of Michigan Week observances in Farmington.

Awards presented this year were based on surveys of the city of committee members in late summer, fall and spring of 1971-72.

This is the first time three judgments have been held during the year for which the awards were based. The program is planned to help recognize and appreciate efforts of businesses, industry, auto service facilities, organizations and individuals for their efforts to make Farmington a more attractive community.

MAYOR JOHN FRANGLEY of Grandville will be the visiting mayor to Farmington.

He will be accompanied by his wife Dorothy and councilman Harold Becker and his wife Dorothy.

The Grandville visitors will arrive Sunday night and stay in the Botsford Inn. Monday will be spent inspecting city facilities and programs, touring educational facilities including Orchard Ridge, the Farmington Community Center and industrial facilities.

The visitors will also be shown some of the moder-

nization of businesses in the city, such as Meyers Florist Shop and the development of the old NBD building at Grand River and Farmington Rds., and taken through the old village area.

Mayor and Mrs. Frangley and Councilman and Mrs. Becker will be honored at a luncheon in the Elks Club Monday when the visiting mayor will be presented with a key to the city by Councilman Ralph Yoder, mayor pro tem. The day will end with a dinner with councilmen in the Botsford.

For the first time in many years, there will not be a city council meeting Monday night. Traditionally, the visiting mayor opens the council meeting and then hands over the gavel to the mayor pro tem before leaving for home.

AS PART of Michigan Week, the Farmington Elks will send part of its cycle corps to Sturgis, Mich. on Saturday. About 15-20 cycles will go to Sturgis.

Kathy Kurth of Harrison High School will have her macrame work using textile design on display May 13-27 in the Midland Center for the Arts as part of the Youth Arts Festival sponsored by the Michigan Art Education Assoc. as a statewide Michigan Week promotion. Her art teacher is Miss Grace Campbell.

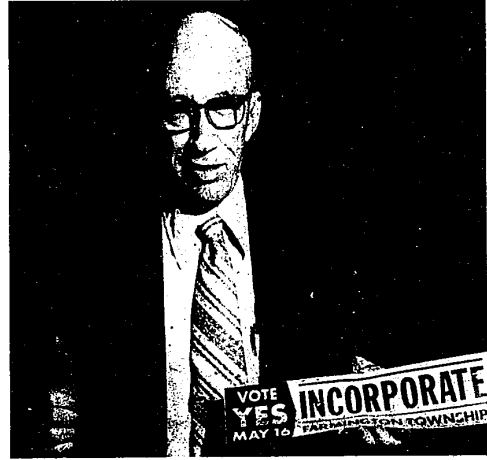
Observer To Close On May 29

Employees of the Observer Newspapers will have a chance to celebrate a long weekend holiday for Memorial Day.

Inasmuch as the celebration will be on Monday, May 29, in keeping with the federal government ruling which has most legal holidays on Mondays, the Observer offices will be closed from Saturday noon, May 27 until Tuesday, May 31.

The offices, located at 36251 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will be open on Saturday, May 27 for circulation department business and the switchboard until noon for calls and inquiries.

It will be business as usual on May 31 with all departments open at 9 a.m.



CITYHOOD VICTORY -- Township Clerk Floyd Cairns gives thumbs up for victory and flashes a smile late Tuesday night when it became apparent Farmington Township will have a chance to become a city after 15 years of trying. A charter must be approved before the township becomes a city but this is the first time a cityhood proposal has passed. (Evert photo)

Marks Edges Miller For 9th Charter Seat

When the final votes were tallied at 2 p.m. Wednesday, cityhood for Farmington Township passed by more than 1,200 votes receiving 7,340 yes and 6,029 no votes.

The final count also found Ben Marks edging out Edward Miller for the ninth spot on the charter commission. Marks won the ninth seat with 2,621 votes, ahead of Miller who had 2,519 votes, by 219 votes.

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer, which went to press shortly before midnight Tuesday, had reported Miller leading for the eighth spot with three other candidates vying for the ninth seat. However, after press time, Marks began gathering large numbers of votes from the north end and bypassed Miller and the nearest contenders to get elected to the commission.

THE TOP vote-getter among charter commission candidates was Robert McConnell with 4,235 votes, 419 ahead of Township Supervisor Earl Teepley who ran second with 3,816 votes.

Fred Lichtman placed 463 votes behind Teepley with 3,353 votes and Mrs. Joan Dudley ran 123 votes behind Lichtman with 3,231 votes. Fred Fairfield gathered 3,181 votes, 40 less than Mrs. Dudley and 322 more than Township Clerk Floyd Cairns who placed sixth with 2,859 votes.

The remaining candidates elected to the commission are Robert Clarke with 2,849 votes, Richard Frankel with 2,625 votes and Marks, 2,621. The closest three challengers were: Miller, 2,519; Joseph T. Brennan,

township attorney, with 2,269 votes and Mrs. Jean Fox, 2,201 votes.

Others who amassed large vote figures, but were not in contention for the nine commission seats, were: James Abowd, 1,994; Robert Chipman, 2,180; Richard Habicht, 1,930; William Hutton, 1,999; Richard Krandle, 1,714; William Ortmann, 1,638; Mrs. Donna Sklar, 1,847; and William Smolek, 1,518 and Robert Briggs, 1,272 votes.

Amongst these candidates, five are from the villages with Habicht living in Quakertown and Abowd, Krandle, Ortmann and Smolek living in Wood Creek Farms. Mrs. Fox, who placed 12, lives in Quakertown also.

The surprises in the commission race were that Brennan did not finish and that Teepley placed second. Teepley had failed to state publicly his positions on the charter or whether he favored cityhood.

Brennan, who did both, had finished first in the 1970 consolidation charter commission race and had been elected to two other commissions, which never met because the cityhood questions failed. Neither Brennan nor Teepley campaigned actively.

The votes received by other commission candidates were: William Bridenstine, 374; James Ebel, 85; Maynard Gordon, 984; Marshall Greene, 994; Henry Grysh, 492; E. Reed Harnack, 613; Albert Holla, 675; Joseph Detkovac, 787; Joe Kimer, 968; Raymond Melvin, 501; John Ogurek, 479; Paul Olivier, Jr., 864; Art Pusey,

600; Eugene Ruffing, 731; Edwin Scarth, 256; Andrew Sroka, 434; William Steffes, 516; Andrew Valenti, 783; Herbert Viergutz, 476; and Thomas Weisenberger, 452.

THE INCORPORATION question was voted down in both villages and in five southeast precincts.

Precincts voting against cityhood were: One at Gill School; Two at the Wheeler Fire Hall; Three at Wood Creek Elementary which is the village's precinct; Five at William Grace which includes Section 36; Six at Shilawassee

School, south of 10 Mile; 13, by a narrow margin, at William Grace School; and 17 at Alameda School, which includes Quakertown Village and immediate surrounding areas.

Cityhood received a favorable vote in the precinct which included Section One residents had joined Quakertown which in distributing an anti-cityhood leaflet last weekend.

None of the above vote totals have been canvassed by the county but are the final tallies of the township clerk.



LARGE TURNOUT -- The voter lines were long Tuesday as Farmington Township residents went to the polls to vote on incorporation. charter commission candidates, presidential

preference, precinct delegates, two busing advisory questions and the Edison franchise. This picture was taken at Precinct 7, Dunckel Junior High, at 8 a.m. election day. (Evert photo)