



**TOWNSHIP CAUCUS** -- Precinct delegates from Farmington Township caucus in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners auditorium to select 12 of their number to attend the Republican state convention. Presiding is Thomas McMillan (dark coat), township GOP director. (Observer photo)



JACK MINGO

## Mingo Defines School Issues

FARMINGTON The most important issue facing Farmington Schools is not busing, sex and substance abuse education, or even millage, says Jack Mingo, 20, a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education in the June 12 election.

"The most important issue is whether the people of Farmington are ready to begin teaching their children to be free thinking individuals striving after education instead of being subjected to it."

MINGO explains that, in spite of attempts at drastic change, school too often teaches students that learning is a laborious process, reading is a bore, and mathematics an irrelevant abstraction.

"The assembly-line school environment too often discourages self-discovery, joy in learning, intellectual honesty, self-discipline and communication while often encouraging passivity, blind conformity, intellectual mediocrity, dependence, and dogmatic thinking."

Mingo says Farmington schools are better than most. "But look at the results! Straight-A students dropping out of college because they never learned how to set their own goals and deal with freedom and self-initiated responsibility. Neuritic over-achievers. Neuritic under-achievers. Kids with a lot of learning and little knowledge."

MINGO attended Far-

mington schools for 10 years; at three different elementary schools, one junior high, and one at North Farmington High from which he graduated in 1970.

He was editor of the Northern Star, NFHS student newspaper, and has tutored junior high students in math and English.

Mingo has served as a member of the minority understanding subcommittee of the Family Life Education (FLE) committee of Farmington Schools. "I saw then the good intentions and genuine interest of school people. I wondered how it got lost on the way down to the students."

"And now, as an enfranchised Farmington citizen, I see the school system as a fragile object being threatened by 18th century minds. It is frightening to see how much worse the schools could be if reactionaries and bigots gained control."

Mingo is attending Oakland Community College and is a volunteer counselor and "writer-in-residence" for the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) Rap Line programs.

## Gaynor Urges 3 R's A 'nd 'S'

FARMINGTON David V. Gaynor, a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education on June 12, says he believes more emphasis should be put on the "three R's" with a full sports program.

Gaynor says quality education can be achieved by running the school district in a business-like manner and operating within a reasonable budget.

GAYNER of 32218 Hull, Farmington, has been employed by Michigan Bell for more than 16 years and is now a supervisor in Pontiac.

He says he has been a member of the John Birch Society for nine years, has served as secretary-treasurer of Communications Workers of America Local 1017, and was appointed to the city study committee in Nankin Township, now the City of Westland.

He has lived in Farmington Township for 2 1/2 years, is married with two children, and attends Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. His hobbies are flying and skiing.

GAYNER says he is opposed to cross-district busing for any reason.

He believes that the decreasing enrollment trend in Farmington schools and the decrease in the Oakland County birth rate should be used as a guide in determining a need for additional school buildings in the district.

Gaynor graduated from St. Mary Catholic High School in Wayne in 1955. Since then, he has completed various electronic and leadership courses and is knowledgeable in electrical construction.

Gaynor was one of the leaders two years ago of the abortive attempt to recall four members of the Farmington Board of Education who voted to approve sex education, substance abuse and minority understanding curriculum programs.

At that time, Gaynor said he became active in the recall drive when approached by Bruce E. Duke but never admitted then belonging to the Birch Society. Duke, also a JBS member, is also a candidate for the school board June 12.

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# 15 Farmington Republicans Are State GOP Delegates

Farmington will send 15 delegates to the June 17 Republican state convention in Detroit, including a 19-year-old high school student.

They were elected Wednesday at the 19th Congressional District-Oakland convention in Pontiac and will be part of a 117-member 19th District delegation that will help pick delegates to the GOP national convention in Miami Beach.

THE JUNIOR member of the group is Mark W. Timmons, a senior at Farmington High School where he runs the quarter-mile and 220-yd. dash on the track team. He is a member of the drama club and plays defensive lineman on the gridiron team.

"Curiosity" got him interested in politics — "I always wondered what happened."

Besides, "I live on Mackinac Island during the summer, and that's where Mr. Milliken's summer residence is," Timmons said, referring to the governor who sponsored the new 18-year-old age of majority legislation in Michigan.

Timmons has been a visitor to the Milliken house and likes the governor's politics.

HIS IMPRESSION of his first district convention: "They could have got it done in a lot less time."

He had a point. The convention ran 3 1/2 hours, with only 20 minutes or so used for caucusing to pick state convention delegates. Much time was eaten up by ceremonies

and introductions, of which Republicans are fond.

But Timmons understands about ceremonies and introductions. He intends to be an anthropology major when he enters Michigan State University in fall.

Meanwhile, he will be chairman of the youth campaign to re-elect Sen. Robert Griffin. "Just a second ago I got put there," said Timmons, nodding toward Patrick Nowak, the ex-Jaycee leader from Farmington who is heading the Oakland County effort to re-elect the Republican U.S. senator.

CITY OF Farmington delegates to the state convention will be headed by Thomas McMillan, who heads the precinct effort in the township. Others in the 12-member group will be: Kenneth Beatty, Jack Beery, James Davenport, Helen Davidson, Patricia Hamlin, Isabel Haynes, Edward Kulinski, Milton Lichterman, Marion Livingston, Dan McKinnon, Donna Sklar and Kenneth Hilbert.

All 15 Farmington area delegates pledged to support the renomination of President Nixon.

Meanwhile, for the first time, a list of GOP precinct delegates elected May 16 became available.

THE CITY:  
1. Augie Barbrick, Mark Timmons.

2. Robert Waldon, Harvey Moscow.

3. No one elected; the convention gave a permanent appointment to Paul E. Van Dorpe.

4. Mary Lou Barth.

5. No one elected; permanent appointment to Arvo Locke.

6. Raye June Wallen, Patricia Hamlin. (Mrs. Hamlin was absent from Wednesday's convention, and

7. Lois Mackie.

8. Marion Lam, Thomas McMillan.

9. No one elected.

10. Wilbur Davis.

11. No one elected.

12. Raye June Wallen, Patricia Hamlin. (Mrs. Hamlin was absent from Wednesday's convention, and

13. Lorraine Hawley.

14. Jack Beery, Henry Grysh.

15. No one elected; permanent appointment to Raymond Peltier.

16. Milton Lichterman.

17. Ken Beattie, Gerald Ellsworth.

18. Karen Eisenberg.



**FAST DELEGATE** -- Mark Timmons of Farmington High School has been elected to represent the 19th Congressional District at the State Republican Convention. Timmons, a track star, runs the 100-yard dash in 10.0, the 220 in 22.5 and the 440 in 50.4, ranking him second, first and third respectively in the area track standings. (Observer photo)

a temporary replacement was named.)

7. Isabel Haynes, Ken Hilbert.

8. Dan McKinnon, Donna Sklar.

9. Elsa Harms, Edward Kulinski.

10. Marion Livingston. (Absent; temporary appointment to Patrick Nowak.)

11. James Davenport, Helen Davidson.

12. Mary Kenney, Shirley Stadler.

13. Lorraine Hawley.

14. Jack Beery, Henry Grysh.

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