

### today's hot line

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#### Charter Meetings

Curious about what the charter commissioners for Farmington Township are doing? So was the Council of Homeowners Assn., and they are sponsoring a series of public meetings on the subject. For details, see:

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#### Precincts Changed

A last-minute change in the precincts for county commissioner has caused complications in the voting for one district that overlaps Farmington and Southfield. We have the story on:

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#### Second Rally Set

A second road rally was scheduled for the Farmington Founders Festival Saturday at 2 p.m., beginning at Farmington High School. The announcement for the second rally came from Festival spokesmen late Tuesday afternoon. The first rally is still set for Friday night.

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#### Stork's Surprise

Two Observerland sisters had baby daughters recently and the circumstances were just a bit unusual. Find out why in today's Women's Section.

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#### 2 Free Concerts

Parents and friends will have a chance to see how much students have learned at Schoolcraft College's Summer Music School this week. Two concerts will close the 1972 session. Both are free.

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# Parade Saturday Highlights Founders Festival Activities

Nine Shiner's units and the usual complement of political figures will highlight the annual Farmington Founders Festival parade Saturday morning.

U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) was still a possibility as late as Monday, but parade officials said the senator would not commit himself until the last minute.

According to parade chairman Vic Wilkinson, the Shiner's units will include clowns, drum and bugle corps, cowboys and Indians, a motorcycle unit and an Arabian horse unit. Parade judges will be Bob Smith, Vern Lunn and Dick Tupper, Wilkinson said.

Honored guests will include the new Festival queen and her court, to be crowned Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the downtown shopping center.

INCLUDED IN the parade lineup Saturday are the following professional marching units:

Townsmen Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Leamington, Ontario; 70th Division Army Training Band and Color Guard; Acorn Pipe and Drum Corp., Madison Heights; Challengers Drum and Bugle Corps, Toledo, Ohio; Cavaliers Drill Team, Sterling Heights; Seaway Strutters, drum and baton group, Allen

Park; Marauders Drum and Bugle Corp., Madison Heights; Flint Guardsmen Drum and Bugle Corp., Flint.

Wilkinson said many of the professional units would perform along the parade route as well as march.

Floater are expected from numerous companies and organizations, including:

Manufacturers' Bank Jobs Daughters, Farmington Junior Football Association, Federals Dept. Store, Cub Scout Pack 231, Farmington Rotary and their dixieland band, Holiday Inn of Farmington, Glendale Auto Supply, City of Farmington beautification committee, Caballero Club of Farmington.

Other parade highlights will include the Farmington Township Auxiliary Mounted Police, and the Elks motorcycle drill team.

Also, a group of unicyclists from Pontiac will be in the parade.

NUMEROUS ANTIQUE cars will be in the line of march, including 10 from the Antique Car Club of America. These cars will carry the dignitaries from the pigeon race.

The Detroit Tigers baseball buggie, sponsored by Observer Newspapers will also be in the parade.

The parade will begin assembling at the Grand River Drive-in by 9 a.m. Saturday. All components except floats will assemble here. Floats will be inserted in the parade at Star Cutter Sales.

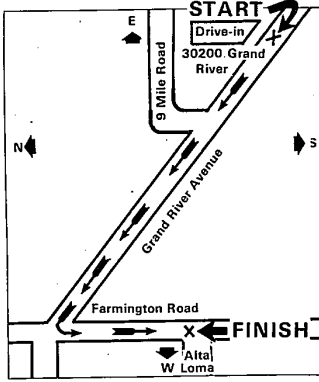
The parade review stand will be at Farmington Rd. and Grand River Ave.



TEN SEMI-FINALISTS OF the Founder's Day Festival Queen Contest were selected Wednesday night in Botsford Inn before an admiring crowd of friends and relatives. They are (from left) Lynn Babington (Miss Linderman Bakery), Kathy Robinette (Miss Real Estate One), Karen Stewart (Miss Mills Products), Debbie Julien (Miss Grimes Cleaners), Debbie Amori

(Miss Pikieland), Sandra Laatsch (Miss Thompson-Brown), Brooke Jenks (Miss Town and County Dodge), Jill Humphries (Miss Paris Room), Carolyn Mekjian (Miss Kresgel), Kathleen Hahn (Miss Vincent Amusement Center), Emcee was Dan Millhan of WJLD Radio. (Evert photo)

For more details on the festival activities, see the special section in today's Observer.



## Adding New Section Suggested For Sewer

Everybody gets a share under a proposal by Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns to (a) extend sewers at a discount rate to a relatively low-income area in the southeast corner of the township and (b) get a hefty federal subsidy for the 10 Mile-Rouge sewer proposed to serve affluent Quakertown and surrounding areas.

Cairns proposed Monday that they include an area between Middle Belt and Gill Rd., south of the expressway to the township limits in an assessment district to finance the proposed \$3 million project that would serve a corridor running northwest through "the valley" near Quakertown.

A new study anticipates a

route up Farmington Rd. with pumping stations, instead of the controversial gravity-feed system proposed and then fought by Quakertown residents on the grounds that it would ruin the valley.

But the cost estimate is still "in excess of \$3 million," and Cairns was looking for a way to get some federal funds for the project.

"That area doesn't exactly qualify as low income," Cairns said, so he proposed including the southeast section in the district.

The district would then be able to get federal financing for up to 50 per cent of the cost of the project, he hoped.

For the residents of the southeast section, it would mean connecting lateral arms

up from the Eight Mile Rd. sewer to serve the area, with the cost partially paid by the federal government.

For the area in the northwest, they would be "low-income" enough to get some federal aid too, Cairns thinks.

Trustee Frederick Lichtman said "we've got to get going on this project," but also said some communities have been rejected federal aid on sewer projects because the government objected to restrictive zoning in the area.

"Why go to the point where we have to turn down the money?" he asked.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

The council approved an ordinance prohibiting cross connection of wells with public water systems in the township.

Adopted a resolution supporting House Bill 1529 the "quality education bill," now before the U.S. Senate, according to Trustee Earl Oppertbauer, who introduced the resolution.

The bill opposes cross-district busing.

"It is unfortunate this is tied to the racial problem," Oppertbauer said, "if examined outside the problem, the people would be just as opposed to taking away their individual rights."

Authorized Cairns to investigate methods of financing a section of Drake Rd. near Nine Mile serving Heather Hills Subdivision, a project stalled when cost estimates were doubled after financing was arranged last year.

## Squabble At Board

# Politics Breaks Peace

Political tempers flared Monday night at the Farmington Township Board meeting when Steven R. Davidovich, Republican candidate for trustee, challenged the board to disclose "all their holdings and income" in an effort to clarify potential conflict of interest on items before the board.

"That's a politically loaded question," incumbent treasurer Thomas Nolan said, a response that initiated a broadside assault on Davidovich's motives by Trustee Earl Oppertbauer, Frederick Lichtman and Nolan.

Only Trustee L. David Slader felt the idea had some merit, and suggested they look into an ordinance that would cover all employees that might be dealing with areas that might provide a conflict.

"The request is out of line," incumbent Lichtman said.

"What business is it of anybody's what I make or what property I own in the township? If you have a specific charge, let's hear it."

est, when a question comes up in which they have an interest, they abstain from voting.

"If businessmen aren't interested in the community, who is? The question is asinine. Keep asking questions like that and the quality of your questions will demonstrate the quality of your candidacy."

Oppertbauer said there are "vicious rumors circulating in this campaign regarding one of the candidates for office, which were started by someone sitting at this table."

the person he was making the "vicious rumor" charge about, he challenged that person to make specific charges that could be answered.

Oppertbauer, who is not running this time around, said he would support a law that would prohibit publication of campaign charges within 10 days of an election.

"Nothing nauseates me in politics more than waiting until the last minute to raise charges and not giving an opponent a chance to reply," he said.

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## Former Township Fire Chief Dies

A former Farmington Township fire chief, Roy R. Bell Sr., 70, died Sunday in William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

A resident of the Detroit area for 60 years, Bell was chief of station No. two in Farmington Township.

## Registration Booths Open At Festival

Booths for voter registration will be open at the downtown Farmington shopping center and the Crowley's Shopping Center at 12 Mile Rd. and Farmington Rd. during the Farmington Founders' Festival, according to Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

He was the retired owner of "Bell's Garage" in Highland Park and Farmington. He was also past master of United Craft Lodge 534, F&AM, and a life member of the masonic order.

Funeral services were scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Vasa-Lynch Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Masonic services were held Tuesday at 8 p.m. under the auspices of lodge 534. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.