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## Anti-Theft Program Is Aided Soptimists, Scouts Take Engravers Door-To-Door

### Festival In Pictures

The Farmington Founders Festival is all over, but how about a souvenir? We had photographers there for the whole thing, and in a special supplement to today's Farmington Enterprise and Observer we have a sample of their work.

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### Precinct Map

Want to know where to vote next week? The precincts have been changed in Farmington Township, and we have a map that shows the changes on:

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### Commissioners

No less than 20 persons have filed in the new districts for Oakland County commissioner to represent the Farmington area. We have a summary of the candidates on:

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### Busing List

The proposed bus routes before Judge Roth are ready, and after they are checked for errors, they will be published for the Southfield, Farmington, Clarenceville, Livonia, Redford Union and South Redford school districts. Watch for it in the weekend edition of your home town newspaper.

### Covering Ground

Garden writer Betty Frankel this week takes a look at all the way you can cover bare ground, without using sod. For exactly what will work where, read her column on

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Looking for a way to help protect your possessions from the recent rash of breaking and enterings in Farmington? The Soptimist Club of Farmington, with the cooperation of the Farmington Dept. of Public Safety, is sponsoring a program to encourage participation in "project theft guard."

The program involves engraving your driver's license number on such things as radios, tape recorders, TV sets, record players, cameras, bicycles, clocks, power mowers, jewelry, and even hub caps.

It isn't foolproof, say the Soptimists, but "it does discourage thievery several ways."

"FIRST, 'fences' who sell stolen goods do not like to deal with merchandise that is readily identifiable."

"Second, thieves are not anxious to be caught with merchandise that law en-

forcement officials can prove belongs to someone else.

Third, although the engraved numbers can be filed off, the fact the numbers are there makes them makes the life of a thief more difficult.

To participate, the homeowner may call an engraver at the Farmington City Dept. of Public Safety or at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, 23115 Farmington Rd.

The engraver may be kept for three days.

After using the engraver, the homeowner may purchase stickers to put on his front and back doors; the charge for each sticker is 25 cents.

If more convenient, the homeowner may call the Farmington City Dept. of Public Safety and arrange to have a boy scout come to the home with the engraver and the scout will engrave the items for the homeowner.



MARTY KELLY is one of the boy scouts volunteering to aid the Farmington Soptimists in engraving items for project theftguard. (Evert photo)



FATAL CRASH - Lew Gogel Jr., 20, Dearborn Heights, was killed when his car ran off I-696 near old Grand River Sunday morning. (Evert photo)

### Man Killed In Crash

Lew Gogel Jr., 20, of 6224 University Place, Dearborn Heights, met his death in an unusual accident Sunday morning on I-696.

According to the Farmington Township Police, there was only one car involved, and Gogel lay lifeless in it when it was found at approximately 1 a.m. about a quarter of a mile west of old Grand River.

Evidently, he dozed off and lost control of his car, police explained. It rolled over on the median and snuffed out his life.

The car was badly damaged.

It was the second fatal accident in Farmington Township during July. The first occurred on July 7 and the victim died a week later.

## 3 Want Republican Slot For Clerk

### Floyd Cairns Vs. Art Pusey Vs. Alia Prain

EDITOR'S NOTE: All the contests for local offices in Farmington Township are on the Republican ticket. We talked to the Republican contenders for clerk to get the following profiles.

#### Cairns

Floyd Cairns, Farmington Township clerk for 16 years, sees his job as considerably more than keeper of the records and runner of elections.

"Actually, I am more - or less the city manager," he said in a recent interview.

He says in his years in office he has supervised 72 special assessment districts, organizing the districts, selling bonds and supervising the water and sewer construction projects.

In addition, on one occasion in his career, he found himself acting assessor.

TODAY, ASKED what he felt was the most important issue facing the township, in a League of Women Voters questionnaire, he said "incorporation."

But second, he listed the 10 Mile Rd. sewer arm and the northwest water system. "The financial structure of our township is dependent on the completion of these projects," he said.

Cairns says the broad scope of his duties as clerk "just happened" during the reign of ex-supervisor Curtis Hall.

He launched one of the first special assessment projects, the so-called "dry - area" for water in the southeast section, and from then on the duties fell to him.

He says he used to work closely with Hall, but admits the same relationship hasn't existed with Supervisor Earl Teeple.

On the other hand, some of the responsibility for doing the billing has been shifted to Treasurer Thomas Nolan's office, he says, although he still approves the bills.

A member of the charter commission, he sees citizenship as a "way to protect our tax base," and is enthusiastic about the proposed change.

One new project launched by Cairns, the "punch - card voting system," may be shelved temporarily, he says.

Although he is a supporter of the change away from voting machines, he feels the consensus of the township board

is that the November election primary election in a three-way contest for Farmington Township clerk, says "the election of Earl Teeple as township supervisor in November 1970 was only the

#### Pusey

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FLOYD CAIRNS



ARTHUR PUSEY



ALIA PRAIN

PUSEY SAYS the township needs "tighter controls on costs to eliminate tax monies from being dribbled away."

He listed "expenditures" as the most important problem facing the township today. However, he also says he supports one of the recent expenditures which the present board resisted, namely the proposed youth employment program.

In a speech before the Farmington Optimist Club, he attacked the incumbent clerk, "Errors and mistakes which have previously been shunted to the side and forgotten will no longer be tolerated...." He did not cite specific examples.

He also says "his primary aim is to solicit the support of the uncommitted voters of the community who are usually neglected and ignored by both political parties."

#### Prain

Alia M. Prain is a secretary working for a Detroit steel company, running for the

office of Farmington Township clerk.

"I just felt the desire to be one," she said in a recent interview. She said she was reading the qualifications for the job and thought: "Heavens, why not?"

Mrs. Prain sees the job as "primarily a record keeping job," unlike incumbent Floyd Cairns who also supervises special assessments, bonds and water and sewer projects.

SHE FEELS her experience as a secretary in both the clerk and treasurer's office in the City of Highland Park would help her if elected.

"The clerk's office is in dire need of a secretary who can render efficient and accurate record keeping," Mrs. Prain said in a League of Women Voter's questionnaire.

She is "running on her qualifications," she said during the interview, which consists mainly of experience as a secretary and bookkeeper.

### Candidates To Speak

Candidates for the township primary will have a chance to express their views at a candidates night sponsored by the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Harrison High, 29995 W. 12 Mile Rd.

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