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### Recount Leaves McConnell Victor

A recount of the election results for Farmington Township supervisor left Robert McConnell victor in the Republican primary by the same 91 votes over incumbent Earl Teeple, according to Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

A counting board from Oakland County Friday threw out two ballots, one for each candidate, leaving the totals 2,160 for McConnell and 2,069 for Teeple, Cairns said.

All machine totals remained the same as the original count.

### Round Table

A student and school board round table is going to operate under new rules this year, following an effort by the board of education to solve some of last year's problems.

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### Community Center

The Farmington Community Center is offering a long list of new courses to open the fall season. We have a summary of some on:

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### Ferguson Concerts

Maynard Ferguson, popular band leader, will be back in Clarenceville this month. Instead of a one-night stand, he'll be here for two concerts in order to make sure that everyone who wants to hear him can.

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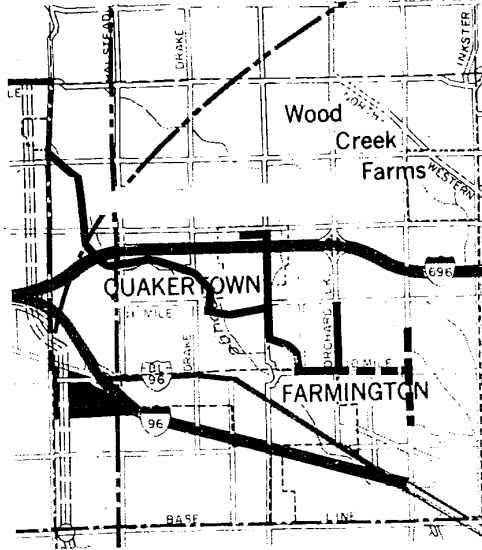


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# Which Quakertown Sewer?



Original Route



Alternate Route

## Route To Serve Growing Population

By the year 2000, some 26,000 persons in Farmington Township will be using the proposed 10 Mile arm sewer, now being studied by the Farmington Township Board and Village of Quakertown officials.

The sewer will allow development of approximately 6,300 units of housing in an area that now

contains 1,500, according to a study by Pate, Hinn and Bogue, Inc., engineers studying the proposed route of the sewer.

The engineering firm recently completed the study that indicates a route with pumping stations, along street right-of-way, is also the cheapest route for the sewer, which will serve Quakertown

and the northwest section of the township.

THE STUDY offers three main benefits to a street route for the sewer:

- The cost, estimated at \$3,541,000, is cheaper than the \$3,950,000 estimated for a route through the "Quakertown Valley."
- The route disturbs only

2,300 feet of woodland, compared to 14,000 feet in the original proposal.

- Subdivisions along the route should be able to tap into the alternate route with few or no pumping stations, while the first route contemplated would require several to be constructed.

contemplated would have followed the course of the original proposal.

The "alternate route" is down to 10 Mile and Farmington Rd.

A 36-inch tunnel for 4,600 feet would have been necessary, costing \$1.5 million.

Pumping stations could replace the tunnel, and the total project would be reduced to \$2.2 million, but the trees would be demolished.

The "alternate route" is down to 10 Mile and Farmington Rd., and up Farmington Rd. to 11 Mile Rd.

At 11 Mile Rd. it goes across country to a route along the river, where the area is undeveloped.

## Audit Explains Last Year's School Surplus

By MARY PADEN

An audit of the Farmington school district's \$15.9 million 1971-72 budget by the Southfield firm of Plante and Moran shows the budget was underspent in almost every area.

"I was really holding back," said business manager William Prisk, who, along with the board, has been criticized by residents for ending the year with a \$414,000 surplus after the board made several attempts to get additional millages.

"I was only off 1.15 per cent on revenues and 1.04 per cent on expenditures," Prisk said. "I know what I'm doing. That's not a bad average."

said three unexpected sources of revenue turned up late in the year raising the district's revenues \$187,000 to \$15,974,000.

The sources were:

- \$86,000 from the county for reimbursement for special education programs received on June 24. "I should have known about this Prisk said. "I thought it was included in a figure they gave us earlier."
- \$46,000 refund on an insurance policy which was received in early June Prisk said there was no way to tell if this money would come in during 1971-72.
- \$55,000 in additional income from savings deposits. Prisk estimated the income would be \$69,000.

Prisk said he purposely did not include \$60,500 in private contributions used to support the district's athletic program in the revenue budget. The auditors did.

Subtracting the \$240,000 in state aid contingency, which never materialized, from the auditors budget expenditure figure of \$15,977,000 leaves \$15,637,000—Prisk's budget expenditure figure. Actual expenditures were \$15,463,000—\$172,000 under Prisk's expenditure figure.

THE DISTRICT received an additional \$780,000 in state aid for the 1972-73 budget. Minus a contingency fund, the district gets a net gain of \$536,000 state aid. It also gets \$566,000 more in property taxes because of increased valuation state equalized valuation (sev).

Together with the \$414,000 surplus, Prisk estimated \$15,734,000 in revenues but, he



BACK TO SCHOOL — Beechview Elementary Principal Norman Langen welcomes back

his students as school started for 16,900 Farmington students Wednesday. (Evert photo)

## Man Guilty Of Murder

By MAURIE WALKER

Lester Burmeister, 35, of Farmington Township, Wednesday pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the May 7 killing of a Livonia woman.

He appeared before Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman, who will pronounce sentence Sept. 27.

Burmeister, who owned a gas station in Southfield, was also charged in Livonia District Court Wednesday on three additional charges — assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and intent to commit murder.

Burmeister pleaded guilty to murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Downs of 31741

Bretton, Livonia. In addition, he is charged with wounding his estranged wife, Judy; her father, Gilbert Downs; and James Rudnicki, a friend of Mrs. Burmeister.

Burmeister has been in Wayne County Jail without bond after being arrested two days following the shooting. He was arraigned in Livonia May 9.

Livonia police were involved in a two-day man hunt following the shooting. Burmeister was arrested by state police as he sat in a restaurant in West Branch.

Livonia police had received information that the suspect owned a cottage in that area. They notified state police who spotted his car in front of the

restaurant, entered, and made the arrest.

The shooting occurred at approximately 3:15 a.m. on the Sunday morning at the Livonia home.

Police charged at the time that Burmeister waited outside the Bretton Ave. home for Mrs. Burmeister and Rudnicki. As the couple approached, the police report stated, they spotted a man with a rifle and ran into the house, chaining the front door.

Livonia Detective Sgt. Norman Meaders said six shots were fired through the front door, one hitting Mrs. Downs in the head.

RUDNICKI had told police

that both he and Mrs. Burmeister attempted to call the police, he from a telephone in the bedroom, while she grabbed the kitchen telephone.

Rudnicki said that Mrs. Burmeister was crouched behind a cupboard in the kitchen calling police when shots came through the back door, hitting her in the face.

Both Rudnicki and Downs were wounded, treated at the hospital and released. Mrs. Burmeister faces extensive surgery but has been released from the hospital.

Burmeister, who lived at 37134 McKinley in Farmington Township, owned a gasoline station at Nine Mile Rd. and Beech Daly in Southfield.