

Fund Issue Shows Need For Reform

A great flap has been raised over the contributions made to supervisor Earl Teeple's campaign fund by parties connected with the development of the Starboard Tack restaurant.

The charges, as leveled by Trustee Earl Oppert, are that two campaign contributions by a stockholder and a friend of a stockholder in the restaurant were reasons for Teeple's abstention from voting on the issue, which he did not.

The comments received by this paper after the disclosure of the contributions generally reflected either a distrust, or an ignorance, of generally accepted campaign practices.

IT IS MORALLY UNFORTUNATE, but factually true, that contributions to local candidates come mainly from the small businessman, lawyer and developer who either "does business" with the township or who finds it easier to do business with a friendly relationship with township hall.

Looking over the list of contributions filed by candidates in the recent primary, it becomes apparent that if board members abstained from voting on issues which might benefit any of many campaign donors, the board would not be voting on much.

It is also unfortunate, but true, that it is extremely difficult to campaign effectively, even in a local election, without approaching these sources of funds.

To avoid a dependency on large contributions, it behooves a man in public office to attempt to raise money by a large number of small donations, avoiding even the appearance of indebtedness to a single large contributor.

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This Teeple's appears to have done.

HE RECEIVED contributions ranging from \$5 to \$300 from 32 separate donors; he sold fund-raiser tickets at \$10 apiece to about 46 persons.

And to clarify one point raised by Oppert, however - that the donations coincided with the application for the license - it should be noted that almost all the money came in within the month of July. "Because that's when it is needed," as one of the parties involved said.

Teeple's openly supported the license for the restaurant - he never varied his openly enthusiastic backing of the project. This is obviously well within his rights as a board member.

There was no indication the money swayed his opinion in the least.

As for abstaining on the vote, it does not seem realistic under the current practices and ethics of campaign funding, to demand an abstention when a question involving a campaign contributor comes to the board.

Teeple's vote on the Starboard Tack might have been politically unwise and unpopular, but not unethical.

THE WHOLE FLAP pointed out two major weaknesses in current policy and practice.

The first and larger issue is whether, under the

current practice of campaign funding, a kind of above-the-table system for bribing public officials is established.

National controversies over the ITT affair illustrated this long before Teeple's ran into the problem. It is bound to happen again, and public trust is badly weakened by the current system.

Some reform - possibly a limit on the amount of individual contributions on local, state and national levels - is in order.

THE SECOND issue is: Just exactly what constitutes conflict of interest?

Trustee David Stader has made a noble attempt to discuss this issue, and we agree with him that the Teeple's-led personnel committee should get moving on the problem.

While the "game" as it is played may smell to many people, Teeple's appears to have played it by the rules, such as they are.

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Garden Club Wins Honors

FARMINGTON Members of the Farmington Hill and Dale Club were among those included in the winner's circle at the Michigan State Fair this year.

Winners were: Mrs. John King, seven ribbons for her work in pine cones, wreaths and plaques; Mrs. William Stairs, a blue and one pink; Mary Lou Seldon, one blue, three red and one pink; Mrs. Arthur Lynn, two pink; and Mrs. Harry Finally, two red and one fifth prize for table setting.

FAAC Wants Parents 'Rap'

FARMINGTON Parents who can't talk to their kids might be able to talk to each other.

At least this is the theory behind a series of "raps for parents" starting Oct. 12. "We hope parents will be able to see they aren't alone with their problems," says Betty Arnold, of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, which sponsors the sessions.

They hope to establish informal discussion groups, with para-professional guidance for parents. Those interested are asked to contact the FAAC office before Oct. 12.

John Wesley College Registering Classes

John Wesley College of Farmington announced opening of registration in six classes, all on the college level which may be taken either for credit or on an audit basis.

Five of the classes will be at the University Hills Christian Center, Farmington Road and 1696. The other will be at Redford Baptist Church, Grand River and Seven Mile.

Scheduled for the Farmington location are "The Psychology of Christian Values," beginning Oct. 16, from 7:40 p.m., "Introduction to Counseling," beginning Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon; "Christian Morals and the

Five to 10 soloists or ensembles. The opening concert will include a trumpet duet by Tom Lyngkirk and Steve Allen, a trombone duet by Tom McKelvey and Steve Kuriak, a clarinet solo by Dave Boltz accompanied by Lori Varns, an accordion solo by Cherie Keith, a string quartet of Mary and Barbara Solberg, Dirk Bondi and Gail Samra, and a clarinet trio of Kathy Anderson, Laura Leonard and Gaye Szam-witowich, which will feature borski.

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