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## McConnell Wins Easily; City Ice Rink Rejected

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### We Get Letters

Letters on tag days, coverage, and the Walk For Mankind give our readers a chance to talk back in the "Reader's Forum" on: Page 3A

### Community Center

The Fall activities at the Farmington Community Center are just one reason to get involved in the community. For a summary, see: Page 4A

### Dress Has History

The wedding gown worn recently by a Farmington bride could tell quite a story about brides in the family. We did, and you'll want to read it in the Women's Section today. Page 1C

### Top Harriers

It's in today's sport section, the '72 All-Area. All-Observer cross country teams as selected by area coaches and Sports Editor Tom Donoghue. For the complete rundown along with the runner of the year and coach of the year. Flip to today's sport pages. Page 3B

### Ellington Concert

"Duke" Ellington is scheduled to give a benefit performance in Ann Arbor this weekend. A lot of Observerlanders are expected to attend, to help out the University of Michigan's Musical Society. Observerland merchants have the tickets. Page 14B

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Today's homemakers recognize value. They know where to shop to get their money's worth. That's why Observer Want Ads are so popular with them. When you have unused items you'd like to exchange for cash, take a tip from a young mother. Find your buyer the low-cost, easy Observer Want Ad Way. One phone call to 522-0900 delivers your message to prospective buyers.



Robert McConnell won an easy victory for Farmington Township supervisor as incumbent Earl Teeple's gathered only about 15 per cent of the vote in a write-in campaign.

City voters soundly rejected a bond issue for a new ice rink.

The city and township gave heavy margins to Republican candidates in partisan races, for the most part, and helped the state reject all ballot proposals except daylight time.

THE \$1.25 MILLION bond proposal for a city's sports arena has been turned down by Farmington residents. With six precincts reporting, the vote is 2,848 to 1,882, or 60 per cent negative.

Approval would have allowed the city to bond the project for 30 years to be paid partly by the general fund of the city.

The Farmington Planning Commission and the director of the Farmington Area Recreation Committee supported the proposal, while a committee headed by Robert Neuhauser fought the project.

The rink would have been located at the corner of Shawassee and Orchard Lake on property of Farmington High School.

IN THE 64TH STATE House of Representatives race with six precincts reporting Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) has defeated Democratic opponent John Campbell and conservative John Riley. The vote was Baker 3,223; Campbell 1,327 and Riley 30.

WITH 15 OF 24 township precincts reporting, Teeple's, who lost to McConnell in the August GOP primary, appeared likely to get only about 15 per cent of the vote. Teeple's failed to carry a single precinct, and was trailing 7,600 to 1,200. Most of his strength was in Precincts 2, 3, 5, 16 and 18. All but precinct 16 are in the southeast part of the township.

Thus, Teeple's political career was halted after a single two-year term as township supervisor. He was preparing, however, to charge that some voting machines were malfunctioning.

For the presidency, the township was giving about 80 per cent support to Republican Richard Nixon's second term bid. In the city, Nixon led 3,742 to 1,265.

City voters backed Sen. Robert Griffin, 3,536 to 1,418 for Democratic Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley. Griffin led about 2-1 in the township, too.

### Farmington High Plays 'Crucible'

Intensified rehearsals are in order at Farmington High School where the drama department will present Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" as its fall production, Nov. 16 and 17. The play will be staged in the school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Vestus Spindler, drama teacher, is directing with two seniors, Judy Caplia and Vicki Holmes, assisting as student directors.

Leads will be played by Brad Allen as Rev. Parris and Kim Nymshack as Abigail. Other parts will be taken by Clay Tinham as John Proctor, Jan. Ingram as Elizabeth Proctor, Patti Milani as Mary Warren, Tony Fernandez as Deputy Marshall Harkness, and Tom Williams as Rev. Hale. Tickets are \$1.75 at the door and \$1.50 in advance.

### Glass Center At OCC Closes

The glass recycling center at Oakland Community College, sponsored by Farmington's "Earth Alive" has been completely phased out, according to Mrs. Nancy Kouriljan, chairman of Earth Alive.

Earth Alive voluntarily closed the center and distributed the barrels which were used to sort glass to the city, township and school maintenance dept., she said. "We would like to help all those who contributed to the success of the site," Mrs. Kouriljan said.

The West Bloomfield center is at the town hall, south of Long Lake Rd., on Telegraph, with hours from nine a.m. to one p.m. on Saturdays. The site paved before spring is small now, she said. She is urging all people with glass to be recycled to take their glass to either the Southfield or the West Bloomfield center.

The Southfield center is on Berg Rd., one block east of Telegraph, north of 10 1/2 Mile Rd. The best route for Farmington residents is north on Telegraph, east on 10 Mile, then north on Berg Rd. to the glass center, according to Mrs. Kouriljan.

City Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton will leave that post to be Oakland County commissioner from the 27th District. Brotherton had a 3-1 margin in the city and was carrying every township precinct.

Another Farmingtonite, former national Jaycee vice president Patrick Nowak, was well on his way to victory in the 25th Oakland County commissioner district. Republican Nowak led Democrat Margaret Gelinias by 1,300 to 400. Other parts of the district are normally strongly enough Republican to assure Nowak victory.

In the 24th county district, Commissioner Lew Coy (R-Wixom) was collecting 80 per cent of the vote against Democrat William O'Brien, a Walled Lake councilman.

Republican Lillian Moffitt was winning in the 15th Oakland district over Democrat Eliot Banks. The

district spreads into northern Southfield, where Mrs. Moffitt also was leading, and into the normally Republican Bloomfield area.

IN OTHER TOWNSHIP races, Republicans were faring well.

Incumbent Clerk Floyd Cairns was leading Democrat Joyce Hungerford in 15 precincts, 8,174 to 3,477. Treasurer Thomas Nolan was leading in 14 precincts by 7,214 to 3,377 for Democrat Catherine Vignoe.

Incumbent trustees Frederick Lichtman and Margaret Schaeffer also were leading in most precincts. The only Democrat to carry a precinct in a local race was trustee candidate Maynard Gordon, who carried his home Precinct 16. Gordon lives in Olde Franklin Town at 14 Mile and Middle Belt.



CLAY TINHAM as John Proctor vents his fury on Patti Milani as Mary Warren in Farmington

High School's production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" Nov. 16 and 17. (Evert photo)

## Vote Prediction Used 1 Township Precinct

A Farmington township precinct was chosen by the American Broadcasting Co. as a "key precinct" in forecasting last night election results.

Precinct 4, Bond Elementary School, containing 1,145 voters was monitored by the League of Women Voters in conjunction with ABC to determine the voting trends in the Farmington area.

The precinct was among 81 in the state to be so monitored.

AS EXPLAINED by John H. Thompson, manager of ABC's political unit in New York, "Each key precinct is part of a statewide sample, which is a miniature of the state in terms of major factors which yield voting patterns."

"Among these factors are region of state, urbanization, ethnic background, religion, income and past voting record. ABC selects key precincts in every state to clearly voting patterns for our news analysts on the air and our political scientists out of camera range."

Campbell explained that on election night, all key precinct data is stored in a computer memory. When the election reporter telephoned the voting returns from the key precinct, the information was entered into the computer which compared the new returns and the stored data.

This enabled the detection of

the trend of voting well in advance of the final outcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tobocman, 29252 Summerwood, Farmington, telephoned the returns of the precinct to the ABC election center for analysis as part of the report to the nation. In the past, precinct 4 has

traditionally voted Republican in national elections.

ABC contributed a flat sum to each state league for each key precinct covered plus a state organizing fee. In 1972 league treasuries will be enlarged by a total approaching \$100,000, above expenses, Thompson said.

## Drake Park Project Expenses Are OK'd

The remainder of the Drake Rd. park in the City of Farmington will be completed next spring, now that the city council has approved letting bids on new lights, paving and other improvements.

"Phase 2" of the Drake Park project was delayed recently when bids on the final stages of construction of the new park came in with a cost over-run of \$13,000. The project will total \$33,000

with the city paying \$14,500, split over this and the next budget years.

THIS YEAR, parking lot paving, tennis courts and a rest room will be added; improved baseball lighting and landscaping are scheduled for next year's budget.

About \$38,500 of the estimated \$53,000 project cost will be paid by federal and state grants.

The council authorized a \$2,000 expenditure from this year's contingency fund, and projected an additional \$4,500 for next year's budget.

They also accepted a low bid of Lee's Custom Construction, Farmington, for the construction of the rest room and garage facility, for \$15,500.

A low bid of \$5,650 for the base ball lighting was accepted from Transformer Inspection Co.