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State Sets November 4 Ballot For Consolidation

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington residents will have the chance to create a new city on Nov. 4.

That is the date set by the State Boundary Commission for an election to decide whether the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, Woodcreek Farms and Quakerston should be consolidated into a single new city.

The Boundary Commission set the November election at a meeting held Wednesday in TALLUS Regional Headquarters, Detroit.

The commission also ruled that the votes of the two villages will be counted separately and not as part of the township.

The resolution calling for the election specifically stated: "For the question of consolidation to be adopted, it must receive an affirmative majority vote in each of the four affected municipalities voting separately."

ON THE Nov. 4 ballot will be the question of consolidation

and the election of nine charter commissioners. Charter commissioners will be appointed by population as follows: township, five-city, two-Quakerston and Woodcreek Farms, one each.

Local representatives attending the commission hearing were City Clerk Elizabeth Brines; Township Clerk Floyd Calms; Gerald Ellsworth, petitioner; Noel Kurth, Farmington Jaycee president; and Paul Dietz, attorney for the petitioners.

The decision that village votes must be counted separately was made following a report from Charles Hackney, assistant attorney general. Hackney gave his opinion as counsel for the commission and said it did not carry the weight of an attorney general's opinion.

HACKNEY STRESSED that legislation to consolidate is a definite element that a yes vote must be obtained in all four affected governmental units.

Arguments had been made previously that recent court cases may provide precedents for counting the villages as part of the township. Hackney, however, explained the court cases involved incorporation and how to count signatures on a petition and not votes.

Hackney said the cases did not affect Farmington, and the commission must decide according to the wording of the Boundary Act. The legislative intent might be different, he added, but the language of the act must be followed because any appeal will be decided by the courts on the wording of the bill.

THE NOVEMBER election was requested by the petitioners, Citizens for a Better Farmington. On May 14, the Joint Committee of the four area governments made a pitch for a vote next spring. The Boundary Commission asked that both sides supply their reasons in writing.

Only the petitioners sent back

arguments supporting their written reply for a fall election. The Joint Committee failed to reply.

The Joint Committee had wanted a spring election to allow time for further study to be financed through a federal grant. When the township hesitated to participate in financing the study, the Joint Committee lost its main argument.

Calms told a staff member of the commission, James Hyde, from the Treasury department, that if a fall election was favored, Nov. 4 would be the best date.

This would allow a full registration drive when the township clerk's office was at full staff, explained Calms.

such as a millage or bonding proposal which could deter or confuse the main issue.

Commissioner Al Vander Laan agreed, saying that if the election were contested with other issues, residents may not study consolidation fully and vote no without being adequately informed.

VANDER LAAN noted the fall election provides five months for an educational program which he felt was an adequate period to inform the public.

Calms said the township had no strong preferences and favored either a fall or spring vote. He denied the petitioners' claim that governmental officials wanted to delay the vote because they were protecting their jobs.

Calms informed the commission that a full vote would be best because it could not be predicted what might be on the ballot next spring in addition to consolidation.

TO RUN FOR the Charter Commission, candidates must be electors of their municipality and shall have lived in that municipality for at least three years prior to March 24, 1969, the date the petitions were filed.

To be placed on the ballot, candidates must obtain non-partisan petitions containing the signatures of 25 qualified electors residing in their municipality. Deadline for filing petitions is 4 p.m. Sept. 16.

The Boundary Commission will prescribe the ballot form for the question of consolidation and for charter commissioners. The Oakland County clerk will print all ballots, and each local unit will bear its own election expense.

Registration deadline for the consolidation election will be

analysis

Why School Vote Is A Call For Change



ALDO VAGNOZZI

By HOWARD KOHN

Farmington voters have endorsed activism for next year's board of education.

Newly-elected Aldo Vagnozzi and Richard Frankel are both outspoken advocates for change and mark a departure from the stereotyped image of suburban school board members.

Vagnozzi won a four-year term, edging past incumbent Mrs. Patricia Smith. Frankel secured a one-year term by an overwhelming plurality.

Kenneth Perrin, who led the voting in the four-year race, picked up the other seat as a status quo seeker.

But Perrin is young and energetic, a noticeable distinction from traditionally older conservatives. And he campaigned hard across the district, taking advantage of his familiarity with

the area from work in home-owners associations and subdivision councils.

Besides Mrs. Smith, who had been appointed last fall to fill an unexpired term, longtime board members Herbert Neal and Leland Clifford will be vacating seats on the seven-member board.

Neal and Clifford did not seek re-election, admitting the board needed "more young blood on it."

Vagnozzi and Frankel join Gary Lichtman and Dr. Sanford Bloomberg in identifying with liberal polities on the board. Perrin favors the more conservative approach of Richard Peters.

John Washburn, board president, is a moderate leaning toward conservative views.

ALTHOUGH Perrin held a substantial lead in the four-year race, voters threw most of their support to the more liberal candidates.

Vagnozzi, Jack Garcia and Burton Levy ran under liberal banners in the four-year contest and amassed 2,315 votes, finishing second, fourth and

fifth.

Perrin, Byron Walter and Ronald Enders aligned themselves on the conservative side, garnering 1,800 votes and ending up first, sixth and seventh.

The three moderate candidates picked up 1,225 votes.

In the one-year race, Frankel and Dr. Earl Rankin matched ideas on nearly every issue and won 2,130 out of 2,614 votes each.

Precinct three was the most liberal, allocating nearly 60 per cent of its vote to Perry and Vagnozzi. Precincts two and four tended to support the more conservative candidates.

Precinct three also gave Vagnozzi a key 130-vote edge over Mrs. Smith, which helped him pull past her in the final count by nine votes.

ONE OF the first problems the new board will face is the growing consolidation gap in the high schools, where many students say they've lost faith in the present system of rules and rule enforcement.

The state board of education has been studying guidelines for student conduct and is expected

to recommend a general student code soon.

Both Vagnozzi and Frankel say they'd like an overall code for the two high schools, which would also cover Harrison High when it opens in 1970.

"I would hope that we could adopt a standard policy at all three schools," Vagnozzi explains. "And I would also hope that our administrators would spend less time on things like dress regulations."

Perrin says he's "disturbed that students are disturbed" and is going to take a firsthand look at North Farmington where more than 300 students picketed against dress rules in March.

"I am sympathetic toward students if they are really having trouble communicating," he adds. "I want to find out where the system has broken down."

"I feel I have a 'law-and-order' reputation and students may not be approaching me with their problems... but I want to be sure these kids aren't using this as an excuse for a cause."

Frankel sees a possible student code originating from a tripartite committee of students, teachers and administra-



KENNETH PERRIN

tors. "I think there'd be fewer violations if students had a part in making their rules," he says.

Vagnozzi thinks students could be enlisted on citizens advisory committees along with parents and teachers to do background work on curricula, finances, safety, etc.

"It wouldn't be a bad idea for the board to invite students to sit down and talk about their problems," Vagnozzi continues. "Or to have a cross-section of graduates back to reflect on our school system."

BOTH VAGNOZZI and Frankel favor a trend toward student evaluation of teachers, although both caution against a radical move. Perrin believes teacher evaluations should remain strictly within the administration.

"My fear is that students will think their parents should be final," Perrin explains, "because people that age seem to think they know all the right answers."

Frankel disagrees, "There's definitely something to be gained from evaluations, although I suspect they'd be useless for the first few years until students understood how they worked."

"A sincere and dedicated teacher would welcome them. Some teachers are already using them, in fact."

BOTH FRANKEL and Vagnozzi urge more student activities to channel interests and energies.

"I'd like to see a Youth Corps set up where students could work for things they're interested in," Vagnozzi details, "... possibly working in the poverty program or with Head Start."

Vagnozzi also favors subsidizing the school newspapers which now receive no financing from the board.

"I don't think it's necessary for students to start underground newspapers," agrees Frankel, "especially if we open up the school newspapers to all students instead of just the journalism classes. That should improve their quality and give students a voice for their opinions."

Both also agree on reviewing the role of high school counselors since many student complaints center on the low level of counseling help they receive.

"The counselors are someone the students should be able to turn to," Vagnozzi says.

today's hot line

what's inside

Retirees Bid Goodbye

Graduating seniors are not the only ones leaving Farmington Schools this month. Also leaving are a husband and wife team and a kindergarten teacher who has held a "love-in" with her pupils for the past 10 years. We have special features on these retirees.

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Marines Honor Hero

A former Farmington youth killed in the Vietnam War has been honored by the U.S. Marine Corps. A posthumous presentation of the Bronze Star was made to the marine's parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Pepper, at special ceremonies in Hawaii.

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Convention-Bound

Three women from this area are attending the American Association of University Women convention in Chicago. For their names and a run-down of the noted speakers they'll hear, see the Women's Page.

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Play Ball!

Sunday is the day the Connie Mack League baseball teams get going for the summer. For a rundown on what's in store for the 17 teams, check the Sports Section.

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Scholar-Athlete

That's what Clarenceville's Kerry Rifkin is. He won the school's top athletic trophy and he's got a scholarship to a prestigious Ivy League school.

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Patio King

William Graves of Farmington will celebrate this Father's Day as King of the Patio for southeastern Michigan. See the story on the Women's Page.

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New Ministers

Three new ministerial appointments in this area have been made by the United Methodist Church. See today's Church Section.

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How They Voted

The dailies and the hit-and-run broadcast boys told you a little about some of the bills passed in Lansing last week. But they didn't tell you how your own senator and representative voted on them. We do.

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Segal Locates Industry Here

One of Michigan's largest mechanical air handling, heating, cooling and ventilating contractors, Inc. expect to occupy Farmington Township on a four-acre plot in the Farmington Industrial Subdivision.

A.J. Segal & Sons Contractors, Inc. expect to occupy the new \$200,000 plant in October, 1969. The 14,000 square foot facility will be fully air conditioned.

AMPLE REMAINING capacity will facilitate future expansion plans for the firm whose total employment will include 40 skilled artisans and service personnel.

The multi-million dollar firm will move its complete operation and machinery from Inkster where it has operated for 20 years in a 7,000 square foot building.

The new structure will feature residential-type landscaping, red brick exterior. Specializing in commercial and residential heating-cooling-ventilation, Segal & Sons will provide 24-hour weekly service for the entire Farmington area, suburban and metropolitan Detroit.

A fleet of 14 radio-dispatched trucks will furnish instant service to residential customers in the immediate area.

GROUND BREAKING cere-

monies were held last week at the new location at 24651 Crestview Court, near the junction site of I-275 and I-96. It is one of the first industrial organizations to locate in the Farmington Industrial Subdivision, five minutes from the heart of downtown Farmington.

Participants in the ceremonies were: George Segal, president; Robert Segal, partner and secretary-treasurer; Anthony Asher, secretary of the Sheet Metal Employers Association; Township Supervisor Curtis Hall; and Dell Garrison of Garrison Construction Co.

President Segal, a past president of the Sheet Metal Employers Association, was a pioneer in developing the Better Heating Cooling Bureau, comprised of 200 leading contractors in southern Michigan, which guarantees service and installation of total comfort heating and cooling systems to consumers.

Segal also was recently elected second vice president of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Inc.

He resides in Birmingham with a daughter, two sons and wife Josephine. His partner and brother, Robert, lives on Somerwood Court, Farmington Township, with his wife Marilyn and two sons.



GROUND BREAKING - Ground breaking ceremonies were held last week by A.J. Segal & Sons Contractors, Inc. in the Farmington Industrial Subdivision. Shown from left are Jim Garrison, Dell Garrison, George Segal, Robert Segal, and Tony Asher. (Evert photo)