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today's hot line

Editorial and advertising deadlines will be moved up 24 hours by Observer Newspapers, Inc. to enable employees to enjoy the Fourth of July weekend.

The new deadlines, effective only for the editions of Sunday, July 6, will be:
Editorial — 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 2;
Church news, 12 noon, Wednesday.

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Classified advertising — 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3.

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Tempest In A Dome

Chances for a domed stadium in Southfield, abutting Farmington Township are still very much alive. A rezoning request which would eliminate the stadium was tabled for six weeks by the Southfield City Council Monday night. A report of that action may be found on Page 4A.

A Unique Experience

Kendallwood I and Colony Park will co-sponsor a special July Fourth observance this year. It is a unique experience and dates back five years. The uniqueness is told with pictures and story on Page 3A.

Washington Report

A group of Farmington residents traveled to Washington last week for briefings as part of Congressman Jack McDonald's 19th District Day. A report of warning by Gerald Ford, House Minority Leader, of an impending economic crisis is given on Page 11A.

Did He Make It?

A lot of youngsters you know have been attending Schoolcraft College. Did the kid next door graduate? Check the list of 140 from the area who received degrees. Page 5A.

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upcoming

SOON IT'LL TAKE passengers longer to get from a major airport to their homes than it does to fly across the country, says Col. Eddie Rickenbacker. Roving Editor W. W. Edgar reviews mass transit plans and how they could affect suburbia. Watch for it on the Sunday Feature Page.

Young man
most likely
to succeed.



Your neighborhood boy is getting valuable business training through his Observer route. The 50¢ you pay him each month for our new Carrier Subscription Plan assures his success in his first business venture. Be sure to ask for a receipt, which will guarantee delivery of The Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Consolidation Backers Regroup, Name Gilbert New Chairman

Citizens For A Better Farmington has broadened its base in the community by forming a new coordinating committee for the consolidation campaign for the Nov. 4 election.

The coordinating committee consists of active, civic-minded individuals from the four governments included in the proposed consolidation of the Farmington area.

CITIZENS FOR A Better Farmington is the group which petitioned for an election on the consolidation question and pushed for the fall vote.

The new committee will hold its first session today (Wednesday) in the meeting room of the Thompson-Brown Co.

Gerald Ellsworth, spokesman for Citizens For

A Better Farmington, explains the new committee's purpose will be to set policy and coordinate all efforts for a successful positive vote on consolidation in the fall.

Russ Gilbert, a Farmington Township resident and owner of Town and Country Dodge on Grand River, has agreed to head up the coordinating committee.

Active for years in local civic affairs, Gilbert is a recent recipient of the Farmington Elks "Citizen of the Year" award.

"OF THE MANY projects in which I've participated as a businessman," says Gilbert, "I can think of none more worthy of all our efforts."

"I call on each member of the four com-

munities to put aside individual or personal interests and work for the better interest of the whole community by participating in the effort to consolidate."

Ellsworth explained that in choosing members of the coordinating committee Citizens For A Better Farmington attempted to get persons who have shown an interest in their community in the past in a variety of ways.

"Every effort was made to see that they came from all sections of the area of proposed consolidation," said Ellsworth.

The consolidation question, if approved by voters Nov. 4, will combine all governments of the Farmington area into a new, single city government.

Sex Ed Study Progress Told

By EMORY DANIELS

A progress report was given Friday on the functioning of a Farmington School District citizens committee investigating the need for an expanded curriculum in the areas of sex education, drug and alcohol education, and human relations.

The Family Life Education (FLE) committee has been meeting since March 26 under the chairmanship of the Rev. Hugh V. Stewart, pastor of St. Stephen United Presbyterian Church.

THE COMMITTEE has met a total of six times and gave their first progress report to the Board of Education on June 16.

The committee has endeavored to explore the questions and problems in its three areas of responsibility as directed by the board: substance abuse (alcohol and drugs), human sexuality, and minority understanding.

"Much of the committee's time has been devoted to its own education," stresses Rev. Stewart.

Task Groups have been established in the three areas of study. The Rev. Karl Kallreider of Antioch Lutheran Church will serve as chairman of Substance Abuse.

Dr. Murray N. Deighton, an M.D., will chair the Human Sexuality task group and Samuel Flinn will be chairman of Minority Understanding.

Additional citizens' from across the district, reflecting a cross-section of opinion, will be appointed by the FLE Committee to serve on the task groups which will be meeting throughout the summer months.

STEWART STRESSED there is no fixed time at which the FLE Committee must report to the board suggested guidelines, objectives and goals for curricular development.

Stewart said the committee does not want to involve people in the developmental work of the task groups who have taken public stands on any of the three areas of study.

To date, he reported, com-

mittee members have met with four PTA executive committees to hear their views. The committee hopes to hold "public hearings in the fall to allow anyone to address the committee and have their views entered on the record."

Stewart stressed the committee was in an exploratory stage now. No decisions have been made, he added, and the committee is only determining how it will conduct its study and how it will reach its decisions.

DR. RODERICK SMITH, Sup't. of Schools, explained the district does not have any formal sex education program now but only a few phases of involvement.

He explained the FLE committee was directed to "specifically and honestly study the feelings of the community and present the interests and needs of the community to the board."

Dr. Smith stressed that there are no new programs being considered for this fall and there will not be any new programs until at least the FLE Committee makes its report. After the FLE Committee reports, the Board of Education will decide, said Smith.

PRESENTLY, sex education involves a few lessons in health and social studies classes in Farmington Schools. There is a voluntary "Growing Up" program offered at some of the elementary schools at the sixth grade level.

The Growing Up program has involved the community as the schools invite parents to preview films and materials used. Films used in that program are supplied by the Oakland County Health Department.

Dr. Jack Cleveland, adult education director, said the Growing Up program was developed under the leadership of former superintendent, Gerald Harrison.

In addition to the Growing Up program, the district has sponsored classes for adults to aid them in educating their children about sex.

"Mr. Harrison saw the great

need for a more comprehensive approach to sex education. We were all totally dissatisfied with the job being done."

"He suggested that the program be first directed toward the adults until community reaction might be evaluated. This was really a great step for an administrator to take in this unexplored area."

THE OBJECTIVE, explains Cleveland, is to have parents assess their own attitudes and values. In this way, he adds, parents become better equipped to give their children better guidance.

"They must ultimately help the younger generation to face life and the pressures of society with the proper perspective."

"Anyone can find a set of answers to the birds and bees question in a handy paperback edition. To build a basic understanding and feeling for fellow human beings is another matter."

"This is precisely what a sex education program hopes to accomplish."

THE DISTRICT has the beginnings of a sex education program in its Growing Up adult education offerings. In addition, a family sociology class is offered as an elective for seniors only.

How much further the district should go will be recommended by the FLE Committee after hearing from the community and decided by the Board of Education.

Members of the committee besides Stewart, Deighton, Flinn and Kallreider are: Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, D.O.; Mrs. Fran Copp, kindergarten teacher at Forest; Robert Deaton, Public Safety Officer, City of Farmington; Bruce Duke, real estate broker; Walter Jablonski, Long Acre Elementary principal; Mrs. Carl Kikka, housewife; Rev. Albert C. Kolch, priest at St. Alexander Catholic Church; and Miss Jill Turley, East Junior High School counselor.



JUDGE CROCKETT IN FARMINGTON — Shaking hands in accordance with ceremonial rituals of all political dinners are Judge George Crockett (left) and Al Sipher. Jerry Freeman slaps each on the back. Crockett was main speaker, Freeman was toastmaster and Sipher is chairman of the Farmington Democrats who held their sixth annual dinner last week. (Everett photo)

Crockett Files Charges Justice Not Color-Blind

By EDWARD KOHN

At a time when most cities seem preoccupied with law and order, Farmington residents last week heard about law and justice.

Speaking before 100 people at the sixth annual Democratic Club dinner, Detroit Recorder Judge George Crockett told why courts are racist.

"Nobody likes to talk about it but every judge and every lawyer knows it's true," he said.

"Justice is given out in direct proportion to the size of a man's pocketbook and the color of his skin."

Federal statistics put 12 percent of the nation's whites and 40 percent of the nation's blacks below the poverty line — though numerically there are more poor whites than blacks.

CROCKETT, however, charged that courts have a double standard for poor whites and blacks.

"A poor black man gets insulted, beaten and kept incommunicado by a police garage while the white man gets a confession," Crockett said.

"Then it's brought before a magistrate, who fixes his bail at 3-10 times his annual income, and he's a good defense attorney who's either young and inexperienced or old and disilluminated."

"Either way his attorney does nothing before the pre-trial hearing and then advises him to plead guilty to a lesser charge."

"No white man gets treated that way."

Crockett's opponents have attacked him for lowering bail and handing down more suspended sentences.

An outisipman with a background of first amendment and civil rights rights, Crockett is in the third year of a six-year term as a Detroit Recorder-Coroner Judge.

a statewide controversy this spring when he released nine members of a black separatist group while police were still investigating the gun battle death of a Detroit policeman.

Crockett held that police violated their constitutional rights by holding them incommunicado and taking gunpowder tests without benefit of counsel.

Crockett's stand, while still under consideration by the state judicial tenure commission, has been supported by several bar associations and judicial groups.

Crockett criticized the current public mood as repressive toward law and order.

"Civil Rights used to say that Americans would always vote for prohibition as long as they could stagger to the polls," Crockett added. "Now it seems like Americans will do anything to win the fight against crime except pay for it."

"We've crippled 10 percent of our citizens in our charge to get to the top. Now we say that the cost of curing them is too high to pay."

"Do you wonder what these people want? They want what you have, what you've denied them. And if they can't get it legally they're going to take it by force."

Fern's coming back home to Farmington.

On Monday, Mrs. Fern (Robert) Davis will be back as office manager in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer after eight months in other Observer offices in Livonia and Plymouth.

"It's wonderful to be going back," she said. "I just couldn't believe it."

"Wherever we live in the future, no place will ever be like home the way Farmington is to me and the whole family."

Fern and her family — Husband Robert, son Robert Jr., and Jan — lived in Farmington for 13 years. They now live in Milford, but Farmington will always be home.

Mr. Davis is connected with the Texas Refining Corp., Robert Jr. is in the Air Force and Jan is a student at Michigan State University. Both children were graduates of North Farmington High School.

So, Farmington, Fern's coming home Monday. And she couldn't be happier.

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