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today's hot line

Big Ink Strike

Ink supplies to major daily newspapers in southern Michigan, Ontario and northern Ohio were threatened this week by a strike at the home office of Flint Ink in Redford Township and six other cities across the country.

On strike are 97 members of Local 9 of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union. Disputed issues are wages and cost-of-living escalator clause, according to union officials.

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How Short's Short?

The question of proper dress and appearance for high school students has been studied all summer long. This week, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer begins a series of articles which will take a long, hard look at the dress controversy. Today's presentation includes a number of photographs on permissible, questionable and outlawed appearances.

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Bus Routes

School will open soon and as a public service the Farmington Enterprise & Observer is publishing bus schedules for the area parochial and public schools. Today's issue contains schedules for parochial and senior high bus routes.

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Seek Valuable Junk

Farmington residents are being invited to search their attics and cellars for "valuable junk" to furnish the Community Center. Clarence Stoll, who is heading the drive, is a man who knows the difference between "valuable" junk and just plain junk.

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Lady Trustee

Farmington's Patricia Smith is unique among Observerland school board members. Read why in Margaret Miller's Woman on the Go.

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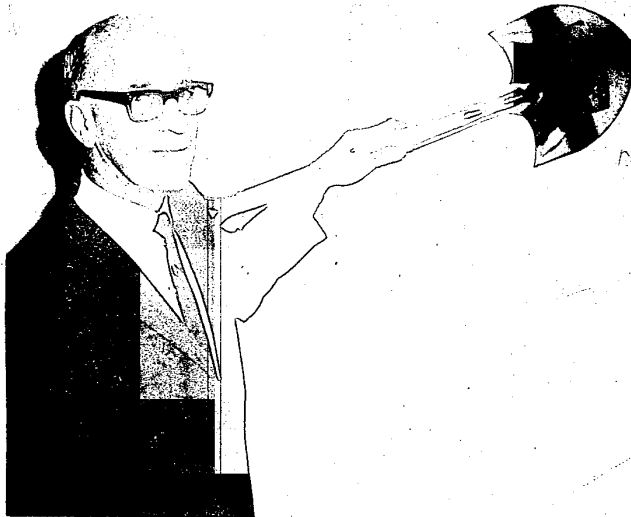
"Sold before we got our paper

... the calls started even before our Observer was delivered, and our dog found a good home, said Mrs. L. Dupont. For good results use Observer Want Ads to buy, sell or trade.

MALE German Shepherd, 1 year old, excellent watch dog, free to good home. Not for home with small children. 476-0000.

Classified WANT ADS
422-0900

Township Officers Move Into New Quarters



RELOCATE VALUABLES — Farmington Township officials moved last weekend into the new township hall, reshuffling all records and valuables from the old building. At left, Supervisor Curtis Hall rehanges a memento on his new office wall.



The shovel was used in the 1963 groundbreaking for the first water line installed in the township. At right, Clerk Floyd Cairns carries election records to his new place of work.

OPERATION TAKEOVER: Complete Move Into New Hall

After a weekend of labor, Farmington Township officials occupied new desks Monday morning as township departments moved into the new township hall.

Occupying the new building are: supervisor's office, clerk's office, treasurer's department, assessor's department, building department, violations bureau, zoning office and district judge.

The old township hall is being remodeled for sole use by the police department.

THE FIRST public meeting in the new town hall will be Monday when the board of trustees meet in its new quarters—a half-octagon shaped council chambers.

The fully-carpeted chambers will also double as District Courtroom. The judge's office is located in an adjoining room behind the bench.

The main offices are located in a square-shaped room with a reception desk in the center. Location of the offices are: supervisor, northeast corner; treasurer's department, north side; assessor's department, west wall; building department, southwest corner; violations bureau, abutting the building department; council chambers, southeast corner; clerk's department, east side.

Public access can be gained through the main entrance at the northwest corner of the new hall. An open house is planned for sometime in early October. Arrangements will be finalized after more definite word is received on the completion of the landscaping.

TRANSFER OF the township offices to the new structure leaves the old building for the police force. The move gives much-needed space to township offices and after some renovation will provide additional space for the police force which is badly cramped in its present quarters.

The move started Friday morning, continued all day Friday and all day Saturday. Final moves were still being made Monday morning and Monday became a day of unpacking.

Construction started in early 1968 and was completed just over a year later. Estimated

cost for the new structure is \$379,000. The structure was financed through the building fund with general fund revenues, on a pay-as-you-go basis.

General contractor was the Pinkert Construction Co.

IT WAS ONLY seven years ago that the town-

ship moved into the old building. But since 1962, the police force has expanded greatly and the need for space has been felt greatly in recent years.

Before 1962, township offices were housed on the lower level of the Masonic Lodge at Grand River and Farmington Rds. in the City of Farmington.

Study Traffic Light Needs

The Farmington Board of Commerce has asked city and township police to provide traffic study information on several intersections in the Farmington area.

WITH HOPES of evaluating the information and making recommendations to the police departments and county and state road commissions, the board is particularly worried about three intersections:

● Grand River and Power, site of a school crossing and the only through street to cross Grand River.

● Grand River and Halstead, an area which has seen a great

population increase and has been the locality of three personal injury and two property damage accidents so far this year.

● 12 Mile and Halstead, the site of a double fatality accident on May 12, 1968 and four property damage accidents so far this year.

He blamed the county for the hold-up on the requisition order. "They're trying to determine

exactly what kind of light to put in there," he said.

"Why there's a problem at 12 Mile and Halstead, I don't know," Newell commented. He said he had watched the intersection and could not see any major difficulties.

Born Banya, executive secretary of the Board of Commerce, cited heavier traffic from the expressway and failure to obey the four-way stop signs as the major accident producing factors at the 12 Mile-Halstead corners.

CHIEF ROBERT DEADMAN, of the Farmington Police, told the Enterprise and Observer

that he didn't want to see the signals installed if they were unwarranted. He maintained that signals themselves cause accidents, especially rear-end collisions.

However, he has long urged the installation of a traffic signal at Grand River and Powers to provide gaps in the traffic to allow pedestrians and autos to cross Grand River.

Deadman added that the intersection has a low accident rate and probably doesn't carry enough traffic by itself to warrant a light there it would benefit drivers and pedestrians on all the nearby side streets.

Brennan 2nd To File

Joseph T. ("Terry") Brennan, township attorney, has filed petitions as a candidate for the charter commission for the Nov. 4 consolidation election.

Brennan, of 2963 Fernhill in Canterbury Commons, has lived in the township for 13 years, practiced law for 14 years, and has been township attorney for 11 years.

This is his third try for a charter commission. Brennan was twice elected to charter commissions which never met since previous township incorporation attempts have failed.

HE FILED his petitions with the township clerk on Friday. Brennan is married, has four daughters, and is a 1954 graduate of University of Detroit.

Brennan said he firmly believes that ultimately the township must be incorporated into a city and that consolidation will do the job.

He commented that as far as township residents were con-



Joseph T. Brennan

commission a charter will be drafted that will be acceptable for a majority of the community."

He admitted consolidation poses some problems and it was not a panacea but quickly added the township must obtain cityhood and consolidation will accomplish that end.

BRENNAN BECAME the second candidate to file for the commission, both from the township. Nine commissioners will be elected on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The issue at stake Nov. 4 is whether or not a charter commission should be elected to draft a charter for a new single city to be formed by consolidating the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms.

If voters approve a charter commission, a second vote must be held to approve the charter. Consolidation becomes effective once the charter is approved by a majority of the electorate in each of the four affected governmental areas.

Car Hits House; 11 Escape

Four occupants of a car, and seven people in a house escaped death last week after the car went out of control and landed upside down near the home. The car, driven by Sherman Little, 22, of 21636 Whittington, Farmington, went out of control near the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Joy Road.

According to police reports, the car struck a guard rail, crossed Joy Road, flipped into the air, and hit two cars parked in a driveway at 10075 Ann Arbor Road. One of the parked cars was pushed into another, damaging it.

The vehicle, still moving, ended upside down just outside a living room window of the home where the Kaas Combs family was sleeping.

Taken to St. Joseph Hospital, in Ann Arbor were Little, the driver, and three passengers, Steve Lamb, 30, of 29222 Grand River Ave., Farmington; Lawrence Jantovsky, 18, of 8951 Oxford, Livonia; and David Kutschko, 22, of 28146 David Road, Farmington.