

County Prosecutor Acts

Hedrick Will Be Charged With Assault And Battery

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Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett has recommended a warrant be issued charging Farmington Township Patrolman John Hedrick with assault and battery.

Hedrick will be charged with the alleged Sept. 9, 1968 assault and battery of John Vonsouers of Farmington Township. Vonsouers reportedly

had a punctured eardrum from a blackjack beating by Hedrick. Plunkett recommended the action after months of investigation into five complaints of police brutality against Hedrick. "No provable criminality" was found in investigation of the other complaints, Plunkett said.

THE ALLEGED assault, the Oakland County prosecutor said, took place in Farmington Town-

ship when Vonsouers was arrested for auto theft. Vonsouers later pleaded guilty to unlawfully taking and using an auto and was placed on probation.

Township Patrolman Peter Larice, mentioned in one charge of police brutality, was found to be "without fault," Plunkett said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney General's office also investigated the charges against Hedrick.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth McIntyre said that investigation of the case has been completed and the results turned over to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. He would not speculate whether charges will be filed or dropped.

HEDRICK IS also still under

investigation by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission for a February 1966 brutality case while a member of the Pontiac Police Department.

The complaints against Hedrick, who is president of the Farmington Police Officer's Assn., were uncovered in April during a hearing in the case of Farmington Det. Sgt. Earl Teeple. Teeple was suspended from the force for talk-

ing to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office about the brutality charges.

Plunkett praised the cooperation of both the Township Police Department and the City Department of Public Safety.

"Police officers are subject to the very same laws they enforce, and will be treated the same as any other citizens as long as I am prosecutor," Plunkett concluded.

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Changes in secondary school curriculum have brought about new enthusiasm on the part of both teachers and students. . . . Final article of series.

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Lends Helping Hand

Henry Maurer of 24568 Lincoln Court, Farmington, was right in the thick of things when the time came to start clean-up campaign following Hurricane Camille. Read about the humanitarian work with the needy.

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Attack Launched

The City of Farmington is started on a campaign to improve traffic conditions on Challenge Hill. New signs will help solve the problem.

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Runnin', Trottin'

If your horse racing tastes run to the runners, you'll profit from our new column, Turf Tips & Quips. If you prefer the harness races, you'll also like Turf Tips & Quips. And if you like both, you'll get double benefit out of this authoritative view into the sport of kings.

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Kickoff!

Early Friday afternoon it'll start — the kickoff for the high school football season. And Sports Editor George Maskin, who has a habit of calling 'em right, makes his predictions for the first round of games.

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BIG MOMENT — Descendants of Luman Goodenough, whose ancestral home is now the Farmington Community Center, did the honors at the ribbon cutting officially opening the center on Sunday. In the background is Nick Spicer, Luman's grandson. Luman's great-grandchildren Paul Goodenough Spicer and Phoebe Strong are helped with the shovels by John Allen. (Event photo)

New Loitering Code Cracks Down On Gangs

In an effort to ward off any possible trouble by the gathering of gangs on street corners and shopping center parking lots the Farmington Township Trustees cracked down on loitering at its session Monday night.

The crackdown came when Township Attorney Terry Brennan offered an amendment to the Omnibus Penal Ordinance and it was adopted unanimously. It calls for loiterers to be disorderly persons.

The amendment follows: "That the following paragraph be added to Section 2, disorderly persons, of the Omnibus Penal Ordinance of the Township of Farmington, adopted by the Township Board on April 28, 1969:

Any person found loitering on any street or sidewalk, in any park or public building, in any place of business or public assembly or other place open to the general public and conducting himself in a manner so as to obstruct the free and uninterrupted passage of the public or in such a way as to discourage members of the public from going upon and making use of said premises shall be deemed to be a disorderly person. Any person found insulting, accosting, or molesting or otherwise annoying either by word of mouth, sign or motion, any person in any street, sidewalk, alley, park, public building, place of business, public assembly or other areas open to the general public shall be deemed

to be a disorderly person.

SECTION 2
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3
The provisions of this amendment are hereby ordered to take effect 30 days after publication.

He pointed out the Building Inspectors were limited to inspecting work only to the extent that code is enforced.

"Our code," he said, "is set up to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community. And it can't go beyond that."

He further pointed out that the building inspectors had no jurisdiction beyond the code.

"Faulty craftsmanship," he informed them "is a matter between you and the builder. I would advise you to read your contract. Then, if anything is wrong you should complain to the State License Bureau and report the builder."

"But, in any event," he continued, "you must differentiate between a violation of the code and faulty work."



CHARLES WILLIAMS

Williams Quits Township Post

Charles H. Williams, self-styled controversial member of the Township Board of Trustees, tendered his resignation Monday night and it was accepted unanimously.

He was elected to the Board last November for a two-year term that would have expired in November of 1970.

After the resignation was accepted Supervisor Curt Hall announced that the vacancy may be filled within the next few weeks.

IN SUBMITTING his resignation Williams wrote: "As you are aware, we recently purchased a home in the City of Farmington and while I would like to serve out the term that I was elected to I realize that government should be of laws rather than men."

"Therefore, I shall not continue to maintain a dual residency that would be questionable, and as such you may now declare my office vacant."

"As a Township businessman I shall continue to take an active interest in community affairs and government and wish you well as you endeavor to provide good government for the community."

Though it had been hinted for some time that Williams planned to resign, Supervisor Curt Hall offered the resignation as a sort of surprise at the Monday night session.

It had been rumored that Williams was attempting to figure out some way that he could continue to serve and still have his home in the city.

It had been stated that some of his furniture and equipment had been left in the Township home, but Supervisor Hall let it be known Monday night that when the residence was shown for sale it contained no such things as a stove or a refrigerator.

Asked who might be the leading candidates to fill the vacancy the Trustees refused to name any particular persons, claiming there were "many good candidates."

Open House Is Set For Children's Aid

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer, as a public service, is co-sponsoring two open houses at the state headquarters of the Michigan Children's Aid Society located at 95427 Grand River, Farmington.

Host for both days will be Charles D. Malloch, president of Community leaders, business men and government leaders from the Farmington Area.

The open houses will be held Sept. 16-17 at the modern facilities of the society west of the City of Farmington.

Invited to attend are a number of the Michigan Children's Aid Society. Director Al Morris will give short orientation talks explaining the work of the society and services offered.

Sept. 14-20 has been designated as Michigan Children's Aid Society Week by Governor William Milliken in recognition of the society's 75 years of labor trying to adopt children and work with unwed mothers.

The open houses were arranged by Philip H. Power, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, and Morris.

Charter Race Draws Three More

Three more men have filed for positions on the Nov. 4 ballot for members of the charter commission, Sept. 16 is the dead line for filing petitions.

Richard Tupper of 22180 Cass filed in Farmington city, Wayne F. Parkinson of 30247 Wicklow filed in Farmington Township, and Robert Ellsworth of 34155 Hunters Row filed from Quakertown.

"Sold right away"

"... we even had two buyers for the land we sold. Observer Want Ads bring very good results," said Mrs. Frederick Ratke. Use Observer Want Ads to buy, sell or trade.

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Parents Question Hours Of School

The problems of transporting the district's 16,000 students to and from school brought a standing-room-only crowd and audience participation to the Board of Education's regular meeting Monday night.

Parents of children walking to school who want their children to ride buses and parents who dislike the new school hours

caused by the tight bus schedule complained to the board.

The board, seemingly sympathetic to the complaints, promised study of the first problem, but expressed little hope of solving the problem of school hours.

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