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Newly Franchised Voters Can Register For Tax Vote

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Oakland County drain commissioner Daniel Barry and his former deputy, James Nichols, were arrested Friday on charges growing out of a six-month, citizen's grand jury probe.

Indictments returned Thursday accuse both men of two counts of bribery and conspiracy to bribe, three counts of misuse of public funds, and one count of a conflict of interest.

Barry is also accused of obtaining money under false pretenses and Nichols is also charged with perjury. Penalties on all charges against Barry total up to 36 years imprisonment and/or \$13,000 and those against Nichols total 41 years and/or \$13,000.

Nichols now is supervisor of the county's \$25 million anti-pollution project. The grand jury investigation grew out of misconduct charges against the two men brought by James Turnerm, publisher of a monthly magazine and one time candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Clark Loses Bid

Dr. Ronald E. Clark, former Farmington Township physician, has lost his bid for dismissal of first degree murder charges made against him and will now stand trial beginning July 16.

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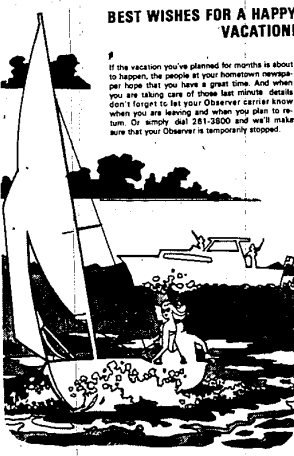
Business Hours

In order to give all employees an opportunity to enjoy the summer weekends the Observer Newspapers Inc. general offices, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia, will be closed on Saturdays.

The closing becomes effective immediately. Those with editorial, accounting or advertising requests are urged to call Fridays between 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. or wait until Monday when the offices open at 9 a.m.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY VACATION!

If the vacation you've planned for months is about to happen, the people at your hometown newspaper hope that you have a great time. And when you are taking care of these last minute details don't forget to let your Observer carrier know when you are leaving and when you plan to return. Or simply dial 281-2800 and we'll make sure that your Observer is temporarily stopped.



HUNDREDS OF MILES are easily bridged by amateur radio operators like Richard Burgess of Livonia who took part in Emergency Field Day Operations. Here Burgess, an electronics

teacher, listens to a message on the transceiver. Part of the equipment donated to Farmington High from the Ken Trombley Memorial Fund. (Evert photo)

Ham Radio Operators Hold Emergency Runs

A father and son team from Farmington and an electronics teacher from Farmington High joined thousands of ham radio operators across the country recently in a special "Emergency Field Day Operation."

Ray Mallon, of 26560 Springfield, and son Richard, a recent graduate of Farmington High, set up shop in a tent on the front lawn of their home. For 24 hours they cooked, ate and slept in the tent to insure constant surveillance of radio equipment.

Richard Burgess of Livonia, electronics instructor at

Farmington High, received messages over the transceiver (combined transmitter and receiver), part of equipment used in classes at the high school.

PORTABLE generators were used to power the station.

The purpose of the whole operation was to keep the equipment in use during the summer, giving the operator further experience in handling the transceiver. Working in cooperation with police and civil defense departments, the object was to establish as many contacts as possible throughout the country in the

shortest amount of time.

Equipment used in this operation and in classes at Farmington High was donated through the Ken Trombley Memorial Fund. The late Trombley, a Farmington resident for many years, is now a "silent key" in the lingo of ham operators.

Money was donated after his death to start a ham station in the school. This station is now known as the Ken Trombley Memorial Station and hopefully next year, according to Burgess, it will carry his call letters - WA8-MUY.

BURGESS SAID he hopes

the amateur radio station will "generate more interest in the electronics classes." He said there are two types of classes offered at the school—Electricity I and II and Electronics I and II.

All of these classes would study the ham radio according to their interests in the fields of electronics and electricity. The sessions are extra-curricular.

Equipment thus far purchased for use at the school includes a Swan 500C transceiver; Swan power supply; Electro voice mike; a Heath Kit DX 60 transmitter and a National Receiver.

Trustee Resignation May Upset Recall Battle Plan

Even if the Board of Education recall drive succeeds in Farmington, there will be no election to fill the vacancies.

Gary L. Lichtman erased such a chance when he resigned as trustee two weeks ago.

How this comes about was explained by Trustee Aldo Vagnozzi, one of the recall targets, along with the tongue-in-cheek comment that he hopes "it doesn't put a crimp in anybody's plans."

HERE'S the way the scenario goes:

Recall supporters, outraged at the board's outrageous support of sex education, several weeks ago began circulating petitions to recall four board members: Lichtman, Vagnozzi, Richard Peters and Ronald Emmitt.

If Lichtman had not

resigned and if a successful petition drive resulted in an election which removed the quarter from office, the board would have been left with only three members, one short of a majority. Since a majority is legally necessary to fill vacancies, the district would have been forced to call a special election to name new trustees.

However, since Lichtman has resigned, he can't be recalled. Under state law, the remaining trustees must fill his post by appointment no later than July 20.

And so, even if a recall election removed Vagnozzi, Peters and Emmitt, four members would remain to fill the three vacancies and no election would be necessary.

MOREOVER since the board voted unanimously in support of sex education, they most likely will pick a candidate sympathetic with the

Family Life Education program to replace Lichtman.

Lichtman's departure leaves Vagnozzi the only board member whose educational philosophy follows a pattern popularly dubbed "liberal." At the time Lichtman announced his resignation, Vagnozzi ruefully commented that no one now remained to second his motions.

A letter formally confirming the resignation was read publicly at the last board meeting by Mrs. Kathryn Stirling, board secretary. There was no comment and Kenneth Perrin, acting board president, was moving on to other business when Vagnozzi broke into move the board's acceptance of the letter and appreciation of Lichtman's "three years of substantial contribution to the educational progress" of the school district. The motion was passed without other remark.

In his letter, Lichtman said that hopefully his resignation "will lead the board of education to more unified, cohesive pursuits with regard to education of all children within the district."

"After all," he wrote, "that is the most basic function of boards of education."

"I have not chosen to put education out of my mind," Lichtman said. "I have only chosen to pursue my interests in a different manner." As a member of Oakland School board, the intermediate district of Oakland County, "I will continue my active interest in both special and vocational education."

"As a member of this community, I will continue an active interest in the progress of education. As a member of a local school parent-teacher organization, I can now take a more active position on a different level."

About 150 Farmington area residents between the ages of 18-21 have registered thus far to vote in local elections. But the numbers are expected to swell rapidly in the next couple of weeks as drives will be held to register voters for the special millage election set for Aug. 23 by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

THE AUG. 23 millage election will be the first chance for Farmington's 18-21 year-olds to vote in a local election.

July 23 is the deadline to register for the Aug. 23 balloting and all new voters are urged to sign up as soon as possible so the processing of new registrants can be handled smoothly.

Only the millage proposal will be on the Aug. 23 ballot. In November, the newly franchised voters will be able to vote for city offices, next June for school board and the following November for township offices.

RATIFICATION of the 38th amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing 18-21 year-olds to vote in all elections also means they can run for any office not having an age limit.

Any registered voter between the ages of 18-21 can run for any township office or for the school board in Farmington. They can also run for any city office providing they have lived in the city for three years.

A residency requirement which applies to the over 21 voter also. The newly franchised voters can also run for state senator or representative once they become registered.

The State Constitution requires candidates for office to be citizens of the United States, and "qualified electors," or registered voters.

BOTH CITY and township clerks have been registering 18-21 year-olds since last December when Congress gave them the right to vote in national elections.

The voter registration lists were kept in separate files because the lists of those qualified to vote in national elections would not be the same as for local balloting.

For the time being, separate registration lists will still be kept for clerical reasons due to the process in Oakland County of selecting jurors.

In Oakland County, prospects for jury duty are pulled from voter registration lists. State law, however, still provides a person must be 21-years-old to serve on a jury.

Thus, separate registration files will be kept for the under-21 voter until, and if, the legislature approves the Age of Majority legislation which will allow 18-year-olds to serve on juries.

The Age of Majority bill had passed the House but now must be ironed out in conference sessions because the Senate amended the act to provide that persons 18-21 cannot purchase liquor.

CITY AND township clerks were notified this past week by Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin that they should begin registering all persons 18 and above and the newly franchised voters can vote in any local election after July 1.

City Clerk Mrs. Elizabeth Brines says about 50 under-21 residents have registered thus far in the city and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reports the township has signed up about 100 under-21 voters.

Both clerks urge young persons between 18-21 to come in and register, during normal working hours and avoid the

rush and confusion on deadline day.

The city will be open for registrations from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday and will conduct special registrations on Saturday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Township hall will be open for registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 10, 17, 23, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 21.

Shorter Vote Lines Is Goal

School election officials are confident that new procedures will eliminate long waits to vote in the Aug. 23 millage election.

Waits of as long as two hours disgruntled a number of those voting June 14.

The holdup resulted from time required to check registrations and sign polling books, according to Byron E. Oliver, who serves as school election clerk. This time, he said, instead of a single line through which all voters of a precinct must pass, the names of voters in each precinct will be divided alphabetically into two or three groups, each with its set of election workers.

With the single issue on the ballot and quicker checking through of voters, balloting should go more swiftly, Oliver said.

Enforce Ordinance For Pools

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples announced this week that he has ordered increased enforcement of the township's swimming pool ordinance.

Such things as proper fencing, operation and maintenance will be enforced. Teeples reports that the hiring of one additional inspector in the building department will enable a filing system to be established with one man handling all pool complaints.

A verbal warning will be given violators to comply and, if not corrected after a second inspection, a written order to comply will be given. If compliance is still not given, Teeples said, a summons requiring a court appearance and possible fine will follow.

"Usually enforcement of such an ordinance follows a tragedy. But this time, we are not going to wait. We are taking proper remedial action before something happens."

The program will be financed by increased building department fees, he added, including swimming pool permit fees.

Holdridge Will Coach Tankers

Harrison High School's Mark Holdridge, boys swim coach, has been named head coach of the Michigan Stingray Swim Association, a Farmington area AAU-sanctioned swim team.

Holdridge led his team to a first season league championship and earned recognition for himself, his school and all of Farmington when he was named Oakland County's swimming coach of the year.