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Persons who enjoy golf can limber up Saturday on the driving range and, while doing so, benefit the Farmington Community Center. The story inside on the benefit includes a report on a family-operated business and a family that golfs together.

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Keeping Pace

With the fall season here, there is more and more going on in the Farmington Community. To keep pace, you'll want to check inside for the Farmington Community Calendar.

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Fund Drive

The members of the League of Women Voters in Farmington and West Bloomfield are pushing for funds to finance their program. A picture in our Women's Section shows how.

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Whom does your favorite high school football team play this year - and when? We have the official gridiron schedules in today's edition, and you'll want to clip and save it.

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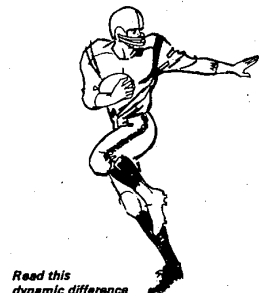
Nixonomics Here

The daily papers told you how the presidential aspirants view "Nixonomics," but what does your own congressman think? Observerland's four men in Washington had four quite distinct points of view.

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DYNAMIC local sports coverage makes one newspaper different from another.



Read this dynamic difference on today's OBSERVER sports pages

Teeples Lashed By Trustees Who Rescind Job Request

By EMORY DANIELS

In a 4½ hour Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night, Supervisor Earl Teeples took a verbal lashing from five of his six fellow board members. Official action included a motion adopted by the board rescinding the township's application to the federal government for emergency employment funds.

The board also asked Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, for a legal opinion on whether a conflict of interest exists because Teeples failed to resign from the township police department when elected supervisor but was given a leave of absence.

THE CRITICISM against Teeples, both pointed and heated, was led for the most part by Trustee Fred Lichtman, but the supervisor was also taken to task by trustees David Stader, Earl Oppert, Mrs. Margaret Schaefer, and Treasurer Thomas Nolan.

The trustees were particularly upset that Teeples had recently learned Teeples had not resigned from the police department but instead took a leave of absence when elected supervisor.

Oppert said he had a conflict of interest when Teeples negotiated the police officers' contract while he technically was still a member of the township police department.

The board was also taken aback, and highly annoyed, when Teeples admitted during a discussion that he had entered and removed property

from the office of a police lieutenant after the officer had not moved the items when ordered.

Teeples quickly admitted he took a leave of absence after assuming the office of supervisor and added the

leave was granted by Police Chief Irving Yakes.

Oppert said he felt a leave of absence could only be given by the supervisor, not the chief, and under state law when an employee is elected supervisor, he no longer can be an employee of the township.

He asked whether the chief could legally give Teeples a leave of absence, and Brennan promised to give a legal opinion in writing after researching the question.

Teeples commented that several men in the police department, of various ranks, knew he was on leave of absence for some time. Why did they wait until after negotiations were completed to raise objections? he asked.

Stader added he did not know Teeples was on leave from the police force, and Mrs. Schaefer said she felt he had resigned because she believed he made that promise during the campaign.

DURING A discussion on whether clothing allowance should be paid to an officer, Lichtman stated that "These are the multitude of molehills that become mountains in the administration of this township."

He added that too often basic administrative functions come to the board while larger policy questions are handled without the board's being consulted.

Lichtman then objected to Teeples' applying for emergency employment funds on Sept. without first obtaining authority from the township board.

The extra persons to be hired involve salary costs of \$59,000 with the township having to match a portion of that total, Lichtman stated.

Where will the township get these matching funds? And who determined the needs for

a full-time probation officer, two more police officers, two police cadets and a court officer? He asked.

"This was done and accomplished without the board's consent, and yet an expense of \$37.50 for a policeman's clothing allowance comes before us and takes 45 minutes of discussion," he said.

TEEPLES REPLIED that the township's share would be \$1,800 a year for two years. Lichtman answered that after two years the township would pay the entire salary costs and the employee just couldn't be fired at that time. "Just because money comes from the federal government doesn't mean we have to be there with our hands out."

Teeples countered that if the township doesn't want the money it can refuse the funds when, and if, the request is approved.

Teeples said he received an emergency call from Oakland County that the money was

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CLEAN-UP LEADERS — Manning the Nerve Center for the advance work Sept. 11 for this Saturday's massive clean-up of the Rouge were: (From left) Bernie Dickman, equipment chairman; Jim Pogue, manpower chairman;

Mrs. Joan Barbrick, project coordination; Lou Hollow, project coordination; and Don Danko, an administrative assistant for NBD. (Event photo)

Cleaning Rouge

Will You Be There Saturday?

An appeal is being made for volunteer workers to spend this Saturday, Sept. 18, cleaning the Rouge River within the City of Farmington.

An advance crew of about 100 persons worked all last Saturday making preparations for this weekend's massive clean-up.

VOLUNTEERS MAY register at the project's Nerve Center in City Park, Shawassee at Power Rd., from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Persons who cannot make it in the morning can show up any time during the day to receive work assignments, says Donald Danko of the National Bank of Detroit branch at Farmington and Alta Loma Rds. in the City of Farmington.

The cleanup is sponsored jointly by NBD and the City of Farmington Beautification Committee.

Saturday was spent cutting large logs along the entire length of the stream with about 15 logjams being cleared out. The logs were cut with the shorter pieces piled along the banks to be picked

up by volunteers this Saturday.

Mrs. August Barbrick of the City of Farmington Beautification Committee said the advance project "worked very well and did what it was supposed to do to set the stage for the volunteers this Saturday."

"The true success of the project rests on the community in their volunteer action Saturday," she stresses.

MANPOWER for the advance team was supplied by the Beautification Committee, NBD and Cloverdale Elementary PTA of Farmington School District.

Volunteers should wear protective gloves and boots. Hard hats will be furnished at the Nerve Center for those needing them, and a free lunch will be given volunteer workers.

Upon arriving Saturday, volunteers will receive health instructions and sent to an assigned section to work. The branch of the Rouge running through the city has been divided into four sections, and each will have a section boss.

Citizen band radio communications will be established with the Nerve Center, explains Danko, so that equipment and manpower can be moved to the four different sections when needed. Lunch will be served at the four section sites.

Food, equipment and assistants are being provided by Burger King and Burger King restaurants of Farmington, the Raleigh House of Southfield, Paygo Bottling Co., Consumers Power and the Michigan Citizens Band Sportsman Club.

RECRUITMENT of volunteers is producing results, says the project's manpower chairman James Pogue of the Beautification Committee.

"We are striving for support from all arms of the community. This means church and social groups, scouts, the Jaycees, social and community action groups," says Pogue. But, most important of all, we are looking for the support of individuals who call Farmington their home."

Among community groups who have given support to the

clean up are the U.S. Army Reserves through the 323rd General Hospital, Farmington chapter of the American Red Cross, Farmington area scouts, Farmington Schools, Farmington Jaycees and Auxiliary, NBD's Detroit Sportsmen's and Campers club, Oakland Community College's biology and sociology classes and the college's Institute of Biological Sciences.

"What we accomplish this Saturday is up to the community," says Pogue. "We've got the work to keep 50 persons busy, or 500. The number of residents who come out and support this effort will determine how much we can do for our river and its condition."

Aim of the project is to rid the Rouge in the city of visual pollution and draw community attention to the general condition of the river. The city, through its Department of Public Services, is contributing men and equipment to the project. Residents owning power saws or waders are asked to bring them Saturday.

By MARTHA MAHAN

If Farmington school district's young people had grabbed their first chance to vote, they could have turned the Aug. 23 millage defeat into a victory.

But only an estimated one out of six eligible to cast ballots registered to vote, and fewer than one out of 10 actually voted.

In contrast, 18 to 21 year old voters are largely credited with providing the winning margin for additional school millage in Harper Woods after five straight losses and for a millage renewal in Hazel Park on a second try.

Drives to register the newly enfranchised young people preceded both elections.

Farmington high schools have graduated more than 1,000 seniors in each of the past three years. Even counting those who may have left the district since graduation, their voter potential remains roughly 1,000.

But only 531 registered to vote in the August election and only 307 cast their ballots.

On the other hand, three out of four eligible adults are registered, according to calculations of Byron E. Oliver, who serves as school election clerk.

However, only 9,292 of the 25,320 registered adults voted. That's 37 per cent for the adults in contrast with a 58 per cent turnout by the younger registered voter.

BECAUSE of the freshness of their own school contact, and because many still have younger brothers and sisters in the schools, the youthful voter generally is regarded as a likely "yes" voter in millage elections.

"Why aren't they registered?" asked Oliver. "That's what's bothering me. It kind of puts the ball right back in their lap."

A lot of both under and over 18-year-olds got out and worked to promote a favorable millage vote, Oliver pointed out. They delivered handbills and advertised on the radio for the millage.

"It's to their credit, no doubt about it," Oliver said. And

some of them are out now working to help finance the extra-curricular program. But they haven't registered to vote and that bothers me."

As in Farmington, the Hazel Park Board of Education had said all sports would be eliminated if voters again turned down a requested renewal of 3.5 mills for three years as they had a year ago.

A high school voter registration drive resulted in a heavier than normal turnout, a school spokesman said, which approved the millage 3,341 to 2,433.

Harper Woods school officials credited efforts of a citizens millage advisory committee for approval of two millage proposals - two mills for operations and two for maintenance.

The committee had helped register about 400 new voters, most of them 18 to 21-year-olds.

Operations millage was accepted by two votes, 1,475 and 1,473, and that for maintenance by 87 votes, 1,511 to 1,424.

Because Michigan has had only a smattering of special elections since the 18-year-old vote became effective July 1, no data on statewide trends has been compiled, a Michigan Elections Commission spokesman said. And only non-conclusive figures are available from other states.

TABULATION of the 1971 year millage vote in Farmington gave these figures, Oliver said:

Precinct One, 122 registered and 63 voting; Precinct Two, 213 registered, 121 voting; Precinct Three, 76 registered and 44 voting; and Precinct Four, 129 registered and 79 voting.

"There was no waiting at the polls this time," Oliver fussed. "It didn't take more than five minutes to vote. Even if they were working there was no excuse for not voting."

Voting also appeared tight among youthful absentee voters. A random sampling of 1,300 registered voters showed only one under 21-year-old voting by absentee ballot.

18s Fumble Millage Vote