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Village Organizes

A vacancy has been filled on the council of Wood Creek Farms and Alvin Albertsen has been elected president. Steps taken at the council's organizational meeting, including the reinstatement of Dan Abbott as building supervisor, results in a council with four members opposed to the rezoning of Outlot D.

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Goo Goo -- Da Da

Parents may take it for granted that toddlers learn to talk by natural instincts. But, the young tykes must learn to talk and their language ability depends upon how well the "teachers" at home perform. Helping toddlers develop language skills was the topic of a workshop held in a Farmington elementary school.

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Greedy Musicians

Farmington Schools sent a number of musicians to the state solo and ensemble competition and returned with more than their share of honors. Check inside for a report on these greedy musicians.

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Next Wednesday

Suburbia's walls against housing for the poor, black, young and old are crumbling under the pressure of federal policies and court decisions. Your home town newspaper will devote a full page to an examination of the trends that will affect Overland -- watch for it next Wednesday.

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Charter Commission Race Has 40 Seeking 9 Positions

Forty Farmington Township residents, including one high school senior, have filed as candidates for charter commission in the May 16 election which means there will be more than nine persons running for each of the nine seats to be filled.

The student running for charter commission is James Abowd, 18, who is senior class president at Harrison High School and first-place winner in the youth citizenship award competition sponsored this year by the Farmington Soroptimists.

The field of 40 also included four township officials, three members of the Future Farmington Association (FFA), and three female candidates.

NINE CHARTER commissioners will be elected May 16 and convene within 30 days if the incorporation question receives a majority of "yes" votes from voters. If the question is defeated, the commission will never meet. Commissioners run on an at-large basis, non-partisan, and the top nine vote-getters will be elected.

The incorporation question calls for joining through the process of incorporation the villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms and all sections of Farmington Township into a single home-rule city.

Under incorporation, the villages do not have a veto power and lack the guarantee of at least one person on the charter commission.

There are, however, at least five villagers among the 40 who have filed for the commission.

TOWNSHIP officials who have filed include Supervisor Earl Teeple, Clerk Floyd Cairns, Attorney Joseph T. Brennan and Trustee Fred Lichtman.

Under consolidation proceedings, elected officials are barred from running for the charter commission but may under incorporation.

An appointed official running for charter commission is Robert McConnell, member of the township planning commission. McConnell is also president of the FFA and was the petitioner for incorporation on behalf of the FFA.

Other FFA members filing are Fred Fairfield and William Hatton. Fairfield and Hatton last month were appointed to the township's sidewalk committee which is an ad hoc study task force.

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REPRESENTING the two villages as candidates are William Smolek, Mrs. Jean Fox, Richard Habicht, Richard Krandle and William Ortman.

Smolek, Krandle and Ortman are residents of Wood Creek Farms and Habicht and Mrs. Fox are Quakertown residents.

The three women to file are Mrs. Joan Dudley of 25829 Chapelweigh, Mrs. Donna Sklar of 25302 Branchester and Mrs. Fox of 33203 Biddlestone who is publisher of the Farmington Forum.

The only candidates filing for the May 16 balloting who ran for charter commission in the November 1970 consolidation vote are Fairfield, Habicht, and Brennan.

OTHER FAMILIAR names among the 40 include Ben Marks, who is past president of the Farmington Township Council of Homeowners' Associations.

Another familiar name is James Ebel, Farmington attorney, who served as chairman of the Farmington Public Library board of directors until moving to the township. He was the City of Farmington's representative on the library board.

Also well-known name is Richard Frankel, a long-time township resident who has served on the Farmington Board of Education and now is a member of the district's Citizen's Advisory Council.

Another CAC member filing for charter commission is Maynard Gordon who has been active in PTA affairs and the Olde Franklin Towne Homeowners Association.

Robert Clarke of 32573 Shadyridge is a local CPA who is used by Farmington Township to go over the township's financial records periodically.

Other candidates filing whose names may be familiar to some include Ray Melvin, Robert Chipman, E. Marshall Greene, Robert Briggs, Andrew Sroka and John Ogurek.

Ogurek is a young attorney who has recently moved into Farmington Township, has become an active member of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and will serve as general chairman of the 1972 Farmington Founders Festival.



IT'S EASTER TIME and no better time for a seven-year-old girl to cuddle up to a snugly, young goat. That's what Mary Pat Mastaw did when she had the opportunity during a showing of animals at Keeler School in Redford Township. The Observer Newspapers Inc. uses the facilities of its new Goss Metro offset press to bring you the picture in full color. (Observer color photo by Bob Woodring).

Some Precincts Up For Grabs

Republicans in Farmington will have more precinct delegate vacancies to fill and fewer contests for delegate seats than Democrats in the May 16 primary election, according to the list of candidates who filed by Monday's deadline.

IN FARMINGTON City's five precincts, five delegates filed. However, none filed in Precinct 3, and only one delegate filed in Precincts 2 and 4 with two delegates to be elected in each precinct. There are no known contests for delegate seats now.

Ten Democrats filed for the five precincts in Farmington City with none filing in Precinct 5. Contests are evident in Precincts 2, 3 and 4.

Although 20 Republican candidates filed for the 18 precincts in Farmington Township, Precincts 2, 5 and 15 were left without any delegates filing, and Precincts 4 and 10 were short of the two delegates needed to fill the openings. Contests were listed in Precincts 3, 6, 7, 11 and 14.

Democrats also represented themselves with 30 candidates in Farmington Township. However, none filed in Precinct 4 and Precincts 6 and 8 were short of the two delegates needed to fill the vacancies. Contests were listed in Precincts 3, 7, 9, 10, 14 and 16.

IN BOTH Farmington and Farmington Township, 31 delegates affiliated themselves with President Nixon

while four remained uncommitted. The Democrats broad field of presidential candidates was reflected in affiliations of precinct delegates in city and township.

Out of a total of 40 delegates: 17 support Muskie; 10 are uncommitted, nine are for McGovern; two support Wallace; and one each support Lindsay and Mrs. Chisholm.

A minimum of three votes for a write-in candidate are all that are needed in the primary to elect delegates for precincts where no one or too few candidates filed.

District conventions have the authority to appoint delegates for all remaining vacancies not filled in the primary.

FILING FOR Republican delegate positions in the City of Farmington, according to precincts, are:

1. August Barbrick Jr., 3374 Schulte and Mark W. Timmons, 33606 Hillcrest Drive;

2. Robert W. Waldon, 32254 Valley View Circle, 3.

none.

4. Harvey E. Mascoe, 2510 Birchwood, and 5. Mary Lou Barth, 23981 Jamestown Ct. Precincts 1 to 4 need two delegates.

Republicans filing in Farmington Township according to precincts are:

1. Lois Makee, 21412 Handall, 2. none,

3. E. Marshall Greene, 21770 Skye Drive West; Patricia B. Fancy, 28336

Hendonwood Drive; Thomas S. McMillan, 28331 Forestbrook Drive, and Marian S. Lan, 28130 Westbrook,

4. Wilbur H. Davis, 28857 Kendallwood, 5. none,

6. Patricia J. Hamlin, 22324 Tulane Street; Alan Vassiliakos, 23886 Barfield Drive, and Raye Jean Waller, 30220 Northstockton,

7. Isabel W. Hayes, 24686 Madison Court, Apt. 272; Kenneth W. Hilbert, 24588 Lincoln Court; and George W. Saddington, 35888 Knight Drive,

8. Daniel H. McKinnon, 25764 Arden Park Drive, and Donna R. Sklar,

9. Elsa J. Harms, 29792 Briarton, and Edward Z. Kulinski, 29563 Miron Drive;

10. Marion M. Livingston, 32990 Playview Court,

11. James L. Davenport, 28801 Lortday Drive; Helen P. Davidson, 29021 Marklawn, and Charles E. Duquet, 32540 Wayburn West,

12. Shirley J. Stadler, 26615 Westmeath, and Mary C. Kenney, 26150 Greythorne Tr. 13. Lorraine K. Hawley, 22042 W. Brandon

14. Jack Beery, 33101 Raphael Road; Arthur C. Pusey, 32545 W. 11 Mile, and Henry R. Gray, 31579 Rocky Crest Drive, 15. none,

16. Milton E. Lichterman, 32451 Briarcrest Knoll, 17. William K. Beattie, 27672 Echo Valley East, Apt. 129, and Gerald S. Ellsworth, 34155 Hunters Row; 18. Karen Ann Eisenberg, 28815 Summerwood.

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FOCUS:
Suburbia



You've come a long way, lady—from the treadle machine to the zig-zag and from permanent wrinkle cotton to permanent press and polyesters. Don't miss the Suburban sewing story in today's FOCUS: Suburbia!



JAMES ABOWD, 18, has filed for charter commission for the Farmington Township incorporation question being voted on May 16. Abowd, senior class president at Harrison High School, is the youngest of the 40 candidates. (Evert photo)