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### SEE 'FACTS AND OPINIONS'

## The Observer Endorses Jim Dickerson for U.S. Congress

**FACTS and OPINIONS**  
by Paul Chandler



With next Tuesday (Sept. 1) the date of an important and unique Primary Election, Facts and Opinions has a couple of recommendations on candidates.

While vital, the election offers unprecedented confusion. The date itself is late (normally the primary occurs in August), everything being set back because of snarl-ups in the courts over district boundaries.

Almost every district has new boundaries. Veteran office holders in many cases will be appearing before unfamiliar voters for the first time, and vice-versa.

For the office of U.S. Congress on the Republican side, a strong endorsement is given here to James Dickerson.

Dickerson lives near Rochester, Mich. and is a candidate in the new 19th Congressional District. There is no incumbent. Jim Dickerson is a professional man, unusually well educated and well-qualified for public service, possessing a great deal of that indefinite but important ingredient known as "class."

He is employed now as administrative assistant to the president at Michigan State University, Oakland. Within the Republican Party, Dickerson has a long record of dutiful service in the Oakland County organization high levels.

Two rivals face Dickerson for the G.O.P. nomination, both somewhat battered politicians. One has been whipped five times running, having sought since 1952 in vain to be his party's nominee for state senate. The other has been defeated twice in a row in attempts to be elected mayor of Livonia.

For the first time in history, voters this year will be faced with a non-partisan judicial ballot, the task being to nominate men for the new Michigan Court of Appeals. The latter is a new court established by the 1963 Constitution. It will serve as a halfway court between Circuit Court and the Michigan Supreme Court.

In Wayne County, The Observer casts its support to Boaz Siegel, T. John Lesinski, and Thomas Foley.

Siegel has been teaching law at Wayne University since 1941, holding the rank of professor since 1952. He's a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and through the years has been given, and successfully finished, a number of important legal professional assignments from the Governor and others. He makes a terrific candidate for this new court.

T. John Lesinski is the retiring Lieut. Governor of Michigan, having vacated the office to run for the Appellate Court. T. John has a good, clear mind and is a trained lawyer.

Foley is a good neighbor who resides in Plymouth, Michigan. His law record and general character places him a cut above all others on the ticket, except for the aforementioned Siegel and Lesinski.

Oakland County voters won't have a chance to vote for any of the trio mentioned above, because Oakland County sits in another Court of Appeals district.

But voters here will have the opportunity to cast one of their votes for Farrell E. Roberts of West Bloomfield.

Roberts has served with distinction in the Michigan State Senate and is well-known as a liberal Republican of high character.

Your editor (Paul Chandler) is a candidate again, not as State Representative, but for the State Senate in the new 14th District. There is no incumbent here, because it is a new district.

For the past two years we have worked in Lansing on behalf of our suburban communities, confining ourselves almost entirely to subject matter of prime importance to our particular area of the state—such things as excessive and uneven telephone rates; uneven property assessments from community to community; better laws for regulating subdivision development; improved community college laws and increased funds for community colleges; revised County government; higher per-pupil state financial aid for education; more realistic laws affecting the great numbers of teenage youngsters in the suburbs; and so on.

If elected, we'll continue on the same course. Your vote will be most appreciated.

Incidentally absentee voters ballots are now available at city and township clerk's offices throughout the state, and all who anticipate they will not be present for the important Sept. 1 primary election, should avail themselves of absentee ballots before the deadline at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29.

### Welcomes Observer

The Farmington City Council extended a formal welcome to the Farmington Observer by unanimous action Monday night.

Councilman Henry Forrest, noting that The Observer had

"shown confidence in our community" through its enterprise, moved that the Council "welcome The Observer to the community." His motion was supported by "Howard Thayer" and carried unanimously.

## September 10 Is Fateful Date for Record Number

# 12,600 To Answer the School Bell

By JOY STINSON

When school bells ring Sept. 10, a record number of Farmington students will find themselves back to the grind of reading, writing and arithmetic.

These boys and girls probably are unaware that they are setting records in a community where growth has skyrocketed upward over the past ten years.

Not only is a record number of students expected in the Farmington school system when classroom doors open, there will be an increased number of teachers. The budget is the highest in the history of the community and so is the cost of educating each child.

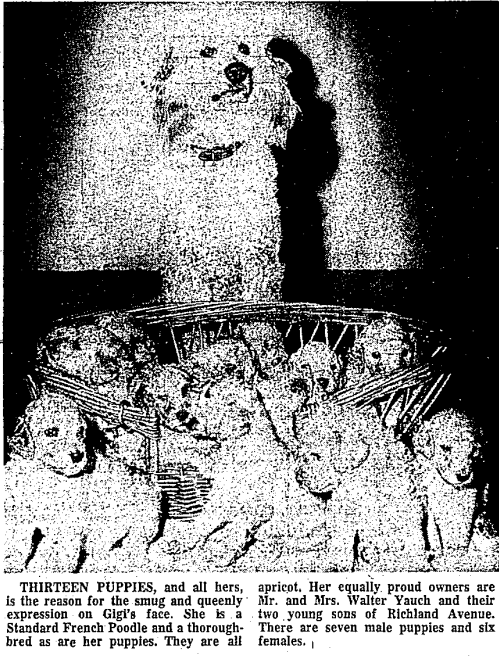
The 1964-65 school year will offer expanded educational opportunities, a well-rounded physical education program with no curtailing of student learning or development as has been necessary in some nearby areas, according to G. V. Harrison, superintendent of Farmington Public Schools.

New books are on library shelves and old school buses have been replaced with newer models.

Increase in enrollment over last year is almost 1,000 — an estimated 12,600 as compared to 11,736 last year. Over the past ten years the community's school-age growth has kept a steady, almost constant pace of from 700 to 1,000 new students per year. (Total Farmington school enrollment for 1954 was only 3,536.)

Growth over the past few years generally has been concentrated in the north end of the township — or north of 11 Mile road.

In order to cope with the enrollment in-



THIRTEEN PUPPIES, and all hers, apricot. Her equally proud owners are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yauch and their expression on Gigli's face. She is a Standard French Poodle and a thoroughbred as are her puppies. They are all

There are seven male puppies and six females.

## 35 Percent Turnout of Voters Forecast for Tuesday Primary

(See Sample Ballot and Story on Where to Vote, Page Two.)

More than 35 percent of Farmington's registered voters are expected to show up next Tuesday for the 1964 Primary Election where Republicans and Democrats will nominate their candidates for State, County and Township offices.

The winners will meet in the regular final election in November.

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and City Clerk Trenn M. Quinn both cited factors which they believe will tend to create a small voter turnout on Sept. 1, though both Cairns and Mrs. Quinn were hoping for the best.

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MAKING A FINAL INSPECTION—TO BE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS for next Tuesday's election—was Oakland County Clerk David Calhoun (left) at the Farmington Township Hall last week. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns (right) produced the registration books for Calhoun's checking. Everything was pronounced in good order.

## HIT WEEDS AT LODGE!

# OK Sidewalk Construction at Three City Locations

The Farmington City Council in action:

New sidewalks will be installed in three separate areas of the city during the next month, City Manager John Dinan reported Monday, following a meeting of the Farmington City council.

Council members approved bids for construction of walks on the east side of Farmington Road between Ten Mile and Shiawassee, in front of two lots on Pickett Street, and along Prospect Street, north of Shiawassee.

"We'll have them installed within 30 days," Dinan told the Observer.

Cost of the new sidewalks will be \$2,590 and the contract was awarded to low bidders De Maestri Sons Co.

In other business—

The Farmington Masonic Temple—new owners of the old Township Hall—drew some Councilmen's fire for what was termed its "failure to cut the weeds at the lodge."

"The weeds are as high as your hips," Councilman Howard Thayer told the meeting. "They haven't done a thing with the property, since they took it over."

"It's a disgrace," agreed Dinan. Both criticized the fact that weeds have been allowed to grow around the city monument on the property. "They haven't done anything... not even put a coat of paint on the building," said Dinan. Reportedly, the lodge promised to spend \$20,000 to renovate the building upon its transfer from city to Masonic ownership.

Councilmen were told that a local cab company had been asked to establish a Farmington-based stand so that it could operate legally within the city. Its old stand on Farmington Rd. is to be sold and torn down, and the cabs are now operating from a Livonia stand, the Council was told, but the company is making efforts to locate in Farmington.

Council approved payment of \$2336.45 in monthly bills from the general fund. The amount included \$150 for a year's rental of a new voting machine, with option to buy, to take care of this fall's election needs.

"Jaycee Ball Field" is the new name adopted unanimously by the Council for the ball park in the City Park.

The Farmington Democratic Club was given permission to hold an outdoor rally in the municipal parking lot on Farmington Rd., south of Grand River, Saturday morning, Sept. 5. U.S. Senator Philip Hart and Congressman Neil Staebler will be guests.

The Council tabled action on whether or not to accept dedication of a street from Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the Farmington Board of Education. The roadway in question runs between Shiawassee and Ten Mile, between Farmington Rd. and Powers Rd.

Groves Walker Post 346 of the American Legion was given permission to hold a Flea Market October 9 and 10.

Next meeting of the Council was set for Sept. 14.

## 'Searchlight' Ranks Chandler, Vallier, Ignores All Opponents

Describing itself as a "non-partisan organization devoted to good government," the Civic Searchlight, Inc., for traditional ratings candidates for local and state offices in the metropolitan area gave its recommendations this way—

State Senate—14th District  
**REPUBLICAN**  
 Preferred and Well-qualified: PAUL M. CHANDLER.  
 No other candidates rated.

DEMOCRATIC  
 Preferred and Well-qualified: A. E. VALLIER.  
 No other candidates rated.

The Searchlight's "counter-part" in Oakland County, the Citizens League, rated the candidates on a point basis, with 100 being the maximum. Their ratings were—

U.S. Congress—19th District  
**REPUBLICAN**  
 James Dickerson 87 points  
 Richard D. Kuhn 87 points  
 William Brashear No Rating

DEMOCRATIC  
 Billie S. Farnum 69 points  
 Paul Rabaut 54 points  
 John Burke No Rating

**REPUBLICAN**  
 State Senate—14th District  
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"You Wouldn't believe it—But it's true. We started getting calls as soon as the paper was out. Of course we sold both the dog and the freezer for the price we asked. Our buyers came from neighboring Livonia. It pays to advertise in a paper with a large circulation." These were the comments of Mrs. Harold Knoeyes of Clairview in Farmington. Do you need extra money? Call

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