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## An Editorial . . .

By PHILIP H. POWER  
Publisher

THIS issue marks the 27th anniversary of the Livonian Observer. It also marks the end of the first month that I have been on the job, full time, as Publisher of the Observer Newspaper Group.

Anniversaries are always a time for taking stock, reflecting on the past, and glancing into the future.

It seems appropriate, therefore, to write a bit about the past of one newspaper, The Livonian Observer, and about the future of eight newspapers, The Observer Newspaper Group.

If there has been one thing which characterized The Livonian Observer in the past, it has been guts. Not fanciness. Not precision. Not razzle-dazzle. But plain, simple, straight guts and courage.

Courage means to have taken an unpopular or controversial editorial position and to have stuck to it.

To have had courage is to have had the imagination and the will power to have had a dream about a newspaper and about how it could prosper and become great.

To have had guts means to have dug out the unpleasant facts behind the bland sheen of local government. It means to have printed them, regardless of threats of retaliation, just to have made sure that the public was served with the only commodity a newspaper can sell in news stories or advertisements, the truth.

To have guts is tiring, lonely, sad. Sometimes it's a little disillusioning. Always it's hard.

But The Livonian Observer had courage, and so did Paul Chandler, who made the paper what it is today. So does Myra Chandler, who helped him and who carried on after his death.

To those who write them (and hopefully, to some of those who read them) newspapers are alive, motivated by a spirit and a commitment, a posture in the world and an ethic. Without these, a newspaper is just another dead piece of paper with print on it.

It is only this spirit which permits a newspaper to play its true role: A public conscience.

The Livonian Observer has tried to play this role in the past.

The spirit of courage which has motivated the paper will be, I pledge, the same spirit which will drive The Observer Newspaper Group in the future.

Living up to the standards of the past is not easy, but all of us at The Observer Newspaper Group will try. And we're going to try to go beyond even the high standards already set.

We will try to bring to these newspapers an informed and probing curiosity about everything of local interest, from sewage to high school football, from racial discrimination to good recipes, from local politics to neighborhood goings on.

We will do this in a way that reflects a newspaperman's most deeply held ethic: That there is a difference between fact and opinion; that statements of fact belong in the news columns and expressions of opinion belong on the editorial page. News is news; no real newspaperman wants to slant it. If a newsman wants to express an opinion, he writes an editorial.

In short, we will run an accurate and fair newspaper.

We will work to make true every good newspaperman's dream: To put out the best paper in the country. We will do so with imagination and audacity. We will try new ideas and experiments with new processes.

These newspapers, of course, will take an interest in politics because politics is a vital part of our public life, where decisions that affect us all are made. In this connection, I believe that a personal note is needed to set the record quite clear.

As an individual, I am a Democrat. As a publisher, I am a newspaperman.

Since I joined The Observer Newspaper Group, many people have wondered, some out loud, if the fact that I am a Democrat who happens to publish some newspapers would automatically make those newspapers into slanted, Democratic sheets.

It will not.

When, as publisher, I feel the Demo-

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## Field Narrows for Superintendent

# School Appointment Is Near

The naming of a new Superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools is expected sometime after Feb. 11.

Announcement of the person named to the post, which will pay "approximately \$20,000 per year," will be made at the close of in depth interviews which began Feb. 1.

Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harri-

son announced his intention, to retire June 30 on Oct. 10. Since then the Board of Education has been seeking a replacement, but the news that it was close to making a decision came as somewhat of a surprise.

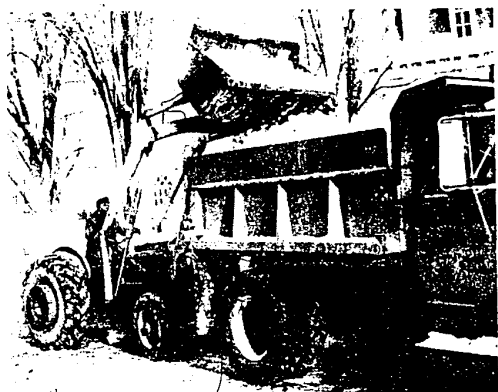
A final decision had not been expected until April or May.

An official for the schools said Monday that the

entire Board of Education has been involved in the screening process.

Applications for the post were received through Jan. 15. More than 50 candidates reportedly applied, with applications coming from throughout the country and state.

Members of the Board of Education met with (Continued on Page 4-A)



MORE THAN A WEEK after the first curbs along Grand River, Peter Falwala, batch of snow, the City's Department of Public Works are clearing the roads. Monday morning the crews were in the Downtown Farmington area and clearing the

## City Council Supports FARC; Passes Budget

The Farmington City Council went on record in support of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission Monday night, but declining any sort of formal comment on the one man one vote stand taken by the Farmington Township Board.

Action in support of the FARC came when the Council approved a City expenditure of \$2,240 for the budget for the 1967 summer program.

The appropriation was made "subject to the other governmental agencies contributing their share."

In addition to the City and Township, the Farmington Board of Education and the Clarenceville Board of Education also support the program.

Mayor Sandy Brotherton pointed out that by its action the City Council was reaffirming its support of the program. He added that the City's representative on the committee to reorganize the FARC had reported that one meeting had been held and that another meeting would be held in the near future.

No comment was made, however, on the proposal supported by the Farmington Township Board that in the reorganization, the Township have three members on the commission, the Farmington Schools two and the City and Clarenceville Schools one each.

Brotherton did note, however, that "the Council has indicated its support by approving the budget and we hope that other groups also support this program."

In other action the Council:

- Named John Allen as its second representative on the consolidation pre-study committee. City Manager John Dinan had previously been

named to serve on the Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department with the City administration.

- Approved the purchase of an electric copier machine thus allowing Bob Dussau at a total cost of \$1,175 for use at City Hall, and
- Received and filed for its information a proposed session for Wednesday, Feb. 15 to review a proposed unit Program prepared by on contract covering the employees in the Department of sign.

## Council Nominating Petitions Circulating

It seems as though the incumbents on the Farmington City Council and the two municipal judges will run for re-election at the April 3 city election.

At least they have picked up nominating petitions at City Clerk Trena Quinn's office.

The incumbent Councilmen are: Howard Thayer, Hugo "Pie" Peterson and Ralph Yoder. One other applicant to the Council, Ernest Sauter, chairman of the Farmington District Library Board, has also picked up a nominating petition.

In addition Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand and Associate Municipal Judge Dennis J. Phene have nominating petitions from Mrs. Quinn's office.

Yoder is the freshman Councilman and was elected in a two year term in 1965. Sauter also ran for Council in 1965, but was defeated. Thayer and Peterson are completing four year terms.

Deadline for filing petitions is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20th. The petitions cannot be filed before Feb. 10 and a minimum of 50 signatures is needed in order to be placed on the ballot. The maximum number of signatures which may be filed is 75.

"Be at least 65 years of age and a resident of the state for a minimum of seven years."

"Hold ownership of real property not exceeding \$10,000 in state-qualified valuation throughout the state."

"Have a combined gross income of the property owners not exceed \$5,000 annually."

## YMCA Sets Sex Education Program at Dunckel Feb. 16

A new sex education program for junior high youth and their parents will open Feb. 16 at the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Township.

Dr. Edwin Blumberg and the Rev. Carl Kallreider will conduct the sessions under the sponsorship of the Farmington Area YMCA.

Class sessions, will also be conducted Feb. 23 for the youth and their parents, while an optional session for parents is scheduled March 2. The programs begin at 7 p.m.

Since the inception of the program in 1953, more than 1,100 families in Farmington have been served. YMCA membership is not required, but a \$3 per family registration fee is charged to cover the expenses.

Because the number of participants is limited, pre-registration with the YM is necessary. Call 474-3232 for further details.

At least one parent from each family must accompany the youth to the sessions. Attendance at the first two programs is encouraged for parents and youth.

The third session is optional for those parents who wish an informal discussion with Dr. Blumberg and Rev. Kallreider regarding the inter-

pretation and communication of the materials in the first two sessions to their own families.

Growth and development along with emotional changes will be covered in the first session, while maturing so-

cially and spiritually and human reproduction are the topics of the second session.

Dr. Blumberg is a practicing physician in the Farmington area, while Rev. Kallreider is pastor of the Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Township.

The objectives of the program are:

- To achieve a better understanding of the human body and all its processes.
- To learn of the physiological changes that girls and boys undergo during adolescence.
- To provide a clearer understanding of sex and reproduction.
- To promote a closer, more comfortable relationship between parents and their youngsters.

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A proposal for voluntary regional cooperation among governmental units in southeastern Michigan has won the support of the Farmington Board of Education. It awaits action by the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Township Board.

The result of more than a year's work by The Committee of One Hundred, the proposal would set up a Council of Governments with participation by the school districts and local and county governments in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

Members of the committee included: DeLoe Hamlin, chairman of the Oak-

land County Board of Supervisors and the City's representative to the county government: Curt Hall, Farmington Township Supervisor; and Gerald V. Harrison, superintendent of the Farmington Schools.

The Farmington Board of Education passed a resolution of intent to participate



THE CHORUS for the Jaycee musical, at the Mercy High School auditorium "Tex in Texas," has been practicing for three weeks for the show opening March 10. An additional performance is scheduled

## Committee of 100 Gains Local Support

In the organization during January. This action came after a joint session with the Farmington Township Board at which a representative of the committee explained the proposal.

Farmington Township Supervisor Hall told The Observer that the matter will be on the agenda for the Board's Feb. 13 meeting.

The City Council has met with the proponents of the organization, and City Manager John Dinan said that the matter would probably come before the Council for a decision "sometime in February."

When the subject was originally discussed by the City Council, Councilman Ralph Yoder announced his support for the idea, while Councilman Pete Peterson expressed some misgivings about its benefit to the City.

At the Township level, Hall has termed the proposal "a forward step in the right direction." However, one member of the Board, Trustee James Skillman, is opposed to the proposal and told The Observer that he

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