

Twp. Offices To Go On Ballot

What started out to be a quiet year in local politics in Farmington Township now seems to be shaping up as one with more than the usual amount of confusion.

Originally none of the township officials or members of the township board were scheduled to be on the ballot because of the state law extending the terms.

OAKLAND COUNTY Circuit Judge William J. Beer threw a monkey-wrench into the terms of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer, however, when he ruled Monday that four year terms for the elected township officials were illegal.

Beer's ruling came on a case filed by residents of Waterford Township. It applies throughout the state.

There is currently a bill in the State Senate which would require two members of township boards to run for election this year. The House has passed the bill and adoption by the Senate is expected.

The township trustees who must face the voters if the bill is enacted are Earl Oppenheimer and James Skillman. Neither has announced formally whether they will run for re-election.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Curtis

H. Hall told The Enterprise & Observer that he would seek re-election.

Neither Township Clerk Floyd Cairns nor Township Treasurer Elise Avery could be reached about their plans. Both have been ill for some time and away from their desks.

Cairns has returned to the office on a limited basis, but has not resumed his seat on the township board. Deputy Clerk Gladys Thomas has been serving on the board in his absence.

Mrs. Avery has not returned to her desk.

DEADLINE FOR the filing of nom-

inating petitions for the township offices is 4 p.m. June 18 in the county clerk's office. Candidates for the Republican nomination need 60 signatures to comply, while the Democrats must have 50 signatures.

The difference in filing requirements between the two parties stems from the fact that state law requires one per cent of the total number of votes cast in the township for the party's candidate for Secretary of State in Nov. 1968.

The primary election will be Aug. 6 with the general election Nov. 5. Nominating petitions may be obtained at the Township Clerk's office.

today's hot line

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will bring his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination to Detroit next Wednesday with a noon speech in Kennedy Square in Downtown Detroit. He will arrive according to early plans at Detroit Metropolitan Airport at 11:30 a.m. and head a caravan to the center of the city.

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LIVONIA — A 36-year-old cook in a Livonia supper club was beaten with blackjacks and left in a food freezer by two holdup men who walked in on him at work Friday morning. He is Samuel Sheppard, an employee of Rampart Street restaurant at 30325 W. Six Mile Road, which was deserted except for Sheppard. The two men, armed and wearing masks, took \$900 from the cash register and a revolver. Sheppard was released by a kitchen helper who came to work later. He was treated at St. Mary Hospital.

REDFORD—Supervisor Aldrick Bellaire this week named a three-man "move-in" committee as his alternative to a recommended Human Relations Commission. Dubbed "Community Service Committee," the panel has a primary purpose of smoothing neighborhood relations in the event a non-white family moves into the township. E. Gordon Sinclair, realtor, was appointed chairman with Arthur Butler and Julian Lloyd.

REDFORD — Proposals to purchase a nearly 400-acre "Camp Redford" outstate and to purchase the in-township 105-acre Glenhurst Golf Course for recreation use were both scrapped this week. The millage squeeze in Redford Union school district was considered too tight for the approximately \$1 million Camp Redford purchase and development. A federal HUD grant of \$1.5 million for Glenhurst was flatly denied.

LIVONIA — City Councilman Jerry Raymond will ask for an inquiry into Livonia's proposed low-income federally subsidized apartment project for senior citizens. At least \$133,000 in federal funds have been expended by local government officials on the proposed \$1,300,000 development, which is still only on paper five years after announcement of the original plans. Only a vacant piece of high-price real estate marks the site of the 81-unit rental project which would provide critically needed housing for elderly Livonia residents.

PLYMOUTH — William C. Scott, president of DSI (Distribution Services, Inc.), has announced an expansion program that will include a new \$350,000 building and a like amount in new equipment. The facility is expected to be available in six months.

PLYMOUTH — The Township Planning Commission is considering a policy of retaining the area west of Beck Rd. as a high level residential section devoid of business and industry.

What's Inside

There's action and stiff competition at the Observer Newspapers and Merri-Bowl jointly sponsored bowling tournament gets under way. Story and pictures on Page 1 B.

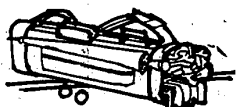
A former Livonia girl, paralyzed from the neck down after an accident, tells how she is building a new life with some help from a Social Security law. Page 3 B.

Wayne County may elect a revamped 26-member Board of Supervisors yet this year as court decisions fly thick and fast. Page 6 C.

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ABOVE PAR?

Maybe a new set of clubs would help your game. Now is the time to sell your old ones with an Observer Twin-Action Want Ad. Dial GA 2-0500 and place an ad-in two editions for only \$4.44.



TURNING OVER THE GAVEL — Farmington City Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton relinquishes the gavel to Farmington High School Senior Ken Bernadino as part of this year's Student Government Day. The youths, who ran the city for a day, were all present at Monday's regular council session. Seated, are from left: City Manager John Dinan; Councilman

John Allen; Councilman Howard Thayer; City Clerk Trena Quinn; Brotherton; Councilman Hugo Peterson; Councilman Ralph Yoder; and City Attorney Robert J. Kelly. Standing are the students: Councilman Dave Clappison; Councilman Linda Perry; Bernadino; Councilman Tom Peterson; and City Attorney Dave McDonnell.



IN THE TOWNSHIP — Students from North Farmington High School took over the governmental reins. Here Ken Rosen, treasurer; Bill Smith, clerk; and John Khami, supervisor, discuss the governmental organization with Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

Students Take Reins For Day

The younger generation took over the administration of the City of Farmington Tuesday and business proceeded in the usual fashion.

Student Government councilmen, city officials and department heads all participated in an hour council session.

The result was about the same as always.

The councilmen did some skilful dodging on some touchy issues, made many quips and made some decisions.

IN THE MOST important news story to come out of the session, Councilman Tom Peterson announced that a recall movement was being instigated against Municipal Judge Howard Brotherton.

Peterson read a letter to the council signed by "concerned citizens" charging the judge with malfeasance and announcing that petitions would be circulated.

Broadman asserted that airing the charge at the council session was "slander."

(The Enterprise & Observer learned that the judge had awarded damages in a civil case that morning to a Mr. Smith. It happens that Councilman Peterson was forced to pay the damages and court costs.)

IN FORMAL ACTION the students turned councilmen for the day.

• Voted to request the State

of Michigan to place a traffic signal at the corner of Grand River and Power Rd. (The actual city administration has been seeking a light at this corner for some time. Maybe the students will have better luck.)

• Heard complaints from the FATAAC organization and the Little League Association that the rest rooms in the city park were "inadequate." The council tabled the matter until further information about possible corrective action could be obtained.

• Voted to request the assistance of the Farmington Board of Commerce and the Jaycees in luring an additional all-night eating spot to the area.

Area teens had protested the enactment of a new city ordinance regulating the night time activities of drive-in restaurants. The teens called the situation for teens "appalling."

The council voted to place the question of whether or not to establish an area cultural center on the ballot at the time of the August primary.

• Tabled a move toward annexation of a portion of the southeast section of the township until a public hearing could be held to hear the feelings of the residents of the area.

As outlined the annexation petitions would include Sections 19, 20, 21, 28 and 29. This includes the township's industrial park, the Independence Green development, and the Star Cutter plant.

23 Millage Meetings Set

Farmington School Board trustees and central office administrators will be busy striding the bookends between now and June 10 drumming up "yes" votes for the proposal of four additional mills for 10 years to run the schools.

Trustees, individually or in groups, are booked to speak at 23 meetings almost every night until the election. They have already appeared at seven

meetings since April 30.

Purpose behind the speaking engagements is to inform the public of the necessity for the millage. If the millage is defeated, cuts are threatened in sports, arts and transportation.

Speakers for the schools will also clarify for puzzled district residents how the proposal will affect their pocketbooks.

Meetings at which speakers

will appear this coming week will be held in Longacre School, North Farmington High, Our Lady of Sorrows, Shilawasse and Eagle Schools and Farmington Junior High.

Marinus Van Amedy, assistant superintendent, will speak at a meeting of the A.A.U.W. to be held at 8 p.m. May 15 in the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building, 22725 Orchard Lake Rd.

Will appear this coming week

Work 'Landlocks' Two Subs

Widening of Farmington Rd. between Eight and Nine Mile Rds. is creating some problems for residents of Tall Oaks and Farmington Meadows Subdivisions. Their streets exit onto Farmington Rd.

Subdivision residents had thought Farmington Rd. would be paved half at a time, allowing means of egress and ingress to their homes.

With the roadway entirely torn up, Mrs. Charles Pell, 32631 Meadowlark Ct., described herself in a call to The Enterprise & Observer this week as a "landlocked prisoner."

Crux of the problem lies in the layout of the streets in the two subdivisions and the fact that Salvatore St., which could provide a means of exit to Eight Mile Rd., has been closed for seven years at the request of the Farmington Meadows Homeowners Association.

Salvatore St. is at the township-city boundary line and the County Road Commis-

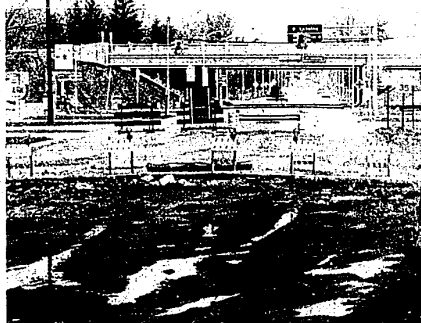
sion has requested that the street be opened for the interim of the paving of Farmington Rd.

The Road Commission request was made to City Manager John Dinan who has sent a letter to Clayton Yoder, 32643 Meadowlark Ct., president of the homeowners, presenting details of the request.

Mr. and Mrs. Pell have long wanted Salvatore St. to be permanently opened and have backed the subdivision association to have this done.

But Yoder did not sound too happy with even a temporary opening of the street when The Enterprise & Observer told him of the Road Commission request.

However, Dinan's letter to Yoder will emphasize that the opening will be "temporary" and that the barricade now at the boundary will be replaced with a redwood fence immediately after the widening of Farmington Rd. is finished.



PROGRESS CAN BE MESSY — Farmington Rd. looking north.