

OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS

# If There Can Be An Utopia, Why Not Now?

How about indulging in fantasy this week? What follows is a series of random thoughts about Utopia and what it would be like.

Utopia would be inhabited by people who were governed by the personal virtues of tolerance and charity. (In other words, the word charity connotes love, not the love of dole.)

If this were so, the world would be:

- A place where war did not exist.
- A spot in which strife—civil, racial or personal was unknown.

In this Utopian society:

- Locks and keys would not be needed.
- Fear would be impossible.
- Justice and wisdom would be respected.
- Politicians would wage campaigns on the level of issues and the electorate would understand and respond.

• There would be no need for gun control laws, for open housing ordinances or for the attempts of government to legislate basic justice.

Unfortunately, the above description just doesn't fit today's society. It doesn't describe the social mores and structure in Farmington, in Observatory, in the inner city of Detroit, in the state, in the nation, nor in the world.

Why not?

Whose problem is it?

## editorial

That's an easy question to answer. It's somebody's problem.

Whose society?

Think about that. When you have the answer to this question, then try to answer the question of "What can be done."

There will never be a better time than now to face these questions.

The questions have to be answered at some point in time. Why not now?

—Sue Shaughnessy

# Whatayaknow! Inner-City Kids Swim In F'ton

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Here and there can occasionally be seen a crack in the so-called suburban separation.

At least this is so in Farmington.

We know of two instances, both in the township, where housewives are doing more than just talk about the racial isolation in which they live.

Both WOMEN have access to water for swimming on hot, sultry days, such as we have just had.

One of the women enjoys a natural pond on her property and very few warm days come along during the summer that don't find her pond filled with gay, splashing kids from Detroit's inner-city.

This Samaritan carts children by the carload out from the hot city all summer long and turns them loose on her property and in her pond.

And she will be embarrassed that we thought it worthy of mention.

SO WOULD the other thoughtful woman we know, who lives in one of the township's plusher multiples has a pool.

Twice a week, this lady is hostess to at least five inner-city children in the multiple's pool.

When we passed by her unit the other day, two tiny Negro girls and the resident's smallest child were lined up on the front porch, eating chocolate ice cream cones like they were going out of style.

And nobody gave them a second look.

SOME MAY OBJECT that it is unfair to expose disadvantaged children to the luxuries of wealth which has a pool.

We think of what Lenore Romney said in reply to the same criticism about a Detroit project that takes inner-city youngsters through museums and to such places as Cranbrook.

The good lady said, "It is an inspiration to see the beautiful things in life. They enlarge one's vision and linger in the inner eye as a joy to the spirit."

This works two ways.

We know the Farmington women who treat the inner-city children to an afternoon of fun on a hot day find that a lot of joy accrues to their spirits.

# Delegates Lean To HHH

LANSING — Michigan delegates to the Democratic national convention who say they have made up their minds are overwhelmingly in favor of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, according to a recent poll.

A total of 38 state delegates favored Humphrey, three supported Sen. Eugene M. McCarthy, and 36 delegates remained undecided. The remainder of Michigan's 102-member delegation could not be reached by pollsters for comment.

# Trial Setting Dates From 1904

**VIGNETTE OF A TRIAL:** It would be unfair to call the domed court house which has dominated the town square at Mason, Mich., since 1904 old-fashioned. Rather, its oak and mahogany furnishings, its faded murals, and its four-story center stairwell bespeak an atmosphere of turn-of-the-century dignity which contrasts with later-day glass and chrome halls of justice.

If this is setting for a courtroom strikingly reminiscent of the courtroom in "The Anatomy of a Murder," that Dr. Ronald E. Clark's anatomy of a charge of manslaughter is taking place.

A jury box built for 12 has, for this trial, been crowded with 14 persons, two of whom will be excused when the case is handed them for deliberation.

Eight are women—one of them quite obviously several months pregnant—and six are men. Their ages appear to run from as low as perhaps 23 to the early 70's. The wide variance in their countenances would make interesting studies in an artist's sketchbook.

**THE DEFENDANT**, a thin, bespectacled, gray-thatched man of average height, is not the dominant individual of the proceedings. This role was assumed quickly by Circuit Judge William John Behr, whose approach can best be described as "meticulous."

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Attorneys Philip Rowston for the defense and John Bain and Bruce Leitman for the prosecution have gone about their functions with experienced thoroughness. It is not a trial which has produced flamboyant theatrics or rhetoric!

It is, instead, a trial which has its roots in the realm of science. Counsel for both sides are faced with the need to educate 14 average laymen from the agricultural sector with medical terminology which confuses press representatives who have stayed with the case since its inception seven months ago.

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**FARMINGTON**

THRU .... BIFOCALS

By FRED DELANO

## GOP Has 17 Farmington Battles

# Precinct Choices Hold National Key

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Farmington Republicans will battle for control of the party on the most basic, grassroots level possible in the August primary.

At stake at the precincts are not the usual headline-grabbing positions of status and authority. Rather they are the basic foundation to the political party and scarcely understood by the general public.

At stake is the post of precinct delegate in the party's four precincts and the township's 16 voting districts.

**PRECINCT DELEGATES** are elected for two years during the state's August primary. Officially they are delegates to the district conventions.

The delegates also serve as the party's contact on each precinct.

Delegates conventions meet to name the delegates to the state conventions. The state conventions, in presidential years, elect the delegates to the na-

tional conventions.

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**BACKGROUND** is the conflict in the Oakland County GOP and the 16th District organization in particular.

Currently there exists in the 16th District two Republican organizations—each contending to be the valid group.

One is headed by John Cartwright of West Bloomfield and Patrick T. McCormick, 3149 Lamar Dr.; one by Doug J. Stoddard, 21439 Birchwood.

None of those filling in the city actually hold the post of delegate at this time, although Doug has been named precinct captain and is allied with the Cartwright group. Bruce holds the post of organization chair-

man for the city for the Powell forces and McCormick was a delegate to the Powell-sponsored district convention.

**IN THE TOWNSHIP** the following have filed: 1, Alice W. Brown, 3208 W. Nine Mile; 2, Virgil J. Krousch, 20695 Meadowbrook Dr.; 2, Elizabeth Carter, 23077 Meadowbrook and Patricia A. Hamlin, 22631 Brookdale; 3, Greta L. Tierney, 31550 Lamar Dr. and Patrick T. McCormick, 3149 Lamar Dr.; 4, Doug J. Stoddard, 21439 Birchwood.

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**PERSONS** filing for the GOP in the city are: Precinct 1, Louis C. Doyle, 33931 Southfield and Stephen J. Bruce of 33930 Givens Dr.; 2, Elizabeth Carter of 23077 Meadowbrook and Patricia A. Hamlin, 22631 Brookdale; 3, Greta L. Tierney, 31550 Lamar Dr. and Patrick T. McCormick, 3149 Lamar Dr.; 4, Doug J. Stoddard, 21439 Birchwood.

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Peter R. Kollins, 28154 Quail Hollow Rd. and Margaret H. Wendl, 28075 Hawberry Rd.

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Mrs. Hayes' opponent, Walter H. DeMattei, served as a delegate to the Powell district convention.

**TOWNSHIP** Clerk Floyd Cairns has been allied with the Cartwright forces, while his opponent in Precinct 9, Rodney T. Braham, was a delegate to the Powell district convention.

In Precinct 9, Bruce Duke, who is a leader of the local John Birch Society, has squared off against a gal who has been extremely active in the Cartwright organization, Barbara J. Reader. Duke served as a delegate to the Powell district convention and as a member of the Powell delegation to the state meet.

Mrs. Hayes is chairman of

in Farmington. That made me think.

His responsibilities have en-

compassed 12 areas—he is di-

rector of non-teaching per-

sonnel, has been a member of four

negotiating teams, has han-

ded the budget, purchasing,

transportation, cafeteria, insur-

ance programs, elections, main-

tenance and operation of build-

ings, and growth of the busi-

ness office, sale of bonds, and

investment and supervised con-

struction of new buildings and

additions.

**LOOKING BACK** ON his

tenure in Farmington during

which school enrollment in-

creased from 2,200 to 15,000

and the budget ten-fold, Read

thinks the quality of education

has increased in direct ratio.

"A greater percentage of our

students go on to college today

than even went to high school

in the early days," he notes.

"Today we're stressing how

the child thinks. We like young-

sters to come into school with

attitudes—desire to learn,

an ability to get along with his

fellows, the confidence to

speak up."

"With all the

growth we have in materials,

the child's life and education

are enriched. Education is for

everybody and that is what

makes this country sound and

great."

Mr. Duncan came to see

me in Mason," he explains.

"I had just built a house which

cost me \$7,000. Mr. Duncan

asked me how much I had paid

for it and I said, 'This is a

nice place to live, but you're

going to have to pay about

\$2,000 for one like it down

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