

Abowd Discusses Needs For City

FARMINGTON James Abowd is one of the candidates for a post on the charter commission in the May 16 incorporation election for Farmington Township.

Being 18 years old as of March 16, he may be the youngest person to run for charter commissioner in the state.

HE MOVED to Wood Creek Farms in 1969 and plans to graduate from Harrison High School this June. He attended Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic High in Farmington until his senior year when the school closed.

At Sorrows, Abowd was elected Freshman class president and was a member of student council for two years including one as vice president. He is currently president of the Harrison Student Council.

As a member of the Michigan Student Congress, Abowd was the only 10th grader allowed and won top

speaker awards that year and the next two.

HE IS running for the commission because "I feel that representation should be given to the youth that will lead Farmington in the future."

"We must restore the confidence of the people in our government. I think that interest should be focused on taxes, recreation, roads and services and believe I can add new ideas to the commission."

He feels a clear limit on taxes, a parks system, keeping zoning the same as before where possible, allowing citizens to request a vote on governmental action, and a system of professional road repair all must be included in the new charter.

He has won the Optimist Club's speaking award, Soroptimists Club's merit award for citizenship, was keynote at Wolverine Boy's State and has worked as a volunteer for the past two years at Sarah Fisher orphans home in Wood Creek.

Local News

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Floyd Sallow of Nine Mile, Farmington, is hospitalized in Room 402A of Botsford General Hospital, Farmington. He is retired after many years of service with the City of Farmington as a police officer and with the public works department. He was in charge of the DPW until his retirement. He was born and raised in Farmington.

Sam Mekjian and sister Alice Zakian of Wilmarth celebrated their birthdays jointly on April 15 with nieces and nephews present. They had a family Easter dinner for 26 guests earlier for relatives and had a bountiful supply of everything left.

WHILE YOU are reading this, Gerald Morrone of Farmington, one of five representatives for the U.S., will be competing in the World Karate Tournament with 40 other countries in Paris, France.

As a combination vacation and moral support boost, his brothers and their wives, James and Charlene and Terrence and Carolyn, his wife Judy and Judy's brother Philip Farmer, are all with him.

But, anxiously waiting and wishing they could be with him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morrone, Sr., of Farmington, along with his instructor David Kostichuk of Shoto-Kan style of karate and his many friends and relatives here. We all wish him the best of luck and a safe return home.

Mrs. Walter Gaertner of Powers Rd. and Mrs. Ray Eichler of Nine Mile, both of Farmington, have been honored with life memberships in the Farmington Garden Club at its April meeting. Mrs. Gaertner has been an active member for 25 years and was president in 1957, 1958. Mrs. Eichler has been active for 27 years and served as president from 1948-50.

"To create the best possible government for our new city, I believe the city manager form would provide trained efficiency. An elected non-partisan council would be responsible to the people, make policy and direct employees. To minimize politics, the mayor should be the councilman gathering the highest number of votes."

Mrs. Fox holds an AB and MA degree from Indiana University with graduate work in history and government and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Fox Tells Charter Ideas

FARMINGTON Jean Fox of Quakertown believes the charter, for the proposed City of Farmington Hills should limit millage to five or seven mills. She is a candidate for charter commission in the May 16 election.

"Our friends and neighbors who live here are not demanding sophisticated services," says Mrs. Fox. "They moved to Farmington to create a low-keyed, relaxed life style. A low tax rate can finance all we need. The charter should require a vote of the people to increase any taxes."

Mrs. Fox teaches elementary school full-time at Fred L. Keeler School in Redford Union School District and is the part-time publisher of the Farmington Forum.

She believes her newspaper experience has given her extensive knowledge of local problems. She reported on the writing of the Southfield city charter.

She is secretary of the board of the Farmington Community Center, member of the Far-

Steeffes Seeking Charter Position

FARMINGTON William Steeffes of 27208 Hystone Dr., Farmington, says he would like to work with others to write a city charter that will be acceptable to Farmington Township residents.

Steeffes, a labor relations administrator for Central Operations of Chrysler Corp. in Highland Park, has a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and has attended WSU graduate school.

He has worked for Borg-Warner Corp., and in industrial relations for General Motors Corp. He has worked a total of 25 years in labor relations.

Steeffes believes important provisions in the charter include taxation, legislation, ordinances, resolutions, general finance, municipal court, and provisions regarding elective and appointive officers.

He is one of 41 candidates

seeking election to the charter commission May 16. Nine will be elected and will draft a charter for later voter approval if incorporation receives a "yes" vote on May 16.

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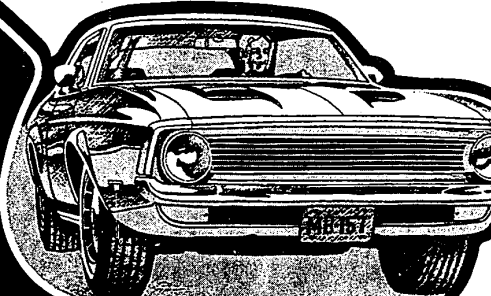
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