



McCosh's Column

New Low In Politics Takes Doing

"This is an all-time low for township politics," the caller said. It was the third time I had heard the phrase end a diatribe against the opposition in as many days.

Given the history of township campaigns, any man claiming a "new low" must have well-smeared credentials.

THE REALITY of this campaign was relatively quiet.

Campaign workers for Robert McConnell found signs torn down and paint-smeared, as did Clerk Floyd Cairns and Treasurer Thomas Nolan.

Earl Teeple found many voters attempting to "write-in" his name on the ballot apparently confused by the procedure necessary to use the "stickers" he distributed before the election.

While this one isn't quite resolved, it appears the vast majority of the complaints came from confused voters unfamiliar with the machines—not "malfunctions," as Teeple has charged for the second election in a row.

Earl Braken, one of those "behind the scenes" men whose job it is to service the machines in Farmington Township and also in the city, says Italy they worked OK.

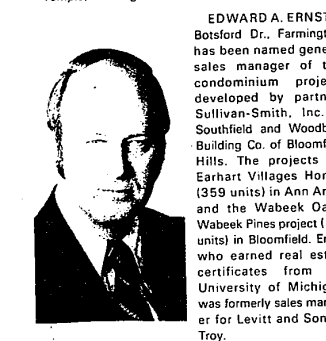
He was angry election night, however, because he says he got seven "phony phone calls" asking him to come out to precincts on trouble calls, and when he arrived, no trouble was in evidence.

PAT NOWAK also got into it a bit with his opponent Margaret Gelinis, of Commerce Township. Republican Nowak and Democrat Gelinis were contending for a new seat in the 27th Oakland County Commission district.

Some misleading campaign literature caused "smeared" charges, issuing from the Republican



PREPARING FOR the Farmington Artists' Club's fall exhibit and sale is Louise Gaddis of Brittany Drive, Farmington. The event will be held Nov. 17-19, in the Farmington Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River.



EDWARD A. ERNST of Botsford Dr., Farmington, has been named general sales manager of two condominium projects developed by partners Sullivan-Smith, Inc. of Southfield and Woodbury Building Co. of Bloomfield Hills. The projects are Earhart Villages Homes (359 units) in Ann Arbor and the Wabek Oaks-Wabek Pines project (136 units) in Bloomfield. Ernst, who earned real estate certificates from the University of Michigan, was formerly sales manager for Levitt and Sons in Troy.

OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION for STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREETS under Act 246 THROUGH THE OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BY Special Assessment to the benefiting property owners.

The hearing on the necessity for street improvements to Elwood Avenue, Kenwood Boulevard, Radcliffe Street and Tuck Road all located in Brookside Park Subdivision, involving Lots 15 through 37 inclusive, lots 42 through 49 inclusive located in Brookside Park Subdivision, lots 17 and 18 located in Kernington Gardens Subdivision and street parcels 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 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campaign headquarters, who also demonstrated their sense of timing by charging "smeared" about seven days before the election.

The city ice rink supporters, smarting under a sizable defeat of the project, found themselves the object of a letter-writing campaign during the last

week of the election too, but it doesn't seem likely that was enough to cause the 2-1 defeat of the proposal.

All in all, there was little evidence of last minute character defamation, which is the basis of a solid, low-down "smeared campaign."

We did get an anonymous letter from a school custodian, who is disgruntled after trying to get the burn marks out of the floor caused by voters standing in line and dropping their ashes.

"What is the world coming too?" he asks. We sometimes wonder too.

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