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New district judge has sister on bench

Farmington's new district judge is half of possibly the only sister combination currently sitting on the bench.

Margaret Schaeffer, elected Tuesday to a new judgeship in the 47th district, is the sister of U.S. District Judge Cornelia Kennedy. Mrs. Schaeffer believes they are the only sister-judges in the country.

"We're both district judges," Mrs. Schaeffer quipped after a 3,300 vote win over Judith Holtz in the contest, which was the only totally local race in the election.

As expected, Republicans swept other races involving Farmington candidates. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton beat Democrat John Campbell for the 6th district state representative seat.

REPUBLICAN WINNERS in county commission races were John McDonald, Patrick Nowak, Lew Coy and Lillian Moffitt.

Mrs. Schaeffer, a Farmington Hills city councilman, carried Farmington Hills by 1,300 votes over Mrs. Holtz, who was seeking her first elected post. Mrs. Schaeffer had 2,355 votes to 1,202 for Mrs. Holtz in the City of Farmington.

Mrs. Schaeffer said she was "truly honored and deeply grateful" for the confidence voters expressed in her.

"I'll do my best to merit it," she said. Mrs. Schaeffer's election leaves two vacancies to be filled by appointment, one on the Farmington Hills city council and the second on the state work-

men's compensation appeals board. Mrs. Schaeffer said the Farmington Hills city council will appoint someone to fill the remainder of her term and the governor will fill the vacancy on the state board.

BROTHERTON, whose district includes the Farmington area and part of Southfield, swept to victory on the basis of a strong Republican vote. In

the City of Farmington, where both Brotherton and Campbell live, the Republican had 2,996 to 1,884 for Campbell.

In Farmington Hills, Brotherton had 8,149 to 5,079 for Campbell. Brotherton acknowledged his debt to Farmington area voters by commenting "it looks like Farmington and Farmington Hills voters carried it for us."

The former City of Farmington mayor, now an Oakland County commissioner, said the turnout showed "voters have not been turned off." "The voters have decided to get out and make their wishes known," Brotherton said. He praised the press for talking about voter apathy before the election.

Despite a heavily Republican district, except for the Southfield portion, Brotherton said he was "never really all that sure" he would win. Running for state representative was much different from his other campaigns for City of Farmington offices and the county commission, he added. Besides a larger territory to cover, the background of voters is much more diverse.

Brotherton said he won't be able to work in a vacation after his victory. Work on the county commission has been piling up while politicians prepared for the election.

***JUST BEING off the campaign is**

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MARGARET SCHAEFFER



Concentration is vital as the student views intervals up to 60 phrases per second, three word phrases flashing on a screen at

(Photographed by Harry Mauhe)

Machines help schools upgrade reading skills

By JUDY OWEN

The words grouped in phrases flash on the screen.

A student operating the machine projecting the words works at his own speed learning the proper left-to-right eye movement and reading in phrases rather than word-by-word.

The student is one of about 50 at Power Junior High School participating in a program designed to upgrade their reading skills.

THE POWER PROGRAM is an example of a systemwide mechanical approach to reading that is being used in each of the junior high schools in the Farmington district.

Presently, the most fully developed of the programs is at Power where Karen Jallos, reading specialist, uses a laboratory approach with her students.

Materials such as tapes, pacers, reading simulation devices provide an interesting and sophisticated approach to a basic problem, Mrs. Jallos said.

As a system, the Farmington district is concerned about developing progressive, individualized instruction for its students, she said.

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graders in order to identify probable candidates.

Referrals are also passed from the elementary reading specialists to the secondary specialists for immediate identification of special problems, she said.

IN ADDITION, referrals may also come from teachers, counselors, parents or the students themselves.

After candidates for the program are identified, they are interviewed individually by the reading specialist to determine if they are interested in participating in the program.

If they agree to participate, a time is set aside for two or three hours a week to work in the reading lab. This time usually comes from a class where the reading material can be expected to be heavy, Mrs. Jallos said.

The students receive a report card grade for the class with the evaluation based entirely on the student's scores in group and independent activities.

The students may work alone with tapes and books, reading material

geared toward their reading levels and interests. Another machine simulates the reading process by flashing words in phrases rather than individually thus training the eye and brain to read correctly. This improves both speed and comprehension.

A **TACHISTOSCOPE** or flash machine aids in the teaching of spelling and helps broaden the width of vision enabling a person to read more words or phrases in one glance.

Concentration and speed are improved with a pacer which uses a beam of light that moves down a column of print. Set at a speed slightly higher than a person's usual reading speed, it also forces reading of phrases.

The major objective of the program is to provide the student with successful experiences related to reading, Mrs. Jallos said. In doing this it helps improve the student's self concept. She hopes to start a new phase of the program with a speed reading class for honor students.



A tape recording helps this Power Junior student concentrate on learning.

After parliamentary tangle

Board tables bus study

By JUDY OWEN

HARMINGTON—The school bus transportation study was tabled Tuesday night after an hour of discussion and parliamentary maneuvering.

A key proposal in the elementary school transportation report prepared by the board's operations committee would give the administration power to eliminate exceptions that had been granted some students who live closer than 1.5 miles of their school.

The state will provide transportation reimbursement only for students who live beyond 1.5 miles of their school.

Another proposal would ask the planning commissions in Farmington, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township to keep the board abreast of new housing developments so that adequate easements might be obtained to provide safe routes for walking students.

The study also suggested that the administration seek easements in already developed areas.

THE BOARD discussed the possibility of initiating an identification system to ensure that only those students who were entitled to ride buses received permission.

Board vice-president William Corliss, operations committee chairman, said the "Board should get out of the business of betting bus routes and deciding who should be bused and who should not be bused."

He stressed the need for action on the study so that the administration

could begin its review and implement changes by the second semester.

Dr. Mervyn Ross, trustee, opposed action until the board received a report on transportation of secondary school students.

Gary Lichman, board president, also opposed action, objecting to receiving a "piecemeal" report. He said he didn't want to abrogate the board's power to make exceptions to the 1.5 mile rule and did not want to leave authority for easements to appointed officials such as the planning commission.

WHEN AN attempt to gain support for action on the report failed, trustee Anne Struble, moved that the report be tabled indefinitely. The 4-3 vote approved this action.

Ann Rodewig, Emma Makinen and Corliss opposed the move to table, while William Gravus, Lichman, Mrs. Struble and Dr. Ross favored it.

In other action, the board heard a repeated request from Bill Mason for use of Flahers School as a meeting place for a Scott troop.

Mason, who had made a similar request at the Oct. 15 board meeting, said, "Don't evict us before you give us a chance."

"This is our school. You're going to make us go to Power Junior High and that isn't reasonable."

A shortage of funds was one of the reasons cited by the board for its denial of use of the school.

William Brisk, business manager, told Mason that the building custodians already have been assigned full

workloads and would not have time to accommodate needs of special groups.

THE QUESTION is whether the responsibility for the school facilities can be left with persons not directly associated with the schools, he said.

Mason said his group did not need supervision by the custodians and would clean up after their activities.

Corliss pointed out that it might result in a violation of a contractual agreement with the custodians if another group were to clean up.

The administration suggested that Mason use facilities at Power Junior High. Mason's group had previously received permission to use that facility. However, it had been assigned to the vocal music room which was not adequate for Scott activities.

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aged, "it's going to take considerable effort," the city manager said.

Allen, the councilman, suggested that increased public pressure might be brought to bear on parents of vandals.

HE SUGGESTED that parents be required to appear before the council and explain what they are doing to prevent problems. Other councilmen, however, felt the idea might infringe on court procedures.

Deadman commented that there is a state law which allows cities to collect from the parents of vandals but that it is difficult and cumbersome to use. "It's practically a lawsuit situation" where proving charges is more difficult.

cause it isn't the child who is normally in trouble who seems to commit acts of vandalism.

VANDALS HAVE none of the patterns of being in trouble that youths arrested for larceny or burglary might have, Deadman said.

Deadman said the city park particularly has been hard hit by vandals. This summer, a department of public works employee was assigned to the afternoon shift to patrol park areas in an effort to cut down on the problem.

The new restroom facilities being built in Shawasee park, Deadman added, are designed to withstand vandals. The fixtures are made of aluminum.

Although the facilities can be dam-

Where's city spirit?

FARMINGTON—A Farmington city councilman has suggested area schools spend time discussing vandalism with students in an effort to cut down problems.

Allen, in a discussion over a police report which showed vandalism activity increasing, suggested schools should tell students about their responsibility to the community.

"We have school spirit," Allen commented. "Let's have some city spirit."

Allen said he noticed a fence and some steps damaged in the city park. Captain Dan Byrne, public safety department head, commented vandalism has increased 25 per cent this year.

City Manager Robert Deadman commented vandalism is hard to stop be-

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