

Schaeffer and Burwell square off in court race

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"I always had a premonition I was destined to be a judge and would be a good one," said Burwell, a Farmington attorney.

Burwell gained public recognition last year when he was elected to a four-year term as Farmington Hills

City Councilman. Campaigning on an anti government-subsidized senior citizen housing platform, he was a shoe-in along with fellow housing foes Don Wolf and William Lange.

"I've enjoyed the council work a good deal," Burwell said. "I've gone through anguish about (leaving) but

feel there are others who could do as good a job without the law training."

If elected to the court, Burwell says he will be able to make contributions to both cities instead of one.

"I've had over 20 years experience in legal practice in all courts, state and federal.

"Also as arbiter on the National Panel of Labor Arbitrators, I had to make decisions which touched many lives. I know about deliberation, anguish, how difficult these decisions are.

"IT'S NOT JUST the academics or legal training," says Burwell, who received both a bachelor's degree and a

law degree from Wayne State University.

"It's in-depth experience. I was ripped off in youth. I was in the military, served in the court martial division.

"It makes it easier to spot someone who's not very credible and spot that elusive thing we call justice."

Like Mrs. Schaeffer, Burwell identifies a heavy docket as the major problem of the court.

"There's no control over the number of traffic offenses which come before the court," he said. Also the circuit court in cases involving less than \$10,000 have been kicking back cases to the district courts very heavily.

The solution to the problem is "to alleviate the court's congestion by having hard working judges who make themselves available on weekends and evenings."

Burwell, of Farmington Hills, is a member of the American Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association and the Oakland County Bar Association.

Voters will elect either Mrs. Schaeffer or Burwell Nov. 4 to a six-year term which will expire on Jan. 1, 1987. The job pays an annual salary of \$48,450.

Cuban sun and bed checks were part of game

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Pitchers threw side-arm for her first year in the league and the baseball was larger than regulation size.

Eventually the ball shrank to the standard 5 ounce, 9 1/8 inches in diameter. Pitchers switched to an overhead delivery and the distances between the mound and home plate was identical to that of the men's leagues.

The distances between bases re-

mained 80 feet, 10 less than standard, but men's league rules were used.

THE SIGHT of the women in their short-skirted cotton twill uniforms first attracted attention as a novelty.

"But after four or five games, they expected you to play well," Ms. Bittner said.

The 10-team league even had its own fan clubs.

"There would be people waiting for

you before the game and afterward at the gate. Little girls would come up to you and ask for your autograph."

Players were given a starting salary of about \$75 a week and could be traded or placed on waivers.

It was through a series of trades that Ms. Bittner ended up pitching for the Grand Rapids Chicks. With the Grand Rapids team, she racked up her best year winning 19 of the 25 games she pitched.

Her pitching skill compensated for her lack of batting expertise.

"Pitchers had to know how to punt. I couldn't bat but they wanted me to advance the runner. That's all you had to do. There weren't any designated hitters then."

Wrightley eventually gave up control of the league's franchise system. Each town had control of one team. Money raised through the teams were used to

pay players' salaries.

WHATEVER WAS left over was used by the town for community projects, according to Ms. Bittner.

When the leagues folded in 1956, she returned to amateur status and pitched for softball teams.

County contest waged

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force when there's a sheriff's department right across the street.

"The drain office and the department of public works could be merged," added Ms. Goldman.

Both candidates were asked if they believed there was too much partisanship in county government.

"Absolutely, 100 percent," said Ms. Goldman. "County government is a service, organization and should be issue-oriented rather than hard-line partisan. That's been the basis of my campaign."

Ms. Moffitt said there is not too much partisanship at the county level. "County issues are people issues, and the commissioners vote according to their constituency," she said. "When it comes to appointments to boards and committees, the majority party at any level of government has the power to appoint."

BOTH CANDIDATES said they favored Oakland County working to develop a mass transit network within

the framework of the regional Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA). They do not recommend that the county develop a transportation system on its own.

Ms. Moffitt's other responsibilities during her tenure on the Board of Commissioners include chairmanships of the manpower committee and the Mass Transit Symposium.

She is a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) executive committee and the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee. She has been active in volunteer community work.

Ms. Goldman has served as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and as deputy campaign manager for State Sen. Doug Ross.

She is a member of a SEMCOG committee, the Oakland County Democratic Party Platform Committee and the Oakland County Economic Development Corp. (EDC) task force.

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