

Candidate Backs FLE Positions

FARMINGTON
Albert A. Darian, 45-year-old Ford engineer and first candidate to file for the Farmington Board of Education, says he wants the job because of his interest in school construction. A graduate of the University of Michigan college of engineering and a state licensed civil engineer, Darian says he would like to lend his experience to the board rather than having it rely on the advice of architects. Voters will fill one four-year vacancy on the board at a June 14 election.

DARIAN, of 24605 Glen Orchard Drive, has been a township resident since 1957. Three of his four children attend Farmington public schools: Denise at Farmington High, and Kevin and Linda at 10 Mile Elementary School. Amy has two more years at home before entering kindergarten. A secondary motive for seeking a school board trusteeship, Darian said, is an interest in "seeing a little more equal distribution of facilities" for students in the northern and southern sections of the district. "Students in schools in the southern part of the district don't have the facilities of those in newer schools being constructed" in the northern part, Darian said. "Dollar for dollar, the children in the

southern part" are being shorted, he claimed.

DARIAN emphasizes that he has "no relationship with the group going about with recall petitions" for some board members.

He regards the schools' proposed sex education program as "tremendous" and says it has his "wholehearted" support. He assessed the project as "a huge curriculum as 'doing a good job.' He also supports the minority understanding proposals but doesn't "want to expend money at the present time" when the district is financially pressed.

As for sex education proposals, which sparked a current recall drive against four board members, Darian says he sees the situation thus: "Parents who teach their children about sex have no fear" (of its being taught in the schools). "Children of parents who do not teach them are entitled to learn the facts in a proper place, and that is the school."

DARIAN HASN'T yet made up his mind whether he'll vote for the additional 4.5 mills (\$4.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) in taxation for four years which the schools will seek on the June 14 ballot. He has a suspicion the school board should be able to "clear out of its financial situation" without additional millage.

"I have a feeling there is a lot of fat that could be trimmed, not out of education but out of superfluous things available in some schools or in the system. The schools and the board should search their souls. The taxpayer is digging pretty deep in his pocket now, and it's hard for a man to meet the expenses of his family. Everybody would like an ideal educational program, but we have to balance the budget, too." Darian said his feelings about school cost played a part in his decision to offer his experience in construction to the district by running for the board. "I would like to utilize my experience to control the cost of school construction. I'm for updating schools, but some architects like to build monuments."

Maus Is Lt.

Philip A. Maus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Maus of 36356 Old Homestead, Farmington, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is now assigned to the engineer school at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

A one-man commissioning ceremony was staged for Maus at Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie. He was the only April graduate of the college's Army ROTC program. His parents drove all the way up to Sault Ste. Marie to see their son sworn in. Maus graduated in business administration and was president of the student chapter of the Society of Military Engineers.



FOR MICHIGAN WEEK — State Sen. Carl Pursell (center) presented a Michigan flag to the Farmington city and township as part of this week's Michigan Week observance. Accepting the flag from Pursell (R-Plymouth, whose 14th district includes the Farmington area, are Township Supervisor Earl Teeples (left) and John Allen, the city's mayor pro tempore. (Evert photo)



VISITOR'S GIFT — Farmington exchanged mayors with Adrian Monday as part of Mayor's Exchange Day for Michigan Week and Adrian gave a maple tree as a gift to Farmington. Shown at Monday's planting are (from left) Mrs. Helen Plotter; Mrs. John Allen; Mrs. Celeta Camburn; Richard Camburn, Adrian mayor pro tempore; Duke Plotter, Adrian mayor; John Allen, Farmington city's mayor pro tempore; and Farmington City Manager John Dinan. (Evert photo)

Farmington Socially Speaking

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It's going to sound like I'm doing a Hawaiian chant but I have so much news of Hawaii and the likes that we'll go along with the Hawaiian chant.

Chris and Lou Martini of Biddestone Lane just returned from a two-week Hawaiian jaunt. They stayed in the Holiday Inn on Waikiki Beach, and spent a week on the island, of Oahu in Honolulu with trips to the enchanting islands of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii.

Chris states that the biggest mistake most of the tourists make is to take along so many clothes when they should be told they will get caught up in the relaxed way of life of the islands and wear the leisurely dress familiar to the land.

AT ONE of the evening affairs, Lou and Chris were approached by a gentleman from the states and asked if they remembered him? He had graduated with Lou and Chris from Cass Tech High School years ago. He too was on a holiday in Hawaii with family and resides on the east side of Detroit.

Among their great experiences, Chris and Lou feel their trip to Maui is one of them. Before they left for Hawaii, Marion Whetter of Westbrook, who bowled in the Kendallwood Women's League with Chris, asked her to look up a friend of hers who did social work at the University Center here, some years back, the same time Marion did.

The Martinis were on Maui a couple of days and did not yet get in touch with Jane Fukuoka, a native of Hawaii. They were amazed that Jane was in touch with them. She had arranged to take them sight-seeing for a day when they went to Lahaina, a whaling town and places where most tourists don't get to go.

Chris was overwhelmed at the hospitality Jane showed them. "She was like a relative to us and so charming. Her husband is a district judge and she has a couple of teenagers and she still found time to be gracious to us." When the Martinis were leaving for the states, Jane was at the airport to see them off and presented Chris with two huge bunches of tropical flowers.

ANOTHER Farmington couple, Fred and Dottie Uhl of Bella Vista, were in Hawaii the same time the Martinis were and they did see each other from time to time during the two weeks. Fred is with the GM Tech Center and Dottie also works in the GM offices. They did run into about four couples from the Tech Center.

On the trip, they became acquainted with George and Angie Phillips of Harrison Township which sounds as if it has started a life-long friendship. Fred had taken five rolls of 36 slides each and the Phillips and Uhl will get together to view them and reminisce.

I hope you don't mind if I continue my Hawaii chant next week. It took me 40 plus years to get a ride in a police car, and would you believe it was the beginning of Police Week that this great feat was accomplished?

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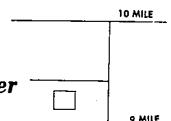
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