

Hand Has Best Approach For Judge

The qualities that make a good judge are intangible.

Certainly a judge must be knowledgeable in the law, but something more is needed.

That something else could be called common sense. It can also be called humanness.

THERE ARE NO hard and fast rules that apply to the conduct of a court or the sentencing of persons convicted.

That's because the human element is involved.

Certainly the criminal should be punished. Certainly there is a rise in crime in the country.

The current race for the post of District Judge for Farmington City and Township

reflects all the factors and campaign issues of this election year. It also deserves the title of one of the hottest and most interesting election races in recent years.

Both candidates have been forced by the campaign to express their views on the function and operation of the court and its place in society.

An interesting proposal in Earl Oppert-hausser's idea on citizen participation in a probation department has been advanced. We don't pretend to pass any judgment on the feasibility of the proposal, but do hasten to add that the idea has merit.

It's a thought that both the City Council and the Township Board should give serious consideration to—no matter who is elected.

ASIDE FROM THAT, the basic question remains: Who would make the best judge?

We believe that that man is Michael J. Hand.

Hand is currently municipal judge for the City of Farmington. As such he has experience in the existing municipal court system. The new District Court has been patterned after the municipal court system, but given twice the authority of jurisdiction in cases.

Even more than the question of experience, Hand best displays the possession of that intangible quality so necessary for a judge.

HAND PUBLISHED a campaign state-

ment just before the primary election. It said:

"Maintenance of the public peace and the protection of law-abiding citizens is of paramount concern to the court and is not inconsistent with the preservation of individual rights."

"A judge should be deaf to improper influence but sensitive and sympathetic to the circumstances of each case, and should temper justice with mercy."

It's hard to describe intangible attitudes, but we think the message comes through.

That's why we suggest a vote for Michael J. Hand on the non-partisan ballot at Tuesday's election.

—The Farmington Enterprise & Observer

Township Features New Candidates

No matter what the decision of the voters in Tuesday's election, the character and complexion of the Farmington Township Board will be changed in January.

That's because the primary battle knocked off the incumbents on the board, and three untried Republicans face three untried Democrats for the township policy-making posts.

REPUBLICAN Charles Williams faces Democrat Joyce Hungerford for the unexpired two-years term in the seat currently held by Trustee Peter Klops.

To call Williams a controversial figure is something of an understatement. He is a past president of the Jaycees and a CPA. His economic background gives him an advantage when it comes to local government financial questions. Many Republicans, however, privately feel that he is a Democrat running on the GOP ticket.

Mrs. Hungerford has been an active worker for the local Democrats. She lacks, however, the stamina for the rough and tumble antics of partisan politics in the township.

TWO FOUR-YEAR terms are open. Re-

Plunkett Makes Best Officer

One election contest offers a clear-cut choice of candidates in a year when the charge of Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee is often heard.

That's the Oakland County race for the four-year term as county prosecutor.

Democrat Thomas Plunkett deserves your vote.

Plunkett is currently the chief assistant prosecutor in the county and has built a reputation as an effective and able member of the Prosecutor's staff.

He realizes that the role of the prosecutor is to both protect the innocent and prosecute the criminal.

REPUBLICAN Richard Kuhn, his opponent, won't accept this basic fact.

It's a real crowd getter to attend a candidate's night in Farmington and vow to stamp out any and all drugs in the county high schools within six months.

It's irresponsible, though, to make such statements when you don't have a plan.

We don't think Kuhn has a program. When asked by a local politician just how he would curb drug use, the GOP nominee answered, "I can't divulge my plan now. I'll tell you after the election."

Rubbish. The kicker in the answer is "I'll tell you after the election."

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Support Local Proposals

Two local propositions will be on Tuesday's ballot, and "yes" votes are recommended on both questions.

In the City of Farmington, voters will be asked to approve a charter amendment liberalizing the existing retirement program for city employees.

Briefly, the proposed amendment would provide for voluntary retirement age of policemen to 55 from the current 60; provide for deferred benefits at the voluntary retirement age and provide for an increase of pensions to present retirees.

Total cost of the revisions would be \$14,334 per year to the city. It would increase the employee benefits approximately 20 per cent.

The new plan keeps Farmington in line with retirement systems operated by other municipalities.

It deserves approval.

OAKLAND COUNTY will be asked to approve a change in the present county coroner system to the more modern medical examiner system.

The laws governing the duties of a coroner were first written in 1868, and policemen throughout the county contend that it is an unwieldy system.

Wayne County is one of 27 counties in the state now operating under the medical examiner system.

Oakland County should be too.

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publicans' running are Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman. The Democrats have chosen William Hatton and Allen Sultan as their nominees.

Lichtman is best known for his activities with the Citizens' Council for Community Development in pushing for a "yes" vote on the incorporation question in 1967. He holds a law degree, has a background in municipal law, and is a capable man.

Mrs. Schaeffer, a lawyer, is a long-time resident of the township. She was elected to the charter commissions in 1966 and 1967 and has been active in the local branch of the American Association of University Women. She is well known in the local Republican circles and enjoys a high reputation.

Hatton, a relative newcomer to the township, is president of the Road Association Group which is waging monumental battles

with both the County Road Commission and the township officials about the current state of local roads. We agree that the roads are a disgrace, but don't think that Hatton is the man to sit at the board table.

Sultan is a professor of law at the University of Detroit. He's intelligent and competent, but we don't think that he has either the background or the knowledge of the local governmental structure in Michigan to serve effectively.

IT'S A MIXED BAG for the voters' choice.

The machines will be set so that you may vote for either Williams or Mrs. Hungerford. Your other choices will be limited to either Sultan and Hatton or Mrs. Schaeffer and Lichtman.

Whatever the choice, the character of the board will change after the election.

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Hamlin Best County Choice

On Tuesday the voters of Oakland County will elect 27 members to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors under the terms of a re-districting ordered by the State Supreme Court.

This will be the first time in Farmington that persons will be directly elected to this county office. The previous representatives from the area—the city's Delos Hamlin was appointed by the Council and Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall served by virtue of his post as township supervisor.

Under the terms of the re-districting, Farmington is split into two districts.

IN THE 11TH DISTRICT, which includes the city, both villages and roughly the southern portions of the township, Hamlin, a Republican, faces Democrat Gerald Freedman.

Our endorsement goes to Hamlin because of his knowledge and experience in county government. Hamlin is a creative veteran of more than 25 years on the county board and is currently chairman of the existing board.

He has seen Oakland County grow from a sleepy agricultural area to one of the fastest growing counties in the state beset by

urban and suburban pressures.

He realizes that planning is necessary for the population growth and his actions in extending water and sewer facilities throughout the county are testimony to his planning.

We have some sympathy with Freedman's charges that the existing county board has been unrepresentative to the wishes of the people at times. Unfortunately, Freedman lacks both the experience and the knowledge to be an effective representative for Farmington in the county headquarters in Pontiac.

THE REMAINDER of Farmington Township—including the Kendallwoods west of Farmington Rd. and Canterbury Commons—fall within the 18th District which is lumped with West Bloomfield Township.

The choices offered to the voter in that district are Republican Dissident Christian Powell and Democrat Michael J. Kelly.

Neither will be an effective and responsible representative. It's up to the voters to choose between the lesser of the two evils and we suspect that this choice will be made almost exclusively along party lines.

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Voting Polls Located

CITY OF FARMINGTON
Precinct 1 City Hall, 23600 Liberty
Precinct 2 American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River
Precinct 3 Farmington Senior High School, 32000 Shiawassee
Precinct 4 Flanders School, 32600 Flanders

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP
Precinct 1 Gill School, 21195 Gill Rd.
Precinct 2 Wheeler Fire Hall, 21420 Wheeler
Precinct 3 Highmeadow School, 30175 Highmeadow
Precinct 4 Bond School, 31500 W. 13 Mile
Precinct 5 William Grace School, 29040 Shiawassee
Precinct 6 Shiawassee School, 30415 Shiawassee
Precinct 7 Dunckel Junior High, 32800 12 Mile
Precinct 8 Middle Belt School, 24400 Middle Belt
Precinct 9 North Farmington High, 32900 W. 13 Mile
Precinct 10 Dunckel Junior High, 32800 12 Mile
Precinct 11 North Farmington High, 32900 W. 13 Mile
Precinct 12 East Junior High, 25000 Middle Belt Rd.
Precinct 13 William Grace School, 29040 Shiawassee
Precinct 14 East Junior High, 25000 Middle Belt Rd.
Precinct 15 Gill School, 21195 Gill Rd.
Precinct 16 Fairview School, 28500 Oak Crest Court

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Any person standing in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

DEADLINE for obtaining absentee ballots is 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

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