

Farmington Twp. Candidates — What Are Their Backgrounds?



Curtis H. Hall

The incumbent Farmington Township Supervisor is Curtis H. Hall. He was elected to this post three times — in 1950, 1961 and 1963.

He previously served as president of the Farmington School Board. He also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Farmington.

Hall has lived in Farmington for 37 years. He is married, and has one son. His son is serving in the Navy.

He attended Central Michigan University. After that, he taught and roamed in the Farmington schools. He coached all sports at Farmington High.

For 22 years he was an auto dealer in Farmington. He is now a director of the Metropolitan Bank of Farmington.

Hall is a life member and past president of the Farmington Exchange Club and a member of the Moslem Shrine.

He is active in the United Foundation and the Goodfellows.

Use Lamps to Dry Grain?

Infrared lamps or burners may someday be used to dry grain as it vibrates up and down at 1,000 cycles per minute, according to Michigan State University agricultural engineer, Vern E. Headley. Infrared vibration grain drying is not yet as economical as the conventional heated air dryers now being used, but the method offers intriguing possibilities for the future.



Aldo Vagnozzi

Aldo Vagnozzi is 39 years old, married, and the father of four children.

He is presently serving as chairman of the Farmington School District PTA Council and was first president of the Beechview School PTA. He is chairman of the Kimberley Association safety committee and has been active on Cub and Boy Scout committees.

He is employed as managing editor of a statewide labor newspaper.

Vagnozzi is a graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in journalism and a minor in social sciences including government. He attended Wayne State University Law School for one year. He served overseas in World War II.

Vagnozzi has served on United Food, Tuberculosis and Health Society, Michigan Day at Seaside, World's Fair and Michigan Week committees.

He served as alternate delegate to the 1960 Democratic National Convention. He is chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club and precinct delegate in precinct 12 of the township.

Control Quackgrass

Michigan State University researchers say two pounds of Amilorol is as effective for controlling quackgrass as four pounds of plain Amilorol. The reason: 20 per cent of both Amilorol and Amilorol-T is absorbed through quackgrass leaves, but twice as much Amilorol-T is translocated throughout the plants.



E. Opperthausen

Earl C. Opperthausen, one of two candidates for Farmington Township Trustee, is an incumbent who was appointed to fill the vacancy created when a former trustee moved from the Township. Opperthausen is 39 years old, married, and has three children. He was born and raised in Detroit; served in the Air Force in World War II, as a Radar-Navigator-Bombardier. He also served in the Air Force Reserve and held the rank of Captain.

Opperthausen received his L.L.B. degree from Wayne State University in 1949, and was admitted to the bar the same year. In 1951, he was employed as an attorney with the Department of the Army and negotiated the contract with Chrysler Corporation for development of the Redstone missile.

Since 1955, he has been in the Law Department of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, and is now the General Claims Attorney and has tried cases in 12 Michigan counties and the three Federal district courts.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Bar Association, National Association of R. R. Trial Counsel and Michigan Railroad Lawyers Association. He is a member of Lodge 417 F&AM, and First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, and a past president of the Kendallwood Farms Association.

When a former resident of Redford Township, he served on the Redford Township Board of Trustees.



Thomas Duke

Thomas E. Duke was elected to the Farmington Township Board of Trustees in 1961, for a four year term. At present, he is chairman of the Township Building Committee.

Duke is currently engaged in building and land development in the Detroit and Farmington areas. He is chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Bank of Farmington. And he is Vice President of the Farmington Exchange Club. He has served as director of the Builders Assoc. of Metropolitan Detroit.

Duke was voted "Young Man of the Year" by the Farmington Jaycees in 1963. He has attended Highland Park Junior College.

No Decision Yet On Twp. Salaries

A meeting of the Farmington Township Board was held Monday, Oct. 26.

The cost estimate on the sewer assessment for Golf Lake Hills, Coventry, Fairgreen Hills and F&A-1 was given. This would involve approx. 50 families. The cost per household will be \$2,018.61. The total cost will be \$109,000.

The resolution for an application for membership in the Metropolitan Police Academy of Michigan Inc. passed. Consideration of elected officials salaries was postponed until Monday.



M. E. Gluckstein

Martin E. Gluckstein, candidate for Farmington Township Trustee, is a chemical research supervisor with the Ethyl Corp. Gluckstein is married, the father of five, and is active in community affairs.

At the University of Michigan, he received a B.S., an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He is also a Registered Professional Engineer. And he is a part-time member of the Wayne State University Graduate faculty.

Among Gluckstein's community projects are the following: Member of Board of Directors Township League of Subdivision Associations; Committee Chairman of Cub Scout Pack 48; Committee Chairman of North Farmington Little League; and Chairman of Township Board to Special Committee to Investigate Effects of Possible Incorporation of Township.

Gluckstein is a Democratic precinct delegate, and is making his second try for a seat on the Board of Trustees.

Shepperley Is Promoted

Robert E. Shepperley of Farmington has been promoted to executive art director for the Detroit regional office of McCann-Erickson, Inc. It was announced today by Robert S. Markov, senior vice president and Detroit manager.

He joined McCann-Erickson in Detroit in 1958 as an art director on the Buick Motor Division advertising account, now assumes responsibility for all art prepared in the Detroit office for a number of accounts, including three for General Motors—Buick, GMC Truck & Coach Division and Opel Kadett, the new small car, built by GM in Germany, imported by Buick and retained in the United States through Buick dealers.



Bernard Kahn

Bernard S. Kahn is a candidate for Farmington Township Trustee.

Bernard S. Kahn holds degrees in law, engineering, and political science. He has attended the University of Missouri, University of Birmingham, England, and the Sorbonne University in France.

He has taught political science at Wayne State University. Kahn has been a trial lawyer for 16 years. He is a member of the Wayne State University Law School Board of Governors, a Fellow of the International Academy of Law and Science, and is licensed to practice in the U. S. Supreme Court.

Married, and the father of four children, he is a past president of PTA. He and his son Robert are ham radio operators.

During World War II, he served in occupied France, as a U. S. Army intelligence officer attached to the Free French Army.

Kahn is active in the Farmington Democratic Club.



Elise P. Avery

The present Farmington Township Treasurer is Elise P. Avery. She has lived in the Township for over 15 years, and has a daughter and son—both married.

She has sold real estate, and she has been in business with her husband, Lawrence.

Mrs. Avery is a member of: Civic Study Club; three terms as Director Michigan Township Association; elected delegate for County and State Convention for ten years; Eastern Star; Farmington Chapter Oakland County Treasurer's Association, and Farmington Township Board.

As a member of the Farmington Business Women's Club she was voted "Woman of the Year for 1961-1962."

Mrs. Avery is currently serving her fifth year as Treasurer.

Editor Errs

By ALLEN ROSENFIELD

In last week's issue of this paper, the Democratic candidates for the Farmington Township offices challenged the present office-holders to a series of public debates. This challenge was actually made two weeks earlier. And it was promptly accepted by the incumbents—to the credit of both sides.

By the time we published it last week, the challenge was outdated. Worse: it was misleading.

That it was published was the result of a proof-reading error on my part.



Euline Petty

Euline Petty is contesting for the post of Farmington Township Treasurer.

She is 48, and has lived in the Township for the past 24 years. She is married, has two children, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Petty has been active in the PTA, and in the Girl Scouts—serving as Brownie Troop Assistant Leader.

At present, she is Corresponding Secretary of the Farmington Democratic Club.

Library

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Club is proud to join other community organizations and individuals who have contributed books to this Library. . . . We are doubly proud that this occasion points up the fact that, after all, a political organization is just as important a part of the community as the civic, fraternal, and other groups that are active in this area.

The 40 books in the Kennedy Shelf were selected from the White House Library list. They were chosen on the basis of what was the greatest need. All of the books came under the general category of "The Expansion of America."

The individual selections said librarian Mildred Droegge "are in keeping with John Kennedy's own wide range of interest."

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Here is the Record . . . in Farmington Township!

UNDER PREVIOUS DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP

ZONING

Operated under and in concurrence with an antiquated ordinance with no provision for the future physical integrity of Farmington Township.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Inefficiently and virtually unenforced even in its antiquated form gave the citizens little protection.

BLIGHT

Whole subdivisions were going rapidly downhill because of the permitted accumulation of old cars, junk and dilapidated buildings.

JUNK YARDS

The Democrat administration permitted to exist the two unsightly automobile junk yards located on Grand River, one across from Bedford Inn and the other at the intersection of Ten Mile and Grand River.

RECREATION

Democrat leadership in this area consisted of talk and more talk — grandiose plans which were completely impossible under the Township's limited income. Nothing positive was accomplished.

INDUSTRY

Virtually nothing was being done under Democrat leadership toward broadening our tax base and reversing the upward spiral of residential taxes.

POLICE

Six overworked policemen operated out of crowded quarters in one of the fire stations located in a corner of the township.

UNDER PRESENT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION

ZONING

Introduced and enacted our present comprehensive zoning ordinance providing for light industrial area in the southwest part of the Township, elimination of strip commercial zoning and provision for population control. This ordinance is considered to be a model in Oakland County. Its important population control features have been successfully defended in court, the only such ordinance to gain court approval. Amendments since its passage have strengthened the ordinance.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

The employment of a full-time Zoning enforcement officer to enforce our newly-passed zoning ordinance has been a tremendous asset to the Township. His important population control features have been successfully defended in court, the only such ordinance to gain court approval. Amendments since its passage have strengthened the ordinance.

ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE

The present administration enacted an ordinance to prevent and provide method of elimination of blight throughout the Township and being strongly enforced by our full time Enforcement Officer.

JUNK YARDS

The present administration through efforts, persuasion, and negotiation has brought about the elimination now under way of both these unsightly junk yards located on our main thoroughfare and has provided for the consolidation of them into one location completely encircled by fence and green belt planting located deep in our industrial park areas. These unsightly junk yards have been viewed with lack of appreciation by Farmington citizens for as many years as anyone can remember. Under the present administration they are going.

RECREATION

Recognizing its limited financial resources, the administration has encouraged the development of community recreational facilities such as the community swimming pool, which have been established in the Township. At the urging and with the financial support of the present Township government, the Farmington Area Recreation Commission has been expanded to include the whole township and provide more recreation per dollar for Farmington's children.

INDUSTRY

Not only has this Administration zoned proper areas for industrial development and begun their development with the assistance of millage voted by the electorate in an expression of confidence, but has established a committee of experts and a nonprofit corporation to work for new industries. A huge new plant has purchased land in the industrial park and our largest present industry has more than doubled its facilities. Many others are waiting in the wings.

POLICE

Twenty officers now protect the persons and property of our citizens and enforce the law. The officers are housed in modern offices with modern facilities including their own radio, detention and interrogation rooms and radar.

UNDER PREVIOUS DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP

FIRE PROTECTION

Democrat leadership did nothing to improve fire protection in the township despite constant increases in population and property.

BUILDINGS

Democrat administration operated from the existing antiquated and ill-placed Township Hall located in the City of Farmington rather than the Township with no proposal for modernization.

HEALTH

Operated under part-time health officer services.

WATER

Proposed Township water system stalled by the ineptitude of the Democrat leadership. Hundreds of township residents had to truck in water for drinking and bathing.

SEWERS

Only the Kendallwood area was served by sanitary sewers and these drained into an inadequate disposal plant which caused annoyance and nuisance to residents downstream.

PARKS

Although all experts agree that a community should have open spaces for the use of its people and to preserve its natural beauties, Farmington was well on its way to the complete elimination of all remaining open spaces.

UNDER PRESENT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION

FIRE PROTECTION

The present Administration has increased the fire fighting facilities of the Township by over 500%. Facilities located in the City have been moved into the Township, in another gesture of confidence in the Administration the people have approved millages to be used for the expansion and improvement of police and fire protection facilities.

BUILDINGS

Present administration moved the Police and Building Department and Administration offices out of a neighboring city into the Township itself, consolidating these services at a central point in the Township. It is reasonably priced and non-luxurious accommodations providing modern, efficient, comfortable and well located quarters for employees and citizens alike.

HEALTH

The administration discontinued the part-time services of the health officer and contracted the services of the Oakland County Department of Health which provides a full-time health officer. The services of the County Health Department are provided at no cost to the Township. The administration also passed and strengthened ordinances relating to establishments handling food and rubbish. Requirements for septic tank installation were tightened to minimize future problems in those areas not yet equipped with sewers.

WATER

Republican leadership has knifed through the morass of legal and financial red tape involved in the construction of a multi-million dollar project, has worked through the delays and frustrations of countless hearings, litigation and construction difficulties and has constructed a water system bringing water to the dry areas of the Township. Of equal importance however, is the overall water master plan adopted which assures residents in other areas of the Township that water will be available to them when and if they need it.

SEWERS

The Republican Administration has constructed over forty eight miles of sanitary sewers in the last five and one-half year. Additional miles have been constructed by subdivision developers, conforming to Federal and State regulations which do not permit new subdivisions without sewers. Other miles of sewers are under construction or are in the planning and public hearing stage.

PARKS

Present Administration, using imagination and ingenuity has adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance which permits subdivision developers to provide open spaces in their subdivisions while still maintaining the population controls on adequate community park facilities built in for their residents without cost to the Township at large.

KEEP FARMINGTON MOVING . . . Vote Straight Republican

ELECT CURT HALL, Supervisor • FLOYD CAIRNS, Clerk • ELISE AVERY, Treasurer • THOMAS DUKE, Trustee
• EARL OPPERTHAUSER, Trustee • BYRON WALTER, Justice of the Peace

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