

Information on Candidates for School Boards

FIVE IN CLARENCEVILLE THREE IN FARMINGTON

R. Chaiken

A resident in the Clarenceville School District for the past 2 1/2 years, Raymond Chaiken, 36, is married and the father of two small children—Evelyn, 12, and Amy, 3. He moved here with his family from Dearborn.

For the past 8 1/2 years Chaiken has been employed with the Ford Motor Company as an engineer. He is a member of the Association of Iron and



Steel Engineers and the Cornell Engineering Society.

He attended the Newark College of Engineering in New Jersey and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, receiving a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the latter school.

"Education for our continuously changing way of life is our major resource and must be sustained," Chaiken commented.

"To provide for more than a minimum of education to our future adults, with a limited amount of funds and facilities becomes a condition that must be considered.

"I alone, being fortunate enough to become a member of the Board of Education, could not solve this so-called problem but believe that an answer can be found through study, analysis and investigation both by members of the Board and the general membership of our citizenry," Chaiken concluded.

Melvin Kuehn

As a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, a member of the Clarenceville Optimist Club, Hartom has served as vice-president for



four years. As a member of the National Grange, he served as Master of the Wayne Grange for three years.

Schooling includes special accounting courses, training at the Army Infantry School and short courses at Purdue University. Hartom has one son, Elbert M. Jr., 23.

"Keeping up with the rapidly growing child population of the school district so half-day sessions or over-crowded classrooms will not be found in our district," was given by Hartom as a major problem confronting the School Board.

"This is not a problem to be solved by any individual but is a team enterprise of the Board, the administrative staff and the public which provides the necessary funds and authority to issue bonds," he added.

Continuous enrichment of curriculum was also cited by Hartom as another of his objectives. This is being accomplished through the establishment of committees of the faculty and of interested qualified citizens, he said.

Expansion of the adult education program is also advocated by Hartom. Because of the low tax valuation in the district, however, this must be a self-supporting program, he concluded.

Richard Gault

Richard L. Gault, 51, incumbent member of the School Board, makes his home at 18614 Floral, Livonia. The father of 4 children, he is married, he has been a resident of the school district for the past 17 years.

Gault is employed in the public relations department at the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.



He has been with this organization for the past 35 years. A member of the Clarenceville Optimist Club, Gault holds the office of chaplain.

"The major problem in the Clarenceville School District is that of providing adequate school rooms so that our children will not have to go on half-day and scholastic training second to none of the school district comparable to ours," Gault commented.

"As a member of the School Board, I with the others am doing all I can to keep the district properly informed and am endeavoring to see that tax monies are used to the very best advantage."

E. M. Hartom

Elbert M. Hartom, 59, is a longtime resident of Clarenceville having made his home in this area for the past 28 yrs. He resides at 23105 St. Martins St., Livonia.

Incumbent president of the Board of Education, he is self-employed. For the past two yrs. he has operated Hartom Power Tool Sales on Grand River Ave. in Redford, specializing in chainsaw and lawnmower sales and service. He previously served as an army officer, worked as an office manager and in the poultry and gardener field.

Hartom was mayor of Livonia for two years. He served on the ways and means commit-

Arthur Leland

The father of five small children, Arthur F. Leland, Jr., 30, resides at 21141 Rensselaer, Farmington. Children are—Arthur P., 11, 9, Nancy Elaine, 7, Deborah Grace, 6, James Jay, 3, and Sharon Ann, 1.

The Lelands have resided in the Clarenceville School District for the past 7 years, moving here from Highland Park. For the past 14 years, Leland has been employed as a driver salesman with Koppings Bakery, Inc.

Active in the community, Leland has previously served as



treasurer and publicity chairman of the Clarenceville Civic Association. He is secretary of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission, co-chairman of a community Little League and assistant awards chairman of Cub Scout Pack 279.

In school affairs, Leland served on the citizens committee studying bonding and plans for the new Clarenceville Junior High and later as a member of the citizens committee studying school transportation. He was recently elected treasurer of the Edgewood PTA for the 1959-60 school year.

Leland was elected a Park Commissioner for Farmington Township in 1957 at an office he still holds.

The rapid increase in population in the school district is considered by Leland to be the major problem to be faced by the school board.

"There is no actual solution to this problem. We can only state at best attempt to anticipate this growth and prepare our district so that there are adequate

Leland Clifford

Treasurer of the board, Leland G. Clifford lives at 30350 Hillcrest. He has resided in Farmington for the past 11 years.

A supervising auditor with the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Clifford concluded.



He has been associated with this firm for the past 23 years.

Clifford has five children. Leland P., 26, and Laren R., 23, are both Farmington High graduates. James M., 13, and Daniel C., 13, attend Farmington Junior High and David M., 7, the Ten Mile elementary school.

A graduate of Ginnell College in Iowa, Clifford majored in business administration. He is presently a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Active in the community, he has been chairman of several boy scout and church organizations and is also a past president of the Ten Mile PTA.

Clifford believes the major problem confronting the school district is that of maintaining a full-day educational program which will adequately meet the varying needs of our community at reasonable cost.

This can be accomplished, Clifford said by: (1) Careful long range planning; (2) Skillful selection of curriculum, facilities and personnel; (3) Promotion of legislation that will at least return to our community more of the federal and state taxes we pay; (4) Encouragement of legislation from going on half days," Leland said.

Vernon Fisher

Vernon P. Fisher, incumbent board trustee, resides at 28253 Wellington Road and has been resident of the school district for the past 17 years.

Fisher, 56, is the father of three children, all of whom were educated in the Farmington schools.

For the past 33 years Fisher has been associated with "The George A. Bass Construction Co. in Birmingham. He is vice president and estimating engineer. He was also president and treasurer of the Payne Products Company in Ann Arbor for 12 years.

A 1924 graduate from the University of Iowa College of Engineering, he is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

"The problem of financing and adequate educational program is without doubt the major problem facing the school district," Fisher stated.

"There is no quick or easy solution to this problem since three governmental units are involved: the township, county and state. If I am re-elected I will continue to devote a large part of my time in an attempt of solve this problem.

William Tilder

A resident of Farmington for five years, A. William Tilder, 53, has his home at 3275 Nottingham Knoll. Prior to moving for

Elks to Hold Officers' Ball

The entertainment committee of the Farmington Elks has announced plans for a dinner dance honoring past and present Lodge officers. This event will be held in the Temple on Saturday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The committee reports that every effort is being made to make this semi-formal affair the social event of the Elks year. Music for dancing will be provided by Roy Hesse and his orchestra.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the Farmington Elks and to neighboring lodges. All Elks are requested to make their reservations with Joe Brodie at the Temple as soon as possible. All Elks and their guests are welcome.

The Soviet news agency Tass reports that a University of Athens has been opened in Ashkhabad, capital of Soviet Turkmenistan.



Company. He is a committee chairman in the American Society of Metals.

Tilder attended the University of Minnesota and Wayne State University.

Active in the community, he has served as president of his subdivision association and is instrumental in helping organize the North Farmington Little League. He also held the office of president of the league.

"The present school board has done an excellent job in providing the physical properties for present and the future," Tilder stated. "As I see it, operations should be expanded to prepare our children better for the day that they graduate. I don't think the majority are being prepared for work, college or marriage."

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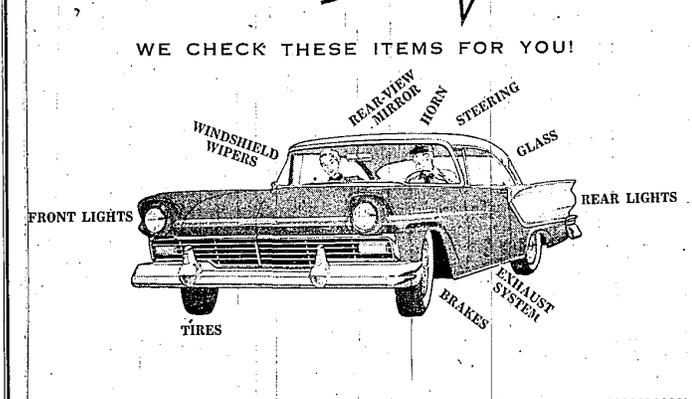
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