

Information On The Township Candidates Seeking Election April 1

In addition to biographical data on each of the candidates, The Enterprise also asked two general questions of each of the contestants for the major offices.

These questions which are answered by each of the candidates here were: 1) What do you feel should be done to improve business conditions in Farmington? and 2) In what way do you feel the City and Township might work more closely together for the common good of the community?

SUPERVISOR

Curtis Hall

Incumbent Supervisor Curtis Hall has been a Farmington resident for 33 years now and for the last six years has made his home at 2380 Broadway Ridge in the Township. For 27 years prior to this he lived in the City of Farmington.

Hall, 55, is well known locally by older citizens having been a teacher and coach in the Farmington school system for seven years and a local automobile dealer for 22 years. He attended Central Michigan bridges committee and as a



City Zoning Board of Appeals while a city resident. He is a past president of the Exchange Club As supervisor he has been an active member of the County Board of Supervisors. He is now serving as chairman of the salaries committee, vice-chairman of the roads and He attended Central Michigan bridges committee and as a

member of the Inter-County (Oak) roads and bridges committee. His governmental experience prior to becoming supervisor included seven years on the Farmington Board of Education and as a member of the

"Our progress toward improving our industrial tax base is well known, a continued vigorous effort in this area is imperative. Well located, well stocked commercial establishments are needed by our people."

"In Farmington Township we have adopted a comprehensive plan for commercial development which has received favorable comment by the courts. Under this plan adequate commercial development will take place to serve the needs of the people. By limiting the amount of commercial land area and designating ideal locations we encourage the better business to locate in Farmington Township. Businesses of this type will provide better products, better service and improve our tax base substantially."

"The INCUMBENT supervisor feels that very close cooperation between the city and township already exists. He states: "I believe that there now is and has been a spirit of friendly cooperation, not only between the City and Township but also between the Board of Education. Mutual problems receive joint consideration and each of the governmental bodies goes out its way to assist the others when assistance is needed."

"We in the Township communicate regularly with the City of Farmington and the Board of Education on subjects of mutual interest. Each governing body has a primary responsibility of its own political unit but where interests do not entirely coincide there is always full cooperation and a free exchange of ideas in reaching a proper solution of problems."



Harold Shpiece

Very active in local Democratic Club activities, Harold E. Shpiece, 43, resides at 2508 Westmanning. He has made his home for the past six years. He is a native of Detroit and lived there all his life prior to moving to the suburbs.

An attorney, Shpiece has law offices in the Cadillac Tower in Detroit where he has been located for the past 14 years. He holds a bachelor's degree and law degree from Wayne State University and has also studied at Yale University, the London School of Political Science and Economics and the University of Michigan.

He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Springbrook Subdivision Association, Beechview PTA, WSU Law School Alumni Assn. and the Father and Son. Indian guides of the YMOA. He is also a precinct delegate in the

township. SHPIECE is married and the father of three young children: Michael Ronald, 6; Kathleen Ann, 5; and William F. 3.

To improve business conditions in Farmington, Shpiece feels the following things should be done:

"For Farmington's future we need to gain recognition for the business community. Township government could set an example by starting a campaign to both buy from and advertise hometown merchants."

"As your supervisor I would urge the County Board of Supervisors to purchase Farmington products. Township government ought to give the businessmen consideration at other times than just when they pay their taxes. Community projects of such business groups as the Junior Chamber of Commerce should receive the active backing of Township officials."

SHPIECE feels the Township and City might work more closely together in the following ways:

"Since the Township and City both suffer from the same lack of industrial tax base, a joint effort is needed to stimulate growth in this area."

"Cooperation between the fire and police departments of the Township and City should be considered as a possible means of providing greater protection of the citizens at a reduced cost."

"Improved health and recreation programs as well as greater community use of schools require the same type of joint cooperation between all three units of government-Township, City and School Board."

TREASURER

M. Mutschall

Marie T. Mutschall, Democratic candidate seeking re-election as treasurer, is 34 and lives at 25339 Westmoreland Drive.

She and her husband, Roland P., moved here with their four young children (all under ten years of age) 3½ years ago from Detroit where they had resided for seven years.

A graduate of St. Mary's of Bedford where she took a business course, Mrs. Mutschall worked as head teller in the Industrial National Bank for three years before leaving to devote full time to raising a family.

She had these comments to make with regard to how business conditions might be improved:

"AN AGGRESSIVE and intelligent campaign of salesmanship should be carried on by all Township officials to seek out and attract desirable



business enterprises to widen the tax base and absorb part of the cost of new schools necessitated by new residential

development. It is perfectly obvious in viewing the success of Southfield and Oak Park in this field that wiseful thinking will attract the kind of clean, progressive industries needed. Since competition is keen, "playing politics" with sewers and water; delaying the development of the Industrial Park approved by the voters until after this election may cost as thousands of dollars in lost revenue from potential occupants."

Mrs. Mutschall made these comments on close cooperation between the city and township:

"It seems obvious that the township dictates cooperation in several areas. 1. Joint development of recreational activity; 2. Joint citizens council to recommend sites for future playgrounds; 3. coordination with the Board of Education for full use of school buildings; 4. an aggressive showing on the Board of Supervisors by representatives of both the city and township reflecting the obvious needs of the citizens for better road maintenance and police protection in place of wasteful airport and court building developments which voters had indicated were not desired."

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Elise Avery

Treasurer Mrs. Elise P. Avery, seeking re-election for another term on the GOP ticket, has resided in Farmington for the past 13 years.

She served as a Trustee on the Township Board for 2½ years before becoming treasurer 3½ years ago.

She and her husband, Lawrence, live at 28016 Wildwood Trail. The Averages have grown children who are both married.

A graduate of Southeastern High School in Detroit, Mrs. Avery has also taken night school courses. She is a member of the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club, Civic Study Club and the 122nd Mother's Club of which she has been president for 3½ years.

Mrs. Avery made the following statements on improving business conditions:

"BUSINESS CONDITIONS can best be improved by doing all we can to establish a good business 'climate' in the area. This is now being done by the installation of a sewer and water system and by continued careful zoning and planning. Confidence in the honesty and integrity of prove officials is a must to further the establishment of a good business climate for Farmington Township. A reduction in the personal property tax would help especially for small businesses. This can only be done through legislation."

The city and township of Farmington have been working together for the common good of the community, says Mrs.

"It must be kept in mind that we have two different

types of government, the City and the Township. The City must function under rules of its charter and the township under restrictions by state law. Occasional joint meetings of the City Council and Township Board would be of value," she stated.

TRUSTEES



Art Bassette

Incumbent Trustee Arthur S. Bassette who is seeking re-election on the GOP ticket resides at 29701 Thirteen Mile Road and has been a resident here for the past 15 years.

He is an engineer in charge of road testing with the Fisher Body Division of General Motors where he has been employed for 20 years. A 1935 electrical engineer graduate from the University of Michigan, Bassette is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Bassette has served on the Township Zoning Board for five years and the Zoning Board of Appeals for four years in addition to being a trustee for four years.

He is 53, married and the father of a daughter 19 and a son 15.

"EVERY individual should 'sell' Farmington at all times and at every opportunity," is the only comment Bassette had to make on how business conditions in the community might be improved.

He was equally as brief in discussing how the city and township might work more closely together for the common good of the whole community. His statement was: "The present cooperation between the township and city is excellent."

M. Gluckstein

A township resident for the past six years, Martin E. Gluckstein of 3207 Chestnutbrook is a Democratic candidate for a trustee seat.

A research associate and registered professional engineer, Gluckstein has been employed with the Ethyl Corporation in Ferndale for the past six years. He holds a bachelor's, master's and doctor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan.

Gluckstein who is 34 is married and the father of five young children ranging in age from 10 to 2 years old.

He is an active member of the Westbrook Manor Association, a Cub Scout Pack committee chairman, and a member of the pulp committee

media and sponsored co-operation by local merchants could be valuable in acquainting many new (and some of the old) Farmingtonians with the fact that quality merchandise and services are available locally at competitive prices.

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A member of several societies and other chemical engineering organizations his biography appears in the "American Men of Science."

Gluckstein made the following comments in answers to The Enterprise's questions regarding what might be done to improve business conditions locally and how closer cooperation between the city and township might be beneficial.

"One way in which local business conditions could be improved is to restrict commercial zoning to those areas where it currently exists and discourage additional 'strip commercial' relocations. Excessive duplication of services and facilities can only result in marginal operations and unstable businesses."

"A concerted 'Buy Farmington' campaign, using local

areas, without loss of identification of the individual governing bodies. Some of these areas are: Civil Defense and other disaster planning; Police and Fire procedures (where limited co-operation now exists); public utilities, including water and sewer; Planning and Zoning; Industrial Development to broaden the total community's tax base; development of additional library facilities; and, together with the School Boards, planning and supervising recreational facilities and programs."

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