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# School Election Issues... Answers... Endorsements

**BY JOY STINSON**  
 Voters in the Farmington School District will go to the polls next Monday, June 14, to elect two persons to fill four-year vacancies as trustees of the Farmington Board of Education. They also will approve or reject a one-half mill increase for special education in Oakland County.

These two school issues will affect 21,387 qualified voters as of May. Yet, in the last school election only 1,846 voted.

Candidates for the Board post include John Douglas Cojzen, 7411 Briarcliff Knoll, West Bloomfield Township (this area is a part of the Farmington School District); Joe T. Collier, 27567 Forestbrook, Farmington Township; Herbert Neal (incumbent), 30443 Rockshire,



Herbert Neal

Farmington; and Sylvia F. Schwartz, 22911 Warner, Farmington.

By law, a district the size of Farmington elects seven members to its school board. These terms are staggered. Then, from its membership, the school board elects its officers.

Cojzen is a staff supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone and the father of four children, three being of school age. He is active in community affairs, serving as Eagle School PTA president, vice president of finance for the Little League Boy Scout leader, president of the West Bloomfield United Fund, and president of the West Bloomfield Council of Home-owners.

Collier, owner of Vapozone, a beauty supply corporation, has two school aged sons and is a member of the Highmeadow PTA.

Neal, a research chemist for Ethyl Corporation, comes from a family of educators. He has four children, two who are students, one a teacher and the fourth, a captain in the USAF. He has served on the board for four years during which time he has been on the sites, salary, drop-out and philosophy of education committees. He also was active in a study which resulted in the location of the Oakland County Community College in Farmington.

Neal, who has never missed a board meeting and has attended a majority of all county, state and national meetings for school board members, also is active in civic affairs.

Mrs. Schwartz, who will have four children in school next

fall, is a former social worker. Her past and present activities include the American Association of University Women, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Education, chairman of Citizens Committee on Study of School Drop-Outs, Oakland County Board of Family Service and the Citizens Youth Guidance Committee.

The one-half mill tax increase (a half-mill presently exists) for special education is needed, according to Farmington Public School Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison, to keep up with the growing number of children who need the help of special teachers or placement in special classes. Of the 1,000 children entering school each year in Farmington, one in

every ten requires the kind of special help this millage will provide. About one child in every 100 will need to be enrolled in a specially equipped classroom, he estimates.

Special education is an 11-year-old program Oakland County set up to provide education for the child who cannot be taught in a regular classroom. He may be blind, deaf, mentally retarded or suffering from cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or a severe emotional disturbance. It also takes in speech correction offered to more than 700 children in the Farmington district alone.

For Farmington specifically, the additional one-half mill passed, would provide the necessary two speech correctors,



John D. Cojzen

one visiting teacher, two teachers for the mentally handicapped, two teachers for the neurologically impaired, one teacher for the multiply handicapped, one physical therapist and one teacher for the deaf.

The extra half-mill for an expanded program will cost a Farmington taxpayer owning a home with a market value of \$20,000 about \$4 a year.

Over all Oakland County, statistics show that 600 children need placement in special education programs this year and they could not be placed because of lack of tax dollars. Eighty-five more programs are needed in addition to better quality and improved methods of identifying handicapped children and working with them earlier and making the fullest use of the latest research findings.

## OBSERVING THE SCENE

### Observer Backs Neal, 2 Others

**By MYRA CHANDLER**

There are 21,387 eligible to vote in the Farmington School election Monday, June 14. Last school election only 1,846 exercised this privilege.

To the few who vote and thus run the school district we feel an obligation as the eyes and ears of the community, meeting after meeting, to search for truth, tell it, take a stand and reveal what we know of the inside-inside.

To maintain the high level of education that Farmington has established, we would urge the support incumbent Herbert R. Neal running for his second four-year term.

To return a qualified incumbent to his post is practical. School business is so complex that a school board candidate really hits his stride of efficiency during his second term of office. It will benefit the district economically to have this experienced school board member elected. Mr. Neal never misses a meeting; he is not afraid of issues and is a forthright and respected candidate.

We are very economy-minded these days of our homes and our businesses. Therefore, we appreciate an economy-minded candidate like Mr. Neal. When he has a point to make, or disagree with, he brings to the board table sheets of research indicating to our reporter present at the meetings, that he has done his homework.

Both John D. Cojzen and Sylvia F. Schwartz are qualified candidates for the other four-year term. Mrs. Schwartz has been a staunch worker for the Farmington schools and worked for two years, most effectively on the Committee on Dropouts.

The Observer is most anxious for the citizens of Farmington to understand and support the one-half mill (\$4.00 per year for a \$20,000 home) for County-wide special education.

School officials are not concerned about getting the support of Farmington mothers and fathers for the one-half mill, if they really know about it. Citizens have a sympathetic attitude toward special education—for those children with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, deafness, mental retardation, physical defects and emotional disturbances. One child out of 10 in Farmington will utilize these services. Each school district is responsible for the classes and program that operates within its boundaries. The extra costs of the programs borne by the whole county. One or more children from nearly every Oakland County school district is transported every school day into another district for a special class.

In Farmington, the special education programs serve about 200 children and another 1,100 receive help from traveling specialists.

Residents living in the Clarenceville school area of Farmington, I would urge to support Fred T. Bailey. A hard-hitting, hard-headed businessman, Mr. Bailey has served the board for 13 years. He will not bend to pressure and has withstood plenty of it in this peculiarly located district.

A building contractor himself, he has a real depth and knowledge of construction and he is not given to oratory, people of the district may miss the fact they have in Fred Bailey an excellent board member.



PUTTING THE finishing touches on the Farmington Youth Guidance Center, 33425 Grand River, are these three ardent and dedicated members of the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary. They are, from left to right: Mrs. Ralph Parnin, Mrs. John Richardson, and Mrs. Chuck Boston. The Jaycettes took on the job of decorating and furnishing the Center several weeks ago. They still need the following items: area rugs, dining table, coffee table, and a filing cabinet with lock. Those wishing to help can call Mrs. Boston, at 476-4694; or Mrs. Cliff Loreth, at 474-5175.

## Harrison Elected County Chairman

Gerald V. Harrison, superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools, was elected chairman of the Oakland County School Superintendents at their regular monthly meeting June 2.

Harrison has served the Farmington Schools since 1948 when he was named principal of the then-combined junior and senior high school. In 1956 he was appointed assistant superintendent and in 1957 became superintendent.

Previous to these administrative duties, he taught mathematics in Ferndale and at the Detroit Institute of Technology and was a high school principal in Northville.

Harrison is a graduate of the University of Michigan, holding both a bachelor's and master's degree. He has completed further graduate study at U of M and Wayne State University.

Throughout his career he has been active in many professional organizations at the local, county, state and national levels.

In this community, Harrison

## Curt Hall-Dinan in Angry Debate

Farmington City Manager John Dinan and Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall engaged in a sharp verbal exchange at the Farmington City Council, on Monday, May 24. The normally mellow, unassuming Dinan was quiet, and Hall who usually keeps his temper under check stormed out abruptly angry. He won at least a temporary victory in the skirmish, however.

The exchange came during a discussion of the Special Assessment District Parking lot improvement east of Farmington Road, and north of Grand River. Hall, who owns the property owned by Pioneer Olds is being assessed for the proposed municipal parking lot there.

Hall objects to the district as established. He objects on the basis of inequity on the formula used to apportion benefits. Further, he says, I'm self-sustaining. "We have 16,000 square feet of parking and another 14,000 square feet of building. And there isn't another building around with that much parking lot."

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In other action, the Council agreed to permit the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce permission to hold a tennis tournament at the City Park,

on June 19. It will be for boys between the ages of 14 and 16, and 16 and 18 in both singles and doubles.

The Council appointed the following people to the newly formed Identification Committee: Russ Milliken, George V. Strelczuk, Robert Witt, Edward Balden, Mrs. Glenn Leland, Frank Nichols, Robert Caschi, and Edward Sikora.

Howard Thayer had praise for Ernest Sauer, who was present. Bert Harzog and the Social Assessment District Parking lot improvement east of Farmington Road, and north of Grand River. Hall, who owns the property owned by Pioneer Olds is being assessed for the proposed municipal parking lot there.

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being made on the existing library branch. He said he was also glad to see that they were not pushing to put the proposed north Farmington branch back onto the ballot again in September.

The rest of the Council also had praise for the Library Board.

The Farmington Club has been unable to find a permanent stand in the City despite what City Manager Dinan described as "heroic efforts." So the Council, Monday night, agreed to permit the Company to operate without a stand for a period of 90 days, during which time it will continue its search.



FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP Supervisor Curt Hall, at the left, is congratulating Lou Haight, Jr., Michigan Bell Telephone and Senior Accountant, on being issued Farmington Building Permit No. 10,000. Also from left to right, Mrs. Haight, and their children, Chris, four; Mark, six; Cindy, seven; Mike, nine; Paul, two and a half; and Manny Nolan, President of the Nolan Building Corp., which will build the new home in Thompson-Brown's Canterbury Commons, 13 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads.

## Vagnozzi Cautions Vs. Post for Nolan

The Farmington Township Board has been asked to conduct "the widest possible search" for a successor to Trustee Byron Walter who leaves July 4 to take the position of Justice of Peace.

The request was made by Farmington Democratic Club chairman Aldo Vagnozzi at the club's monthly meeting last week.

"The Township Board will have a chance to demonstrate that it really wants to allow citizens to participate in government when it fills the soon-to-be-vacated post," Vagnozzi declared.

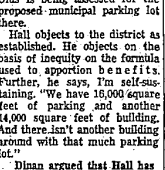
"Individuals and organizations should be encouraged to submit nominations. Then a special citizens committee, fully representative of the community, should go over the nominations and recommend a choice to the board."

"If this is not done and the post is handed out as a political plum to someone for activity in the Republican party then the Township board will have lost a golden opportunity to regain some of the prestige it has been losing in recent months."

"I understand that the post has already been promised to the appointed Township Republican director as a reward for his pulling out of the Township trustee race last fall. If the choice is made on the basis of such a political deal it will be an unfortunate one."

"Citizens' will have no say despite the fact that the Township board does not to let the voters elect a replacement in the recent special election."

The Township Republican Director, Vagnozzi was referring to is Thomas R. Nolan.



Gerald V. Harrison

## Girl Bitten by Sick Cat

The Steven Bruce's of 33889 Glenview, Farmington, were thrown a considerable scare on May 31—Memorial Day.

Their daughter, Susanne, who is six, was playing on their lawn, when a tri-colored cat came along and scratched her on the chin. Discovering this, the Bruce's immediately called the police.

Ptl. Dan Byrnes arrived on the scene and found the cat lying under a bush on the side of the driveway. He tried to get the animal, and put him in a bag. But it would not permit anyone to get near it. It was sick and vomiting.

"Then it took off for the woods in back of the Bruce's home. Byrnes was forced to shoot."

The cat's body was taken to Detroit's Herman Kiefer Hospital for testing. Happily, the results were negative. Susanne will need no shots.

About Ptl. Byrnes efforts, Mrs. Bruce said: "My husband did so well, it really makes you proud to be a part of Farmington."

## Dems Hear School Board Candidates

The Farmington Democratic Club met three of the area's four school board candidates, at its meeting on Wednesday, June 2.

According to William Hungerford, an observer at the meeting, all of the candidates had the general approval of the audience. Hungerford says that incumbent Herbert Neal "had his own following present—a few who booed him in spite of his statement that he had always been a political independent."

One person commented: "It isn't sound politically to turn out an incumbent who has been doing a good job."

Candidate Sylvia Schwartz dressed "responsibly" in her talk. Bill Hungerford felt she expressed herself in an "open and direct manner, giving an impression that she was one who might compromise on ways and means, but not on principle."

Candidate John Cojzen

## In A Coma After Crash

Raymond Karbell, of 28264 Bayberry, who was injured on Thursday, May 27, while driving a motorcycle, has been in a coma ever since, according to his mother Mrs. David Karbell.

He has a broken right leg, and knee cap. And in addition, he has developed pneumonia. Karbell is in the Intensive Care Ward at Detroit's Sinai Hospital.

## Farmingtonites Being Arraigned

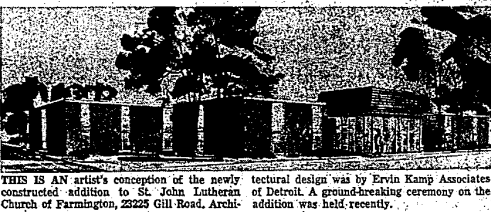
Five of the boys recently accused of raiding a home in Southfield will be arraigned in the Oakland County Circuit Court, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 10. Three of the boys are from Farmington: Jack Watson, Robert Patterson, and Randall Ryan.

## To Pay Township

National Bank of Detroit has been named paying agent for \$275,000 in bonds issued May 24 by the Township of Farmington. The bonds have maturities ranging from 1965 to 1978.

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THIS IS AN ARTIST'S conception of the newly textual design was by Ervin Kamp Associates constructed addition to St. John Lutheran of Detroit. A ground-breaking ceremony on the Church of Farmington, 22325 Gill Road, Archdiocese was held recently.