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Corliss, Ross Win Seats In School Board Election

Mervyn Ross and William Corliss were elected to the Farmington Board of Education for four-year terms in Monday's election, each by an overwhelming 3-1 margin over nearest opponent Bruce Duke.

Ross led the field of 12 candidates with 2,390 votes, and Corliss won the second seat to the board with 2,722 votes.

Both winning candidates were the top vote-getters in all four precincts and were given the nod by absentee ballot voters.

DUKE RAN a poor third with 1,089 votes, or 1,633 votes behind Corliss. Duke never came close to winning in any of the four school voting precincts.

The voter turnout was 4,965, about one-third fewer than the 12,000 residents voting in the April 24 millage election. Total votes cast were 9,614, which means 158 residents voted for only one candidate.

Running fourth was Kenneth Guion with 702 votes.



MERVYN ROSS

WILLIAM CORLISS

Fifth place was captured by David Gayner with 697 votes, and Albert Darian finished sixth with 449 votes.

The rest of the field was: Kenneth Poye, seventh, 394 votes; Jack Mingo, eighth, 334 votes;

George Strelczuk, ninth, 106 votes; Paul Olivier Jr., 10th with 91 votes; David Jones, 11th with 68 votes; and Joe Fowlkes, 12th, with 42 votes.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, school board member, described the outcome of the race as a confirmation that the voting public supports sound curriculum, the need for the fifth junior high, and the Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum programs of sex education, substance abuse, and minority understanding. These were the main issues debated at meetings during the campaign.

A surprise in the election was that both won by landslides. With a field of 12 candidates, it was expected the winning margins would be much closer.

Corliss also surprised many by pulling such a strong vote because, although he has been active behind the scenes supporting education in Farmington, he is not a "household word" like Duke.

The election, as a practical matter, changes little as far as the campaign issues go. The FLE programs were adopted two years ago and implemented this past school year, the construction schedule is well under way for the new junior high, and the present board has already decided to proceed with a budget with limited academic cuts.

Had Duke and Gayner been the victors, for instance, the fifth junior high and budget decisions would have been unaffected, and only the FLE program might have undergone change.

THE SCHOOL board held a secret meeting shortly after the votes were announced. The winners will be sworn in at the next regular meeting, June 20. Election of board officers will also be held soon.

The election Monday leaves a 4-3 split on the board with two members swinging, depending on the issues. The main question to be settled after the election is selection of a board chairman for the coming year with anticipation being the contest will be between Vagnozzi and Kenneth Perrin, the two senior trustees.

Perrin, current board vice-president, in 1971, joined with trustees Richard Peters, Mrs. Kay Stirling, Mrs. Betty Brennan and Ronald Emmitt last year to pick Peters president over Vagnozzi.

Peters has retired from the board, being replaced by Corliss, which probably means the board president will be picked by a 4-3 vote. Following last year's board organizational meeting, Gary Lichtman resigned from the board after he and Vagnozzi were left off the top spots by the 5-2 majority.

Ross, who ran second to Mrs. Brennan in the 1971 trustee election, was appointed to fill Lichtman's term, which had one year remaining, and won re-election Monday.



SURPRISE GIFT is awarded to Florence Sharp (right) for her work with the Bucket Brigade. A scroll signed by 137 volunteers was given to her. Participating in the surprise were:

(from left) Enis Helland, Sue Brooks, Barbara Panaretis and Charlotte Muller. (Photos by Fran Evert)

Bucket Brigade Volunteers Honored For Tutorial Efforts

For their role in opening up a "new facet in school-community relations," volunteers of Farmington's highly successful "Bucket Brigade" were honored at a special recognition luncheon.

More than 120 volunteers of the tutorial program now being copied in 58 school districts across the state were on hand for the event arranged by Mrs. Corrine Bartolac, of Woodale School, with the help of the school's PTA and Mrs. Florence Sharp, Farmington School District coordinator.

RECOGNITION FOR outstanding service went to Mrs. Charlotte Miller of High-meadow School; Mrs. Sharon Stevens of Ten Mile; Mrs. Enis Helland of Middle Belt; Mrs. Shirley Smith of Longacre; and Mrs. Pat Tomlow of Ten Mile.

Special guests included Mrs. Barbara Thompson, the Bucket Brigade's originator, School Supt. Roderick Smith and Larry Freedman, director of elementary education.

Each spoke of the benefits the brigade has brought to all levels of the community. Supt. Smith praised the volunteers "for taking on the additional task of giving of yourselves to our kids and our community. You have performed at an unusual level and have helped give extra attention to children that may spell the difference between success and failure later in life."

Freedman thanked the volunteers on behalf of the administration and teachers as well as the children. "Not only have the volunteers helped open up an entirely new facet of school-community relation, you have made the teacher-parent team a reality."

More praise came from Douglas Smith, special education supervisor, and one of the first administrators to use the brigade idea in the Farmington system.

"At a time of despair and financial problems, you pitched in to do a job that needed to be done. Your loyalty to your commitment is unprecedented," he said.

According to David Coffin, Eagle School principal, speaking on behalf of the principals using the brigade concept, there are now 12 schools using the novel approach to aid slow learners.

"The general self-image of the child towards his school work has been greatly increased," he said, "because of the one-to-one attention that

has been made available through the interest of the volunteer brigade worker."

It was reported that 58 school districts in the state now use the idea. Bucket materials have been published through the Michigan Association of Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD) and have gone to 12 states and four foreign countries.

Some 250 kits were assembled by volunteers from the Eagle, Ten Mile and Longacre Schools for distribution last fall.



MINIATURE BUCKET is presented to Dave Coffin, principal of Eagle School, by Barbara Thompson, originator of the Bucket Brigade program, for outstanding participation.

Miss Gargarian First FHS All-A

Margaret Gargarian, Farmington High School graduating senior who plans to go into medicine, may be the first graduate in the 83-year history of the school to finish with a perfect all-A record for four years.

"We've checked back to 1967 in our records," said Paul Hanway, her counselor, "and couldn't find anyone else with a 4.0 average."

Winner of highest academic honors in a class of 460, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gargarian, 25460 Ridgewood Drive.

MISS GARGARIAN was named as a junior to the National Honor Society, and this year received a letter of recognition from the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program and was one of 13 students at her school to be honored by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

She also was designated a Regent-Alumnus Scholar by the University of Michigan, where she will begin pre-medical studies this fall.

Besides her academic work, Miss Gargarian has played the flute in both band and orchestra at Farmington High.



MARGARET GARGARIAN

And won honors for her musicianship. She also completed three years of Latin in two years' time.

During the past year she has been employed part-time as an x-ray technician's assistant.

A member of St. John Armenian Church, she plans to attend an Armenian language and culture program this summer.

Of the top student, one friend of long standing said: "Margie Gargarian is truly an individual. She does not follow the crowd, any crowd. Though she works hard, the pressures of school don't take over. She learns for learning's sake, she thinks and creates, expressing a rare sensitivity to the world."