



ERIC HAMMAR, 1972 graduate of North Farmington High, is among this fall's new members of Michigan State University's 225-member marching band. Hammar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hammar, 32979 Thorndyke, is a freshman at MSU. Beside him is Band Director Kenneth Bloomquist in Spartan stadium.

# Water Line To Encourage Development

By DAN MCCOSH

FARMINGTON The "Northwest Pressure District" might not be quite as famous as the "Northwest Territory," but both represent a lot of raw land waiting to be developed.

In Farmington, developers have been enticed by the vacant land in the township for several years but, despite land acquisition, have been stymied by lack of water and sewer in much of the west and northwest portion of the township.

Monday, the township board approved soliciting bids for the first phase of a water system for the land in the west.

THE FIRST ARM of the system, which will eventually connect to water mains running through all the areas now without water, will be built with money supplied initially by four developers, according to Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

Approximately \$400,000 worth of water main will be installed with this money, which will be returned to the developers in a "payback agreement," which means the developers will be partially reimbursed with money

## Campbell Endorsed

John Campbell, Democratic candidate for State representative from the 64th District, Farmington and Southfield, has received endorsements from the UAW, the AFL-CIO, and the Michigan Federation of Teachers for his support of the state graduated income tax. Campbell has named

JAMES H. EREL, Attorney, 27600 Farmington Road, Suite 103, Farmington, Michigan 48034. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland No. 109,233 Estate of GORDON MARGARET GUILMETTE, Deceased. It is ordered that on December 6, 1972 at 9 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and/or before each hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Michael J. Guilmette, Executor, 22916 Grace, Farmington, Michigan 48024. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule. Dated: September 20, 1972. EUGENE ARTHUR MOORE Judge of Probate James H. Erel, Attorney, 27600 Farmington Road, Suite 103, Farmington, Michigan 48034. Newspaper: Farmington Enterprise & Observer 9-20-10-14

# Election '72 Moffit Is Trying For County Seat

By EMORY DANIELS

FARMINGTON Time is a key determinant whether a county commissioner can help reform Oakland County government, believes Mrs. Lillian Moffit, Republican candidate for county commissioner.

The Bloomfield resident survived the August primary by defeating three Republican challengers in a close race to earn entry for the Nov. 7 race in the 15th District, which includes northwest Southfield, northeast Farmington Township, and Bloomfield.



MRS. LILLIAN MOFFITT

TIME IS a necessary ingredient to make her platform for commissioners workable.

"With increasing demands on our tax dollars, it is vital we elect commissioners who are willing and able to devote the time necessary to achieve a balanced budget, assess facts, resist pressure from special interest or political groups, and work for more area-wide services without undermining the integrity of local units of government or increasing the burden of taxpayers."

Taken apart, that platform requires time invested to study before voting, time to make independent decisions, and time to communicate with local units of government about services needed.

THIS INVOLVEMENT resulted in Mrs. Moffit being named a "citizen of the year" award winner by Ford Motor Co. in 1970.

One thing troubling the candidate is the many county commissioners who hold full-time jobs, many as lawyers with offices in Detroit, and devote part-time to being commissioners.

Part-time commissioners are partly responsible for the lack of interest towards county government, she believes. "Few persons know what the commissioners are doing, and few seem to care."

But county government is very important. This year, the county has a \$40 million budget. The county serves as an arm of the state in administering state and federal funds. This job affects each local community in Oakland."

cause it doesn't pay a livable wage.

"Because of this, many commissioners don't attend all commission meetings, some miss all committee meetings, many don't do homework on resolutions before voting (that's why they have caucuses, to be told how to vote), and few take the time to tell local units of government what is happening in Pontiac."

A COMMISSIONER should establish and maintain a schedule of meetings with local governments on at least a monthly basis, says Mrs. Moffit.

Other problems which require a more open discussion are: improved roads; a more equitable return from the state of gas and weight tax refunds; reevaluation of the welfare program to encourage persons to work without penalizing them for working; and a solid waste program.

"I'd like to see the newspapers report how commissioners and legislators vote in large type," she adds, "This is far more important than the racing results."

She believes that it is wrong for commissioners to vote as a bloc. "A high-caliber person who does his homework, digs up the facts and assesses them, can vote as an individual and not have to be

told by a party caucus how to vote.

"Government is only as good as the persons we elect. Those elected must spend the time needed and should provide that service without using the office as a stepping-stone to a higher office."

She adds: "My personal schedule is arranged so my time can be spent on the job. Being a good county commissioner is enough for me."

MRS. MOFFITT doesn't mention that her being a woman might be a handicap in the political world so often dominated by men.

She doesn't even give it a thought, because she has worked in a man's world before, and these performances have instilled a confidence and conviction that politics isn't solely a man's world.

For four years, Mrs. Moffit worked as a technical editor

for the Department of the Army. She received her degree in commerce from DePaul University, Chicago, and spent three years as a teacher in 1960-63 in Redford Township.

She says she has the time, interest and ability, and would like the chance to demonstrate how one commissioner can help create a more representative government, in one district — the 15th.



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