

# 27th Lures Brotherton

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Wilbur V. Brotherton, 50, mayor of Farmington, is campaigning as a Republican for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in the 27th District, Farmington and part of Southfield, against Democrat William Hatton.

In an interview with Observer Newspapers, he told of his objectives in running for the seat and why he thinks he deserves the post.

A part owner of the Astro-Programs Inc., he has been Farmington's non-partisan mayor for seven years, was on the Farmington City Council for 11 years and on the planning commission for six years.

THE THREE main concerns of the county, Brotherton feels, are roads, rubbish removal and drainage.

Brotherton feels that because of his many years of experience in the Farmington area he knows the ropes of government and how the people feel.

"I know as much about Farmington as anybody. I can pretty well feel about things

when they come up. I understand the wants and needs of the people and am not working on hunches," he said.

"There is a big difference between the fella who wants to be involved and one who has been involved."

On the issue of roads, Brotherton says that one of the main problems is that too many subdivisions have been built without any concern for the traffic they will bring.

"Development will have to be controlled in a way not to outpace road development. It is silly to have subdivisions without roads."

AS A POSSIBLE solution, he suggests that local developers be required to pave roads and to be compensated at a later time when the area is built up. He feels that plans for a

mass transit system are unrealistic because they use Detroit as the hub.

"You can't convince me the majority of people will use a mass transit system. There is no sense in building a mass transit system to Detroit when no one wants to go there," he said.

He believes that the rubbish removal situation is a few years away from disaster, because land-fill sights are running short.

Three possible solutions Brotherton offers are incineration, recycling or salvage.

He sees the recycling alternative as the best solution although he believes that the cost could be a problem.

BROTHERTON says there has been a lack of planning so

far on drainage problems. He says pressure should be put on the department responsible. He pointed to the flooding that occurs along Powers Rd. in Farmington as an example of bad planning.

"Drainage problems have lasted for years with no help of sympathy from the county. I can't believe they can't be influenced."

ALTHOUGH NOT enthusiastic over county home rule, he feels that it would be good if a higher quality of leadership resulted.

He believes that a county manager, similar to a city manager, should be hired to run the business of the county. He also thinks that key department heads should be hired by the board and the county manager.

## Busing Panel Member Argues Desegregation

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Federal Judge Roth's desegregation panel, told a recent meeting of the Farmington branch of the Metropolitan Coalition for Peaceful Integration.

"The only issue before the courts is desegregation, not quality education or busing," he asserted.

DR. FLYNN was joined as guest speaker by James Coates, Farmington businessman and former member of the Little Rock, Ark., board of education when school desegregation was implemented there.

Special guests were parents from Detroit School Region 5, which is paired with Farmington in school desegregation plans.

No major problems arose in desegregation of the Little Rock district, said Coates, who also served as an Arkansas state legislator.

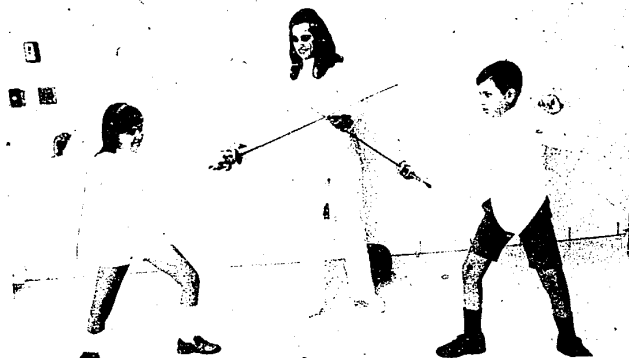
"If the courts should order busing, there will be a need to gather forces and make clear that we will abide by the law," Coates said.

The coalition describes itself as neither for nor against busing, but hopes to work with schools and parents to insure that the law will be upheld peacefully if cross district busing is ordered by the courts.

DR. FLYNN, an educator for 20 years, said his experience as an administrator in a predominately black community convinced him that "our society does not care for our children but only for some children." His concern is not only for "what happens to black children but also for what happens to white children who are denied relationships with many kinds of children," Dr. Flynn declared.

The largest burden of busing would fall on black children "who would be bused for a period of ten to 12 years compared to two or three years for white children," Dr. Flynn said.

There is no indication of education loss for middle class children in classrooms with those from lower-economic situations, he contended. Poorer children, both black and white, have shown improvement when in classes with middle class children, according to Dr. Flynn.



PAT HOWIE, Farmington YMCA fencing instructor, gives pointers to two of the young students in her Saturday 2-3 p.m. fencing class. Mrs. Howie also teaches women on Thursday mornings. The YMCA, at 28100 Farmington

Road, will start a new eight-week program series Nov. 27. Saturday classes include gymnastics from 2-6 p.m.; Tiny Tot swim from 3-5 p.m.; and judo from noon to 2 p.m.

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