

Candidates square off

By SUSAN-AVERILL

Nine candidates in five different races exchanged opening thrusts in the campaign for the Nov. 5 election during a candidates meeting in Farmington.

Among candidates appearing were Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton and John Campbell, opponents in the 64th

state representative district (Farmington, Farmington Hills and part of Southfield); Judith Holtz and Margaret G. Schaeffer, battling for the 47th District judgeship in Farmington; and Daniel Cooper and Lee Coppock, opponents in the 15th State Senate district which includes Farmington and Southfield.

Other candidates present were Barry Grant and John O'Brien, running for county probate judge, and Paul Brown, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Republican candidate Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton, running for 64th District state representative, said he would be a full-time legislator.

"THE FIRST six months of each year are spent in committee sessions, and then in the general sessions," he said.

"A legislator has to be ready and responsive to the people. He has to be able to talk to businesses and individuals in the area, and be available for phone calls."

"I can't understand the guy who gets an unlisted phone number. I won't do that," he said.

He said he would view legislative issues first from the view of the constituency and then from the state level.

His opponent, Democrat John P. Campbell, claims to be a rookie at the game of politics.

As a government teacher at Detroit Country Day School, he had students say, "You talk so much about government, why don't you run sometime?"

He said that the question put the idea in his head.

Most representatives are elected and then retire to Lansing, he said. "We never hear from them again."

"IF ELECTED, I'll come back frequently and set up local office hours."

As an educator, he said he's concerned about school financing. He feels a better way to finance schools must be found, rather than relying on property taxes.

Incumbent State Sen. Daniel S. Cooper (D-Oak Park) said politics is not in good repute today, and he doesn't think that's fair.

"The majority (of legislators) are hard-working, good people. It seems we have to preface anything we say with the statement that we're innocent. The constitution gives us that privilege," he said.

HE FAVORS limitations on campaign expenses so "wealthy people cannot buy elections, which has been done in this state."

The most important thing legislators can learn is the sparing use of power, he said.

"I try to adjudicate the individual merits of whatever is before me. I've offended many groups this way. Those who haven't, well, there's something wrong there."

His opponent, Republican Lee Coppock, a newcomer to politics, said energy and credibility in government are the main issues in this election.

Although the initial connection between the two may not be readily apparent, he explained it with an analogy.

"Earlier this year, motorists had to wait in line to get gas. They were not quite so concerned about that as about why they weren't forewarned," he said.

"THEY ASKED themselves why they didn't know about it before, whose fault it was, who's paying for it, when will it be over, and above all, why did it sneak up on them so fast."

ROADS constitute another problem, he said. Eighty per cent of our driving is on local roads, many of which need to be resurfaced. He wants more of the tax dollar spent on paving.

Judith Holtz, candidate of the 47th District Court, said she's not running because she needs a job or because she thinks "it would be nice to wear black robes every day," but because she is concerned with keeping community standards high.

She would like to see computer docking of cases, the establishment of a professional probation department, and night and Saturday courts "to relieve the burden on the general public."

OPPONENT Margaret Schaeffer said that overtime hours are an issue. She said she would support the publication of a brochure outlining the procedure for presenting a case to the small claims court.

Barry Grant, Southfield resident and probate court candidate, said probate court should be a family court and a people's court.

"THE COURT is there to serve the client's interest, not the attorney or anyone else," he said. He wants a reduction in the cost and time taken to probate estates.

His opponent, John J. O'Brien of Birmingham, said he was running scared and not taking anything for granted.

"Our probate courts can be improved, and I'm going to work in that direction. We should have local control over courts."

"STATE SUPPORT of courts is going because it causes uniformity. All the courts must be the same. It reduces their level to that of mediocrity," he said.

"This campaign has been interesting," said Paul Brown, Levin's running mate.

"I was sitting in Petoskey, minding my own business, when I got a call from Sandy Levin. He asked me to run for lieutenant governor, that was the first I heard about it."

"It's interesting to note the similarity of the principal problems facing the cities in this state," he said. The main problem in Michigan, as on the national level, is inflation.

He favors repeal of the sales tax on food and medicine. It has been estimated that this move would cost the state government \$200 million in lost revenue.

This would necessitate belt-tightening in state spending, something in which Brown said he believed.

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by Robert H. Bergstrom, CPCU



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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. C70

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills adopted Ordinance C70, "Emergency Building Ordinance" for the City at a regular meeting held October 14, 1974 and ordered publication of the following digest or summary of the ordinance in accordance with Section 141 of the City Charter. Printed copies of the full text of the Ordinance are available for inspection and distribution to the public at the office of the City Clerk.

An Ordinance to regulate the design, construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, use, inspection and reinspection, demolition and removing of all buildings and structures, their electrical wiring and apparatus, plumbing and sanitary facilities, heating and air conditioning apparatus and all other component parts thereof.

To enact by reference certain codes in connection therewith as permitted by Section 8, 1972 PA 230, as amended, and to provide for enforcement thereof and for penalties for violation thereof.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS

That an emergency exists requiring the adoption of this Ordinance under Section 301, Paragraph C, of the City Charter, in order to exempt the City of Farmington Hills from the application of 1972 PA 230 and the State Construction Code, which Code shall become effective November 6, 1974.

- Section 1. Adoption of Codes
- Section 2. Fire Districts
- Section 3. Fees
- Section 4. Penalties
- Section 5. Building Permit Performance Bond
- Section 6. Severability
- Section 7. Repealer
- Section 8. Effective Date Immediately
- Section 9. Adoption October 14, 1974

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