

Schaeffer vs. Holtz

Women compete for judgeship

Two Farmington Hills attorneys are running for the newly created 47th District judgeship.

The two, Judith Holtz and Margaret Schaeffer, were among 12 candidates seeking the post in the August primary.

Mrs. Holtz said that if elected, she would devote 40 hours a week to the court's business and would start court at 9 a.m.

She said she opposes giving special treatment to some cases and would instead take the cases on a first come-first served basis.

She also said she would like to institute night and Saturday court sessions to make the court more available to the public, especially those with traffic violations or small claims cases.

MRS. HOLTZ said she would support the formation of a probation department that would be run by a professional on a fulltime basis. Currently, no probation department exists.

She would also favor institution of computerized docketing.



MARGARET SCHAEFFER

Mrs. Schaeffer said she believes the concept of scheduling cases on a first come-first served basis is not always expedient.

She said handicapped persons might

be forced to wait a long time and pointed out that a trial that might take three or four hours might better be heard after other cases which may be more quickly disposed.

She said she would like the court to become involved in computerized docketing through a program that is being used in the state supreme court.

MRS. SCHAEFFER, too, said there was a need for a probation program. She suggests a part-time paid professional who would work with community volunteers to administer the program.

Mrs. Schaeffer said she would not be in favor of a night court if it took police off the beat to testify.

She proposes a brochure be developed to explain the procedure for small claims and one that would serve as a handbook for defendants in criminal cases.

Mrs. Schaeffer, 51, is an appointed member of the Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board for the state. She is a member of the Farmington Hills City Council and was a past member of the Farmington Township board of trustees.



JUDITH HOLTZ

Mrs. Holtz, 29, is in a general law practice. She has served as a precinct delegate.

The 47th District Court serves all of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Cooper faces Coppack in race

Restoring credibility appears to be the key concern for the two candidates seeking election to the state senate seat in the 15th District.

Incumbent Daniel S. Cooper, Democrat, and challenger Lee A. Coppock, Republican, are seeking election in the district which stretches from Oak Park on the east to South Lyon on the west and from the southern tip includes all of Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington and Farmington Hills, Oakland County border north to Milford and Commerce.

The two list credibility among elected and appointed officials as a main issue in their campaigns.

"People are looking for somebody they can believe," Cooper said. There is a distrust of officials in government and a distrust of big business.

Watergate and the energy crisis have combined to cause a credibility gap, Coppock said.

While the two candidates see eye to

eye on this issue, they cite different priorities.

COPPOCK would like to see a realignment of the disbursement of road funds to give county and local governments a greater share to permit upgrading of roads in the area.

He proposes finding new ways to relieve the tax burden on senior citizens.

"They're the ones that are hurt the most because they're on fixed incomes," Coppock said.

Cooper seeks to restrict the functioning of governmental agencies that have "carte blanche policies."

The growth of bureaucracy in the state and in Washington is choking our economy to death," Cooper said.

"It is endangering the basic things our government stands for."

CRIME IS one of the big concerns of citizens, Cooper said. He recently authored a legislative package that would provide \$50 million for high in-

tensity lighting and additional police officers on the beat.

The two candidates differ on their views of the state ballot proposal which would repeal the sales tax on food and prescription drugs.

Cooper supports the issue, Proposal C.

He calls it a fiscally sound.

"If we weed out some of the waste in government, it might not have to raise the income tax."

Cooper added that if vital services were in trouble, he would not be opposed to an increase in the income tax.

Coppock disagrees.

"It is an incredible position that the Democratic candidate for governor is taking," he said. "I believe that it would mean an increase in the income tax."

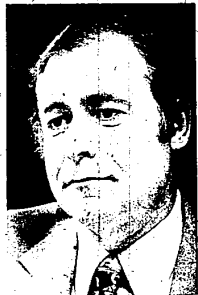
Coppock said he would like to be sure that the money can be saved. "Cut the fat out first, then remove the food and drug tax," he said.

Both candidates oppose Proposal A which would limit the use of motor fuel tax funds.

They support ballot proposal B for Vietnam and other veterans' bonus bonds and proposal D for state-wide transportation systems bonds.



LEE A. COPPOCK



DANIEL S. COOPER

De Carlo, Dearth reassigned with Oakland University

ROCHESTER—Oakland University has reassigned the administrative responsibilities of John H. De Carlo, university vice-president for public affairs.

Effective immediately, De Carlo will serve as liaison between the university and the state government in Lansing.

He will act as secretary to the university's board of trustees and as in-house legal counsel for the university, according to university president Dr. Donald D. O'Dowd.

De Carlo has asked to be relieved of his additional administrative responsibilities overseeing university relations, the Meadow Brook Theatre, the Meadow Brook Festival and the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Named by O'Dowd Friday to assume administrative responsibilities for coordinating the theatre, the festival and the art gallery was Robert A. Dearth, special assistant to O'Dowd for the past two years.

Temporarily, university relations will come under the aegis of William Connellan, an assistant to O'Dowd.

Zoning error

FARMINGTON—The city administration has discovered an error in the zoning map four years after its adoption.

The error in the zoning of Lot 32 in Woodcroft Subdivision involves a parcel on Wesley (near Gill and Grand River) that was indicated as community commercial property. It should be single-family residential for country estates.

The city council is expected to adopt a resolution Monday night asking the clerk to certify a new zoning map.

The error had attracted a large number of residents to the planning commission meeting Oct. 28.

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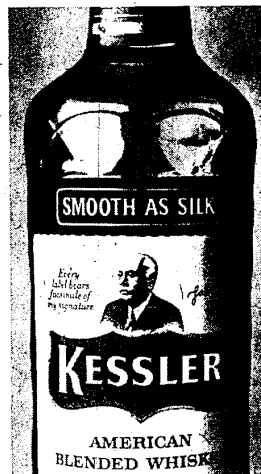
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