

Farmington board incumbent isn't running yet

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON—There may be a new face among school board members, come June.

The board adopted a resolution to hold its annual election for the district on June 9. Only one spot on the board will be open, and no one yet knows whether that spot will be vacant.

No one, but perhaps Mrs. Ann Rodewig, who now holds the position.

When last contacted, she had not decided whether she would seek re-election. She, and anyone else who might

choose to run, has until 4 p.m. May 15 to make up their mind.

To date, only one candidate has filed to run for the office, which a school district official said is somewhat unusual. Normally, candidates come in to file "on the last day, at the last minute," he said.

MICHAEL SHIPLEY, 18, is the only announced candidate for the position. A student in the pre-law curriculum at Wayne State University, Shipley is a graduate of Harrison High School. He should be elected in June, he will become a member of a minority

group on school boards—members under the age of 25.

The largest number of board members are between the ages of 41 and 46, according to a recent study released by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASH).

When it comes to occupations of board members, he will still be in the minority. Most members were farmers, followed by housewives and then teachers.

Medical doctors rank next in sheer numbers, followed by education administrators, bankers, lawyers and dentists.

Most boards of education are composed of men, with only 16 percent female representation. Improvements have been made in this direction, however, because two years ago there were only 11 percent female members on boards, MASH reports.

EACH BOARD member spends an average term of 4.88 years, with the larger number of all current board members now serving their second terms, the survey states.

Most school board representatives

worked in a management capacity, with greater responsibilities than the minority of respondents.

A slight increase in the number of board members belonging to minority races was reported.

Hills builds truck fleet in 2 years

FARMINGTON HILLS—When a township becomes a city, a lot of administrative changes and adjustments must be made.

Among those is the development of a department of public works (DPW) and the accumulation of personnel and equipment to handle the day-to-day maintenance and duties.

In Michigan, most townships rely on the counties to handle the road upkeep. Thus, when Farmington Township drew up its charter and became a city almost two years ago, the administration had to start developing a maintenance fleet.

The city contracted with Oakland County Road Commission and private firms to tide it over.

FIVE DIESEL dump trucks which could double as snow plows and salt spreaders were purchased, but there was a long wait for the specially ordered vehicles.

Then the Dec. 1 snowstorm taxed the city's makeshift fleet of over-bailed trucks and city officials complained of poor service from the county.

But the city is trying to catch up. The dump trucks bought for \$18,000 have arrived and are in service.

They are outfitted with front plows, underbody plows and salt spreaders.

The city bought \$18,000 worth of road equipment in the past 10 months.

THE CITY FLEET numbers 16 pieces of heavy equipment which

DPW director Ralph Magid said is expected to result in a high degree of self-sufficiency and better service to residents.

Not only has the departments acquired more equipment but it has also increased its staff from four persons in September to 21 persons.

The city is receiving \$2 million annually from the state gas and weight tax revenues. The money is earmarked for road maintenance and construction.

THIS IS a marked increase in money available. The county road commission spent \$300,000 when it had jurisdiction of township roads.

About one-half of the gas and weight revenues will be used for road maintenance, with the balance set aside for road paving and widening projects.

Court administrators to meet at Botsford

FARMINGTON HILLS—The Michigan Court Administrators Association will hold its spring conference May 7-10 at Botsford Inn.

Marilyn Steustloff, 4th District Court administrator, is chairman of the event which will focus on prob-

lems of personnel management in the courts.

This is the first time that the group has picked a topic of this nature, she said. "It's usually the nuts and bolts types of things."

The administrators will get down to work on discussion of the topic Thursday, May 8. William P. MacKinnon, director of personnel administration, and Alfred J. Warren, director of personnel development, both of General Motors, will discuss personnel techniques and procedure.

Other speakers for Thursday's session will be Keith J. Leenhouts, executive director of the VIP division of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and James Garber, executive director of the Criminal Justice Institute.

FRIDAY'S SESSION will include a discussion of affirmative action hiring practices by Joseph Madson of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP and Dorothy Smith of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Personnel Projects and the fair labor act will be discussed by Norman Paetke and William Rye of the Michigan Supreme Court. Also speaking Friday will be John Mayer of the state supreme court.

The group meets twice a year.

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