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School board president says

'We have a good system'

By SUSAN AVERILL

New Farmington School Board president William Corliss said that while there's room for improvement, he is generally pleased with the direction and quality of the Farmington school system.

"I want the best possible system of education that we can have, that we can afford. I think we have a good one," he said. "And it's not just my opinion—there are state assessments to confirm it."

ALTHOUGH HE didn't take credit for them, he said many changes have been made during his three years as a board member. Perhaps some of it was because of the platform he first ran on.

"My goal was that when I left after four years, I would like to have a school board candidate in Livonia, Novi, West Bloomfield... run on the platform that he would like to make their system as good as Farmington."

It hasn't happened yet, but it might in the future as the system continues to improve.

"The administration of the district has been tightened up. This is not a slam at the previous superintendent; it's an ongoing thing. We've upgraded the administrative staff, increasing its efficiency."

Academically, the district is keeping pace with reputedly superior districts and has established a good reputation on its own merit, he said.

"Farmington has the reputation for having the finest special education department in Oakland County. And Oakland County has the reputation for being the best in special education in the state."

Corliss said he doesn't expect the new slate of board officers or the addition of perhaps the youngest board member in the state to make much

difference in board policy.

"I DON'T visualize any basic change in the direction of the board," he said. "Michael Spiece (new board member and 18-year-old graduate of Harrison High School) is a very knowledgeable young man.

He will bring a perception which may be lacking," Corliss said he had advocated a student representative to the board and thought it "excellent" that Spiece might serve in this capacity.

During his five-year attendance at board meetings, Spiece has made his presence and opinions known. Corliss said board members shouldn't have difficulty switching from their view of Spiece as a student to Spiece as a board member.

"It's not a problem Mr. Spiece has a mind of his own—I he didn't, he would be useless on the board."

In Corliss's opinion, contention is

healthy and serves to temper the board's perception of issues.

"If you have a seven-member board who agrees with each other all the time, then six of them are unnecessary."

He characterizes the present board as "dedicated and well-rounded." He doesn't agree with criticism that the board should decide issues in advance of public meetings.

"Our meetings have been pretty open. The personalities in this board don't lend themselves to smoke-filled rooms too well."

BOARD ACTIONS are not packaged or preordained, which means that if a body is going to discuss issues openly, there will be conflicts, he said.

"It comes with the democratic process. There's no way to avoid it except with the efficiency of a dictatorship." Only then will meetings run more smoothly and issues be decided with

out raised voices and hot tempers," he said.

The same decided lack of pre-determination means that there are no voting blocs, he said.

"There is no such thing as a voting bloc on this board. The people involved are going to be all over the mat. At the next meeting, there will probably be another bloc made up of different people."

If there are blocs, they are issue blocs rather than personality blocs, he said.

One of the board's major tasks in the next year will be to negotiate a new teachers' contract with the Farmington Education Association (FEA). Corliss anticipates little trouble.

"I don't foresee any great problems. All our labor relations in the district have been quite good for many years. We've only had one strike in the history of the district, and as far as I can see, there's no bitterness."

He praised the teachers and called the leadership of the FEA "responsible."

"WE HAVE excellent teachers. Of course, in any group of 800, you're going to have some who are better than others." Teachers, he said, are the most important facet of educational quality.

Corliss's term of office will be over next June and he said he is thinking of running for reelection.

"I'm not unhappy with the board and don't want to get out of the board of education business." His decision to run will be based on his business.

Corliss is deputy commander of the Michigan wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). While an auxiliary of the Air Force, CAP is not considered a military organization, he said.

Corliss and his family have lived in the Farmington area for about 10 years. They originally moved here from Redford Township.



WILLIAM CORLISS



Miss Farmington, Janice Schriber.

Janice wins queen title

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Eighteen-year-old Janice Schriber took the title of Miss Farmington 1975 in competition with 18 other beautiful and talented young girls who had all the splendor of a national pageant staged by chairman Hilda Zetek.

She has been the lead organist at the Meadow Brook Music Festival for the past two years and played "Brazilian Sleighbells," by Percy Faith for her performance in the competition.

First runner-up is Kimberly Ann Smith, sponsored by Farmington Medical Center, and a scuba diver. She gave a recitation on her underwater experiences with a blind date.

Second runner-up is Janis Lynn Charles, sponsored by World Wide Center. She sang a country folk song and accompanied herself on the guitar.

ALONG WITH HER crown and title, Miss Schriber, sponsored by Real Estate One, won a four-year scholarship to Eastern Michigan University, an engraved gold goblet and plaque, \$100, a portrait and sponsorship to the Miss Michigan Pageant. She will vie for the title of Miss Michigan 1976 in the pageant set for June in Muskegon.

Miss Smith won a two-year scholarship to Oakland Community College, a goblet and plaque, \$50 and a portrait.

Miss Charles won a one-year scholarship to Oakland Community College, a goblet and plaque, \$25 and a portrait.

The new Miss Farmington is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schriber. She graduated with honors from North Farmington High School this spring, where she danced in the school's past two musical productions and was a varsity cheerleader.

She studied both tap and ballet for the past 11 years and says of that experience with teacher Betty Johnston, "After those recitals, crowds don't bother me at all."

Before winning the scholarship to



Kimberly Ann Smith

Eastern, the ash blond said, "I thought I was on my way to Grand Valley (going for a BS degree in nursing) but now I don't know what I'm going to do. I'll have to check into this."

HER PARENTS postponed their vacation to be here for the pageant after their daughter told them she was an entrant.

It all came about, she said, when I entered a fashion show at Crowley's and was first runner up. Hilda asked if I would like to enter the pageant and that was a week ago Thursday, and I'm not kidding.

In addition to her other talents, Miss Schriber sews some of her own clothes, swims, plays golf, rides horseback, and lists her favorite thing as traveling.

OF THE PAGEANT Ms Zetek said after a two-week vacation she would be ready to start planning for next year when she will volunteer her services to repeat her job of chairman.

"The best part of the whole thing for me," she said, was that all of the girls, whether they won or lost, took the time to tell what a good time they had and how much they enjoyed the past three days that we all spent together."

Farmington-based lottery club wins \$10,000 in TV drawing

By FELICA KOBYLANSKI

A 34-year-old Farmington Hills man who will be jobless next month took home \$11,111 as one of the winners in the State lottery's "Super Play" drawing. Theodore Glowka is the treasurer of the Lucky Sireners lottery club, a group of nine coworkers at Farmington Hills' Omni Spectra who shared the \$10,000 prize.

"We chipped in \$2 apiece and got 40 tickets a week," Glowka explained. "We've had 15 \$25 winners in the past few months and we just decided to split up that money so we each got \$4.50." "We were all happy because we knew we had at least \$10,000 going into it," Glowka said. The top prize of \$200,000 went to a St. Clair Shores housewife.

THE MONEY is coming at a good time for Glowka. He learned he had a qualifying ticket shortly after finding

out the company that employs him plans to relocate in the east. But Glowka is confident that he will soon be working at a new job. That way, he can keep playing the lottery and maybe be a big winner once again.

But next time Glowka will be going out after the big money on his own. "After the show goes well probably split up, but I'll keep buying tickets," he said. "I like playing the lottery."

Apparently lots of other people do too, and more and more of them are finding it better to play as a group.

According to Dave Hanson of the State Lottery Bureau in Lansing, there are quite a number of clubs and some of them are doing very well.

"Lola Four, a group of four from Plymouth won the seventh millionaire drawing in November of 1973," Hanson said.

"A lot of people prefer to participate in groups that way, even though you have to split the money you have more chances to win."

Thursday night marked the first televised drawing of the lottery's weekly "Super Play" game. "We changed our format to make it more like a game show which is what people like, but it's still a fair and random drawing," Hanson said.

THE MILLIONAIRE drawing dates are based on a cycle of 30 million tickets. The next one will be held August 5th. Basil Boji of Southfield is one of 30 lucky ticket holders who have a chance at the big prize.

Another Farmington Hills man has a chance for the \$200,000 prize in this Thursday's drawing. David Parrett is a 30-year-old construction worker who has been buying tickets since the lottery began.

"He's a very faithful buyer," said his wife, Marilyn. "Every week he buys six green and two gold tickets. We've got a whole bunch of tickets and we've had about five \$25 winners."

Mrs. Parrett explained that her husband bought the qualifying ticket about a month ago and he's had lots of trouble finding out what to do about registering for the drawing.

"THEY LET him off early from work to register the ticket but nobody knew what to do with it at the place he went to because they'd never had such a big winner," she said.

"He went to the Secretary of State's office and they sent him to a bank. The bank referred him to Lansing and we called them about registering but they didn't have any information. They finally called us last Monday and told us what to do about the drawing."

Even though the Parretts have automatically won \$10,000 just by qualifying Mrs. Parrett said her husband is very calm about the whole thing. "He's calm now, but I know he'll be nervous Thursday."

Pet show draws entrants, crowd

By CRAIG NEWMAN

The animals were better behaved than the kids in the annual Farmington Founder's Festival Pet Show.

More than 100 entrants braved the hot weather with their pets — ranging from a tarantula named Terry to Comanche the horse.

About 300 people watched the event at the Plaza Shopping Center in downtown Farmington.

Barbara Warwick and her dog, Date, captured double honors at the show. Date was named the outstanding pet of the show and also won the "Most Talented Pet" award.

Joe Doman's dog, Buddy, won an award for the longest ears in competition.

"Smallest Pet Award" was given to Alice Ebel and her fish, Paprika. Brandy, Buck Scott's Saint Bernard, was awarded the trophy for the animal with the bushiest tail.

The dog with the waggiest tail was Babe, the Brittany Spaniel. Her owner is Joan Cassidy.

Rose Boggs and her horse, Comanche, trotted away with the award for the largest pet.

In the twin class, Niki and Crystal, two Siamese cats, took top honors. They are owned by Art Bremer.

Winnie, the old English Sheep dog won the "Shaggiest Pet" award. Winnie's owner and groomer is Laurie Waronoff.

Terry the Tarantula, encased in a glass aquarium, walked off with the top prize in the "Most Unusual Pet" category.

Kelly Uroman's cat, Misty, took first in the "Most Original Costume" division.

The pet with the craggiest haircut was Paige Gummie's dog, Benji.

The most "Articulate Pet" placed in competition was Lady, the Great Dane. Her owner is Michelle Guyn.

Trophies and ribbons were donated by the Plaza Merchants Association. Judges were Doug Gaynor, Betty Holmes and Bob VanEvery.



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