

Variety is big attraction at auction

When the Farmington Police Department decides to clean out its storage area it's a great time to pick up a few covered radio, a hydraulic jack and tire iron or a mysterious blue flight bag filled with tools said to belong to an unlucky burglar.

As part of the Farmington Founders' Festival, the department hauled out some of the items in its storage area for public bidding last week in the Downtown Farmington Center.

An old pocket watch vied for attention with a 30-30 Winchester rifle. as

young and old alike sat in the midday sun and waited for a bargain.

Each possessed a different idea about that great chance to get something for almost nothing.

For Keith Miller, 15, of Farmington Hills, a bargain is bidding \$10 for a silver pocket watch that resembles the one his grand father carried. Although Farmington Detective Thomas Daniels asked the crowd for a \$1 bid on the watch, Miller quickly volunteered \$10.

"I think it's pretty old and worth a lot," said a triumphant Miller.

Fir \$15. Mrs. Thelma Jayroe of Farmington invested in a blue flight bag filled with tools. According to Sgt. John Maxwell, who had tongue firmly in cheek, the bag belonged to a burglar.

MRS. JAYROE plans to give away some of the tools. Her daughter is interested in jewelry making and will be able to put the flight bag's drill to good use, she said.

Screwdrivers, knives and drill bits were also jammed into the bag. "I bought it just because it's fun," she said.

During the remainder of the afternoon, Mrs. Jayroe picked up another bargain at the police auction. Her son will possess soon a 30-30 Winchester that was manufactured before 1964 Mrs. Jayroe managed to buy the gem for \$80.

"My son likes to hunt and collect guns," she explained.

Youngsters bought such items as a radio with a fake fur case. Adults tried their luck with worst watches of questionable ability and fathers bought pellet guns for anxious and excited sons at the auction.

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Field of 10 contest for council seat

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must develop a park plan while it is young and land still available."

CATHERINE A. JONES: 23059 Purdue. She has a BA and MA from Western Michigan University. She is a Farmington elementary school teacher.

"I have been actively involved in political activities for 14 years at the national, state, county and local levels," she said.

"Council needs to listen more to the community. There needs to be more free recreational programs for youth. The senior citizens require housing, but council needs to face up to spot-zoning issues," she said.

She is concerned with the quality of the environment. "The city is responsible by federal law to do something about the environment. It should start by taking charge of the recycling program. The arts commission should have been voted the full money for which it asked. EMS should continue to be expanded. There needs to be some control of pets, weeds and dust. The current zoning laws should either be enforced or removed."

BEN MARKS: 25187 Briarwyke. He is a graduate of Central High School, Detroit. Presently he is a residential and commercial builder.

He was an elected member of the charter commission, a member of the Future Farmington Association, and the builders' board of appeals. He is co-founder and first chairman of the home owners council. He is a present member of the building authority and co-chairman of the housing commission.

"The equitable resolving of senior citizens needs (i.e. housing, transportation, etc.) by a concerted and intelligent action on the part of our city," is seen by Marks as an issue of the city.

He supports immediate action toward the formation of a professional trained EMS department on a full-time basis.

"The city needs the constant updating and careful scrutiny of our master plan to insure a progressive and intelligent growth pattern," according to Marks.

He suggests a "five-year objective set by council to spell out the growth of Farmington Hills in civic, cultural and community endeavors."

"I believe the city should take action on all issues and not merely react," he said.

EARL C. OPPERHAUSER: 32216 Rainree. He is a graduate of the Detroit Public Schools, Wayne State University and Wayne's Law School. He received his JD in 1949. He is general counsel for Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

He has been a member of the Farmington Hills City Council for four years. He was mayor one year, a member of the Farmington Township Board for eight years, a planning commission member for two years and a housing commission member for four years. He was president of the Kendallwood Farms Association.

He supports housing and transportation for senior citizens. He suggests financing the housing with city bonds, "enabling us to give our own citizens, their parents and our church members priority as tenants."

Opperhauser wants to locate senior housing "where proper."

"Transportation subsidized by federal, state and city funds would enable us to do that and still permit the seniors to get wherever they need to go," he said.

"Strengthening and maintaining, through better recruitment, our on-call fire, human rescue and emergency medical services, avoiding the unnecessary high costs of full-time staffs while maintaining our low tax rate and assuring the preservation of home and property values," he said.

MELVIN PAUNOVICH: 26425 Springland Drive. Paunovich has a BA in political science. He has a MA in chemistry from University of Detroit and is a senior at University of Detroit Law School.

Besides being a full-time student, he is a detective sergeant of the Southfield Police Department. He was president of the Springland-LaMura Civic Association. He is a member of the road and zoning commissions and is a member of the advisory commission on criminal justice of Macomb Community College and has taught at Oakland Community College.

"The need for a full-time paid fire department and emergency medical service," is seen by Paunovich. "Increasing the size of the police department and update its equipment," he adds.

"Improve the antiquated roads and drainage systems."

"I am in total opposition to federally subsidized low-income housing which present city council members want to allow to be constructed in the city. Senior citizen housing is a priority, and I am in favor of it but without a compromise for low-income housing," he said.

"City council members should be responsive to the interests and wishes of the people, not to big business, and I would be responsive to the people," he said.

JACK RENAULD: 22555 Inkster Road. He attended University of Detroit for one year. He is a coordinator at International Air Craft Co.

He cites his experience in public speaking, sales, insurance and public relations.

Senior citizen program, transportation for the needy and protection against vandalism are some of the issues he raises. He would like to develop senior citizen housing.

GEORGE THOMAS ROBERTS: 21421 Ontario. He has four years of nonarticulated college studies. He spent two years with the USAF.

He is a medically retired construction electrician, now doing part-time consulting work in electrical estimating.

He is a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He lists 25 years

of voting and watching government in action or inaction as part of his experience.

He would like to see the city "encourage on-going personal contact with neighborhoods and individuals and be an advocate of the citizen's part in government decisions, personally responding to all public input."

"As a member of the city council I would insist on more involvement with meeting all the needs of senior citizens," he said.

Continued road improvement, dust and traffic and better fire protection to improve citizen's insurance ratings are supported by Roberts.

"Encourage city responsiveness to residents. Let's put a little more bite behind the teeth of existing ordinances so our officials can enforce them more effectively. Promote development of a public transportation system for Farmington Hills," he said.

JOANN SORONEN: 35546 Sprinvalde. She has a BA from Wayne State University in business administration. She has done post work at the Wayne State University school of business.

She is a housewife. She has been president of the Woodbrook Homeowners Association as well as a board member. She is a member of the council of Homeowners Associations and has been its secretary, vice-chairman and chairman. She was a member of the Perneck Drain Coalition, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Northwestern Highway, and chairman of the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission.

"There are several inter-related issues. One is the direction the city is taking. We have been a low-profile area, and most residents want to know it that way. Great care should be taken in accepting federal funds because there are usually commitments required which may not be appropriate for us. Our master plan is constantly being challenged. It should be strengthened and defended. We should be more aware of what is happening on our borders," she said.

"Communication with our neighbors is essential because their zoning affects us. I would like a realistic approach to elderly housing and a landscape and wetlands ordinance," she said.

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