

West Farmington Four Vie For Council Seats, Three Seek City Judicial Positions

Mrs. J. Knapp — MA. 6-3833

The Pernambuco Hollow Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Williams last Tuesday, March 19, with a pot luck supper being served at 5:30 p.m. Approximately 40 members and their families were in attendance.

A film showing operations on a farm was shown. Minuteman Otto Rexin gave a report on several bills now up before the Senate. Farm Bureau Citizens Advisory Board are now arranging for a spot to hold a community dance for the benefit of the Sister Kenny Polio Foundation. A report was also given by Mrs. Otto Rexin on Women's Committee activities.

Due to the late hour the discussion topic was not presented. Some members met at the Williams' home on Friday evening, however, to talk on the discussion topic.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp spent Sunday afternoon in Howell with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gleger.

William Hunt is presently in the hospital receiving treatment for an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Grace Rexin, Mr. and Mrs. James Smart, Mrs. Hillard Hunt, Mrs. Irvin Knapp, Mrs. William Knapp and Mrs. William Tamm were in attendance Monday evening at the Oakland County Farm Bureau pot-luck dinner in Pontiac. Guest speaker at the dinner was Mr. Sugget of Lansing.

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THOMAS BARBER Council

A self-employed plumber who has been in the plumbing business all his life, Thomas Barber resides at 23187 Hawthorne Street.

Barber, 32, has lived in the City of Farmington for the past seven years. Prior to this time he lived in Livonia. He is married and the father of two children.

An active member of the American Legion, Groves Walker Post 346, Barber is a past commander and member of the board of directors. He is also a member of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

One of the major problems of the city is that of providing adequate sewers and an adequate sewage disposal system. "The growth of the city has far exceeded the present sewer system," Barber said.

"Road and street improvements are also a major problem. The unsavory condition of McGee Hill must be corrected," he commented. "Parks and recreational facilities in the city should also be brought up to present day population standards."



ERNEST HICKMAN Council

Married and the father of two children, Ernest Hickman, 32, and

his wife Elizabeth reside at 23611 Liberty Street. The City for the past eight years, Hickman has been employed with Michigan Bell Telephone Company in Detroit for the past 21 years. He works in the public relations department as assistant news supervisor. Hickman was previously employed as a reporter and photographer with The Enterprise.

Hickman served as chairman of the citizens committee for a City Charter Revision in 1950-'51 which promoted the City Manager-Charter. He was awarded the "Project of the Year" award from the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for his work on this project.

"Farmington's main problem is money," Hickman said. "The first step to a solution is completion of a thorough, professional appraisal to eliminate inequities and insure just and fair assessments."

"Then, let's continue the past 25 years' record of forward thinking and see how we're financially prepared to improve the city's appearance, expand off-street parking, stimulate desirable commercial and industrial development, and plan more parks and recreation facilities," he concluded.

JOHN D. LAPHAM Council

A resident of Farmington for the past 39 years, John D. Lapham resides at 23201 Shawassawee Road.

Lapham, 44, is married and the father of ten children. For the past 21 years he has been employed with the W. E. Wood Company and is presently serving in the capacity of construction superintendent. He has had previous experience as a civil engineer.

Lapham has had no previous municipal experience. He made no comments regarding an inquiry to what he considered to be the major problems facing the city while in the jurisdiction of the office he is seeking.

"I am seeking election to the City Council because I am qualified and anxious to serve the best interest of the taxpayers," Lapham said.

"I was born and raised in Farmington and have an interested attitude toward the proper functioning of public affairs. I have a first hand knowledge of the major issues confronting our community and am prepared to formulate fresh solutions to old difficulties."

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"It's all right to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then."—Richard Armour.

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The decisive thing is not the type of arguments used, not the state of disarrangement; the decisive thing is the state of the spirit. —Charles Malik.



ROBERT B. LINDBERT Council

Only incumbent running for reelection to the Council this year is Robert B. Lindbert. He has been a councilman for the past four years and for the last two has served as Mayor of the City and head of the Council.

Lindbert, 41, resides with his wife and three children at 23701 Wilmarth Street. He has been self employed as a manufacturer in the City of Farmington ever since having moved here ten years ago from Auburn Heights. He previously worked as an engineer.

A past president of the Farmington Exchange Club, Lindbert is also an honorary member of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"I would consider one of the greatest problems of the city is that of improving our tax base by increasing our commercial and industrial development not only within present city boundaries but also by working out parcels to be annexed," Lindbert said.

"I would consider our problem of annexation as going hand in hand with the bettering of our tax base. Only by attracting industry and commercial development into our city can we then expect to have the improvements and advantages we all desire to have," Lindbert continued.



HOWARD L. RICHARDS Municipal Judge

Seeking election to the office of Municipal Judge against Judge Schulte, incumbent, will be Howard L. Richards of 31721 Sherwood.

Married and the father of three children, Richards has resided in the City of Farmington for the past 21 years. He has resided in Detroit for 12 years prior to moving here.

Self employed as an attorney for the past 25 years, he is a member of the Michigan and Oakland County Bar Associations. Active in community groups, Richards, 57, is president of the Farmington Players and a member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. In the latter group he has served on the rules and regulations committee.

It is Richards' belief that a night court for minor traffic offenders should be established and that the volume of civil cases by Detroit attorneys now going to Berksley and Ferndale should be increased.

"Amendment of our Charter increasing jurisdiction of the Municipal Court from its present \$500.00 maximum to \$1,000.00 to decrease the Circuit Court overload should be made," Richards said.

Richards also feels the need for "amendment to our Charter to require the retirement of our Municipal Judge at age 70 similar to our State law requiring the same of our Supreme Court and Circuit Court Judges."

Judge is John J. Schulte, Jr., who has been employed with the City of Farmington for the past 31 years as Justice of the Peace and Municipal Judge. He formerly served as the City's attorney.

Schulte, 72, a widower and the father of two children, resides at 32024 Valleyview Drive. He has lived in the City for the past 33 years.

Prior to his employment here, Judge Schulte served as a general cashier of the Grand Trunk Railroad in the legal department and as an attorney. He has also served as assistant chief prosecutor of Oakland County and was a director and former member of the State of Michigan Justice of Peace Association.

A past president of the Farmington Exchange Club and past treasurer of the Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club, Schulte is presently president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a society offering aid to needy families of all faiths. In past years he served as chairman of the Sunshine Special for Farmington Schools and as vice-chairman for the reopening of the Farmington State Bank after the depression. For nearly 25 years the judge was chairman of the Farmington Goodfellow.

Among the numerous service and professional organizations to which he belongs or has belonged are: Oakland County Bar Association, Michigan Bar and Municipal Judges Association, Michigan Justice of Peace Association, Judicial Council of Judges of Oakland County, Farmington Lodge of BPOE, Our Lady of Sorrows Men's Club, Oakland County Sportsmen Club, Michigan Traffic Federation, Michigan State Safety Commission, Boy Scouts of America, Gale's Society of University of Michigan Hospital, Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee and Circle Universitaire Laval, Quebec.

Traffic Summons be adopted by the City of Farmington and that a loose leaf docket system be employed for City Ordinance cases with a central filing system in Oakland County," Judge Schulte said. "I also recommend that the fines under City Ordinance traffic cases be reduced from their present level."

"In my opinion the Court needs a Deputy clerk in addition to the Court Clerk and this clerk should be employed at a salary commensurate with the importance of the duties performed."

MAX HULETT Associate Judge

Only candidate for the position of Associate Municipal Judge is Max Hulett, incumbent.

Hulett, 71, is a longtime resident of the City of Farmington and makes his home at 33001 Shawassawee Avenue. Born and raised in Detroit, he moved here 25 years ago. He is the father of two children and now has five grandchildren.

A lawyer all his life and self employed, Hulett is a member of the Michigan and Oakland County Bar Associations. Prior to accepting a position as Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Farmington he had served as Justice of the Peace in the City, a member of the City Commission and as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeal.

Active in community groups, Hulett is a past president of the Farmington Exchange Club and a past member of the local Kiwanis Club. A member of the Farmington Universalist Church, he is also a past president on the Board of Trustees in the church.

"From my long association with our Municipal Court, I am satisfied that it would better serve the community were the following changes made: (1) Raise its civil jurisdiction to \$1,500—(2) Fix court hours from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 4 p.m.—(3) Require court to be held 3 days a week instead of 5½ days—(4) Reduce judge's salary from \$7,500 per year to \$4,500—(5) Permit the Municipal Judge to practice law. This would make the office attractive to a young, active lawyer."

"Lastly, I feel that the salary of the clerk should be raised and a provision made for at least one competent assistant," Hulett concluded.

Variety Of Talents Performs At Show

C.H.S. Junior Class presented their annual Talent Show Friday, March 22, in the Clarenceville auditorium. The show was directed by Tom Wilson, Master of Ceremonies, was Barry Forsyth.

Acts included in the show were varied from music to drama and displayed a sample of the talent at Clarenceville. Proceeds from the event will be transferred to the Junior Class Treasury. Mrs. Betty Judge, Mrs. Darwin Larson, and Mr. Robert Thompson are co-sponsors of the Junior Class.

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