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## 7 Candidates Speak At Clarenceville

By R.T. THOMPSON

With seven of the eight candidates for two vacancies on the school board present, more than 150 Clarenceville residents received a clear idea of the group's thinking on busing, sex education, ways to help the gifted and the platform of each of the seven in a candidates night program in Clarenceville High.

The affair, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, was one of the most successful in several years and attracted an audience that included numerous 18-year-olds along with interested parents from all parts of the school district. Each candidate was given an opportunity to present his or her views on why voters should consider him or her for election to the board.

Two four-year terms are up for grabs with incumbent Ray Chaiken, a 12-year veteran on the board, seeking reelection. The other vacancy is the seat held by Dr. Martin T. Wechsler, who did not file petitions. Dr. Wechsler leaves the board after 12 years.

Currently the board president, Dr. Wechsler is taking a year's sabbatical as chairman of Wayne University's math department to do research in England.

OUT OF THE meeting came a strong indication that members of the opposite sex in Clarenceville are going to make a strong effort to have a woman on the board for the first time.

Three of the eight candidates are women, and each stressed several times during the evening that a feminine member could give the board new views and new thinking and suggested that she would be an apt candidate.

Those participating included: Chaiken, Richard Wood, a former board member from 1962-1970; Mrs. Marilyn Rowens; Gary Serlin; Mrs. Gertrude Walsh and Roy Whitener.

Thomas Taffee, 18-year-old candidate, was absent and Lawrence Kopleman, another 18-year-old, withdrew earlier.

Prior to a question and answer session, each candidate was given time to express views on what he or she thought should be accomplished if elected.

SERLIN, A 1968 Clarenceville High graduate, supported: opposition to cross-district busing; more vocational-technical courses in the high school; "community" control of schools; greater usage of individualized instruction to meet the needs of all Clarenceville students; sound budgeting with a careful eye on education and the tax dollar; and the present reading program.

Mrs. Rowens indicated she was against all busing, cross district and within the school district; favored expansion of the drug education and self awareness programs in the school district, and expansion of the vocational-tech program.

Mrs. Walsh spoke of the need of extending the reading programs, expansion of the vocational-technical program, additional work on drug education and removal of the property tax as a means of financing schools.

Wood stressed the need for more of the three R's in the elementary grades, with emphasis on reading and remedial reading in the junior highs. He cited the need for all supplies and materials to be available to students and the staff and also told of the need for an expanded vocational-technical program in the high school and how many Clarenceville students are now participating in such studies at the Walled Lake facility.

WHITENER placed emphasis on the role of parents in many of the problems that have come up in the school system. He said he thought it would be impossible to stop busing in the schools unless the parents stopped their children from having their own way. He indicated the blame couldn't be placed on the teachers, who have lost their authority over the youngsters because of the lack of parental responsibility in the home.

Mrs. May stated every child has the right to equal education, but the school systems are not keeping pace with today's changes. She favored more attention for the gifted children, expanded technical training, more work in the field of sex education and took a stand against cross district busing.

Chaiken, veteran member of the board seeking reelection, emphasized that it is impossible for one member to be the sole leader of a seven member board, that it is impossible to establish priorities since the priority of today may be changed by tomorrow.

Chaiken also told the group that almost 90 per cent of the money of the school district goes for salaries and fixed costs.

"Thus, the Clarenceville Board is working with less than \$100,000 on the numerous projects," he said. "When one considers this, then he must consider that the finances don't present that much of a problem."

THE FIRST question presented to all of the candidates concerned busing and cross-district busing to achieve racial balance.

Mrs. Walsh came out against all busing. Wood was opposed to cross-district busing but favored retention of the present program in Clarenceville. Chaiken took a stand against all busing pointing to a savings of \$67,000.

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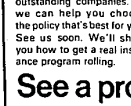
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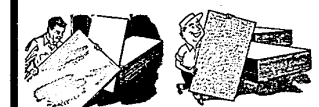
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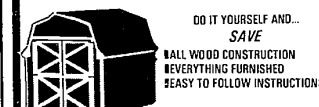


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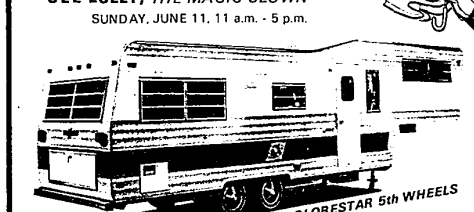
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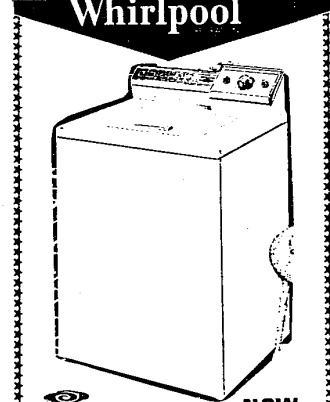
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