



THE NEW OAKLAND County commissioner districts will probably look like this after final approval. Southfield will make up most of the 20th and 21st districts with Lathrup Village included in the 20th. The 15th district takes in western Southfield, Bingham Farms, Wood

Creek Farms, Franklin and northeastern Farmington Township. Farmington Township also reaches into the 24th, 25th and 27th districts. Quakertown is in the 24th district which moves westward to South Lyon. The 27th district includes the City of Farmington.

## Mrs. Rowens, Chaiken Are Endorsed For C'ville Board

In this modern time of women's lib and the like, isn't it about time Clarenceville picked a woman for trustee on the district school board? The school system has never had a woman on the board.

Naturally the answer will come in Monday's election but the Observer Newspapers believe a woman, one of the eight candidates which includes three feminine residents, deserves one of the two vacant spots.

After a careful study of the candidates and evaluating their performances at a recent League of Women Voters "meet the candidates" night, the Observer Newspapers endorses incumbent Ray Chaiken and Mrs. Marilyn Rowens.

A highly qualified rating is given to former board member Richard J. Wood.

Chaiken has been a board member for 12 years and certainly deserves another four year term. His experience makes him the top candidate in Monday's voting.

He is a graduate of Cornell University, a member of the Boosters Club and is manager of the plant and equipment engineering office of Ford Motor Co.

He has been a member of the negotiation committee of the Michigan Association of School Boards for three years.

Mrs. Rowens, a candidate in last year's board

election, is a graduate of UCLA and a resident of Clarenceville for 15 years. She is past co-chairman of the Clarenceville Entertainment Series, PTA member, worked on the pre-school program in the school district and is a volunteer worker with the Livonia Community Commission on Drug Abuse.

Mrs. Rowens, in answering a questionnaire from the LWV, listed the following training and experience that qualifies her for the office:

Total involvement in the school community for nine years, plus her interest and concern for each individual student's growth and development. Commitment to creative methods in learning to read, learning to teach and in the involvement of education.

Wood, father of four, is an employee of Ford Motor Co. as a program coordinator. He is a graduate of Cleary College and is interested in the cub Scout program as a cubmaster.

As a member of the board from 1962-1970, he served on the negotiations committee for the custodians and secretaries and was a member of the selection committee of the district superintendent.

The Observer study of the candidates placed Chaiken and Mrs. Rowens ahead of all, with Wood as the most qualified of the others.

—The Observer Newspapers

## OCC Incumbents For Innovation

An Editorial

Voters in Farmington and Southfield will select two persons from a realm of 10 candidates for six-year terms on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees Monday.

The Observer Newspapers endorses the two incumbents, George Mosher and Lila Johnson for reelection.

Mosher, 551 Mohegan, Birmingham, and Mrs. Johnson, 12726 LaSalle, Huntington Woods, served on the citizens committee which organized the

college and have been trustees since the board was created in 1964.

We think the incumbents deserve to be returned to the board because of their support of OCC's innovative programs and their leadership in the past eight years.

Their support of President Joseph Hill's programs has helped the college become one which aids the average and below average students and treats each student as an individual.

—Observer Newspapers



GEORGE E. GULLEN, JR., president of Wayne State University, will be guest speaker at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, for dedication of the new Farmington Public Library at 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Township. Public invited to ribbon cutting and tours which will follow.

## Leffel Seeks Seat As OCC Trustee

William Leffel, 18564 Saratoga, Lathrup Village, is one of 10 candidates running for two vacancies on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. The election is Monday, June 12, throughout Oakland County.

Leffel's biography and answers to an Observer Newspapers questionnaire were lost in delivery and thus not included on the candidates page in the June 7 edition of this newspaper.

The 29-year-old Leffel is an executive aid at General Motors and former student at OCC. He maintained a "B" average while a student on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington and was editor of the campus' newspaper, Recorder.

He was student government representative to the American Assn. of Junior

College's convention in Dallas, Texas; a consultant for the All-College Student Government and student government designee to the Student-Faculty Finance Committee.

Leffel plans to attend law school and eventually have a practice in Oakland County. His experiences on college committees and as newspaper editor make him qualified for a seat on the board, he says.

"OCC excels in its exceptionally qualified staff, its open attitude toward and encouragement of innovation and creativity, and the exploration of new avenues to education," Leffel said.

Leffel said the college has "excellent potential" which is dependent on "development of communication between community, board



WILLIAM LEFFEL

trustees, faculty, students and administration."

The college hasn't sought input from the students, Leffel said, adding that he will work toward improving communication.

"Too often only the most outspoken 'revolutionaries' are heard. These people have proven to be long and loud in talking, but not willing to work with the rest of the college. My candidacy for the board of trustees is evidence that I am willing to work with all segments of the college."

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