

24th District

Teacher faces incumbent for seat on commission

By SUSAN AVERILL

Coordination and elimination of duplication in staff and equipment are vital concerns of Republican Lew L. Coy, incumbent candidate for 24th County Commissioner.

Issues highlighted by his opponent, Democrat William R. O'Brien, were consistent inoculation programs, county jail support and the solid waste controversy involving Novi and Lyon townships.

The 24th county commission district includes Lyon Township, South Lyon, Wixom, Novi, Walled Lake and a portion of Farmington Hills.

"I've been looking for ways to make government more effective," Coy said.

"I'd do this by coordination and elimination of duplication."

He already had some hand in coordinating staff physicians in the health department, county hospital, jails and the medical examiner's office, he said.

At present, the jail clinic is in the county hospital, and the pathologist in the county hospital also works for the medical examiner's office, said the retired Detroit fire captain.

HE IS NOW focused on the laboratories in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the Health Department, the county hospital, the Department of Public Works, the drain office, the drug abuse program and the medical examiner's office.

"I feel that these can be coordinated. We can't get them under one roof, but I feel we can coordinate at the top level. We don't need seven top assistants," he said.

Savings of several thousands of dollars resulted from the combination of the drug abuse program and the alcoholic program, he said.

A staunch supporter of the Emergency Medical Service program, the 55-year-old Wixom resident has been working on the program since 1971.

"We're losing too many men in their prime, between 45 and 55, when they're at the height of their earning power and their mental capacities," Coy said.

The program has progressed to the point that the director of the Health Department has received the go-ahead to write a job description for an EMS coordinator.



WILLIAM R. O'BRIEN



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But the \$14,000 salary set aside for the job may not attract too many applicants of the caliber they hope to have, Coy said.

HE IS ALSO concerned with the roads in Oakland County, which he said are "in a crisis situation."

"So far as I know, we're the only county which takes general tax dollars and puts them into roads."

Coy is also a registered nurse, a certified state assessor level No. 3, and a graduate of Wayne State University mortuary school.

It was partly because he was dissatisfied with current representation and partly because he was asked to run by the Democratic Party that former Novi city councilman William R. O'Brien stepped into the race.

With an A.B. in history, and an M.A. in geography, O'Brien said he had an adequate academic background.

"IN ADDITION, I have experience with local government and am somewhat familiar with county government," he said.

Maintenance of a county jail should be another definite concern of the county, he said.

"We need a county jail. Now that we've built it, we're not staffing it."

What about destitute patients with terminal diseases?

"Instead of a small center at the western end of the county, we need a general hospital... a place to go for persons who are destitute."

As for solid waste, after you burn everything, there's still something left, said the 48-year-old Southfield High School teacher.

"ALL OF A SUDDEN, the people in Novi and Lyon Township found out that a portion of their property was to be used as a 15- to 20-year dump. They're not interested in becoming a garbage corner."

"It should have been the county commissioner's job that the people were advised as to why it was such a good site," he said.

"There is a \$50 million budget in Oakland County. I don't know that it's being allocated correctly. I would like to let the people know what their money is spent for," he said.

O'Brien ran for the same office in 1972 and was defeated by Coy.

The county commissioner's yearly salary base is \$8,200, which he can earn without attending any meetings.

Commissioners may earn another \$3,000 per year through attendance at other Oakland County commission's meetings, including the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Department of Public Works Board.

The pay is \$35 per meeting and 14 cents per mile.

Persons bound over

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coming and going every day but there was no information brought out that she lived there or engaged in town-house.

ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR Stuart Young said the testimonies of police officers, a "customer" and others bore out the fact that the house was a house of ill repute used for prostitution.

"The prosecution doesn't have to show that the place had a bad reputation to prove a bawdy house was being operated in it," he argued. "It was shown that immoral acts were performed."

Defense attorney Jack Bain said

state statutes covering the operation of a house of ill fame protect girls from being inveigled into working in one.

"The operation of such a house is treated differently than prostitution by state law," he said. "My clients had no part in the operation and the charges against them should be dismissed."

Reid denied the motion to dismiss and said there was probably cause to believe a crime had been committed and that the defendants committed it. "There is no distinction between an operator and an employee of a house of prostitution," he said. "The statute covers both."

McDonald, Farrell square off in 27th

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terest in the county commissioner's seat.

The Farmington Hills resident and juris doctorate graduate of the Detroit College of Law decided he would run because he thought he could do the job.

Neither candidate has held political office.

The two committees McDonald would like to serve on are public protection and judiciary, and personnel practices.

A county commissioner serves on two of 13 standing committees on the board of commissioners.

His background as Oakland County assistant prosecutor should serve him well, McDonald said.

"FOR THREE YEARS as assistant prosecutor, I worked on nothing but criminal cases. I think I know what the problems are in the treatment of crime, and what the police need," he said.

Negligence, divorce and wills are the types of cases he has been handling since going back into private practice in August 1970.

"I'd like to stay in close contact with the people... let them know what's going on," he said.

The county commissioner's salary is \$8,200. They may earn up to \$3,000 extra by attending meetings of other county boards, such as parks and recreation, or the department of public works board.

For attending any one of the 65 annual meetings, the commissioner will receive \$35 and 14 cents per mile.

Ski lessons begin Monday

Farmington—The leaves are still falling, but Farmington School District's adult education department is already thinking snow.

Plans are being completed for ski lessons. The lessons begin at 8 p.m. Monday at Farmington High School, 3200 Shiloh. Subsequent lessons are expected to begin the first week of December when the snow arrives at Mt. Brighton.

Lessons at Mt. Brighton are offered at 12:30 p.m. Saturdays or 1:30 p.m. Sundays.

The class is designed to provide instructional opportunities for any ability level as well as the use of the slopes on the days of the lesson.

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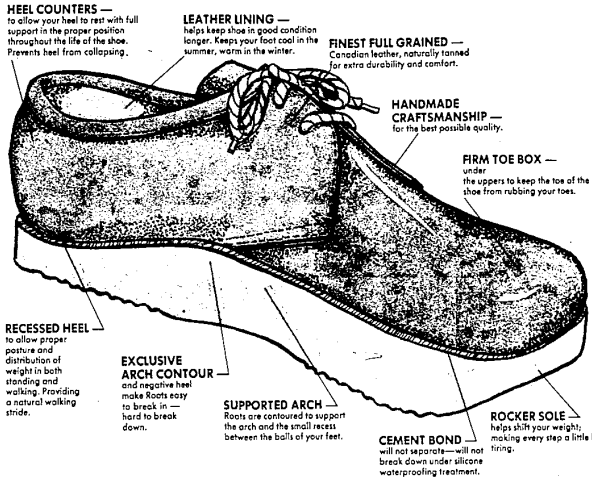
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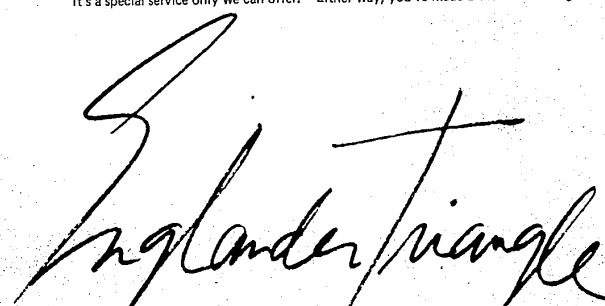
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