

Clarenceville voters will elect 2 trustees

Clarenceville School District voters will pick two school board members Monday from a field that includes two incumbents, a high school senior and a banker making his first try for public office.

Two four-year terms open in the annual board election will be filled by voters in the Eight Mile-Grand River neighborhoods of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township.

There are an estimated 5,670 registered voters with nearly 4,000 in Livonia and most of the balance in Farmington Hills.

PAST CLARENCEVILLE board elections were relatively calm with about 10 per cent of the registered voters usually casting ballots.

If that pattern holds for next Monday, about 600 will pick the board members.

The candidates are incumbents Thomas Wilson, on the board for 19 years, Dr. Samuel Prisk, a 18-year veteran, and challengers James Anderson, a senior assistant manager for Manufacturers National Bank, and Brian Broombaugh, who will graduate

from Clarenceville High next Thursday, June 12.

The senior, 18 and a Livonia Mall employe, lives at 3027 Fremont, Livonia.

Anderson, 34, of 20215 Fremont, has an associate degree in commerce from Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, and a standard certificate from the American Institute of Banking. He has been with Manufacturers National Bank for 13 years.

Dr. Prisk, a dentist, is 53 and a graduate of Farmington High School.

Wayne State University and Washington University.

Wilson, 68, has lived in the district for 30 years and is retired from Hydro-mation Filter Co. of Livonia where he worked in the research and development section.

He is on the Schoolcraft College Senior Adult Advisory Committee and was a charter member of the industry apprenticeship program at Schoolcraft.

and one incumbent offered a sharp contrast in a questionnaire on curriculum sent to candidates by the Livonia League of Women Voters.

The senior said the curriculum has deteriorated in recent years because the district isn't offering individualized instruction and has reduced the number of classes offered.

Prisk said the curriculum has improved, citing a broader offering of classes in career and vocational education and updating of texts and educational materials.

Wilson didn't answer the questionnaire. Anderson said while the curriculum has changed, it would be speculation to say it has deteriorated.

THERE HAVE been few issues in the campaign although Broombaugh

In junior high program

400 receive reading help

By SUSAN AVERILL

There are 400 students in the Farmington School District who are reading two or more years below their grade level.

This is also the number of students being helped by the five junior high school reading specialists, the board recently learned.

The board heard a curriculum report presented by each of the five specialists on their work, theory and methods.

Each of the instructors has more than the 80 students recommended by the state for reading teachers, but that doesn't mean overworked classes.

After it has screened potential candidates for the program, it diagnoses their weaknesses. It also measures the instructor's own effectiveness as a teacher.

With the survey, the teacher can determine students' grade level, percentile and comprehension.

Shirley Levine, a specialist at East Junior High for seven years, said it is doubtful that any program would make book-lovers of everyone.

Even if the program didn't accomplish that, it would aid students later in daily life as they try to read directions and labels, she said.

HOPE AIKEN of Warner Junior High School demonstrated some of the machines used by teachers and pupils to aid in comprehension and reading rate.

Called "visual tracking," her program reinforced the movement of the eyes from left to right while reading, measured the amount of material comprehensible, and the rate of program.

The machines are used by all reading specialists in each of the junior high schools.

The program also helps coordinate physical movement by requiring a handclap or jumping jacks when an asterisk rather than a word is flashed on a screen.

Mrs. Aiken explained that poor readers generally have poor muscle control, and the program attempts to smooth coordination.

ing program at the high school level "where reading isn't left up to the English teacher."

At present, there is no arrangement for students completing junior high to

gain similar help at the high school. The reading instructors said that both they and their machines are available to help average and exceptional readers, too.

STUDENTS WHO volunteer for the program are assigned to groups of between three and 18 students, according to the severity of their problem.

Instruction is tailored to the student, regardless of class size. "If I have 18 students, I have 58 different programs," said Karen Jallowa, a reading specialist at Power Junior High School.

But the individualization doesn't lead to isolation, because there is also an emphasis placed on group activities, she said.

John Fleck, a reading specialist at Farmington Junior High School, said the testing program administered by the reading staff serves many purposes.

Candidates are regular voters

Except for one, most of the candidates for the Farmington school board election June 9 have been regular voters since they registered with the district.

Howard K. Schwartz registered with the district in 1968, he didn't vote until 1971, his records show. Since then, he has voted in every school election, missing only one in 1972.

Mrs. Ann Rodewig, the incumbent, has the longest record and has voted without a miss since 1969.

Two other candidates, including George Bowman and Margaret Wright, have missed at least one election, according to their records. Bowman registered in 1971 and Mrs. Wright in 1964.

Mrs. Jacqueline Hill has lived in the area for a year and a half but didn't register until February of this year. She voted for the first time in the April 29 millage election.

Michael Shipce became eligible to vote in November, when he registered. He also voted for the first time in the millage election.

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