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Arlingtonians to Fill Two Seats on County Board

The current Arlington County Board campaign has produced none of the fiery vituperation or sensational accusations of past county politics.

The two opposing candidates both have exhorted the other to resolve the question prematurely by quitting the race before the election. They also have filed the customary charges of "irresponsibility," and "distortion."

Dr. Lucas Blevins, first elected as a representative of a conservative coalition since dissolved.

He has limited his campaign to some 15 appearances during which he has promised to try to avoid tax increases, restrain government expenditure and strike a balance between apartment-

commercial and residential zoning.

A central theme of his campaign has been two basic charges against the non-partisan coalition, Arlingtonians for a Better County, which has controlled the County Board since 1958. He accuses it of sending government costs skyrocketing and of responsibility for a real estate reassessment policy which he says is unfair.

In reply, challenger Thomas Richards declares that Dr. Blevins voted for every budget and tax increase which he recently has criticized. He also emphasizes that Dr. Blevins voted to establish the reassessment policy he now condemns.

Mr. Richards has asserted that the incumbent has voted for spot zoning and incursion of businesses and apartments into residential areas. He

also attacks him for seemingly favoring construction of a Southside freeway through the Army Navy Country Club. During more than 60 campaign speeches, Mr. Richards has pledged to preserve Arlington as a residential suburb by restricting population growth and intense development, to fight spot zoning and to join in creating a mass transit system for the Metropolitan Area.

In the special election being conducted to fill the vacancy created by the death of David Krumsaw last January, independent Ernest D. Wilt is unopposed.

Mr. Wilt, who has received the indorsement of all political factions in the county, has remained neutral in the fight between Dr. Blevins and Mr. Richards.

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