

Vagnozzi Named 19th Dist

Area Democrat

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GRAND RAPIDS—Democrats from communities covered by the Observer Newspaper Group played key roles in the Democratic State Convention here on Saturday and Sunday.

Margaret Halava of Farmington was one of five candidates for the eagerly sought post of party vice chairman, and former 19th District Congressman Billie Farnum, of Drayton Plains, presided over an important reorganization of the 19th District structure.

Also elected were officers and delegates to the Democratic State Central Committee from the 2nd, 15th and 19th Congressional Districts. Mrs. Halava's bid to win the vice chairmanship developed early Sunday morning, when she was advised by sources close to State Chairman Zolton Ferency, that the convention was truly an open one, and that her candidacy would be to the party's advantage.

Going from district caucus to district caucus to drum up votes, Mrs. Halava accumulated support from several districts in addition to her own 19th district when action started on the floor of the convention on Sunday afternoon.

In all, three ballots were cast, each separated by various attempts to trade blocks of votes on the floor. In the end, Mrs. Robert Knox of Detroit won out, with Mrs. Halava coming in third.

The reorganization of the 19th district's structure, termed by Farnum as "an extremely important move to solidify the district's effectiveness," resulted in a unified organization covering party activity in both Oakland and Wayne Counties.

The district's organization previously had been split between each county, and it has been no secret to party workers that the old arrangement hindered coordination and work during election campaigns.

Elected chairman of the new district organization was Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington.

Serving with him will be two vice chairman, Rebecca Woods of Pontiac and Jerry Raymond of Livonia. Elected district secretary was Charles Deamud of Redford Township, while Phil Maggio of Livonia was chosen treasurer. All officers were elected unanimously.

Involved in the organizational change was, in effect, a setback for Ron Mardires of Livonia, who had previously served as chairman of the Wayne County section of the 19th district. His post was abolished in the reorganization. He was not elected as a district officer at the convention caucus, despite attempts made by his supporters to nominate him for a seat on the State Central Committee.

Elected delegates to the State Central Committee were Carolyn Maggio of Livonia, Glenn Hartsell of Redford, Dorothy Olson of Waterford and Otis Lawrence of Pontiac. Local residents chosen to be alternates were John Koza of Redford Township and Paul Kadish of Livonia.

For Plymouth, which

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makes up the extreme northwestern part of the Second Congressional District, former Congressman Weston E. Drayton of Ann Arbor presided over the district caucus. Robert Dwyer of Plymouth led the area delegation to the convention, while Orville

Tungate of Plymouth was elected secretary of the committee on organization, George Northville Township elected a delegate to the Central Committee and

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St. Mary Has From Minute

This is the second of a series of special articles on St. Mary Hospital of Livonia, its growth, its facilities, its contribution to the area and the part it expects to play in the future. This series is being written by W. W. Edgar, Observer staff writer who also is chairman of the Advisory Board of the hospital. These articles will appear from time to time in the Observer—Ed. Note.

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From the day in 1959 when the first patient was admitted, St. Mary Hospital has played

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Those in the Farmington area must call 474-8737, and all calls for service or complaints will be handled immediately.

Consumers Power Expansive

Consumers Power Company will invest \$3 million in the western Wayne County area as part of its 1967 program to expand and improve electric and natural gas service, James P. Thomas, Wayne division manager

The division, headquartered in Livonia, expects to add 3,700 new gas customers in 1967. Plans include the construction of an addition to the Livonia service center, Thomas said.

The division serves 67,000 customers in an area encompassing 260 square miles of western Wayne county, including the communities of Farmington, Livonia, Wayne, Northville, Novi and Plymouth.

The projects in the division are part of the company's 1967 expansion and improvement program of \$136,000,000.

Thomas said the major project in the division will be the continued expansion of the gas distribution system, with the installation of over 61 miles of new gas pipelines. The addition to the Livonia service center will add 14,200 square feet for general purposes and 6,700 square feet for storage use. The building was erected in 1950 but growth of the gas business and addition of more employees necessitates the addition.

A gas regulator station will be built this year at Newburg and 7-Mile Road in Livonia to augment the gas supply to the Farmington area.

Consumers Power Company provides gas service to 735,000 customers and electric service to 879,000 customers in a combined service area which includes

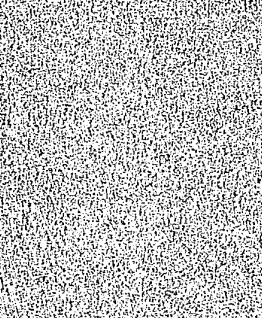
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