

19th District Rump Group Move Fails

MIAMI BEACH -- A conservative rump group's efforts to unseat two Republican National Convention delegates from Michigan's 19th district ended in a weak gasp Monday.

The convention's credentials committee seated moderate delegates Mrs. Dolores Kory, of Redford Township, and John Cartwright of West Bloomfield Township, without even a legal challenge from the conservatives.

Cartwright and Mrs. Kory had never been afraid of losing

to the conservatives, but they have spent many days in apprehension not knowing what the opposition would do.

THE CONSERVATIVE group unseated after a 1967 Oakland County -- 19th District convention, had for one-and-a-half years been calling itself the "official" 19th District committee. At the April 27 state convention, it announced it had elected ousted chairman Christian Powell, of West Bloomfield, and Arnold Jones, of Pontiac

as its delegates to the national convention.

The Powell-Jones group filed an appeal with the GOP National Committee and recruited the aid of Illinois delegate Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly, author of right-wing tract "A Choice, Not an Echo," and also a member of the credentials committee.

AT MONDAY afternoon's credentials' meeting, Mrs. Schlafly told The Observer newspapers that "I received a letter from someone in Michigan -- I can't recall who -- with a copy of an appeal," filed with the national committee.

Mrs. Schlafly said she asked her attorney-husband to investigate it. But a check showed

"I don't know if they had a case," Mrs. Schlafly said of the Powell-Jones group.

"It's too bad."

AT A CLOSED door session of the credentials committee, The Observer Newspapers learned, the GOP national committee's general counsel reported that the Powell-Jones group had indeed filed an appeal but added that it wasn't done within the time limit and couldn't be considered.

This was a strange turn of events, inasmuch as the Powell-Jones group had declared three-and-one-half months ago that it would carry its fight to Miami Beach.

The fight between the Cartwright moderates and Powell-Jones conservatives dates back to February 1967, at a district convention held in Walled Lake High School.

One vote showed that Powell's slate of state convention delegates had been elected by a 53-52 count.

Cartwright's forces asked for a recount, but Powell hastily adjourned the convention.

At the state convention, the credentials' committee threw out the Powell slate and seated Cartwright's group, reasoning that Powell had conducted the convention improperly.

POWELL failed to appear at Miami Beach, although some Michigan delegates reported seeing Arnold Jones. But Jones did not appear at the credentials' meeting here.

One Overland resident had been on the Powell-Jones slate. Mrs. Stewart Rice, of Farmington, a political ally of right-winger Richard Durnan, had been elected as alternate on the Powell-Jones slate.

Thus after many hours of legal work, collecting of affidavits, lawsuits and counter-suits, the entire fight ended--without a fight.

Gene Scholes Resigns For UM Research Post

Gene Scholes, administrative assistant in charge of Community Relations and Federal Projects for the Clarenceville School District, has resigned and will leave his position Friday to accept new duties at the University of Michigan where he will continue work on his doctorate.

Scholes, who attended Clarenceville schools from kindergarten through high school and then returned to teach after receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, served in his present capacity under Supt. David McDowell for the past school year.



Gene Scholes

He and McDowell, along with Board President Dr. Samuel Prisk, devoted hours of their spare time in working towards passage of the millage issue a week ago--the issue was approved by a comfortable margin.

In his letter of resignation, Scholes indicated to the school board that he has an opportunity to become a research assistant in the University Laboratory School at the University of Michigan and also a department assistant in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

At the same time he will have an opportunity to work on his doctorate which may require as many as three years work. His chief responsibility in his new assignments will be to work with the research committee in writing a joint research project involving the laboratory school and the curriculum department.

Scholes was a standout athlete during his four years at Clarenceville High where he won varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was a starter on the basketball team for four years and won All-League honors in his senior year when he also received a third team berth on the All-State.

HE WAS an end in football for three years and started at second base for the baseball team for three years. Following graduation in 1960,

he enrolled at Eastern Michigan University where he was a regular on the freshman basketball team--then decided to pass all sports to devote more time to the books.

Scholes received his bachelor degree from EMU in 1964 when he applied for and received a contract with the Clarenceville schools as a teacher and coach. He served as assistant football and junior varsity basketball coach before moving into the varsity basketball position at the start of the 1966-67 season.

His one year as basketball boss resulted in an 11-8 record, one of the best compiled by a Clarenceville High quintet in recent years.

Then Scholes was asked to assume the new position of administrative assistant in charge of Community Relations and Federal Projects, working directly under Supt. McDowell.

"It is with a great deal of regret that I leave the community that has meant so much to me," said Scholes in announcing his resignation. "Clarenceville has been my home ever since I first attended school. I enjoyed some of the finest moments of my life in the junior and senior high schools."

"THEN I WAS given a teaching and coaching contract after graduation from Eastern. It was one of the high spots of my life and I thought that Clarenceville would be my home for the remainder of my working and teaching days."

"However, the offer from the University of Michigan comes at a time when I have been considering a leave of absence on my doctorate. I regret leaving the place where I have so many friends but I feel I must continue my education and get a doctor's degree. The opportunity is here and I had to accept."

Scholes, his wife, Audrey and children, Mary Michelle and Gene Jr., will move to Ann Arbor in another two weeks so Gene can report for his new duties on Sept. 1.



ORVILLE V. DEW has been appointed manager of the Auto-Lite-Ford Parts Division National Parts Depot in Livonia. Dew formerly was manager of the division's Kansas City depot since August, 1966. He replaces H. J. Breech, recently named Eastern regional depot operations manager for the division. He and his family will make their home in Farmington Township.



S/4 ALAN ROBERTS



WE'RE GOING TO BUILD. This sign, erected at the Levan and Schoolcraft site of the future home of the Observer Newspapers, proudly proclaims the fact that "We are going to build" a new plant. The diagram is an architect's conception of the proposed structure for which construction is expected to start in the near future.

Livonia Infantryman Wins Bronze Star For Heroism Under Fire

Killed in action during a battle near Ban Me Thuot, Paria Province in Vietnam, S/4 Alan R. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, 14620 Blue Skies, Livonia, is the recipient of posthumous awards of the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star for heroism.

The presentations were made to his parents by representatives of the Armed Services upon orders of the Secretary of the Army and by authority of President Johnson. The parents also received Purple Heart and Good Conduct medals.

S/4 Roberts was mortally wounded in combat on March 20 and funeral services were conducted two weeks later under the direction of the G.R. and R.G. Harris funeral home in Livonia.

The 20-year-old, who was graduated from Bentley High in 1966, volunteered for service in March 1967 and had been stationed in Vietnam for seven months.

He is survived by his parents; a brother, Fred; and three sisters, Mrs. Judith Ann Kassel of Redford Township and Joyce and Renee at home. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

The posthumous award of the Bronze Star Medal with Device was ordered by President Johnson upon receipt of the heroic actions of S/4 Roberts during the battle in which he was mortally wounded.

The commendation which brought the Presidential award of the Bronze Star reads as follows:

"For heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

"SPECIALIST Four Alan Roberts distinguished himself while serving as an Infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On March 20, 1968, Company A was conducting a search and destroy operation near Ban Me Thuot, Paria Province.

"As the unit cautiously moved through the dense underbrush, it was suddenly subjected to an intense barrage of rocket, automatic weapons and small arms fire from a large enemy force in well-concealed positions.

Specialist Four Roberts was near the front of the unit which was receiving most of the hostile fire. He reacted immediately by initiating well-directed bursts of suppressive fire at the enemy replacements. The effectiveness of his maneuvers enabled the remainder of the unit to maneuver into effective positions safely.

serious casualties and contributed immensely to successfully warding off the hostile assault.

Roberts was a member of the varsity football squad while attending Bentley High but suffered a serious leg injury in his first year and had to drop out of competition.

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Set August 13 Meet On I-696 Freeway

Gov. George Romney has set Aug. 13 for the first meeting of an arbitration board which will have the final say on the route of Interstate 696 in Oakland County.

In letters to the six affected communities, Romney said the three-member panel will be convened at 10 a.m. at the Oakland County Court House in Pontiac, and that the arbitrators will have 60 days to reach a decision.

The communities have until Aug. 9 to pick the arbitrators from a list of 45 submitted by the governor on July 11. Romney will make the selection if there is no agreement by the deadline.

The arbitrators, members of the American Arbitration Association, will consider information presented by the Department of State Highways, the affected communities and other parties of interest.

The proceedings are provided for in a 1967 state law establishing arbitration of disputes over Interstate highway routes that cannot be settled by negotiation.

The State Highway Commission, following extensive negotiation with the communities, started the proceedings June 12 in an attempt to settle a four-and-one-half-year controversy that has delayed construction on part of the 26-mile freeway.

Name Moser Production Chief

Appointment of Ernest C. Moser as Chevrolet manager of production and material control was announced by Thomas E. Danton, general director of purchases, production control and traffic.

Moser has been Chevrolet's general purchasing agent in charge of staff activities since May, 1967. In the new post he replaces James R. McCarthy, who transferred to General Motors Assembly Division.

9 Area Musicians To Play At Fair

Nine high school musicians from the Observer Newspaper Inc. circulation area will play in the Honors Band at the Michigan State Fair which opens Friday, Aug. 23, and continues through Sept. 2.

The Honors Band is composed of 65 of the finest high school musicians in Michigan, who are selected through audition. This is the seventh year the band, which will perform in the Music Shell Aug. 23, 21 and 25 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Director will be Lt. Col. Arnold D. Gabriel, U.S. Air Force Band and Orchestra. Livonia Honors Band musicians include: Paula Hennis, 31750 Cambridge, French horn; Charles Neuschwanger, 16927 Farmington Rd., cornet; trumpet, Iwan Powell, 38006 Donald, B flat clarinet; Cheryl Stewart, 15426 Williams, B flat clarinet; Don Hillman, 35626 Hayburn, French horn; Steve Landes, 18311 Norwich Rd., tuba; and Ron Hardy, 18545 Loveland, trombone.

Frank DeMarco, 3222 Carolyn Dr., Farmington, B flat clarinet, and David Westby, 18775 Seminole, Detroit, cornet-trumpet, are the two other Observerland musicians in the band.

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