

New primary ballots carry major change

The ballot for the Aug. 3 primary election is going to be different from any ballot previously seen in Michigan and "requires your attention," says Jo Roberts, speaking for the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters.

The difference is that voters will be offered an opportunity to vote for a minor party in order to allow that minor party to place candidates on the ballot in the general election.

This alternative has never been on the primary ballot before, and is the direct result of the fear that there will be 40 or more parties on the general election ballot. Voting machines cannot handle more than nine parties, and a 10th would force a return to paper ballots.

Voters will have the choice of voting in one, and only one, section of a three-sectioned ballot: Democratic Party candidates, Republican Party candidates, and a listing of minor parties which qualified for the listing.

THE PROCEDURES for qualifying, Mrs. Roberts explained, are spelled out in Public Act 94 of the Public Acts of 1975, signed by the governor this spring.

The actual wording of the added third section will be "I desire that the party indicated below shall have its name, party vignette and candidates listed on the next general election ballot."

Included on the Oakland County ballot will be Socialist Worker, Socialist Labor, Communist Labor, Libertarian and U S Labor.

Mrs. Roberts asks to note that four parties were grandfathered in and will automatically appear on the November election ballot. These are Democratic, Republican, Human Rights and American Independent.

As to the American Independent Party (AIP), Mrs. Roberts said it has now split

into two parties, with separate slates of candidates, and the courts are going to have to decide which party is going to be considered the AIP.

"THE IMPORTANT point to remember," Mrs. Roberts said, "is that a voter may only vote in one party, as with all primary elections in Michigan."

Voters may not vote for candidates in either the Democratic or Republican primaries, then vote again to see one of the

minor parties on the November ballot. "Voting in more than one partisan section of the ballot will invalidate the ballot."

Political parties listed on the third section will qualify to appear on the November ballot if they receive a vote total of more than three-tenths of one percent of the total number of voters appearing at that primary election, as shown by the poll book.

Antique show coming

Antique buffs will find a wide assortment of collectibles, such as the items shown here, now being readied for the Farmington Community Center's Antique Show and Sale. The annual sale will be held July 30 and 31 in conjunction with the Founders Festival when about 20 dealers will have their wares on display, all of them pre-dating 1920. A donation of \$1.50 will be asked to benefit the center.

Symphony plans benefit

West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra will perform next in a July 22 benefit with proceeds to be shared between the Detroit Council for the Arts and the Detroit Zoo.

The concert will be held at 8:30 p.m. July 22 at Ford Auditorium in Detroit.

Sponsors of the concert are the Bloomfield Canopy Restaurant, of West

Bloomfield, and Green Eagles Productions Inc.

The program will include "American Festival Overture" by William Schuman, "Don Juan Tenor Poem" by Richard Strauss, "An American in Paris" by George Gershwin and "Janyphens" by David VanDette, a native of Howell.

According to Gordon Muir, a founder of the orchestra which includes membership and patrons from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties, the concert will mark the first time a community orchestra has played at Ford, home for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

THE WEST BLOOMFIELD orchestra was incorporated in March 1975 and gave eight concerts its first season, including five regular concerts, a children's concert, a cabaret concert and a special bi-centennial concert.

The orchestra is composed of musicians who come from as far as Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor and Dearborn, as well as neighboring communities. Several members are principal players with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The conductor, Felix Remeck, is a violinist with the Detroit orchestra. He is musical director of the Green Pointe Symphony Orchestra, has served as guest conductor of the Detroit orchestra and created the Detroit Sinfonietta Chamber Orchestra, of which he is also conductor.

The West Bloomfield orchestra has been designated by the state as an official bi-centennial orchestra.

VANDEPITTE, WHO was commissioned to arrange the symphony for jazz combo and symphony orchestra, has arranged music for many well-known performers including Marvin Gaye, Paul Anka and the Supremes. He is president of Green Eagles Productions Inc.

His "Janyphens" was a hit at a recent West Bloomfield concert and is expected to help draw young music lovers to the Ford Auditorium concert.

Tickets for the July 22 performance are available from members of the West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, Ford Auditorium and J.L. Hudson Co.

Tickets range from \$5.50 to \$22.50, with the more expensive ticket holders invited to an afterglow following the concert.

Muir said the concert confirms the suburban orchestra's loyalty to the City of Detroit.

Club Circuit

LELACHE LEAGUE, of Farmington, continues its series of meetings every Wednesday at 8 p.m. for all women who are interested in breastfeeding their infants.

Inquiries will be taken by Mrs. R. S. Sands, 31577 Marbledale, Farmington.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, of Farmington, will staff a booth at the Founders Festival July 25-31 to furnish information on Republican candidates and answer questions on voting procedure.

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