

2 GOP leadership posts change hands

New chairpersons were elected in two Oakland County Republican organizations, but there were almost no contests when GOP groups caucused at last weekend's state convention.

Oakland delegates met not as a county bloc but in congressional district caucuses. Here are results of their elections:

12TH DISTRICT—Including part of Rochester-Avon—Ruth A.C. Clark of Shelby Township in Macomb County was elected chairperson for a two-year term. Vice-chairperson will be Lewis Pace of Mt. Clemens; secretary, Lois Hicks of Port Huron; and treasurer, Tom Hamilton of Port Huron.

Members of the Republican State Central Committee, governing body of the party between state conventions, will be Rosalie Brck of St. Clair Shores; Barbara Chapman of New Haven; Leonard Stokes of Mt. Clemens; and James Cordon of Marine City.

Cordon defeated Granger Weil of Port Huron. Otherwise, there were no contests.

17TH DISTRICT—Denzil (Denny) Hammond became one of the senior chairpersons in the state as he won a fifth term. Hammond, a Chrysler em-

ployee who lives in northwest Detroit, has headed the party organization since December 1968.

Mary Lou Barth of Farmington was reelected vice-chairperson. Cathy Jones of Farmington Hills is the new secretary; and Sue Childers of Redford Township was reelected treasurer—all in uncontested balloting.

Chris Rush of northwest Detroit defeated Bill Taubman of Southfield for the youth vice-chairmanship. State central committee members will be Joe Burdinski of Southfield and Larue Stone of Detroit (both new) and Della Wright of Farmington Hills and Rhys Lewis of Redford Township (both reelected).

18TH DISTRICT—New chairperson is Larry Littmar, 34, of Troy, manager of data processing for the Detroit Free Press. He had previously been treasurer and an officer in the Young Republicans.

Littmar defeated Oakland County Commissioner James E. Lanni for the chance to succeed Jean Chamberlain, who retired.

Other officers, all new and unopposed, are: Vice-chairperson Dorothy McIntosh of Ferndale; Secretary, Sylvia Venetis of Warren and Treasurer

Geoffrey Davis of Royal Oak.

Elected to the GOP state central committee were Jose Benavides of Sterling Heights (new), Omar Stocking of Royal Oak (new) Alice Schoenholtz of Royal Oak (incumbent) and Pat Warren of Troy (new). Stocking defeated Jeff Schott of Troy; Mrs. Schoenholtz defeated Bettie Suda of Royal Oak.

19TH DISTRICT—Arthur Saltzman of Franklin Village was elected to a second term as chairperson, and Connie Riddell of Livingston County was

elected the new vice-chairperson, both without opposition.

Sue Eliertson of Beverly Hills was reelected secretary, defeating Eleanor Blum of West Bloomfield; Roy Sjöberg of West Bloomfield was reelected treasurer, defeating Marilyn Fessler of Union Lake.

New members of the state central committee are Ellen Templin of Bloomfield Township and Allen May of West Bloomfield. Reelected were Patricia Sanderson of Birmingham and Michael Hegarty of Livingston County. There were no contests, 2-30.

New HCMA treasurer

Southfield banker Charles R. Shafer will be treasurer of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) board for a term ending in June of 1977.

The special Dec. 9 election was called to fill vacancies because of the death in November of HCMA board Chairman Jesse Rutherford of Washburn County.

Clifton W. Heller of Livingston County is new chairman of the five-county authority, which operates 10 metrop-

olitan areas. George Welsh of Macomb County moved up from treasurer to vice-chairman.

Shafer joined the HCMA board last May after the Democratic-controlled Oakland County Board of Commissioners dumped James Clarkson of Waterford as an HCMA commissioner.

Shafer is president of Michigan National Bank—Oakland. He is also a member of the Oakland County Building Authority.

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Under the Tax Reform Act of 1976, income tax preparers are subject to \$25 fines for failure to furnish completed copies of returns or claims for refund to their clients; failure to sign the returns or claims in the space provided; and failure to enter their identifying number along with their signature on each return or claim prepared.

In addition, tax preparers are now required to maintain copies of each return or claim for refund prepared for pay for a period of three years, or failing that, they must maintain a list containing the name and identifying number of each taxpayer served. Each failure to do so will subject the tax preparer or his or her firm to a \$50 fine, up to a maximum fine of \$25,000 in any given year, according to the IRS.

While the IRS has no authority to set rules determining who may or may not prepare returns for pay, it cautions taxpayers who seek help to choose their tax return preparer as carefully as they would a family doctor or attorney, since the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for the correctness of the return regardless of who prepares it.

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