

Farmington Dems join in Phil Hart tribute

By SHIRLEE IDEN

United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young told more than 5,000 people at the NAACP dinner in Cobo Hall Sunday that when you have all the good people coming out on the streets to enjoy "the bad people will go inside."

Just telling people, as Young did, that there's no reason to abandon a city after dark will not make them frequent ones as Detroiters and southeast Michigan residents well know.

But something is changing and this was evident last weekend.

As a matter of logistics, the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner of the Michigan Democratic Party, put a large number of people on Jefferson Avenue at dusk on Saturday.

Like the NAACP event, the Jeff-Jack dinner was set in Cobo Hall and a number of receptions planned to precede and follow it were slated to take place at the Ponchartrain Hotel across the street.

When the day came, a strike of operating engineers at the Pontch made it impossible for any Democrat to set foot there since that would mean crossing a picket line.

People who parked their cars at Cobo Hall and planned to attend the reception for Vice-President Mondale at the Detroit Plaza Hotel took to the streets to make the quarter-mile trek to the Renaissance Center.

FOLLOWING the champagne reception in the Plaza's Mackinac Room where Mondale met and spoke to several hundred Democrats, dozens took the pedestrian route back to Cobo Hall for the dinner.

Former Governor and Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams,

who was mugged in a recent Detroit incident, walked along with his wife, Nancy, who wore a long print gown and no wrap.

Also walking were Dr. Sidney Miller and his wife, Annette, vice-president of the state board of education, residents of Huntington Woods.

Two personalities dominated at the dinner which drew about 2,300 party loyalists. First, the Vice-President, special guest and keynote speaker, and second, the late Senator Philip A. Hart, to whom the annual event was dedicated.

In welcoming remarks, Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young told the gathering to "look around you tonight and see a new atmosphere, a new feeling, a reborn city."

Mondale, who had toured the Renaissance Center complex earlier in the afternoon, called it "one of the most exciting things happening in any city in the world."

In his opening remarks, he quipped that he really wanted the vice-presidential job because "it's the most powerful job in Washington."

"ON INAUGURATION DAY," he mused, "I rode all the way and President Carter walked. I don't carry any luggage off and on planes, I go to Paris and Rome and he goes to Pittsburgh and Charleston."

"When I was in London, I stayed with Queen Elizabeth. He stayed with a beer distributor in Quincy, Mass."

Mondale's address was non-political since he devoted his time at the microphone eulogizing Hart.

"I've never known a person more decent than Phil Hart," he said.

"There never was a cause in the Senate that concerned people and their needs that didn't engage his at-

tention. He was a champion of human rights, domestically and abroad, long before it was popular to be so."

Mondale then announced on behalf of President Carter that a nature trail in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore will be named in honor of Hart, a prime mover in the creation of the park on Lake Michigan near Traverse City.

"I believe that Phil would be pleased to be remembered by this special part of the earth which he fought so hard to preserve," Mondale said.

"The nature trail which will bear his name is lovely and quiet and gentle as he was to all who knew him."

AFTER LISTENING to Mondale and a number of other local democratic leaders praise Hart, Walter Hart, the late senator's son came to the microphone and responded.

He entreated those gathered not to distort his father's memory by exaggerating his virtues.

"Don't make him superhuman," he pleaded. "He lived and loved in this world. Keep him real. Don't take him out of context. You can all give like him."

He urged the audience not to "canonize" his father or to view him as a "wonderful aberration."

Quietly, with tears streaming, he continued: "It may be a bit selfish. I may be worried that all of this may make him less real for me."

"You can all be as he was if you want to. You don't have to make your decisions according to cost-benefit ratios. You can act conscientiously."

Many in the audience appeared moved to tears themselves as they applauded and stood after young Hart's words.

After dinner activities included re-

options for three announced gubernatorial candidates—State Senators William Fitzgerald and Patrick McCollough and retiring Public Service Commissioner William Ralls, who will practice law in Southfield.

Many of the Dems gave the city their vote of confidence by checking into the new Plaza Hotel and making a weekend of it.

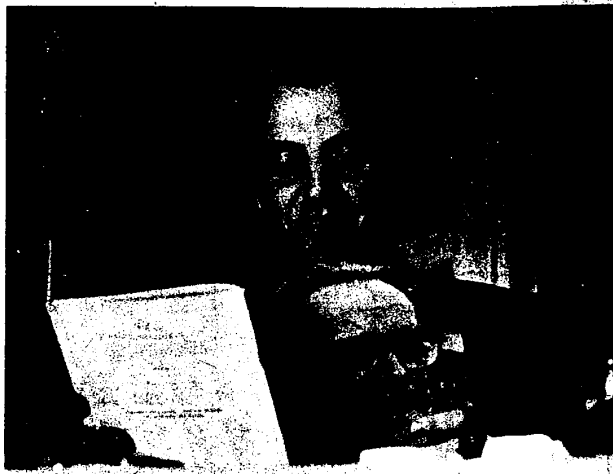
AMONG THEM were Oakland County chairwoman Betty Howe of Rochester and Farmington Hills Councilwoman Joanne Smith and her husband, William.

State chairman Morley Wingrad and his wife, Bobby, of Troy were at the head table for the dinner and joined the party hoppers later.

Seen chatting with noted education

authority Wilbur Cohen were Observer & Eccentric publisher, Philip A. Power and his wife, Sarah Goddard Power, a University of Michigan regent.

The NAACP and the Democratic Party's gatherings last weekend brought a lot of "good" people out. It remains to be seen what the not-so-good will do.



Vice president Walter Mondale took a few minutes to look at the program book before addressing about 2,300 Democrats at Saturday's Jefferson-Jackson

Day Dinner at Cobo Hall. The event was dedicated to the late Philip A. Hart. (Photo by Jack Iden)

C'ville alters meeting format to conform with state law

Michigan's new open meetings act has led to a few changes in the Clarenceville School board by-laws, but Supt. Dave McDowell says the new policy isn't that different from the old one.

The board is now allowed seven subjects that may be discussed in sessions not open to the public: •The dismissal, suspension or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a member of the board or an employee if that person requests a closed hearing. •If a student is faced with a dismissal, suspension or disciplining, the student's parents or guardian may request a closed hearing. •Either party in collective bargaining agreement negotiation can

request that negotiation and strategy sessions be closed. •The board can hold a closed session to consider the purchase or lease of property up to the time an option to buy or rent the property is obtained. •Closed sessions can be held to consult with an attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy for a specific court case, but only when an open meeting could have a detrimental financial effect on the legal position of the board. •Discussion of a job application or appointment to office can be held during a closed meeting if the candidate asks that the application be confidential. But all interviews by the board for employment or appointment must be held in public. •A closed meeting can

be held to discuss material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Except for the first three subjects, the board must approve a closed session by a two-thirds vote.

Another bill, the Public Information Act, also was passed recently with the same philosophy of "let the sun shine in."

Under this act, Clarenceville School District will allow individuals access to school district records unless those records are specifically prohibited from public view.

Records that won't be open to anyone who cares to look include information that if revealed could be considered an invasion of privacy; bids or proposals for contracts before they have been opened publicly; or if no public hearing is scheduled, before the time for the receipt of bids has expired; appraisals of property to be acquired by the district until an agreement has been made or before three years have passed since the appraisal was made and no legal proceedings in relation to the acquisition are in progress.

Test questions and answers, scoring keys or other examination methods used to give licenses, employment or in school will not be revealed unless public interest in such a disclosure outweighs the public interest in non-disclosure. Also withheld are medical, counseling or psychological evaluations of an individual if that person's identity would be revealed by these records; and letters or notes distributed between district administrators or board members of an advisory nature if the communications cover other than purely factual information and are preliminary to a final agency determination of policy or action.

You can look at just about anything else, according to the act, but you will have to pay for your curiosity. Several request and approval forms have to be filled out and a fee computed for paperwork and mailing costs your request may generate.

However, no charge for the first \$20 of a fee will be made to a person who proves indigency, and the school district can decide to waive the entire fee if the service is in the public interest.

Talkers take big prizes

The North Farmington Forensics team recently traveled to Walled Lake to participate in the district meet where they took five first place, two second places and two third-place spots.

First and second place finishers will compete in the regional competition to be on April 23 in Brighton.

First place winners were: Liz Stasinos for informative speaking, Pete Vandenberg for extemporaneous speaking, Mark Honeyman for radio broadcasting, Marsha Freeman for storytelling and Sue Riley for original oratory.

Second place winners were Jan Somerville for informative speaking and Kelly O'Neill for storytelling.

Third place finishers were Cathy Cave for humorous interpretation and Lisa Parrell for serious interpretation.

Harrison students take festival honors

Harrison High School students recently participating in the state solo and ensemble festival at Flint won musical honors.

Winning first place awards in the flute competition were Peggy DeCooke, Carol Barnard, Lisa Jackson, Ann Simunek and Pam Mila.

Those winning first place honors in the clarinet competition were Julie Markovich and Marlene Walck. Tam Notestine won first place on the trumpet.

Taking second places in the clarinet competition were Fran Stark, Gordon White and Carol Blumberg. Kathy Barbieri won second place in the flute competition.

The next musical event at Harrison will be the symphony band concert May 6. The public is invited.

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NOTICE TO BE PRINTED IN THE FARMINGTON OBSERVER AND THE FARMINGTON FORUM THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1977

The Farmington Public School District offers the following vehicles for sale:

- One 1966 Chevrolet 1/2 ton van
- One 1967 Ford 1/2 ton club wagon
- One 1968 Chevrolet 1/2 ton sport van
- One 1969 Chevrolet 1/2 ton panel truck
- One 1970 Dodge 1/2 ton pickup truck
- Seven 1969 Dodge chassis, Thomas body, 36 passenger school buses.

The vehicles will be sold on an "as is" and "where is" basis. The school buses to be sold may be inspected at the school district bus yard at 32500 Shawanawee. All other vehicles may be inspected at the school district maintenance yard at 2650 West Ten Mile Road. Vehicles will be available for inspection from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. each week day, Monday through Friday.

Bid forms will be available at the inspection location. Bids must be made on bid forms and by 1:00 P.M., Thursday, May 5, 1977, at the Board of Education Office, 32500 Shawanawee, Farmington, Michigan.

The Board of Education, or its authorized representative, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities should it be deemed in its best interest.

For further information call the district business office, 477-1300.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills at the City Clerk's office at 31505 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Michigan 48031 until 10:30 A.M. on May 3rd, 1977, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read for the following: CITY-WIDE VACANT LOT WEED CUTTING PROGRAM.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at the above address. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the undersigned. The sealed proposals must be plainly marked as to their content. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or to alter, to accept proposals in whole or part and to make the award that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

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