

GOP convention will tell

Who will run with Milliken?

By TIM RICHARD

Michigan Republicans had little work to do Aug. 8 as far as picking the top of the ticket is concerned.

The GOP's real work is ahead, at the Aug. 25-26 state convention in Detroit's Cobo Hall. That's when local delegates will select candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state board of education, three university boards, and the state supreme court.

All but three of those posts on the Nov. 7 ballot are held by Democrats, who will probably (though not certainly) renominate incumbents. So the GOP has a lot of work to do.

THE WORK will start next Wednesday at 8 p.m. when precinct delegates, elected in Tuesday's primary, meet in district conventions. There they will pick delegates to the state convention. Meanwhile, they will be looking over the file of declared candidates.

William G. Milliken, renominated without opposition for governor, will be keynote speaker at a joint session of the 18th and 19th congressional districts in Avondale Senior High's cafeteria, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Heights. Waukegan runs between Auburn and Road and South Blvd., east of I-75.

At 7 p.m. Milliken will be honored at a reception, refreshments being provided by the Oakland County Republican Women's Council.

The 2nd District-Wayne will meet in Bentley High School, Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia.

The 12th Congressional District, which includes the eastern portion of the Rochester community, will meet in the Macomb County Republican headquarters, 2 Crocker Blvd., Mt. Clemens.

The 17th District will gather in Bot-Sford Inn, Grand River north of Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

Such meetings are public, though rarely attended by non-delegates. Fights in these post-primary district conventions are rare. (The late January conventions, when district officers are picked, are another matter, however.)

THREE GOP ballot spots may be considered sewed up.

Milliken wants Eastern Michigan University President James Brickley for lieutenant governor, to replace James Damman, former state representative and councilman from Troy. Damman is likely to sink into obscurity.

Barbara DuMouchelle of Grosse Ile is seeking a new eight-year term on the state board of education. She is a former teacher and township treasurer. There being no known scandal involving her name, Mrs. DuMouchelle will likely be renominated.

Justice James Ryan, who was appointed by Milliken to fill the supreme court vacancy created by the resignation of John B. Swainson, won the remainder of Swainson's two-year term in 1976. Ryan is assured of renomination for an eight-year term.

AFTER THAT it's wide open. Rep. Mel Larsen, a bright young Republican from northern Oakland County, has let it be known he would like a chance to topple Secretary of State Richard Austin. Such a post could be a stepping-stone if Milliken is defeated this year or retires in 1982. Larsen will probably face a challenge from other ambitious young men.

There's someone to be picked to run

against Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley. A year ago, most Republicans would have said Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson was a shoe-in. But Patterson may have burned his bridges behind him Tuesday when he challenged incumbent Sen. U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin in the GOP primary. So the attorney general nomination is up for grabs.

On the state board of education, Democrat Annette Miller will face the voters the same time as Mrs. DuMouchelle. James P. O'Neil, a former state board member and Schoolcraft College trustee, is campaigning for the GOP nod.

On the University of Michigan Board of Regents, Democrats Paul W. Brown and James L. Waters must face the voters again.

On the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Democrats Patricia M. Carrigan of Farmington Hills and Don Stevens of Bloomfield Hills are up for reelection.

And on the Wayne State University Board of Governors, Democrats Leon H. Atchison and Max J. Pincus will see their terms expire.

Republicans will pick one candidate for a state supreme court race which will be a tough one. Democrat G. Menen Williams, at 67, says he's in great health and wants another eight-year term. The former six-term governor will be a formidable opponent for any Republican nominee, but without doubt there will be someone who wants to take him on.

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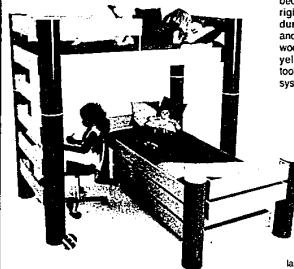
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Five towns OK plan to improve roadways

Five communities have agreed to participate with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Road Commission in tri-party road improvement program.

Fred D. Houghton, road commissioner, announced that the Cities of Troy and Farmington, the Village of Wolverine Lake and the Townships of Waterford and Springfield have agreed to pay their one-third share of projects planned in their communities. The road commission and the "county board" have each authorized one-third funding, also.

Nearly \$1.5 million worth of road improvements are targeted in the program proposed by the road commission after consultation with all interested cities, villages and townships, said Houghton.

None of the projects would have been possible for consideration this year without the county board's commitment of \$500,000 upon which the matching program was based, he said. Depending on circumstances of contractor bidding, these projects could get under way in time for completion by winter or could be undertaken next spring, he said.

Projects for which agreements have been reached are:

b Troy—signal upgrading at the intersections of Crooks and Kirts, Livernois and Wattle, Crooks and Wattle, Adams and Wattle, and Adams and South Boulevard; pedestrian crossings at Coldridge and Maple, John R and Fourteen Mile, Stephenson and Fourteen Mile, and Concord and

Fourteen Mile; passing lanes at Adams and Hickory Heights, Adams and Westview, Long Lake and Somerset, Crooks and Maplelawn, Dequindre and Maple, Adams and South Shady Hollow Circle, Long Lake Road and Denmore, and Long Lake Road and Arlington; bituminous overlays on South Boulevard from John R to Dequindre, on Crooks from Wattle to Long Lake Road and on Crooks from Square Lake Road to South Boulevard. Cost: \$272,860.

b Farmington—approach paving at Orchard Lake and Shawasssee; pavement overlay on Ten Mile, from Orchard Lake Road to Powers. Cost: \$21,000.

The program approved by the county board and the road commission calls for projects in 20 of the 23 townships, 21 of the 26 cities, and four of the 12 villages in Oakland County, Houghton said, noting that final approval depends on commitments of the municipalities.

"Intent of the program is to increase safety and convenience to as many residents of Oakland County as is feasible. Projects include signal upgrading, passing lanes, pedestrian cross signals, paving of gravel road approaches to paved roads, bridge replacement, reconstruction of gravel roads, pavement overlays, ramp improvements and paving of Brown Road from Giddings Road east for 1 mile to complete work previously entered into for the county board," said Houghton.

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