

As McConnell resigns

Four candidates vie for county commission post

By MARY GNIEWEK
Three Republicans and one Democrat are vying for the 25th District seat of former Oakland County Commissioner Robert McConnell, who resigned for personal reasons in the middle of his second term two weeks ago.

Republicans G. William Caddell, Dorothy L. McIntosh and Leonard M. Nathanson and Democrat George Montgomery filed their names with the county elections office before the 4 p.m. deadline Tuesday.

Each paid a \$100 fee in lieu of petitions signed by registered voters. A primary election is scheduled Friday, Oct. 5.

Montgomery, 46, of Commerce Township, was beat out by McConnell in his first bid for the office last year.

"I'm qualified, available and offering my services again," said Montgomery, who is a political science instructor at Oakland Community College.

Prior to his current job, he spent six years in the Michigan Legislature as a

state representative from Detroit. He was the majority floor leader in 1969-1970, and a member of the House Appropriations Committee throughout his legislative career from 1965 to 1970.

"I'm a believer in zero-based budgeting," he said.

Montgomery has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Wayne State University and has completed some course work for a doctoral degree.

"I think I'm going to have to do bet-

ter in Farmington Hills this time around," he said.

The 25th District includes Wolverine Lake, Commerce Township and portions of West Bloomfield, White Lake Township, Farmington Hills and Wixom.

CADDELL, ALSO OF Commerce Township, is making his first bid for public office. But the 44-year-old chiropractor has a long-time involvement with the Republican Party.

"I'm going to try to fill McConnell's shoes," he said. "I'm going to make a review of what is happening and coordinate between the county and the 25th District."

Caddell is a member of the Oakland

County Republican Executive Committee, organization chairman for the 19th District Republican Committee, director of the Oakland County Republican Lincoln Club, and has been a Republican precinct delegate in state elections.

He also worked on the campaign to elect State Rep. Richard Fessler (24th District).

Professionally, Caddell is a member of the Michigan Chiropractic Council and a past president. He is a state representative for the International Chiropractic Association.

A graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, he has been an area resident since 1960.

Caddell is also chairman of the Christian education committee at the

Union Lake Baptist Church.

MS. MCINTOSH, 39, of West Bloomfield, is also a long-time Republican activist and former vice chairman of the 18th Congressional District Committee.

She is currently secretary of the Oakland County Republican Executive Committee.

"I expect to represent the people of the 25th District with diligence and integrity," she said.

Ms. McIntosh is a teacher in the Southfield school system, and spent the summer working in the Office of Community and Minority Affairs for Oakland County.

Hills candidates are endorsed

By STEVE BARNABY

Farmington editor

Then there were eight.

That will be the story next Tuesday when votes are tallied in the Farmington Hills city council primary election.

Ten candidates have been campaigning in hopes of garnering a spot in the general election in November. The field includes four incumbents and six newcomers.

The payoff will be three four-year terms and one two-year term.

Without question the main issue has been the senior citizen-low income housing project slated to be built on the corner of Freedom and Drake roads in southwest Farmington Hills.

Two candidates — Jack Burwell and William Lange — have come out squarely against the project as presently financed. Funding will come through bonds sold by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Rents will be subsidized through the U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development.

Both candidates want to see the question of zoning in that area put to a vote. Presently, a group calling itself the Citizens for More Responsive Government are fighting to have the issue placed on the ballot.

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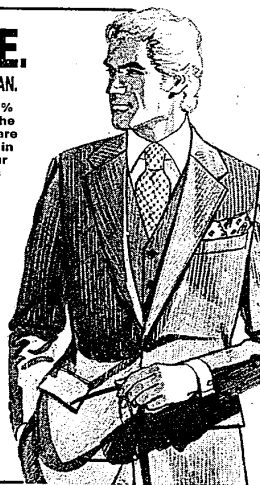
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