

OU prof's book traces the GOP

A slim new paperback, "The Republican Party in Convention," has come at just the right moment to become a piece of 1980 convention memorabilia.

Author-editor Harold F. Powell is professor emeritus at Wayne State University and recently taught genealogy at Oakland University and Henry Ford Community College.

Powell is a former Fulbright lecturer and in association with the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library published "Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region" in 1976.

This newest work is a handy, easy-to-flip-through volume with more pictures than text. Its value lies in its attractive presentation and that it is the only one of its kind currently available.

The name Spiro T. Agnew may ring a bell, but how about Charles W. Fairbanks, Levi P. Morton or Schuyler Colfax?

Fairbanks ran as vice presidential candidate on the 1904 Republican ticket with Theodore Roosevelt. After the successful campaign, he served as vice president for four years.

He ran again in the same capacity in 1916 with Charles Evans Hughes, but

lost. As railroad lawyer and later U.S. senator from Indiana, Fairbanks was a dominant force in the Republican party in the early 20th century.

MORTON RAN on the 1888 ticket with Benjamin Harrison. They were nominated at the Chicago convention on the eighth ballot.

The Republicans won the election with the electoral vote. President Grover Cleveland had more popular votes, but lost.

Colfax, Indiana newspaper editor and U.S. Congressman, was vice president under U.S. Grant from 1869-73. Grant was re-elected for a second term, but Colfax was replaced by Henry Wilson.

Photos or drawings of each of the candidates in the party's 126-year history plus brief facts about them, a picture of the campaign poster and essentials of each platform are included.

This special convention publication, a project of the Friends of the Detroit Public Library, is \$5. It is available through the Friends office at the Detroit Public Library or Galerie de Boicourt, Third Floor, Fisher Building, Detroit.

Discount cards for seniors set

Senior citizen identification cards, needed for discounts on a number of consumer goods, will be available during August at several locations in south Oakland County.

The cards, which include a photograph, are issued by the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) as part of its senior citizen discount program.

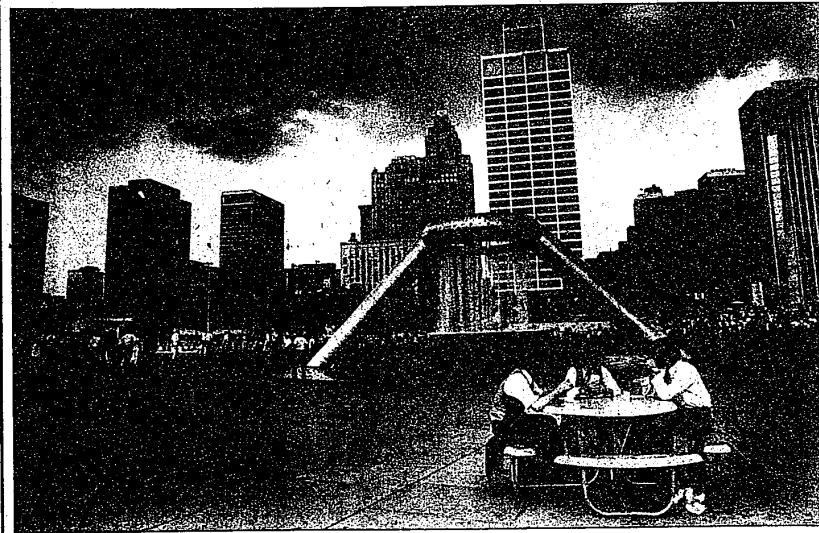
Participating businesses offer elderly shoppers discounts ranging from 4 to 50 percent on such items as prescription drugs, eyeglasses, hair care, rust-proofing and auto parts.

Participants in the program must be at least 60 years old and Oakland County residents.

OLHSA WILL issue the cards at the

following locations during August:

- Aug. 7, Woodbridge Apartments, 25325 Groden, Southfield, 9 a.m. - noon.
- Aug. 8, Rochester Community Center, 816 Ludlow, Rochester, noon - 3 p.m.
- Aug. 13, Royal Oak Multi-purpose Center, 433 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14, Mature Minglers, 1060 Vaughn Road, Bloomfield Township, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19, Oakland Towers, 920 John R. Troy, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21, Birmingham Nutrition Site, Barnum Junior High School, Frank and Purdy streets, Birmingham, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.



After the party's over . . .

. . . and the high-steppin's done, the situation becomes status quo. The Republican delegates have finished their Bloody Marys, elected their candidates, departed the Pontch and taken their elephant ears

and trunks home. The band and the Sousa marches have quieted for the time being and Hart Plaza Friday resumes business as usual — less on the crowds, strong on the visuals. (Photo by Mindy Saunders)

Bike, nature hike at Metro Beach

A bike hike and nature study session is scheduled at Metro Beach Metropark near Mt. Clemens from 7-9 p.m. July 31.

Park naturalist Madeline Laethem will conduct the evening trip through the park, highlighting the

marsh and nature study area, where the night-active animals will be.

Bring a bike and meet the naturalist at the park office. Advanced registration is required.

For information or registration, contact Metro Beach Metropark; phones: 963-3022 or 463-4581.

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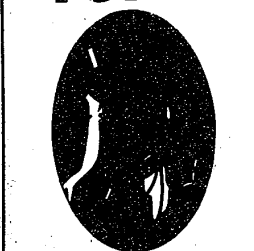
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