

Kuhn-Plunkett Clash, Irons' Race Top Slate

Frank W. Irons' bid for a seventh term as sheriff and a pitched battle between Republican Richard D. Kuhn and Democrat Thomas G. Plunkett for the office of prosecuting attorney head Oakland County's election battles Nov. 5.

Irons has held office since Jan. 1, 1955. Despite the fact that he has opposition in the Republican primary, he gained renomination by a 2-1 margin.

His Democratic opponent, Ruel E. McPherson, won the nomination from two primary opponents and is running for office on his record as a Hazel Park constable.

THE NOVEMBER race for Oakland County prosecuting attorney will find Kuhn, a Pontiac attorney who is the brother of State Sen. George W. Kuhn, facing the present chief assistant prosecutor.

In a heated primary, Kuhn gained the GOP nomination by less than 1,200 votes over former assistant prosecutor John N. O'Brien of Royal Oak, with a total of more than 49,000 Republican ballots being cast.

Plunkett, on the other hand, was an easy primary winner in his bid to succeed his present boss, Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson, in the county's top paying position.

The job carries an annual salary of \$21,500, with the sheriff's office being one of four in county stature pegged at a salary of \$17,500. All are four-year terms.

THE OTHER county office nominees are:

County clerk-register of deeds--Pontiac optometrist Lynn D. Allen (R) will oppose Democrat Shane

Murphy, named by the county Democratic committee as nominee following the death of his father, incumbent John D. Murphy.

County treasurer--Republican C. Hugh Dohany, currently treasurer of the City of Southfield, will face incumbent James E. Seeterlin, Democrat who is serving his first term.

County drain commissioner--Republican Daniel W. Barry, the incumbent, will oppose Democratic nominee Robert M. Simburger.

Oakland County has more than 300,000 registered voters, of whom the Republicans claim between 55 and 60 per cent. In the 1964 general election, Democrats Bronson, Seeterlin and Murphy all won first-time victories, with Irons and Barry preventing an across-the-board sweep by scoring GOP triumphs.

3 Trustee Seats Await Nov. 5

Three of the four trustee seats on the Farmington Township Board are up for grabs in November with only incumbent Trustee Thomas Nolan not facing the voters.

The posts of supervisor, clerk and treasurer are not on the ballot.

Two of those elected will be named to four-year terms, while the third will fill the remaining two years of an unexpired term.

SEEKING THE seats are: Republicans, Charles Williams; Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman; and Democrats, Joyce Hungerford, Allan Sultan and William E. Hatton.

Williams and Mrs. Hungerford are seeking the two-year term.

None of the candidates is an incumbent. The board is currently composed of seven Republicans.

Williams, 33, a certified public accountant, is a past member of the township Zoning Board and was elected to the township Charter Commission in 1967. He is a past president of the Farmington Jaycees and the Forest Park Home Owners Association.

Lichtman, 40, is vice president

of the Tulsa Oil Corp. and an attorney. He served on the Citizens Council for Community Development which sparked the incorporation drive in the township in 1967 and was the first village attorney for the Village of Wolverine Lake.

Mrs. Schaeffer, 47, a long-time township resident, is a lawyer associated with the Detroit firm of Markle & Markle. She was elected to the township charter commission in 1965 and 1967.

ON THE DEMOCRATIC ticket, Mrs. Hungerford, 36, is secretary of the local Democrats. She is currently employed as a secretary.

Hatton, 40, is employed as a senior research chemist at M&T Chemicals Inc. of Ferndale. He attended Indiana and Yale Universities and is currently the president of the Farmington Township Road Association. The association is a citizen's group formed to seek improvements in the local road system in the township.

Sultan, 37, is an assistant professor of law at the University of Detroit. He holds degrees from Syracuse University, Columbia, and New York University.

District Court Race Sizzles In Farmington

The race for the nonpartisan post of district judge is the hottest political contest in Farmington. At stake is the newly created post, which will pay \$27,500 per year, and is the highest paid of all the local jobs.

Farmington Township Trustee Earl Oppertthausen and the City of Farmington's incumbent Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand face each other Nov. 5 following a hot primary in which five lawyers sought the post.

OPPERTTHAUSEN, 43, is employed as a general claims attorney for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. He was appointed Farmington Township trustee in 1963 and serves until Jan. 1.

The past president of the Kendallwood Farms Association, Oppertthausen is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and Lodge No. 417 of the F&AM. He served on the Redford Township drain commission from 1953 to 1955.

Oppertthausen holds a law degree from Wayne State University and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1949.

HAND, 50, is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. He was elected associate municipal judge for the City of Farmington in 1963 and was named municipal judge in 1965. In 1967 he won a full term as municipal judge in the election.

Senior partner in the Detroit law firm of Hand, Klefer, Allen &

Ryan, he has practiced law for 20 years.

A member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, he has served on the character and fitness committee, the civil procedure committee and the public relations committee of the Michigan State Bar and the Probate and Estate Committee of the Detroit Bar. He is also a member

Axe Almost Stops Wallace Corn Music

By the time that 1944 convention was over, however, Henry Wallace didn't think it was so nice. He wasn't renominated for the Vice-Presidency. Here's the way it went:

After President Franklin D. Roosevelt's acceptance speech, a roar went up demanding the renomination of Wallace for Vice-President. At this point, Wallace forces started shouting out the "Iowa Corn Song." Convention officials tried to signal the organist to stop playing, but the music kept up. It seems that Wallace supporters weren't going to let the convention adjourn until their man was renominated.

Desperate measures were called for. A convention manager was on his way to the organ loft with an axe, when a voice was heard through the uproar. It was Senator Sam Jackson of Indiana, the convention chairman, shouting, "The chair bears a motion to recess until tomorrow." Over the protests of the Wallace supporters he barked, "The ayes have it!"

Nominated for the Vice-Presidency the next day, Harry Truman called the White House home one year later.

Leaders of the Prohibition Party, the oldest continuous third party, are confident that, in time, America once again will be dry.

of the American Judicature Society.



The Jim Seeterlin Family

... reminds those who are not registered to vote, that you have 6 days to register. (Last day October 4, 1968.)

I, JAMES E. SEETERLIN, your OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER, would like your kind consideration in being returned to office.

- Family man, 9 children
- 42 years old, born on family farm in Waterford Township.
- Former Waterford Township Supervisor and Township Clerk.
- Member Waterford Lions Club and Eagles Lodge.
- Veteran World War 2.
- Graduate Wayne State Univ. after 12 years part time.
- Member Waterford Democratic Club.
- Member of Our Lady of the Lakes, Waterford.

MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE, AND I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE IN RECEIVING VOTES IN PAST ELECTIONS FROM PEOPLE OF ALL POLITICAL LEANINGS. I HOPE THE TICKET-SPLITTING WILL CONTINUE IN MY FAVOR.

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No! No! Yes?

Like William Harrison, Judge Alton B. Parker was a strong advocate of reticence. Campaigning (unsuccessfully) against Teddy Roosevelt in 1904, Parker once said, "I shall do nothing and say nothing to advance my candidacy." (Parker and his hand-picked 80-year-old running mate, Henry G. Davis, were described as "an enigma from New York and a reminiscence from West Virginia.")