



THESE CLARENCEVILLE YOUNGSTERS are among the 384 in the school district taking part in a National Speech and Hearing Survey. Students at Clarenceville's Botsford Elementary School, they are (clockwise) Kathy Selock, David Schare and Teresa Soop.

Tests were administered by a team of evaluators from Colorado State University, the institution commissioned by the U.S. Office of Education to undertake the project.

Clarenceville was selected from lists supplied by the Michigan State Department of Education and is one of 10 districts throughout the nation being surveyed. Others were selected for testing on an at-random basis.

Testing took place in a mobile unit which included two testing rooms and one especially constructed and-treated room for hearing testing.

In Michigan, approximately 1,000 students were tested in the Detroit area, other schools selected to participate in the survey were Mumford High School and MacDowell Elementary School on West Outer Road.



By W. W. EDGAR
Observer-Roving Editor

Willis Hall, whose booming voice has dominated many a discussion on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors for the past 20 years, now is engaged in what he calls "the most important step that can be taken in county government."

He is beating the drums for support of the county home rule proposition that will be on the Nov. 5 election ballot -- and he is leaving no stone unturned to get his ideas across to the public.

Speaking before the Northwest Realtors Association during the past week he said, "While the proposition approved by the state Legislature doesn't implement county home rule in its purest form, the proposition is the first step in the right direction and deserves the support of all those who have an interest in the economy of government."

"HOME RULE, in its purest form," he said, "would allow the voters or their directly elected representatives the right to make all decisions regarding their county government -- how it would be structured, how it would be financed, and what services it would provide."

Hall pointed out that it is



WILLIS HALL
It's a Starter

Important now not to oppose the proposition just because it may be too restrictive, and be satisfied with it as a starter.

"We always can get the laws amended," he said, "but the main thing is to get the first step approved."

"And we can do that by approving the proposition and voting for your favorite candidates for the charter commission."

Pointing out that the charter commission would have 180 days to do its job, he explained that even then, the public would get the opportunity to accept or reject the county charter.

"But the main thing," he emphasized, "is the fact that the decision will be made right here -- and not 70 miles away in Lansing."

TO MAKE his point, Hall cited a recent case before the Board of Supervisors. "Because of conditions at the County Jail," he explained, "we wanted to move the women inmates to the Detroit House of Correction. It seemed like a simple thing -- but do you know we couldn't do it? And we couldn't do it because the law, enacted at Lansing, states that all inmates must serve in the County Jail."

"Such things as that -- this massive red tape -- wouldn't happen under home rule."

TO ANSWER some critics of the proposition who claim that local cities and townships would lose their identity under county home rule, Hall explained that the proposition specifically states:

"Powers granted solely by charter may not be exercised by the charter county in a local unit of government which is exercising a like power without the consent of the local legislative body."

"It is obvious from that statement in the act," he said, "your city council or township board

-- not the county -- would have complete control over what powers the county would be able to exercise within the city or township."

"Wayne County already performs, in some communities, services which other communities do for themselves -- most notably being the public health program."

"But the important point," Hall emphasized, "is that the county was asked to provide these services because that arrangement would give the residents of those communities the most for their tax dollars."

"And isn't economical use of our tax dollars," he asked, "something that government at all levels should keep uppermost in mind?"

AS A PARTING shot he recalled that Franklin D. Roosevelt, as far back as 1934, called for county home rule and then concluded by saying --

"County government was organized in the 18th century, made a little headway in the 19th century, just a trifle more in the 20th century -- but the pace is too slow to 21st century -- or even the final one-third of the 20th."

"So let's go modern -- and the best way to start is by supporting the county home rule proposition when you cast your ballot on Nov. 5."

Local Congressmen Buck Trend To Conservatism

By [Name] Congressmen who are turning conservative are turning conservative. That's the political action group in Washington, issued its session ratings of congressional conservatism.

Local Republicans showed a liberal trend. In general, however, the Congress showed a conservative trend, ACA reported.

REP. MARVIN ESCH of the 2nd District scored a 32 on a scale where a high number indicates conservatism. For the entire two years, Esch rated a 47, the most liberal of any Michigan Republican in the House.

Rep. Jack McDonald of the 19th District scored a 57 in the second session and a 73 overall.

Why the liberal shift? McDonald said many of the younger "new breed" Republicans fought battles of principle over new programs during the first session (1967), voting "no" on a number of bills. But in the second session, once the programs had been established, they voted to continue them.

DEMOCRAT WILLIAM Ford of the 15th District scored a 6 this year, an insignificant three points higher than his overall record.

Ford and most Michigan

Democrats all scored in the 0 to 9 range, indicating an adherence to the "programmatic liberalism" espoused by the state party.

Michigan Republicans ranged from a low of 32 (Esch) to a high of 95 (Edward Hutchinson, 4th District conservative).

In the Senate, Democrat Philip Hart continued to get zeroes from the ACA conservatives.

Republican Robert Griffin scored a 47 in the second session and a 52 for his overall Senate record. As a House member (1956-60), Griffin generally scored in the 70's.

Whether a high score is good or bad depends on your political philosophy. Conservative voters will prefer a high score, liberals a low score.

State Sen. George Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield, says he will introduce a bill to lower the state income tax rate but make more people pay it.

Kuhn said in an interview that he will propose that the rate for individuals, now at 2.6 per cent, be dropped to 2.0 per cent.

But he will add that individual exemptions, currently \$1,200 a person, be removed entirely.

At present, he argues, only one-third of the potential taxpayers are actually being

AS FOR CONGRESS as a whole, the ACA noted a conservative trend, despite the Michigan GOP's votes.

In 1965 the overall ACA rating of senators was 38.4 per cent, but in 1968 it jumped to 49.66, according to ACA Executive Director Charles A. McManus.

"This can be attributed to a considerable degree to the striking fact that a number of normally ultra-liberal senators, up for reelection in November, have measured the conservative mood of their states and the nation and are responding to the will of the electorate by moving to the right," McManus said.

He cited Kansas' J. William Fulbright, who jumped from 16 to 63, and South Dakota's George McGovern, who jumped from 4 to 39.

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Lindsay To Aid Esch, McDonald

Michigan Republican congressional candidates, anxious to preserve their "new breed" image, are bringing New York's Mayor John Lindsay into four districts Friday, Oct. 25.

At 1:45 p.m. Lindsay will address a Republican Women's Fund -- raising luncheon at the Arbor's Sheraton Hotel, Fourth and Main, on behalf of 2nd District Rep. Marvin Esch. He will also appear at a 2:40 p.m. Arborland rally and a 3:30 rally in front of Ypsilanti City Hall.

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Frink Praises Kerner Report

Democratic 19th District Congressional candidate Gary R. Frink praised implementation of all recommendations of the Kerner Commission report at the federal level.

Frink, speaking before the Oxford-Orion Area Council on Human Relations, said the commission's recommendations on law enforcement and communications were particularly important.

The 35-year-old Pontiac lawyer, who is seeking to unseat U.S. Rep. Jack H. McDonald of Redford, explained, "While law enforcement is primarily a local problem, there are several areas in which the federal government can help."

He suggested that federal funds be used to supplement police pay in high-crime areas and to provide money for technical research relating to crime detection.

"Also, the federal government must encourage all types of training programs--legal, riot and technical--which might improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies."

Frink praised the commission's recommendation that a privately organized and financed Institute of Urban Communications be established:

- Work to increase news coverage of inner-city affairs.
- Coordinate and improve police coverage in the inner city.
- Recruit and involve Negroes in all phases of journalism and broadcasting.

"Our cities today are plagued by doubts, fears and dangerous rumors and misconceptions of many kinds," Frink commented. "To clear the channels of communication in our urban centers would go far toward creating a truly orderly, lawful society."

Shoppers Pay Little Heed To Politicians

By TIM RICHARD and ROBERT SELWA

It may be a presidential year, and this may be a crucial election for both parties, but it was hard to tell at a pair of political rallies last weekend.

Neither a Republican gathering Friday nor a Democratic meeting Saturday drew more than three dozen shoppers of the many hundreds visiting Wonderland Center in Livonia.

The GOP faced a light drizzle and the Democrats had cold weather in the middle of the shopping center's mall each evening. There were no chairs, and listeners either sat on the edges of flower containers or just stood by.

TOP REPUBLICAN personality was Lt. Gov. William Milliken, whom everyone addressed as "governor" because he would take over the No. 1 spot in Lansing if Gov. George Romney gets a Cabinet appointment in a Nixon Administration.

But Milliken, tired from a hard day's campaigning and travel, only introduced local speakers and left early for two nights' late-evening engagements.

Main address was given by 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald, (R-Redford), who devoted himself to the Nixon theme that "Democrats don't have the solutions" to the war or crime and that "a change in leadership" is needed.

Other candidates who greeted the audience were State Rep. Louis Schmidt, (R-Livonia), Ronald Rice, GOP candidate in the 34th House District (Redford), Carl Pursell and Donald ("Hoppy") Hanson, candidates for the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

MOST FIRED -- UP speaker at the Democratic rally was Wayne -- 19th District Chairman Jerry Raymond, a Livonia councilman.

Raymond held out the specter of economic recessions -- "cutback of your pocketbooks" -- under GOP rule. He blasted third party candidate George C. Wallace as "the man of the South who tells us the answer to problems is to run them over with an automobile -- or bomb them out of being."

"George Wallace, if he weren't real, would be funny -- but he's real," said Raymond. Democratic candidates appeared, seeking to unseat Donald McDonald as 19th District congressman; Donald Friedrichs, running against Pursell for the Board of Supervisors; Joseph P. Chaps, running for the Wayne County Charter Commission in the Nov. 5 primary; and Robert E. Niederlander, seeking to become a University of Michigan regent.

Safety Director Selected The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has announced the appointment of Glenford S. Leonard as director of the Public Safety Division.

The announcement was made to the Council's executive committee by E. Robert Turner, executive director. Greater regional cooperation in the field of law enforcement has been frequently suggested and will be a major activity of the recently formed Council of Governments.

Leonard has an extensive background in public safety. He was director of public safety in Oak Park for 13 years, and prior to that he held a similar position in Escondido, Calif. He is immediate past president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Pursell Endorses Home Rule

Carl Pursell, Republican candidate for the New Wayne County Board of Supervisors called for a "yes" vote on the county home rule proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot.

"It is essential," said Pursell, "that we update and modernize this level of government."

If the people approve this charter commission to write a home rule charter, the citizens will still have an opportunity to vote no at a later date.

"But the opportunity is here and it's vitally needed," said Pursell.

SOME BASIC reasons why it is needed are:

1. The present board of supervisors is 135 in number and is unwieldy and unmanageable. It is also not apportioned fairly to represent the suburbs.
2. The county lacks a central chief administrator. It's an organization without a head.
3. The county lacks the capacity to reorganize itself.
4. It lacks authority to provide necessary services.

viewed the Committee of 99 report and feels that within the limits of present state law, the report was well done.

"I disagree with a few points, but we will be able to work with the charter commissioners on those points," said Pursell.

"I do not favor metropolitan government. Strong local government is the only answer to solving our economic and human problems."

"We need to strengthen and update local units and develop a positive relationship with county services because a local unit can not afford to implement programs such as major road improvements and hospital services, for example."

"A home rule county would give the local units a more flexible and more cooperative government to provide necessary services."