

State Representative Candidates Speak to Local Voters

(Editor's Note: From now until the final election, in November, The Observer will welcome statements on issues by rival candidates for various public offices. We'll edit them, as to length, and will attempt to give the same amount of space, each week, in the same story, to opponents.)

Candidates for the State Legislature in Livonia's two House districts continued their campaigns at full steam this week, with less than three weeks to go before the September 1 primary election.

Ed Dymek, one of eight candidates for the Democratic nomination in the 35th District, which includes most of Livonia and Northville, spoke to the Northville-Plymouth Democratic Club last Friday.

"With eight names on the ballot," Dymek told the group, "each voter must become aware of what these candidates have accomplished for the Democratic Party and what they will do for the Democratic voter. I have had six active years in the Democratic Party. I am a member

of the executive board of the Livonia Democratic Club and I have worked full-time in each of our elections in the last five years in the 35th district to be endorsed by COPE. And that's saying a lot for someone who has never been a member of a union and who is a member of Burrough's supervision. Now if anyone implies that this makes me a captive candidate, then I must admit they are right. I do admit to being a captive candidate to the people who work for a living. I am a captive, to those who worry about a living, and I do concern myself with those who need protection to keep on living in dignity."

One of Dymek's opponents for the post, David Jones, told voters this week: "The population explosion and the growth problems of this state make it mandatory that the office of State Representative be filled by full time professionals trained for the job. The only way our laws can be implemented under the new Constitution is to elect people to public office who have experience and knowledge to accomplish the task."

"As assistant director of Public Works in Livonia, it's been my duty to write and promote through the City Council a new \$8 million master sanitary sewer program; a new water rate study that has reduced the cost of water to residents by over 10 per cent (Livonia now has the lowest water rates in Wayne County except Detroit) and coordinate and promote federal grant applications through the Accelerated Public Works Program and Open Space acquisitions."

"The experience gained in acquiring nearly a million dollars in federal aid for Livonia will be used to promote stronger laws on air and water pollution and to preserve the natural resources so precious to all of the people of this state. My experience with the House in talking before its Committee on Towns and Counties convinced me that new, more vigorous, and knowledgeable representatives are needed."

Meanwhile, in Livonia's four southerly precincts (between Joy Rd. and the C & O Railroad, Merriman and Middlebelt), which are backed on to Nankin and Dearborn to form the 33rd district, Bernard Kosteva, who seeks the Democratic nomination, told voters his background this week.

"I feel I have the experience needed to fulfill this important post in the best needs of the people of Livonia and other parts of the district," Kosteva said. He promised "to support and sponsor any measures that will bring into being conditions that will result in the best interest of our children, our schools, our homes and communities."

A World War II Naval veteran, Kosteva is active in the League of Nankin Democratic Voters, the Peoples Community Hospital Authority, home owners associations, and the American Legion. He is a member of the Nankin Township Board.

Livonians heard another candidate for the 33rd district this week. Tom McClellan, GOP hopeful, blasted the new state apportionment law before a "Livonia for McClellan Committee" meeting at the home of Betsy Tagami.

McClellan cited the 33rd district, which includes parts of four municipalities, three congressional districts, and two senatorial districts in its midst. "Anyone who is familiar with campaign organization would recognize the absurdity of a district which lies in three congressional districts," he said. "Further, this gerrymandered plan shows absolute disregard for the needs of suburban voters who have been under-represented before, and will conceivably be misrepresented now."

McClellan pledged at the meeting to do everything in his power to correct the situation as it now stands. When asked if he would jeopardize a house seat he may well hold, he replied, "I'm in this race because the suburban voter needs a voice in Lansing. I would rather serve my district well for two years and lose my seat through sensible reapportionment than encourage such gerrymandering to continue. While I am in the process of familiarizing myself with Livonia's specific problems, I nonetheless feel that we all want the same things generally—sincerity and honesty in government, as well as representation of our special needs. I will continue to dedicate myself to these tasks."

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Paul D. Bagwell, Republican candidate for governor in 1958 and 1960, will be master of ceremonies at a campaign dinner honoring Michigan Senate Majority Leader Stanley G. Thayer on Monday, August 17, at the Huron Motor Inn in Ypsilanti.

Bagwell has formally endorsed Senator Thayer in his bid to win the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative from the Second Congressional District in the primary election—September 1. The district includes the Plymouth area.

Featured speaker on the program is John Felken, Co-Director of the Michigan State Civil Rights Commission and former Republican State Chairman.

The second district comprises the counties of Leawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw and the townships of Northville and Plymouth in Wayne County. The campaign dinner, which is open to residents of the district, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Vincent H. Brock, Mayor of Ypsilanti, is chairman for the event.

Tickets for the event may be obtained for \$10 each by telephoning Senator Thayer's campaign headquarters at 663-1722 or 663-1777. Tickets are also available at the Huron Motor Inn in Ypsilanti.

17 Champion
Horses Enter
State Fair

Seventeen horses from the largest and one of the finest Belgian horse-breeding establishments in America will be shown at the 115th Michigan State Fair, which will open Friday, Aug. 28 and run through Labor Day, Sept. 7.

The horses will be from Mrs. Alfred Wilson's Meadowbrook Farm at Howell, which is managed by Harold Clark.

The Belgians will be shown in individual and hitch classes, to be judged by Justin McCarthy, of Ada. Hitch classes will show in pairs, four-in-hand and six-horse hitch on Thursday and Friday evenings, Sept. 3 and 4. Individual judging at halter will be Friday morning, Sept. 4.

There will be 15 free performances of the Michigan State Fair Horse Show in the Coliseum, each evening of the Fair and on Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day afternoons.

The appearance of the Meadowbrook Belgians at the State Fair will mark the first time in 15 years that Mrs. Wilson has shown her famous stock here.

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