

Baker Appointed

Raymond L. Baker has been made a member of the Republican State Central Committee. Baker is a member of the Michigan State House of Representatives. He was recently appointed to the Insurance, Ju-

diary, Liquor Control and Metropolitan Affairs Committee of the House. State Central meets periodically. Baker's appointment to it is said to have been designed to create a closer working relationship between the party leaders and its elected officials.

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A PREVIEW OF Saturday night's exhibition ball game between the Harlem Comedy Kings and the Livonia All Stars at Clarenceville High School. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets will be on sale at the door.

The name "Devil Dogs" (teufel-hunden) was given to the U. S. Marine Corps by German soldiers during the battle of Belleau Wood in World War I.

Lansing Diary

By MARVIN STEMPIEN
State Representative—Livonia



After the frenzied excitement of the campaign and the pulsating fever of waiting for election returns, came this solemn pledge:

"I, Marvin R. Stempien do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Michigan and that I will carry out the duties of the office of State Representative to the best of my ability."

On January 13, along with others who have been chosen to represent the voice of the voters in Lansing, we made this solemn declaration in the State Capitol. On this occasion, all of the campaign pledges I had made and, the purpose of my campaign, suddenly came into sharp focus.

As a freshman legislator, I suddenly awakened to the real responsibility with which I had been entrusted.

The rattle-dazzle of the inauguration passed quickly and all at once we were ready to assume the role of law-maker. In rapid succession, we were called upon to:

given a seat on the Education, Judiciary and State Prison committees.

The importance of these committees to the residents of the district I serve, is obvious. We will be considering the revision of the current formula of distribution of state funds to local districts; means of aiding school districts with construction and maintenance financing; implementation of the State Constitution to streamline our present lower court system, and, a comprehensive analysis of reapportionment.

Following this whirlwind of activities, we were granted a recess, during which time, I discussed the Plymouth Road traffic situation with highway officials. Inasmuch as the traffic/speed of this vital artery was listed as a prime objective of my pre-election campaign, I intend to explore every avenue to find a solution.

The solution will not come easy nor in a matter of weeks. You have my assurance that we will pursue the problem with dogged determination until we have gained a measure of relief.

That briefly, is a thumb-nail sketch of all that happened in the first few days as your State Representative. With your help, your suggestions, your comments—and, your criticisms, we will be able to fulfill the role the voters of this district have awarded me. I urge you to contact me in person at my Livonia office on Plymouth Road, and to drop me a line in Lansing if I can be of assistance on your problems that are of common community interest.

In future reports, I will be discussing the controversies that may lay ahead, including the county home-rule bill, tax reform, and new sources of state revenue. Above all, please feel free to let me know of your opinions, dissensions, and comments.

(A) Approve payment to the widow of Rep. Paul M. Chandler, his salary for his unfulfilled term in the House;

(B) To co-sponsor, with Rep. Lucille McCollough of Dearborn, a bill providing for tax exemptions for persons over 65 on the first \$3,000 of the assessed value of their real property. This bill, No. 2201, also stipulates that exemptions are applicable only to those senior citizens whose incomes do not exceed \$3,000, and whose assessed evaluation of real property is not in excess of \$7,500.

Governor Romney's State of the State message and the complexity of it, occupied much of our second day as your State Representative.

The Governor outlined our joint responsibilities and made one comment that should be repeated because of its importance.

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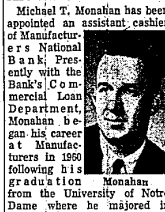
Dad Philosophic About Cawley's Placing Second

Harry Cawley took in his stride his son's second place finish in the Los Angeles Invitational Track and Field Meet, Saturday.

He relates that Rex has trouble with his starts. The 60 yard hurdles is simply too short a run for the world's greatest long distance hurdler.

A further disappointment for Rex Cawley fans here was that his race was pre-empted from television. A tape of the meet was shown nation-wide Sunday. But, before the 60 yard hurdles could begin the network switched to a sudden sickbed conference by President Johnson.

Manufacturers Bank Appoints Monahan Assistant Cashier

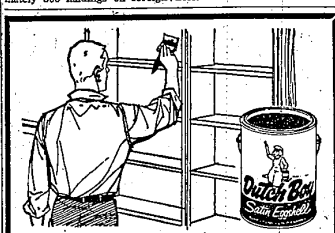


Michael T. Monahan has been appointed an assistant cashier of Manufacturers National Bank. Presently with the Bank's Commercial Loan Department, Monahan began his career at Manufacturers in 1950 following his graduation from the University of Notre Dame where he majored in finance.

He is a member of the Notre Dame Club of Detroit and holds the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan and their son, Timothy live on Rambling Road in Southfield.

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