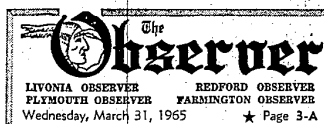


# McNamara, Roberts Wind Up Campaign for State Senate Seat



## Easter Seal Drive Nets \$3,800 from Redford, Livonia Residents

Redford Township and Livonia residents have contributed a total of \$3,800 so far in this spring's Easter Seal campaign to aid crippled children. The Easter Seal Society re-

leased figures as of last Friday which showed a total of \$2,963.56 contributed by Livonians and \$845.12 contributed by Redford Township residents.

The Livonia figures included \$2,191.56 in the mail and \$772 in response to special letters. In Redford Township, \$450.12 was sent in to mail requests for contributions and \$395 came back in special letters.

Plymouth residents have contributed a total of \$1,690 thus far, including \$56.50 in mailed-in contributions, \$1,030.50 in response to special letters and \$620 in canister donations.

## Ex-Redford Supervisor Dies at 80

Sylvester Shear, 80, of 6155 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, for whom the Shear School in Redford Township was named, died March 25 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor following an illness of three weeks.

A retired tax assessor for Wayne County, Mr. Shear spent the greater part of his life in Redford Township where he was Supervisor for eight years and a member of the School Board there for 30 years.

The Redford Township School Board named Sylvester F. Shear school in his honor as a tribute to his long years of service to the community.

He had resided in Plymouth for the past 12 years, moving there after retirement. He was a brother of Carl Shear, longtime Plymouth auto dealer and civic leader who still is known as "Mr. Plymouth" even though he retired to Ann Arbor three years ago.

Sylvester was a life member of the Redford Masonic Lodge, No. 1274M and a member of Redford Chapter 17 of R.A.M.

He was born Oct. 19, 1884 in Redford, a son of John and Emily Sylvester Shear.

Surviving are a son, Albert of South Lyon; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Brandon of Plymouth and Mrs. Geraldine Enigh of South Lyon; a brother, Carl of Ann Arbor; a sister, Mrs. Louise Pelskey in Plymouth; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth in charge of Rev. Melbourne Johnson and Rev. Archie Roberts with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

## "GOP Fails to Campaign on Issues"

In his final public statement before the election next Monday, Democratic candidate for the State Senate, Edward H. McNamara, charged his opponent with being "unconcerned with the needs of the people of the 14th District."

"For the first twelve weeks of this campaign my opponent has been almost mute in public statements in the press on the issues of importance to the voters of this 14th Senatorial District," McNamara charged.

But suddenly my opponent has finally taken a positive stand on an issue: He has called for the elimination of the toll on the Mackinac Bridge."

"This is an admirable issue, but of little importance in this campaign. Wiping out those tolls does not begin to answer the needs of the people of this District," McNamara stated.

"Even if it were financially feasible, and it isn't, it does nothing toward payment of teachers' salaries. Nor will it build more classrooms. Nor will it improve our rutted out roads, or expand our traffic safety program."

"Nor will it give tax relief to older people and property owners. Nor will it expand our in-patient and out-patient mental health facilities. Nor will it help industry, business investment and expansion in our community," McNamara asserted.

"Obviously, my opponent is not in the same tradition as the Republican gentlemen, who won this seat in last November's election. Paul Chandler was not afraid to speak out on the issues. He always conducted a highly issue-oriented campaign."

"However, the present Republican candidate seems reluctant to state for publication what his convictions are," McNamara charged.

"My opponent boasts authorship of the Community Health Bill. But what he fails to mention is that up to now it has accomplished little. That Bill has been criticized by both Dr. John J. Eason, Detroit and Wayne County Health Commissioner, and Representative Charles F. Rapp."

"In fact, the Bill is a complete retreat from the concept of State responsibility for the care and treatment of the mentally and emotionally ill. It shifts the burden of financing on to local county government, which is already suffering from insufficient revenues."

"My support amendments which will increase the State's contribution and remove the ceilings on State financial participation in mental health programs, which will eliminate a most unfair means test, which will expand county boards of health, and which will place mental health workers under civil service."

## Judge Regrets Freeing Nazi

## You Can't Libel A Race of People

We are a nation of laws and not of men. That maxim was reaffirmed in the case of the State vs. Russ Roberts. The fat and aging Farmington Nazi was found not guilty of "group libel," because under our laws, as interpreted by Farmington Municipal Judge Sylvester J. Pheneey, it is impossible to libel an entire race—in this instance the Negroes.

According to the law governing libel: "Any person who shall falsely and maliciously . . . accuse, attribute, or impute to another the commission of any crime, felony or misdemeanor, or any infamous or degrading act . . . shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

That was the word "another" that was the subject of contention at the trial on Friday, March 24. Roberts' lawyer, Farmington Justice of the Peace Allen Ingle, supported by Maurice Kelman and Charles Quirk, of the American Civil Liberties Union, conceded that "another" can mean more than one person. It can mean a number of people, but these people must be specific and identifiable and there must be the possibility of pecuniary damages. Ingle said for example that if you libeled the entire American Legion, it

would not be libel, but if you libeled the Farmington chapter of the Legion you might make it stick.

Judge Pheneey accepted this argument. But he did so with regret. When Roberts meekly thanked him, the Judge reacted angrily. He said he thought the law was "frustrated," and that it should be broad enough to cover Nazi-style hate mongering.

Judge Ingle had accepted the case at practically the last minute, when it appeared that Roberts might not be able to obtain counsel.

Along with Ingle and the

American Civil Liberties Union, Roberts had the moral support of three young American Nazis; sent from national headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Thirty-two-year-old Storm Trooper Allen Vincent resurged a not-very-bright side-street pool hustler. Nineteen-year-old Storm Trooper Bobby Pace was grim and sullen looking.

But Capt. John. Patier, the spokesman for the delegation, was acting in sincerity, when he sent two of its lawyers to argue against the libel charges. And he sees nothing ironic about the fact that the two ACLU men were a Jew and a Negro.

school, but spent three years with the Marines at Camp Lejeune.

Now, at 27, he is editor of the group's official magazine "Storm Trooper." He is polite, and soft spoken, and addresses reporters as "Sir."

By the standards of his movement, he is probably moderate. He says the American Nazis do not hate all Jews or Negroes. He feels the ACLU was acting in sincerity, when it sent two of its lawyers to argue against the libel charges. And he sees nothing ironic about the fact that the two ACLU men were a Jew and a Negro.



THE MERRY MEN of Arlington. From left to right: Capt. John Patier, Storm Trooper Allen Vincent, and Storm Trooper Bobby Pace. These three American Nazi Party stalwarts came up from their party headquarters, in Arlington, Va., to make sure that justice was done in the libel case of Farmington Hillite Russ Roberts. Seated in back of them are (left to right) Russ Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, and a friend, John M. Keating who says he is from Detroit.

## "Financial Reform Is Top Issue"

Farrell Roberts, Republican candidate for the 14th District Senate seat is completing a "grueling" campaign schedule covering all of the Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Oakland County area. He has met with government officials, school personnel, civic associations, service clubs, business leaders, hospital staff and citizens. "We feel confident, said Roberts, that we have presented the issues squarely before the public and feel that standing firm on these issues will bring us a victory, next Monday."

Roberts, having served as a suburban senator for four years and another four years in the House, believes that "the most important issue before the people is fiscal reform." In addition to serving as one of Governor George Romney's legislative advisors, Roberts has supported a "balanced and reasonable budget under both the Swainson and Romney administrations," he said.

"I support a basic flat rate tax and not the graduated income tax which is endorsed by my opponent. The people of the 14th District are heavily taxed now and a graduated income tax would place an additional unfair burden on them," stated Roberts. My opponent by supporting the graduated tax is saying in effect, let's 'soak the rich.'" Both Roberts and the Governor are opposed to the graduated income tax.

William Milliken, Lt. Governor, stated that "Farrell Roberts is one of the most important tacticians and statisticians in the state. His knowledge of law and the ability to get other legislators to work together for Michigan is vital to our state."

## 4-H Program Set in Plymouth

A 4-H Achievement Program for the northwest district will be held April 3 at Plymouth North High West on West Ann Arbor Trail.

Projects in cloth, electricity, food, first aid, knitting, leather crafts, personal improvement, safety, and junior leadership will be displayed. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will participate.

Projects should be brought to the school by 9:30 a.m. The project evaluation will be from 10 a.m. until noon. The dress review will begin at 5 p.m. and the evening program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For further information contact general chairman, Mrs. Stanley Rakoczy at PA 7-1992 or District Chairman, Mrs. Russell Magraw at GL 3-8281.

## Flexible Home Rule Law Needed Senators Learn in Nankin Twp.

A great need for county home rule was expressed Monday morning by 10 persons, ranging from township officials to a representative of six metropolitan counties who appeared at the Nankin Township Hall where a hearing was being held on a bill now under consideration by the Michigan Senate.

Edward Connor, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, said he was "impressed with the unanimity" that was shown by the group.

Fifty persons were on hand for the 2½-hour session, with Senator Terry L. Trout of the 12th District presiding as chairman of the Committee on Municipalities.

Opinions on the bill were expressed by Mrs. Edward L. Cushman, chairman of the County Home Rule Committee of the League of Women Voters in Wayne County; Gerard Coleman, executive director of the Superior Inter-County Committee; Willis Hall, executive vice-president of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce; and Al Barbour, representing the AFL-CIO.

Other speakers were John King, non-partisan 15-member chairman of the Oakland County Home Rule Study Council; Mel Ravitz, Detroit City Councilman; Mrs. James Atkinson, Oakland County League of Women Voters; Richard Sanderson, representing the Oakland County Republican Party; Louis A. Tola, Van Buren Township Supervisor; and Thomas E. Brown, Nankin Township Treasurer.

Flexibility of a home rule law was stressed by many of the speakers.

Ravitz, Barbour and Connor referred to the present operation of counties as being "archaic, unwieldy, and cumbersome."

In referring to Wayne County, Ravitz said, "There is such an elaborate maze of organization, I doubt if any one man in the county understands it."

Various speakers delved into the questions of partisan election of both state commissions and the county legislative body and also whether the "super-visors" should be chosen by

district or at large. Selection by party and district seemed to be favored by most of those present.

But other speakers expressed the need for quick action.

"If the Supreme Court upholds the Kent County decision of one man, one vote, we will have real chaos in county government," Hall declared.

It was agreed that one of the provisions of the bill under consideration, SB 112, was in need of clarification. This is the pro-

## Training Ends

Pvt. Joe E. Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilkinson, 34909 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia, completed a 12-week automotive repair course at the Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., March 26.



RECENTLY APPOINTED Corporals of the Livonia Police Department pose with Mayor Harvey Moelke, Director of Public Service Joel LaBo and Chief James Jordan as they don their stripes for the first time. The group includes: (seated from left) Richard Czekiewicz, Archie Hewitt, LaBo, Mayor

Moelke, Chief Jordan, Russ McQuaid, and David Mansfield; (standing from left) Richard Eriksen, Ron Butcher, William Cray, Ronald Stockbridge, Fred Benson, Thomas Wilson, James Grode and William Hoff. Missing from the picture is Cpl. Paul Clapper.

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