



JERRY RAYMOND, a labor lawyer who was appointed to the Livonia city council to fill a vacancy, becomes a candidate for a full four-year term. Raymond is second from the left.

Raymond: Rowdiness Still An Issue

By JERRY RAYMOND

It is almost 17 years since Rosina and I, and our four children moved to Livonia. We have seen our city grow, and generally it has grown well and we Raymonds have grown along with it. We have been very fortunate, for here Eldon and Rhea and Joyce and Sharon played and graduated from Bentley High School. Then each of them went on to college with Eldon doing his military stretch in Okinawa.

The three oldest children are married now, and there are seven wonderful grandchildren.

SINCE MAKING Livonia our home, Rosina went on to Wayne State University. She received her bachelor's degree, and she taught for a few years in the Livonia schools. Then she received her master's degree, and now she heads the Speech Department at Madonna College here in Livonia.

In 1960 the family decided it was about time for "father"—that's me—to pick up my education where I had dropped off more than 27 years before. With the encouragement of many Livonia friends, and a special assist from former Livonia City Attorney George Haller, who was then professor at Detroit College of Law, I was admitted as a student to law school.

Since graduating and my admission as a member of the Michigan Bar, I have practiced law here in Livonia.

Yes, we have seen Livonia grow, and at the same time Livonia has made it possible for us to grow along with her.

When 18 months ago I was chosen to serve on the Livonia City Council, it was indeed an honor, but more than that, I consider it an opportunity to serve the people of the community that has made Rosina's and my life happy lives.

AS A COUNCILMAN I have looked upon each problem with the view, that the sole function of the city government is to serve the people; and that a satisfied people is the only test of good government. It is with that thought in mind, that I have decided to present myself to the voters, and to ask for the opportunity to continue to serve as a member of the Livonia Legislative branch of government, the City Council.

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Whites' Illegitimate Births Up

Since 1960, the illegitimate birth rate among non-white women has declined.

But the illegitimacy rate among white women has risen sharply, according to Stephanie J. Ventura, chief of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Mrs. Ventura spoke at a session in New York of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

IN 1940, she said, the illegitimacy rate for non-white women was 35.6 per 1,000, or about 10 times greater than the rate for white women.

By 1965, this ratio had declined to about 8 to 1 or perhaps less, and "actually since 1960, the illegitimacy rate for non-white women has declined slightly (one per cent between 1960 and 1965) while the rate for white women increased 3 per cent in these five years."

NOT ALL ILLEGITIMATE births are fully reported, but estimates taking this and other factors into consideration, she said, indicate:

- The number of illegitimate births rose from 89,500 in 1940 to 291,000 in 1965.
- The number of rate of births per 1,000 unmarried American women, aged 15 to 44, also about tripled, from 7.1 per 1,000 women to 23.8 in those same years.

Schools Eye Campaign

School superintendents and board of education members involved in millage campaigns will attend a one-day seminar at Grand Rapids next Tuesday. It will be sponsored by the Michigan School Public Relations Association.

The session will be followed, Wednesday, by a meeting of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Titled the "College of Millage Knowledge '68," campaign methods will be discussed by several public relations workers including Paul Lutzner, of the Livonia staff. Livonia has no new millage campaign in sight.