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## Romney Won't Back Rocky

By DON HOENSHILL

Gov. Romney gave the choice of presidential candidate to the upper echelons of the Republican party hierarchy and said he would not support anyone in the primary.

He formally withdrew from the April 15 Wisconsin primary, but his decision came too late to get off the New Hampshire ballot. Romney, who dramatically withdrew from the GOP race for president Wednesday night, withdrew his support from New York Gov. Rockefeller and let his own backers make their own decisions.

THE MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S second bombshell came at a Washington news conference Friday after a snowstorm forced cancellation of a meeting with newsmen in Manchester, N.H. "I will not urge my supporters to join anyone," he said.

Romney had been expected to throw his weight behind Rockefeller, though Rockefeller is not a declared candidate and his workers hope only for a good write-in showing in New Hampshire against former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Romney appeared in Washington to be disenchanted not only with the "rank and file voters," whom he claimed deserted him in the private polls, but also with the top level figures in the GOP.

The governor said the Governors' Conference and congressional leaders should select a candidate. Then, Romney said, he would support the choice.

NIXON IS EXPECTED to make it a runaway in New Hampshire against only token opposi-

tion. Signs from the GOP governors indicated a move toward Rockefeller.

Campaign workers in New Hampshire started dismantling Romney headquarters offices, packing away signs and equipment, striking the tents of the small army organized for the drive for the nomination.

Insiders considered it significant that Romney made his decision suddenly in Boston Tuesday, then announced his withdrawal at 5 p.m. the next day in Washington before even some of his staff knew.

Rockefeller said he knew of the decision before he acknowledged in Detroit several days earlier that he would accept a draft.

Rockefeller said his position was not changed by the Romney pullout, that he would accept a draft but would not say he is now a candidate. In the New Hampshire, however, he has a

great deal to gain and nothing to lose against Nixon. But Nixon is in the opposite position.

"IF ROCKEFELLER wants the nomination, he'll have to fight for it," Nixon said. "Rockefeller has said he's not a candidate, and both Romney and I take him at face value."

"I would suggest that no one be drafted at a convention. The nomination must be won. If Rockefeller doesn't enter the primaries, he won't be nominated. I will be."

In New York, Mayor Lindsay, a former GOP congressman whose row over setting the garbage collectors' strike started a flap, said he would support Rockefeller for the nomination.

ADDITIONAL stories on Romney's withdrawal, state and local developments, are on inside pages of today's edition.

## today's hot line

JUST A FEW COPIES remain of the Observer Newspapers "extra" edition, published Thursday, on the withdrawal of Gov. Romney from the presidential race. Copies are available at all Observer Newspapers offices. The edition, though written under pressure, contains many interviews and facts that television and radio missed.

## observerland

**REDFORD** — A 400-acre recreational facility to cost about \$1 million has been proposed for purchase by Redford Township. It could be a facility similar to Camp Dearborn. Promoter Harry A. McCurry of Redford and Ormar Sanderson of Farmington's Sanderson Realty spread the idea out for township officials Thursday over dinner at Danish Inn.

**REDFORD** — High rise apartment zoning proposals newly drafted by the township planning commission will be aired at a public hearing this month. If approved, the zoning classification will be available just in time to apply to the second high rise development proposal, already on the planners' table. The first was denied about two years ago.

**LIVONIA** — Council Edward H. McNamara wants the city to raise police pay to a maximum of \$10,000 after four years of service, based on the recommendation of raises for patrolmen in Detroit. Livonia police, he said, should be "second to none." The raise would be effective Dec. 1 if approved.

**LIVONIA** — A group of irate Livonia parents, whose ninth grade children will be transferred this fall for the fifth time since the seventh grade, will open a recall petition drive Monday against five members of the seven-member Livonia Board of Education. These are Board President Strela Schreiber, Vice President William H. Craft, Secretary A. Edward Katz, and trustees Mrs. Geraldine Joyner and Dominick A. Taddonio.

**PLYMOUTH** — Mayor James Jabara announced that he is calling a meeting of all industrial, commercial and civic leaders for a heart-to-heart discussion on the future of the city—where it is going and how it is going to get there.

**PLYMOUTH** — Residents storm Township Hall to complain of warehouses and sanitary conditions adjacent to their subdivisions and ask for help in form of green belts and fences.

## What's Inside

A Redford Township man who headed the Romney Volunteers in New Hampshire tells the stunned reaction of the workers to the governor's decision to quit the presidential race. Page 12A.

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## DUCK FANCIER?

Like something unusual in a pet? Check want ad classification 6-5. Or perhaps you already own a duck and want to know how to keep him happy. (Pet services are classification 6-6.) If you'd like to sell him dial GA 2-0900 or 453-5500 and put him in an Observer Want Ad!



## Review Boards To Meet

Farmington city and township boards of review will convene Tuesday, March 5, to evaluate complaints of 1987 property valuation assessments, and both governments anticipate record traffic in protests.

Assessments have gone up throughout the area, presaging a tax increase this year, and this is sufficient invitation to land holders to fight for a "hold the line" compromise.

CITY BOARD members include Delos Hamill, John Clappison and Harrison Johnson.

They will be in session in city hall from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. March 5 and March 11, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on March 12 and from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 13.

ALTHOUGH the township has six times as many parcels of land as the city, only three township board of review dates have been scheduled when property owners may appear.

These will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 and March 11, plus a 3 to 9 p.m. session on March 12.

Members of the township review trio are Harold Rowe, Douglas McArthur and Ned Ogelsby.

MAY BECOME FARMINGTON CENTER — This magnificent home at 24705 Farmington Rd., owned by the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Luman Goodenough, is being discussed for use as a possible Community House. The present owners have said that under acceptable standards they will present the home and five surrounding acres to the Farmington community as a gift. This week representatives of civic groups, churches and other organizations will meet to evaluate the proposal.

## Sorrows Debaters Take State Title

It wouldn't pay to get into an argument with a certain quartet of boys from our Lady of Sorrows. The four have just walked off with the state debating championship in Sorrows' division.

The boys sealed their victory in a tournament last Saturday at the University of Michigan. The four are John Abowd, Brian Pollins, Jim Mitchell and Gary Maximuk.

They will receive gold watches at an awards banquet next Saturday, also at the University of Michigan.

They are now eligible to participate in the National Catholic Forensic Championships the end of May.

Coached by Sister Michaeila, the team has brought 13 trophies to Sorrows this year, four during the last two weeks.

Abowd is eligible for the Detroit Free Press forensic competition which carries a prize of a \$2,000 scholarship because he has the highest speaker points.

## Cutter Talks Go On

Contract talks between officials of the Star Cutter Co. and Local 985 of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, continued Friday as approximately 200 hourly employees stayed at their jobs despite expiration of their old labor agreement which was drawn in 1985.

The firm, located at 34500 Grand River, is Farmington Township's largest manufacturing company. It produces cutting tools for the industrial world and has an annual total payroll in excess of \$2.5 million.

Norman Lawton, president of the company, said the U.A.W. had requested a package increase in wages and fringe benefits which would average about \$3 per hour over a three-year period.

John Ellis, president of Local 985, was not available for comment on the progress of negotiations. Lawton, however, said there had been little progress.

State labor mediators entered negotiations Thursday in an effort to bring about a settlement that would avert repetition of the strike which the union called at Star Cutter three years ago.

The Farmington Volunteer Road Committee got down to its next meeting, tentatively set for March 27 in Gill School.

Sub-committees were established, including a political action group headed by Leo Devine, 23031 Albion. It has plans to bring pressure to bear on the Township Board, the County Road Commission and elected state officials.

IMMEDIATE ACTION of this sub-committee will be to ask support from State Rep. Raymond Baker of a bill (now in legislative committee) allocating to townships four per cent of gasoline tax monies which can be used for road maintenance.

Each of the 55-65 persons at the Wednesday meeting took home a petition, which at the direction of the petition committee chairman, William Halton, 34526 Nine Mile, they will carry with them at all times. Halton said, "If we each have one on our persons at all times and then happen to see a driver in distress on one of these roads it will be an opportune time to get signatures."

In circulating the petitions, the volunteer road committee also plans to conduct an all-out voter registration drive. Speaking to the group, Aldo Vagnozzi, 26193 Kilgerton, a man active in local and county Democratic politics, spurred action in this direction with his reminder that the southern sector has the lowest percentage of voters in the township.

To help raise this percentage, the committee will have a re-

gisistrar from the township at the next meeting, tentatively set for March 27 in Gill School.

ALSO TENTATIVE for this meeting is a visit by Ben East, chairman of WHAR, county road protest group.

The local committee is still considering affiliation with the county group, information received from the county group that such an affiliation would not negate any action on a local basis has given incentive to taking the step.

Consensus of the local group at meeting's end was that the most effective action will be in the political and legal direction and by local group effort. Political activities chairman Devine gave his telephone number, 474-4963, to those in attendance who might want to call for more petitions.

Wednesday's meeting was chaired by Len Lemanski, 34800 Bridgeman and Bill Vanderveer, 28005 Cass, both newcomers on the local road protest scene.

ALSO NEW TO LOCAL road protest meetings, were some residents present from the area around Shawnessie and Middle Belt, and a representative of the Jaycees, E.L. Mossamer, Jr., who happens to live in Farmington Village at Nine Mile and Gill Rd.

While working toward what the group calls "short range goals" or immediate improvement on the roads and ditches, the membership is also casting an eye toward the next township election in 1970 when two trustee posts will be on the ballot.

## Residents Split Evenly On School Aid Issue

With a statewide debate raging in Michigan over the proposal of providing state financial assistance for the support of non-public schools, The Farmington Enterprise & Observer this week made a random sampling of public opinion.

Assuming that the persons standing in line to buy 1988 automobile license plates represented an ideal cross-section of residents, a reporter asked eight of them their reaction to the legislative proposal. All are Farmington city

or township residents. These were their comments, indicating virtually a 50-50 split of opinion:

MARLYN BLUMQUIST, 29191 Bannockburn: "All parents now sending their children to parochial schools decided to send them to public schools, it undoubtedly would result in an increased public tax burden. However, I still am undecided as to the wisdom of the current proposal."

Michael Salsinger, 23116 Purdue: "My children are at-

tending parochial schools, so I'm for it. However, even before we had children I felt that parents with youngsters in parochial schools should not have to pay taxes for support of public schools."

Mrs. Jerri Thomas, 33624 Edmonton: "All schools deserve state financial support and whether they are public or non-public is not the issue."

Joseph Manzo, 34730 Fendit: "The parochial schools always have managed to support them-

selves up to this time, and we should go on just as we have been doing."

NICHOLAS SAAD, 29238 Hemlock Dr.: "I think some sort of a compromise should be reached so that people who send their children to non-public schools could get some kind of a tax rebate. This would be better than having the state make a direct cash outlay."

Mrs. Carol Tuschak, 37939 Tralee Tr.: "If the public and

non-public school systems are to operate separately, they should be financed separately with non-public schools financing themselves as they have. Taxes are so high now I don't know what will do it. I do think it's all right to bus the children to parochial schools."

Evan Blake, 21581 Birchwood: "I'm normally not for providing public assistance for any religious activity. However, if parochial schools can't support themselves it will force

those students into the public schools and will cost all of us more."

Wade Brown, 29915 13-Mile Rd.: "I am opposed to the proposal on the basis that in supporting public education through taxes we have a voice in the control of the school system through the Board of Education but we do not have any such voice in the operation of non-public schools. If we support private education with public funds, then the public should have something to say about the control of such schools."



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