

'Watergate killed us'—GOP head

By ROBERT KIPPER
The Republican Party has two choices this year, according to State Party Chairman William McLaughlin. It can put a blanket over its head and pretend Watergate is not the central issue, or it can admit that it is and fight it with good candidates and hard work.

McLaughlin urged the latter approach as he addressed a dinner meeting of the Oakland County Young Republicans Tuesday in Troy. While designed to rouse them to not be gloomy about the party's prospects this fall, the speech offered no illusions about what he termed "the darkest days in the party's history."

The party chairman said Michigan Republicans are especially aware of the effects of Watergate, having lost two special Congressional elections in the state largely because of voter backlash on the Nixon Administration. More than any other state, McLaughlin said

"I SAID it the night we lost Gerald Ford's old seat in the 5th District and I haven't seen anything since to change my mind," he said. "Watergate killed us."

"The experts who blamed our losses on other things hadn't been to Michigan."

McLaughlin discredited the excuses given by many Republicans for the string of Congressional defeats, such as voter's concern with inflation, unemployment and, especially, that Republicans just didn't get out the vote.

Describing the kind of effort that went into the race in the 8th District between Democrat Robert Traxler and Republican James Sparling, McLaughlin said, "We did everything humanly possible to win there. It represented the most massive effort in a Congressional race ever in Michigan."

RELEASING THE findings of a poll conducted to analyze the vote in the 8th District, McLaughlin said no other issue came near Watergate in the minds of voters.

Forty-six percent, according to that survey, called Watergate and corruption in government the big issue in that race. In districts where unemployment was up to 12 percent, only eight percent named the economy, inflation or unemployment as the central issue.

McLaughlin said the poll was inconclusive regarding whether or not President Richard M. Nixon's visit to the 8th District helped or hurt the Republican candidate.

The poll showed that the vast majority of voters apparently made up their mind who to vote for long before Nixon arrived. Fifteen percent said they were more likely to go to the polls because of the interest generated by the President's visit.

HOWEVER, 13 percent said the visit made them less likely to vote Republican compared to five percent who said the President made them more likely to vote Republican.

Fielding questions after his speech, McLaughlin admitted that, no doubt, the party would be better off if Gerald Ford were sworn in as President before this fall's elections.

However, he said he didn't expect the President to resign nor did he want him to.

Adopting a different approach to many Republican leaders who have asked for the President's resignation since the release of the transcripts, McLaughlin said the Constitutional process of impeachment was a "longer, harder" but better route.

He agreed with President Nixon that resignation would be "the easy way out."

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Cum Laude sets banquet

The second annual banquet of the Detroit Country Day School (DCDS) chapter of the Cum Laude Society will be held Thursday (May 16) in the DCDS learning center.

The principal speaker will be Randolph J. Friedman, an alumnus of Country Day who was a member of the Cum Laude Society his junior and senior years.

High winds damage wash.

A tornado damaged one wall of the Franklin Square Auto Wash at Square Lake and Telegraph and flipped a booth near the gas pumps Saturday.

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LWV sets new goals

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The program of local studies for the coming year, adopted at the meeting, will include local land use studies, noise pollution and abatement, the Birmingham-Bloomfield school districts and solid waste management.

New officers of the league elected at the meeting include Roma Perlmutter, president; Beth Peterson, and Pat Olson, vice-presidents; Barbara Murray, treasurer and Charlotte Mahrt, secretary.

Outgoing president Nancy Donaldson summarized the league's achievements in the past year during her address to the group. They included an in-depth study of campaign financing at both state and local levels which

led to a recently-completed petition drive asking Congress and the state legislature to enact reforms, and a study to determine the league's goals for land use in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Grunions off program

The Grunions, a male singing group, originally scheduled to appear at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hunter House, 500 W. Maple, Birmingham, will not appear. Their performance was to be part of the Heritage Day festivities.

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