## 'Watergate killed us'— GOP head

By ROBERT KIPPER
The Republican Party has two
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
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McLaughlin urged the latter approach as he addressed a dinner meeting of the Oakland County Young Republicans Tuesday in

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Michigan residents can no longer afford the luxury of dismissing Watergate.

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

"The expects 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 al Congressional race ever in Michigan."

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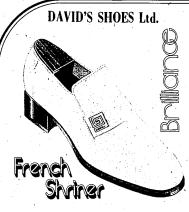
RELEASING THE findings of a poll conducted to analyze the vote in the 8th District, McLaughlin said no other issue came near Watergate in the minds of voters.

However, he said he didn't ex-pect 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 res-

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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# 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 as President before this fall's elections. 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.

be held Thursday (May 16) in the DCDS learning center. The principal speaker will be Ran-dolph J. Friedman, ian alumnus of Country Day who was a member of the Cum Laude Society his junior and

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A tornado damaged one wall of the Franklin Square Auto Wash at Square Lake and Telegraph and flipped a both near the gas pumps Saturday. Perry Simony, station owner, said it suddenly became very dark and the sky took on a yellow cast.

### LWV sets new goals

High winds damage wash

The annual meeting of the Birmingham-Bloomfield League of Women Vuters was held recently at the Washek Country Club. The guest speaker was former Gov. Geope Romney. The program of local studies for the coming year, adopted at the meeting will include local land use studies, noise pollution and jabatement, the Birmingham-Bloomfield school districts and solid waste management. New officers of the leasure electrical states of the second states of th

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New officers of the league elected
at the meeting include Bonna Perimutter, president. Beth Peterson,
and Pat Olson, vice-presidents. Barpara Murray, treasurbr and Charlotte
Mahrt, secretary.
Outgoing president, Nancy Donald
son summarized the league's achievements in the past year during her address to the group. They included an
indepth study of campaign financing
at both state and local levels which

#### 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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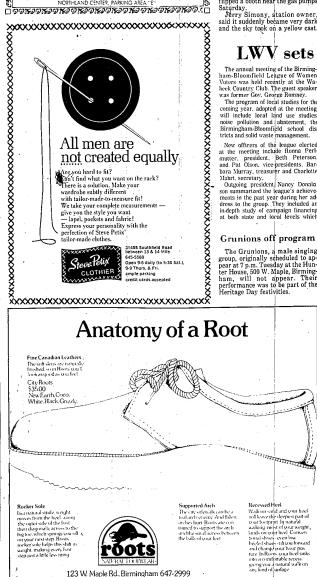
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