

Montgomery not required to file expenses in county

By ROBERT KIPPER

OAKLAND COUNTY—Thanks to a new federal election law, George Montgomery, the only major party candidate in 1974 who has failed to file campaign expense reports with the county, is no longer required to do so.

The county election office has only recently been informed that the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendment, passed by Congress last October, requires Congressional candidates to file expense reports only in Washington, D. C. Filing at county and state levels was made voluntary by the federal amendment.

Montgomery, who ran unsuccessfully against U.S. Rep. William S. Broomfield (R-19), had been warned by the Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office that his continued failure to file an expense report with the county could result in up to two years' imprisonment or a maximum penalty of \$1,000, or both.

Candidates were required to file expense reports by the end of last November.

MONTGOMERY'S NAME, as well as the names of two minor party Congressional candidates, have now been removed from the delinquent candidate list, although the candidates haven't been notified officially that their reports are no longer required at the county level.

This eliminates the possibility of a legal fight by Montgomery. Montgomery had said he was considering withholding his report from the county and challenging the constitutionality of the state election law that threatens Congressional candidates with penalties for not filing expense reports.

Howard Altman, county director of elections, said it is unusual for the county to be uninformed about changes in federal election requirements.

He said many times his office reads about changes in the law in the newspapers or hears about them through second-hand sources.

In this instance, Altman said he was notified by the state election office of the new filing rules for Congressional candidates.

REGARDLESS OF where he now



GEORGE MONTGOMERY

must file, however, Montgomery's report is still not ready, he said.

Montgomery said he is waiting on data from the telephone company before his report is completed.

He said he intends to file at the county level as well as in Washington, D. C.

Montgomery said the report will

show roughly \$6,500 in general election campaign expenses. Most of these funds, he said, were gained by individual contributors and small fund-raisers.

THE LARGEST individual contributor to Montgomery's effort was Montgomery himself. He said he spent several hundred dollars on the race, his second consecutive attempt to unseat Congressman Broomfield.

Broomfield's expense reports showed more than \$15,000 spent on his behalf. Broomfield won the district with more than 60 per cent of the vote.

Although Montgomery now seems untroubled about complying with filing statutes, he had been critical of what he considered Broomfield's casual adherence to election law during the campaign.

Montgomery filed suit against Broomfield charging procedural violations of the election law in the way the Broomfield staff prepared nominating petitions.

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Area doctors earn grants

Two Birmingham doctors, staff members at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, have been awarded study and research grants.

Dr. Martin A. Lerner, professor of internal medicine, has been awarded a \$35,545 grant renewal by the Skilman Foundation of Detroit for research on infectious diseases.

Dr. Richard H. Gala, associate professor of physiology, has been awarded a \$65,000 National Science Foundation grant for a study of prolactin, a secretion that may play a role in the development of breast cancer.

The grants were accepted at this month's meeting by the WSU board of governors.

Art teacher named winner

An Oakland Community College art instructor has been awarded the 'best of show' prize at the Wayne State University Art Education Alumni Association Exhibition.

Ted Striewski of Farmington Hills received the prize for his stuffed, raw canvas relief sculpture entitled "One Inch to Thirty Inches."

The exhibition will run through March 2 at the Community Arts Building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit.

Nursery now registering

Lone Pine Nursery School is now accepting applications for its fall classes.

The school, located in the Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road, is a cooperative nursery open to three and four year olds.

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