

Ladies, Yes; Quotas, No, Dems Rule

By TIM RICHARD

Observerland Democrats split sharply on the issue of "woman power" as the party's special state convention rejected two proposals aimed at giving the ladies a guaranteed share of political power.

The convention rejected by an overwhelming vote a proposal to give women half of all precinct delegate seats, party offices, committee seats and national convention posts.

A second proposal was similar in wording except that it called for guaranteeing women one-third of those posts. It was rejected 1,206 to 963 in a roll call.

THE 2nd Congressional District gave 147.5 votes with 49.5 opposed. The Plymouth-Northville segment went 5 to 1 against it.

The 15th, including Garden City, Westland and Canton Township, was strongly opposed, 117 to 16.

The 19th, including Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington, went heavily in favor, 124 to 3.

Mrs. Millie Rowson of Redford was passionately in favor. A New Democratic Coalition member, Mrs. Rowson said:

"It's all right for women to serve on the dinner committee, wash the dishes, set the table, wash the dishes, do the secretarial work, wash the dishes... but we want a voice in the leadership."

ALDO VAGNOZZI of Farmington, 19th District chairman, was for the proposal, but Robert Dwyer of Plymouth, 2nd District chairman, said:

"I'm for women, but this whole idea of quotas is stupid."

Proponents argued that women had been losing, rather than gaining power, in recent years. One took the floor to point out that Michigan women had 29 delegate seats in 1960 but only 19 in 1968.

The quota idea was ridiculed in a floor speech by John Canfield, mayor of Dearborn Heights, 15th District chairman, and an opponent of most of the controversial reform proposals.

"Women want one-third. Blacks want one-third. Poles want one-third. Youth want one-third. What about us hillbillies?" he drawled.

Jerry Rozian of Plymouth also took the microphone to oppose the principle of allocating seats mathematically to any group—blacks and whites, labor and business, men and women.

Rozian quipped that the party may find itself one day the point where the perfect delegate is someone like Sammy Davis Jr., who described himself as "the world's only one-eyed black Jewish cowboy."

SOME POLITICAL observers said that "women power" will be the "movement" of the 1970s, in the same way that civil rights was in the early and middle 60s and youth power in the later 60s.

They predict, however, that female emotionalism may make the fight even hotter than the two earlier movements.

Fueled the fire of the "woman power" movement is the issue of liberating abortion laws. Feminists argue that women—not husbands or doctors—should have the sole right to decide whether an abortion should be performed.



HOW MUCH POWER? -- Mrs. Millie Rowson (left) of Redford and other women at the Democratic state convention took a keen interest in proposals to award women first half, then one-third of all party offices. Both proposals failed.

(Observer photo)

Earn A Degree At Night At LIT

The Observerland student who went to work instead of to college may still get a college degree without giving up his daytime and evening jobs.

He can get his college education at night at Lawrence Institute of Technology, which offers a unique opportunity to earn a bachelor of science or an associate degree entirely in its evening college.

In fact, 2,250 men and women at LIT are doing just that.

This is possible because LIT is one of the few day-time colleges in the United States which also plans completely scheduled degree programs in the evening.

According to Dr. Wayne H. Buell, president:

"The 85-acre campus is located at Northwestern freeway and Ten Mile in Southfield. Anyone interested in starting in the evening programs should apply immediately because registration for the next evening semester begins Monday, Jan. 26, with classes starting Feb. 2."

The course content for the bachelor of science evening programs is identical to that offered to LIT's 2,250 day college students.

The day college has BS programs in mechanical, electrical or construction engineering, architecture, industrial management, chemistry, physics and mathematics.

The same programs also are regularly scheduled in the evening college.

TO EARN their bachelor of science degrees, students in the day college attend classes Monday through Friday for a minimum of four years while evening college students attend classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for a minimum of six years.

Also, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings only, associate degree programs are scheduled.

Wayne County will seek greater state support for county-operated services during the 1970 session of the State Legislature, County Supervisor Harvey J. Beadle has announced.

Beadle, chairman of the legislative committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, said the county is seeking a total of about \$10 million in increased state support for various public services provided by the county.

In addition, the supervisors are seeking the power to make appointments to fill vacancies in county elective offices.

THE COUNTY'S 14-POINT legislative program was laid before members of the Legislature as they opened their session in Lansing.

Beadle, a Democrat whose District 19 encompasses Redford and the northern part of Dearborn Heights, is a former state representative. His committee prepared the county legislative program.

The two other Observerland members of the Board of Supervisors also serve on the legislative committee. They are Ralph Patrick Turco of Westland (D-Dist. 25) and Carl D. Pursell of Plymouth (R-Dist. 26).

Taxpayers of Wayne County are being shortchanged in comparison to the amount of state support for similar services in other counties," said Beadle. "Wayne county pays for the bulk of some programs which are totally state-supported elsewhere."

TOP PRIORITY is given to protecting the county budget from costly new responsibilities being imposed by the state without the means of financing them also being provided.

In the past, new programs have been imposed on the county without the necessary funds to finance them," Beadle explained. "The inflexible county revenue structure has put the Board of Supervisors in the position of having to deprive other important public services in order to meet the additional costs."

A policy statement submitted to the legislature declares that the lawmakers "when enacting statutes involving expenditures of county funds, should make such laws permissive rather than mandatory for counties in order that the county units can determine for themselves whether or not they can afford to implement such legislation."

Edgewood Pupils To See 'Molester' Film

More than 100 parents attended the recent Edgewood Parent Teacher Organization meeting at which Walter E. Sundquist, of Sundquist-Herney Funeral Home, Farmington, was speaker and showed a film "Child Molesters."

Parents decided this film should be shown to students and may be viewed in Edgewood's multi-purpose room on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The recent membership drive was concluded, and members increased from 45 to 149. Winning classes in the drive were Mrs. Mary Walker's kindergarten and Miss Sandra Hauer's fifth graders. Teachers for each class decided to spend \$10 to purchase something for the class rather than have a party.

The Helping Hand program was outlined. Each participant in it will place a small card with a blue band in his window and will be known by local police and the principal.

Date for the spring school fair has been set May 9. Heading the planning committee is Tom Frederick. Anyone with ideas for the fair is asked to call the Frederick residence at 537-8843.

ROY J. SCHWOCHOW of 24871 Glen Orchard Drive, Farmington, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the N. A. Woodworth Co. of Ferndale. Schwochow is CPA and a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a former assistant to the president of Hardware Spring Corp.

SEMCOG Concern: Environment Quality

By DENNIS PAJOZ

The "Crisis In Environmental Quality" will be the major concern of the next 10 years, states a meeting agenda of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

This topic will be discussed in a special workshop by the representatives of member local governments at their quarterly general assembly meeting Saturday, Jan. 31.

Early in the day they will elect a new chairman to lead them in the first year of this decade of concern.

Sen. Beebe Taking A Survey

A survey to gather public opinion on education reform is being taken by State Sen. Lorraine Beebe (R-12th District) of Dearborn Heights. Her district includes Redford Township.

In a cover letter, she is telling her public, "True reform is to establish higher standards in areas where they are needed; and at the same time to maintain the high standards in areas where there is excellence in education."

Subjects in her questionnaire include sex education, standardized testing, vocational education, regional district consolidation, student rights, income tax support of education, teacher negotiations and abolishment of the State Board of Education.

The section on taxes contains the most questions, 13 plus a space for remarks.

WILLIAM L. MAINLAND, Oakland County Supervisor from Milford, declined to seek reelection to a third year as SEMCOG chairman. He was its first as a formal body.

Leading contenders to succeed him according to informed sources, are current vice chairman Mel Ravitz and a current executive committee member Richard Austin.

Ravitz, president of the Detroit Common Council is considered the favorite. Austin, a Wayne County auditor and narrowly defeated candidate for Detroit mayor last fall, has support of those fearing a city-regional conflict of interest with Ravitz.

Special attention will be paid to regional problems in the environmental quality crisis workshop, and to SEMCOG's involvement in their solution.

AIR AND WATER pollution, solid waste disposal and noise abatement will be the focus.

Other workshops will center on housing, public safety, health planning, education and human resources development.

A major focus in the housing workshop will be the federal "Operation Breakthrough" project to bring about major increases in new housing through mass production methods.

SEMCOG LOOKS forward to the next 10 years after exactly two years in existence as a formal organization.

Fourteen years of experience in inter-governmental cooperation preceded the January 1968 launching of SEMCOG, however.

Functions of two of the nation's first regional agencies, the Supervisors Inter-County Committee and the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, were absorbed into SEMCOG immediately.

With the regional planning commission, SEMCOG assumed its Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS) as a continuing special project.

THIS YEAR TALUS was

Fred R. Cheek became director of the public works division.

JUST AS THE DECADE of the '60s ended, SEMCOG gained significant membership strength when the City of Livonia, third largest in Wayne County, reversed its original resistance and joined the council of governments.

As the decade of the '70s opened, Executive Director Turner announced SEMCOG is investigating the possibility of becoming a regional 1970 census summary tape processing center.

This means the organization would be responsible for obtaining and processing the computer summary tape offered by the census bureau. This would offer local governments the advantage of speedy utilization of census data.

Such data will be the basis of much in the next decade.

HOMEOWNERS CORNER

by MARVIN KEMP

Most sliding doors ride on little wheels at the top only, and the usual cause of track-jumping (or the top) is some obstruction on the floor. A jumble of shoes, for example, can not only stop the bottom of the door in mid-travel, but pick it sideways, too. If the door is freed forward to close, this tends to the floor and push it crosswise off the track at the same time. Don't force anything back in place. The result often is bent track, bowed wheels and a general mess. If you want to do it right, take the screws out of the floor guides so you can lift the door and put the wheels on the track without forcing anything. That's the way the door was mounted in the first place!

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