

Her Childhood Vow Comes True

"I warned him when I was little to look out. Someday," "Someday" came Aug. 4 for vivacious Kathleen Brang. She replaced her father as Democratic Party delegate for precinct 45 of Redford Township. Her own intense interest in politics that began as a child watching her father's campaigns, then campaigning with him, reached that plateau excitingly. She defeated three opponents by polling 109 votes to 91 for the three combined. Not bad for a youngster who just turned 21.

INTERVIEWED BY Observer Newspapers during the Wayne-19th District convention of Democratic delegates Saturday, she said, "Before I always had to sit in back and he sat up front." Robert Brang, now a District Judge in Redford Township, indeed sat in back this time. "He became non-partisan when he was elected judge," she commented.

"Then the kids come out and say they know the answers. They're wrong," Kathleen Brang, 21-year-old Redford Township precinct delegate, Democrat.

Brang, showing no more than his usual pride of the Irish, said he hadn't pushed her to run for delegate, "she did it herself."

THE SENIOR BRANG won his judgeship in the 1968 fall elections after serving for two years as a Redford Township Trustee as a Democrat, and after an instrumental role in bringing the Boosters Club of Democrats into prominence in the township.

He is an attorney. Kathleen was noted mentioning to another convention that she may begin studies for a law degree this fall. She is a magna cum laude June graduate of the University of Detroit where she majored in history and minored in political science. She represented the Detroit Historical Society award as the outstanding student of American history.

nationals to fight for themselves.

Asked if that means she supports the policy of President Richard Nixon, a Republican, she quickly showed her political alertness: "I probably do support the policy of Johnson (former President and a Democrat) and Nixon. Nixon seems to have forgotten the 'plan' he campaigned on," she said.

SHE CRITICIZED those at the convention who opposed students on the college board on the basis that they are all "kids," revolutionaries and radicals.

"That's just not the way it is," she said. "Most students agree with most points of the older generation about campus affairs. They feel the administration should take a stronger stand against hippies disrupting our schools and the outsiders."

MISS BRANG SAID, "Long hair, to the shoulders, no shoes or sandals; dirty appearance, drug symptoms."

She offered a personal philosophy, also. "It took people who had education plus experience to make the society. Then the kids come out and say they know the answers. They're wrong."

"But if students were elected to the college boards

by their fellow students, it would be the average student. For instance, moderates have been the student president at U-D the last two times."

Then Kathleen Brang, wearing a moderate mini-dress, strolled off with her father to have lunch, five adults and a mustached youth, age 20, who dropped out of college to campaign in 1968 for anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy.



KATHLEEN BRANG, 21, takes up where her father, Robert Brang, left off in the Democratic Party when he became a non-partisan District Judge in Redford Township (Observer Photo)

Water Deaths Setting Record

Michigan is headed for a record number of water deaths in 1970.

This bitter assessment, recently reviewed by Col. Frederick E. Davids, State Police director, comes in the wake of a long, hot summer that has already claimed more drowning victims than last year at the same time.

"Provisional figures," Col. Davids said, "indicate we will have more water deaths this year than the all time high of 347 recorded in 1959." Davids said many factors enter into the tragic pattern including prolonged hot weather, more unsupervised swimming and the use of dangerous areas such as gravel pits for swimming parties.

Davids pointed out that while local enforcement agencies have been empowered to police boating rules and regulations, little is being done to improve non-boating water safety programs. "When you consider that two-thirds of all drownings do not involve boats, the need for more water safety education and control is obvious," Davids said.

The director is especially concerned with the remaining

weeks of summer. Pointing out that the three weeks prior to Labor Day are always critical for water safety, Davids cautioned parents against permitting unsupervised swimming. "The end of many recreational programs at schools and camps, prompts young people to seek the old swimming hole," Davids said. "If parents will heed the warning of this sort of activity, we can save many lives yet this year."

State Police officials hope the well known water safety rules will be followed by swimmers. They cite the buddy system as one of the best. Never swim alone. Also, know your limitations and do not over extend your ability in the water. Avoid gravel pits and other restricted areas when swimming and do not be complacent about the back-yard pool. Home pools claimed 23 victims in 1969.

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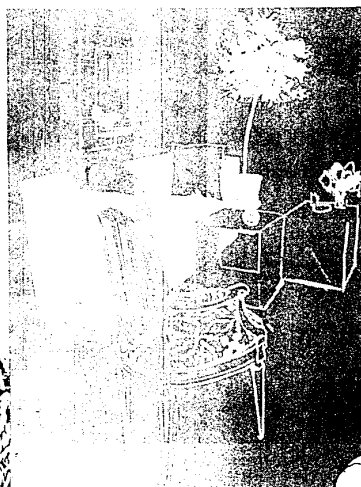
The Livonia public libraries remind patrons that they will be returning to regular fall and winter hours beginning the week of Labor Day, Sept. 7.

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