



MARTIN SEITZ and Mary Dumas, Livonia Republican precinct delegates, argue the merits of state convention delegate selections after the Wayne 19th GOP district convention. (Observer photo by Dennis L. Pajot)

Wayne 19th GOP Picks Delegates

Mrs. Dumas Challenges Slate

By DENNIS PAJOT

Five of 28 persons delegated by the Wayne 19th Congressional District Republican convention Monday to vote at the state convention in Detroit Aug. 28-29 had to survive a strong challenge.

Mary Dumas, former vice chairman of the total district and a twice-defeated candidate for Livonia City Council, led a floor fight against them. She was defeated, 29-15, by a standing vote in the only contest during the otherwise dull assembly.

MRS. DUMAS submitted an opposition slate of delegate nominees for Livonia which substituted five of 15 Livonia nominees recommended by the convention committee. She also submitted an alternate slate of alternates for Livonia.

The standing vote defeated a motion to return the committee slate for reconsideration, thus defeating Mrs. Dumas' slate. She told the convention the committee slate failed to recognize any new precinct delegates and failed to represent party members who worked in the primary campaigns of some successful Republican candidates.

SHE TOLD Observer Newspapers after the convention that none of the campaigners for 14th District State Senate Candidate Carl Pursell nor those for U.S. Senate Candidate Lenore Romney were included in the prime delegate list of the committee.

Instead, she said, it was overly weighted with persons who worked for 35th District State Rep. candidate Robert Swanson and 26th Wayne County Commissioner candidate Harvey J. Moelke.

Later, she told this reporter she would deny explaining the ticket, however.

Kadish Not Tied To NDC

Paul Y. Kadish of Livonia isn't a member of the Livonia New Democratic Coalition (NDC) and thus doesn't add to that group's strength in Democratic party organization matters.

He was incorrectly identified as an NDC member in an Observer news story last weekend. Kadish has received the endorsement of the Livonia NDC in his campaign for election as 14th District State Senator on the Democratic ticket, however.

ALSO INCORRECTLY, the same news story identified Mrs. Barbara Handy of 15853 Lola Drive, Redford Township, as the wife of Township Trustee Roger Handy and a Booster Club member. She is neither.

Mrs. Barbara Handy is the wife of Sheldon Handy, a cousin to Roger.

Valuation \$914,500 Permits for 13 new commercial and industrial buildings were issued in July by the Livonia Bureau of Inspection.

Frank A. Kerby, chief inspector announced. Valuation on the structures was listed at \$914,500. For the fiscal year, Dec. 1 through July, there have been 55 permits issued with a total valuation of \$12,241,085.

July also saw eight permits issued for commercial and industrial additions with a valuation of \$265,864.

Swanson-Moelke versus Pursell-Lenore reason for her challenge, despite her statements being witnessed. "If you use that I'll deny it," she said. "I'm going to support my state representative and county commissioner candidates this fall."

IN FACT, Mrs. Dumas, who is Livonia coordinator for Mrs. Romney's campaign, and Tom Duggan, a Pursell campaign worker, were among those on her delegate list and not on the convention committee list.

Mrs. Dumas was designated an alternate by the convention. Duggan was not.

Mrs. Dumas' challenge, if successful, would have replaced delegates Swanson, Charles H. Kay, John C. Reault, Marvin Pridgen and Art Sipola. She nominated all except Kay as alternates. Pridgen is a member of the GOP state central committee.

In addition to herself and Duggan, Mrs. Dumas wanted to place Betty Lindhout, Lorraine Goran and Harry Greenleaf on the prime delegate list.

Kay, Reault, Swanson, Pridgen and Sipola will go to the state convention as delegates from Livonia. Other Livonia delegates, unchallenged by Mrs. Dumas, will be David F. Merriam, Charles W. Chandler, Martin F. Seitz, George Kottunen, Katherine M. Doman,

Harold E. Schoen, Jean Hinton, Gil Vogel, Art Hing, Livonia GOP club chairman, and David Leathley, Wayne 19th chairman.

State Convention delegates from Redford Township, none of whom were contested, will be Eldon R. Funk, Marion M. Donaldson, James P. Tschirhart, Roy E. Sutherland, Rhys Lewis, Clarence E. Irwin, Myles F. Armour, Thomas F. Sawyer, Lillian D. Lewis, Jay E. Hughes, Charles W. Cole Jr., Thomas Barnhart, candidate for State Rep. in the 34th District and Delores N. Kory, former Wayne 19th Chairman and a present member of the GOP state central committee.

No Traffic Accidents For 2 Days

LIVONIA Livonia police reported two days in the last two-week period in which there were no reported accidents in the city, something of a major achievement for Livonia drivers.

No accidents were reported within the City of Livonia on Aug. 3, and again on Aug. 12. Police reported a total of 41 accidents during the week of Aug. 3, compared with 54 during the same period last year.

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Medicare Holders Warned

Some private insurance companies have been sending misleading advertisements to Medicare beneficiaries in the northwest Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville areas, according to Samuel F. Test, social security district manager, in an effort to sell them health insurance to supplement their Medicare protection.

Test said that the promotional literature distributed by these companies has been deliberately designed to give the reader the impression that the company is in some way connected with the Social Security Administration or that it has access to the federal agency's records.

One company used a window envelope that was almost identical to the envelopes social security uses to send out benefit checks, Test remarked. He said only careful reading of the fine print in the advertisements revealed the statement that the company was "not an agency of the state or federal government."

Test stressed that the Social Security Administration does not endorse any privately-sponsored insurance plan designed to "supplement" Medicare benefits. He also emphasized that private insurance companies do not have access to social security records, which are confidential by law.

Test indicated that most private insurance programs supplementing Medicare offer valuable additional protection and advertise honestly in their sales literature. "However," Test said, "a few companies have engaged in practices which clearly are intended to mislead Medicare beneficiaries."

Test advised persons who are confused by material they get in the mail offering additional Medicare protection to get in touch with their nearest social security office or the state insurance commission.

THE CONVENTION elected current District Chairman David Leathley of Livonia, as its chairman without opposition. A few precinct delegates did "abstain" on the roll call vote, however.

Before the convention considered any delegate nominations, Martin Seitz of Livonia called Leathley to a huddle from the podium and examined the intended list.

After the convention adjourned, Seitz and Mrs. Dumas argued strenuously. Seitz defended the convention committee nominations in a statement to Observer Newspapers. He said the nominees were recommended on the basis of length of service to the party. Seitz has been a strong advocate of conservative positions and candidates consistently, while Mrs. Dumas has achieved prominence as a moderate.



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