

County Voters Per Cent Drops

Oakland County citizens are tuning out and turning off politically.

That's the conclusion of the county's Democratic Committee, which has studied the Oakland voter registration pattern over the past eight years.

Chairman George Googasian cites figures showing a steady drop. Since 1960, in the percentage of Oakland County adults who register to vote.

In 1960, the county's registered voters numbered 356,350—a fairly respectable 68 per cent of those old enough to vote.

BUT THERE'S been a decline ever since.

In 1962, 60 per cent of the county's adults were registered. By 1964, the figure had dropped to 78 per cent and by 1966, to 71 per cent. Today, only 68 per cent of the county's potential voters are registered.

The actual number of registered voters has remained about the same—356,350 in 1960 and 356,600 today. Yet the county's population has jumped from 690,000 to an estimated 855,000 with a corresponding increase in the number of persons 21 years of age and older.

The disappointing voter performance of Oakland County citizens was illustrated recently by the low turnout for the Aug. 6 primary.

Googasian said that only 96,000 persons actually bothered to cast their ballots. That figure represents 28 per cent of the registered voters, and a mere 19 per cent of those old enough to vote.

"We think registration and voting fall far short of what is expected from a populous, highly literate and affluent area like Oakland County," Googasian said.

HE SAID his organization has launched a county-wide drive to register 100,000 voters by Michigan's Oct. 4 registration deadline.

Director of the registration effort is Jack Douglas, a Pontiac city commissioner and the Oakland County AFL-CIO president.

Douglas said emphasis will be placed on populous areas with large numbers of unregistered persons. Target areas include Royal Oak, with an estimated 31 per cent of its adults unregistered; Pontiac, with 30 per cent; Southfield, with 25 per cent; Madison Heights, with 46 per cent; and Ferndale, with 31 per cent.

Googasian said that nearly 163,000 adults in Oakland County are not registered to vote.

20 Don't Lose Their Cool

Twenty Farmington women, who attend the Women's Health Class during the winter at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1082 in Farmington High School, didn't rest on their laurels this summer.

The ladies, who admit they have a weight problem, gathered during the summer months in the home of Janet Gooden, their president.

And the group lost a total of 138 pounds, even with all the summer goodies on the grocery shelves.

To celebrate its 12th birthday and to honor three charter members, the group held an "End of the Summer" party recently and dined on sliced turkey, low-calorie salads and fruit dessert.

Entertainment was provided by Winne Harris, Beverly Cygan, Sandy Dalessandro and Gerry Hood.

The three charter members, Mrs. Harris, Elda Compton and Florence Krings, received silver charms for continued service to the organization.

Connie Berreth, Beverly Hood and Audrey Estep were high losers for the summer, shedding 27, 25 and 14 pounds, respectively.

Those who lost at least five pounds each were Donna Planko and Connie Belanger, Peggy Graves, Fay Kupferschmid and Claudine Kessler.

They were given monetary gifts and Mary Gregory, Aimee Lunsten, Evelyn Allan, Marge Hartwig and others were also rewarded for losing weight during the summer.



OUTFOXED — Helen Fox, 2011 Angling Rd., Livonia, was curious to see what the leaves of a squash look like. So she planted one seed on the edge of the decorative flower garden she had labored a year to build. She knows what the leaves look like now. In fact, she knows how

40 feet of them look — all entwined along the border of her free-form garden. The vine has 45 squash, ranging in size from nine inches down to tiny bulbs. Miss Fox calls it "The Monster."

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Farmington Grad Attends

Alma Staff Session

ALMA — Mark Foster, of Farmington, a resident assistant in Alma College's Mitchell Hall, is attending a week-long Housing Staff Workshop at the college Sept. 16-23.

The resident assistants at Alma are carefully selected supervisory positions in

residence halls. The pre-school workshop helps to prepare the "RA's" for their many duties ranging from serving as advisors to providing general supervision of living units. Foster, a 1966 graduate of Farmington High School, is the son of Mrs. Joyce M. Foster of 2344 Violet, Farmington.

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