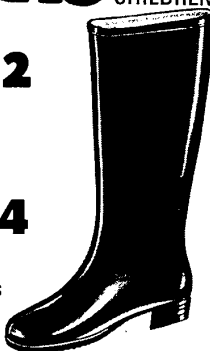


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19th-Wayne GOP Re-Elects Leathley

By MARIE McGEE

A spirited discussion on abortion and welfare enlivened an otherwise quiet spring convention of Wayne County delegates in the 19th Republican Congressional District.

Meeting in Redford Township, 36 of 82 delegates from Livonia, Redford and Northville routinely picked a district chairman and new officers for the next two years and elected delegates to the state convention to be held in Detroit next month.

Delegates in the Oakland County sector was held simultaneously in Pontiac. Wayne County convention chairman was Marvin Pridgen of Livonia.

UNANIMOUSLY re-elected 19th District-Wayne chairman was David Leathley, of Livonia, a manufacturer's representative, who was unopposed for the office.

Mrs. Ann Dize, of Redford Township, was re-elected vice chairman and Art Sippola, bank executive, was re-elected treasurer. Only newcomer was secretary Mrs. Jean Campbell.

Named to the 15-man

steering committee were the following Redfordites: Charles Cole, Marion Donaldson, Curtis Harriman, Jay Hughes, Cliff Hendricks, Jerry Ajiouny and Rhys Lewis.

Livonians who will serve on the committee are: Richard Simpson, Martin Seitz, Joyce LeMaster, Robert Swanson, Hal Schoen, Gene Welper, Jean Hinton and Gil Vogel.

BUT ONCE THE preliminaries were over, the delegates perked up and verbally slashed their way through eight proposals advanced by the resolutions committee, headed by Swanson.

Only five of the original resolutions survived, including one advocating a "stop and frisk" law and another favoring an abortion bill identical to that enacted by the New York Legislature.

Earlier in the evening, newly elected State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-14 District) paid a brief visit to the convention and talked about the abortion bill he is co-sponsoring. He said his bill will be a modified version of the one that was defeated last year, but not as "liberalized" as the one in New York.

Pursell's remarks were interpreted by some of the delegates to mean he was not in favor of the New York bill. For this reason—as well as on moral grounds—the resolution was challenged. But attempts to have it scuttled were unsuccessful.

The convention also went on record as favoring President Nixon's welfare reform and family assistance plan after rejecting a committee resolution calling for welfare reforms through a negative income tax system.

Delegates also commended, by resolution, Gov. Milliken for "taking the first step in fiscal economy by rejecting his own pay raise."

CITING nuisance factors and the accompanying rise in crime, another resolution urged the passage of legislation that would prevent the extension of the race track season.

The show-stopper of the evening, however, was the resolution offered from the floor by Martin Seitz, of Livonia, who was chairman of the convention rules committee.

Referring to the "deep scars in the structure of the Republican Party left by

several races in the August primary," the Seitz resolution recommended that the consensus method of selecting a primary candidate be abolished in favor of the open primary in which the voters make the final decision on the candidate.

No one mentioned any names, but for the Romneys—George and Lenore—it was a bittersweet "last hurrah."



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Oakland Works To Fill Delegation

By TIM RICHARD

It was hard to get anybody excited about anything at the 19th-Oakland Republican convention last week.

Only about 40 of the approximately 140 precinct delegates in the 19th Congressional District portion of Oakland County showed up for the 2½-hour session in Pontiac.

They scoured telephone books and searched their memories for names of friends who might like to fill the 60 delegate and 60 alternate seats to the GOP state convention in Detroit Feb. 12-13.

MRS. ISABEL Haynes, Farmington Township resident who is a member of the Republican State Central Committee, said she might seek a third two-year term inasmuch as one of the other leading ladies of the party wasn't interested.

John Cartwright, who as chairman four years ago wrested control of the organization from an arch-conservative group, allowed as how he might be interested in the male seat on State Central.

The present incumbent, Charles Meisner of Pontiac, has told friends he doesn't want another term and hasn't been able to attend meetings in recent months.

The present chairman, Sheldon Smith, a real estate man from Waterford Township, thought he might want a new term, but he really wasn't decided because of personal factors.

(The Oakland and Wayne county portions of the 19th District meet separately for local conventions, then caucus at the state convention to pick district officers and four members of the State Central Committee.)

THE FARMINGTON Area's two members of the Oakland County Commission, Delos Hamlin and Christian Powell, didn't show up, although Powell's past attendance had been regular.

State Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) wasn't there. Neither were any Farmington city councilmen (non-partisan) or township board members (all Republicans).

Only three persons were elected GOP precinct delegates from the City of Farmington's five precincts last August, and only one answered roll call at this convention. Seven of the township's 18 precincts (there are two vacancies) were represented.

Thus, only eight of the Farmington Area's 22 precincts had some sort of representation. Whereas Democrats have

no qualms about making under-21-year-olds state convention delegates, Republicans last week wrestled quietly with their legal consciences over such a move.

They finally elected Lorna Anderson, 29, daughter of State Rep. Loren Anderson, an alternate.

WHEN IT was all over, the 19th-Oakland delegates had filled their 60 delegate and 60 alternate slate with 120 names. These persons were elected delegates from the Farmington Area:

City (three): Don J. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Arvo Locke, all neighbors on Birchwood.

Township (10): Helen Davidson, Karen Eisenberg, Elsa

Harns, Isabel Haynes, Norma Henderson, Phyllis Crump, Milton Lichterman, Tom McMillan, Barbara Reader and June Wallen.

One township trustee, David Stader, wound up on the alternate list, the only elected township officer to be so listed. Another alternate was Louis Rebeck, the relative unknown who staged a feeble write-in campaign last November against Supervisor Earl Teeples.

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