

Local Reps Split 4-3 On Daylight Time

By KATHY MORAN

It will be up to the voters to decide if Michigan should switch to daylight saving time.

In a 60-46 vote, the House of Representatives rejected petitions requesting the change-over. Many representatives cast negative votes in order to refer the matter to the voters.

Representatives from Observerland were split in their voting with four "yes" and three "no" votes. In favor of accepting the initiative petitions were Reps. Richard Young (D-DeARBORNE Heights), John Bennett (D-Redford

Township), Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia), and Ray Baker (D-Farmington).

Three negative votes were cast by Reps. James Tierney (D-Garden City), Thomas Brown (D-Westland), and Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park). "DAYLIGHT saving time is not the issue," Forbes said of the House vote. "I personally am for it. But inasmuch as the people voted against it before, I think they should vote on it again."

Forbes, whose 67th district includes part of Southfield, cautioned that legislators should "never minimize the power of the people."

He said that if the Senate and House decided in favor of the time change, it would be contrary to what the people in Michigan had decided in the 1968 election.

Thus, by voting against accepting the petitions, Forbes and other representatives were voting to refer the

decision to Michigan residents and they would not be "disenfranchising" the citizens who had voted against it previously.

REP. BROWN also voted "no" so as not to "circumvent the right of the people."

"If there is to be a vote, it

should be referred to the people," he said.

When Michigan voters first voiced their opinions on the longer days, DST was narrowly defeated by 488 votes. Since that time, citizens have been gathering petitions to have the decision reversed.

Rep. Stempien voted for accepting the petitions in

keeping with his convictions and what he perceived as the general feeling of his Livonia district.

"I feel that in the district I represent, the majority of the people have a desire to have longer evenings in the summer," he said.

Stempien said that he didn't think a positive vote

would take the matter out of the hands of the people because "I feel sure that even if it is not on the ballot this time, it would be on in two years."

SINCE THE House rejected the petitions, it is unlikely that the Senate will take time to vote on the

question. Michigan law requires that if both houses do not accept the petitions, it must be put up for a popular vote.

Though the next general election is not until the fall of 1972, Michigan will have local elections in November, and DST could possibly be included on the ballot.

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Suburbia Places 3 At GOP Helm

Beaten Dwyer Sacrificed For Principles

By Staff Correspondent

"I felt I didn't have a chance... it would have taken a miracle."

So reflected Plymouth's Robert Dwyer after his unsuccessful challenge to incumbent Democratic State Chairman James McNeely at the Democratic state convention last weekend.

It was Dwyer's entry into the race which sparked most of the pre-convention discussion. At the convention in Grand Rapids, he was joined by two other challengers, and their combined efforts produced about the only fireworks at an otherwise unusually calm and unified convention.

IN THE END, Dwyer re-

ceived only 84 votes, according to unofficial totals. McNeely got 1,906.

"I wanted to run because I thought we shouldn't just go up there for a coronation," Dwyer explained, "and because I wanted to focus the party's attention on some important issues."

"The State Central Committee (supposedly the governing body of the party) has been moribund. There has been an enormous lack of communication with county organizations throughout the state. And there has been an excessive amount of party spending."

THE LONG-TIME Plymouth resident and former 2nd District chairman didn't come away from the conven-



ROBERT E. DWYER

tion entirely empty handed.

"I was elected a delegate to the State Central Committee from this district," Dwyer explained, "and from this post I intend to keep talking about the issues which led to my challenge to McNeely in the first place."

Following his defeat, Dwyer had no sour grapes. "It was a good fight, a fair fight," he said. "McNeely has a mandate from the convention, and I hope he uses it well."

"It was a good convention, and I think it helped the party."

Cartwright Surprised In Bid For GOP Post

By Staff Correspondent

There was one upset in the 19th Congressional District as Observerland Republicans picked members of the GOP State Central Committee.

Each of the 19 districts in the state elects four members to the policy-making body, in contrast to the Democrats, who apportion their seats on a one-man, one-vote basis.

The 18th District picked its leaders earlier. Here is a rundown on how the other districts in Observerland voted:

2ND DISTRICT—E.O. (Bud) Weber, of Northville, chairman of the Wayne-2nd organization, turned down a chance to run for chairman of the full 2nd District.

"I wanted to go, and I had a lot of support," he said, "but I didn't want to run because of the re-districting." Michigan's congressional districts are to be re-districted by the Legislature prior to the 1972 election, based on the 1970 census, and it's widely expected that Plymouth and Northville will no longer be in the 2nd.

Instead, Weber ran unopposed for vice chairman, Mrs. C. Borden Chase, Washenaw County chairman, was

picked as 2nd District chairman. State Central members were all re-elected. They are Mrs. Ada Spurr of Monroe, Mrs. Barbara Illinek of Howell, Harry Duseau of Lenawee County and Brian Connolly of Ann Arbor.

18TH DISTRICT—No one from the Southfield area landed a major office in this eastern Oakland County district. New chairman is Dick Sanderson of Troy. He succeeds Jack Gibbs, also of Troy, who was elected to the State Central Committee.

Others elected to State Central were Betty Pfister of Birmingham, Norma Armstrong of Berkeley and Robert Beach of Royal Oak.

19TH DISTRICT—In a major surprise, former chairman John Cartwright was defeated by a single vote in his bid for a State Central Committee post. Cartwright, of West Bloomfield, lost on a second ballot to Bruno Jandasek of Lake Orion. One apparent reason was that north Oakland delegates wanted some representation; another explanation was that Cartwright had alienated many delegates last fall with his arm-twisting on

behalf of State Sen. Emil Lockwood for the secretary of state nomination.

There was no bitterness. "I couldn't lose to anyone better," said Cartwright, who four years ago led a Romney-moderate coup that ousted the 19th District's conservative leadership.

Mrs. Isabel Haynes of Farmington Township won a new State Central term without opposition.

Mrs. Delores Kory of Redford Township defeated Mrs. Mary Dumas of Livonia to win a second term on the state body. The vote wasn't announced.

Winning the fourth seat was Robert Swanson, of Livonia, who defeated Arthur Hogarth, former chairman of the Livonia Republican Club.

A gracious Hogarth said Swanson's victory put him in a good position to run again for state representative in 1972. Swanson was the 1970 nominee and managed to put incumbent Democrat Marvin Stempien on the defensive by the end of a rough-and-tumble campaign.

Sheldon Smith, a Pontiac realtor, was re-elected district chairman without opposition. Vice chairman is Mrs. Mary Donaldson of Redford, and treasurer is Gilbert Vogel of Livonia.

By Staff Correspondent

Michigan's three top Republican leaders will be suburbanites for the next two years, and one of those suburbanites is a black man.

He is Ed Bivens, mayor of Inkster, who won the party's second vice chairmanship in a campaign that was a model of textbook efficiency.

Bivens' name should be familiar in parts of Westland and Livonia. He was the 1968 Republican nominee against State Rep. Richard Young (D-DeARBORNE Heights) in the 33rd District.

He has been mayor of Inkster for nine months and before that was a member of the Inkster board of education. A journalist by training, he is working on a doctoral degree at Wayne State University.

BIVENS HAD announced opposition from Rev. Ellis Bonner, president of the Wolverine Republican Club, and Dennis Gibson, 35, a former aide to Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs and now state deputy director of licensing and regulation.

But Bivens bowled them over and they withdrew.

"I was impressed when he visited our caucus," said a Wayne-2nd District leader. "Gibson didn't hit our caucus. Bivens presented himself well and worked hard. He's not young and vibrant, but he's our Uncle Tom either."

A 19th District leader agreed that Bivens made the better impression. "He's a Swahili word meaning 'let us work together.'"

He said he has been working full time as mayor of Inkster, even though it is a part-time job, but plans to go into business "in about 30 days."

McLAUGHLIN was elected to his second two-year term without opposition and with

MAYOR ED BIVENS
Easy Victory

the full blessing of Gov. Milliken. Sen. Griffin and other top party leaders, although some conservative 18th District politicians had made rumblings of a challenge.

Once in theater management, McLaughlin became a full time party worker four years ago under then-Chairman Elly Peterson and succeeded her in 1969.

In one of the few eloquent speeches of an otherwise unexciting convention, McLaughlin's name was offered by 19th District Chairman Sheldon Smith, of Pontiac.

Smith described McLaughlin as better than a man with the courage of convictions. "He has the courage of his doubts," a friend who has provided leadership in such a way as to make others feel it is they who are leading, they who are important to the cause, they who are making the contribution."

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LOCAL UNIT	1970	1960	Percent Change
OAKLAND COUNTY			
Farmington	13,337	6,881	93.8
Farmington Township	48,933	26,692	83.3
Quakertown North	7,101	482	73.7
Quakertown Village	837	684	59.4
Wood Creek Farms Village	1,090	3,556	119.9
Lathrup Village	1,429	8,633	54.8
Southfield	69,285	11,319	54.8
Southfield Township	17,521	2,964	43.7
Beverly Hills Village	13,598	3,242	47.8
Bingham Farms Village	566	3,613	107.5
Franklin Village	3,344	38,017	10.1
WAYNE COUNTY			
Canton Township	11,026	66,702	65.1
Garden City	41,864	8,766	34.1
Livonia	110,109	8,364	109.2
Plymouth	11,758	7,126	9.9
Plymouth Township	17,497	8,364	109.2
Redford Township	71,901	7,126	9.9
Westland	86,749	7,126	9.9

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