

Oakland Democrats Adopt 'Needs' Platform

Oakland County Democrats have adopted a platform for its county supervisor candidates which calls for giving priority to human needs above putting funds into such projects as the Orion Airport.

The platform was adopted by the Oakland County Democratic Committee after consultation with groups and individuals in the county.

Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington was chairman of the county's platform committee. The committee and supervisor candidates came up with the document after holding a number of preliminary meetings and hearings to get the sentiment of the people.

Local candidates on the Democratic ticket are Gerald Freedman and Michael Kelly, Farmington; Carlos Ramirez, chairman of the present county board, in the 17th District, while Kelly is running against Republican Christian Powell in the 19th District.

THE ORION Airport is one of the most controversial projects of the county. The present board has announced plans for expanding the county's airport facilities and \$400,000 is proposed for land acquisition in the 1969 county budget.

In addition to this figure the county has proposed that \$51,320 be allocated from general funds for the operation of the

present airport at Pontiac. Final budget approval has not been given by the county board of supervisors.

Vagnozzi said that the platform group held a briefing session with the representatives of various county departments and services and an open hearing for spokesmen of county organizations.

Among the groups represented at the hearing were the League of Women Voters, the Farmington Township Road Association, the OAW, the Probate Court, the Mental Health Association, the Oakland County Office of Economic Opportunity, the Association for Retarded Children and the Oakland County Taxpayers Association.

The taxpayers group has led the fight against the Orion Airport proposal contending that funds could be used for road improvement on the beef-up existing county services.

PREAMBLE to the platform asserts that "1968 is the year

of opportunity for Oakland County when the people take over the reigns of county government."

This is a reference to the fact that this is the first time that the county supervisors will be directly elected to this post by the people.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a reapportionment of county boards was required under the "one man-one vote" ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court.

On this basis the districts were drawn up and the present 87-member board will be reduced to 27 members. The redistricting was made by a five-man committee comprised of the county chairman for both the Republicans and the Democrats, the county prosecutor,

treasurer and clerk (all Democrats).

Oakland County Republican Chairman Joseph R. Farnham unsuccessfully appealed the

committee decision to the state court of appeals contending that the redistricting was in violation of the equal population requirement.

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'City's 72 Fires Needless'—Chief

Most fires in Farmington are caused by carelessness and could be prevented, according to Department of Public Safety Chief Robert Deadman.

The city reported 72 fires in the first eight months of 1968 and 23 percent of those were caused by carelessness use of matches, Deadman said.

Although the city had 53 fires in 1967, fire loss is down from \$30,765 in 1967 to \$7,450 for the first eight months of the year.

Deadman said that much of Farmington's fire loss could be prevented if residents took simple safety precautions.

"Don't store junk—if it's not good for anything, throw it out," he said.

"Use electrical materials that are around the less chance something will catch on fire."

More than 20 percent of last year's fires were caused by faulty electrical fixtures and wiring, reports said.

Nineteen per cent were caused by

inadequate heating facilities.

"Many times, these fires flash out of stored junk," Deadman said.

Residents can help protect against fires by following wiring codes and inspecting heating systems, he said.

"Normally, the fires come from the blower units which haven't been properly maintained."

The chief explained that heating system blower units should be oiled and belts should be examined regularly. "Worn belts soon start to slip and the blower overworks and becomes defective," Deadman said.

"Another way to overwork the blower is to use old filters. The fan overheats and may burn up."

Although the City of Farmington has never had a fire fatality, residents should plan escape routes in case of fire, according to Fire Marshal Jay Harrison.

"Two routes should be planned," Harrison said. "So that if one is blocked by heat on fire, another could be used."

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1967

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Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: September 11, 1968.
DONALD E. ADAMS
Judge of Probate
McCreary, Nash & Plesner, Attorneys
Fisher Building
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Newspaper: Farmington Enterprise
& Observer
121. 29 & 104-62

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Dated: September 20, 1968.
WOLBERT S. BARNARD
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Newspaper: Farmington Enterprise
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104. 13, 10-68

Rape Charge Exam Set

Farmington Township Justice Court examination has been set for Oct. 18 for Arnell Smith, of an unknown address, who has been charged with raping a township girl.

Charges were filed Aug. 8, 1967 and Smith has been a fugitive, police said.

Smith was arrested by Farmington Township Police Oct. 5 at 4 a.m. in Bedford Township after receiving a tip on his whereabouts.

Organ Recital Begins Season

An organ recital will feature the first meeting of the Detroit alumnae chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, music fraternity for women, at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the chapel of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. Mrs. Eleanor Crum and Mrs. Marie Le Lacheur will perform.

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