

He's Still Active Another House Try By Harris?

By TIM RICHARD



FRED L. HARRIS

Four men entered the 1970 Democratic primary in the 19th Congressional District, but only one appeared for the party's annual dinner Saturday night.

Fred Harris, the eventual nominee, admitted he was "considering" making another run against three-term Republican Jack McDonald. All signs point to it:

- With one campaign under his belt, Harris would come into the 1972 contest with some experience, which he clearly lacked the last time out.
- He was made honorary chairman, with a front seat table, at the Democratic dinner and got to make a few remarks.
- Since his last run, he has been appointed by the Oakland County board to the Road Commission, and Harris frankly admits that someone at the county level is looking out for him.

• Harris is still president of Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which bought a full page ad in the dinner program. The United Auto

Workers bought only a half-page.

WHETHER HE makes another run may depend on redistricting, Harris said. Democrats in the Legislature are drawing up plans aimed at wiping out 18th District Republican William Bromfield, an outstate GOP seat and perhaps 2nd District Republican Marvin Esch. So far, McDonald doesn't seem to be a redistricting target.

Democrats were confident of some gains. They have an ample margin in the State House and are only the lieutenant governor's vote away from a tie in the Senate. If there's a deadlock, the State Supreme Court - with a 5-1 Democratic margin - will make a final decision.

Nevertheless, Harris isn't openly talking himself up for the job. He makes his living practicing law, and any campaigning time takes money out of his pocket. "I've just recovered from the last campaign," he said.

OTHER STARTERS in the 1970 primary were:

- H. Patrick O'Neil, now Livonia civil defense director and sarcastically referred to by a party leader as "McNamara's whiz kid." (Mayor Edward McNamara, Democratic nominee for

lieutenant governor in 1970, was also absent but bought a small ad in the program.)

Ron Hecker, Livonia businessman now flirting openly with the new Human Rights Party.

Franklin Zane Adell, Novi industrialist. Because few active Democrats know what Adell looks like, they were uncertain whether he was among the 250 diners.

A possible congressional candidate may be Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas G. Plunkett, who bought a full page ad in the program.

The back inside cover, full page was taken up with the ad of Bill J. Robbins, Redford Township supervisor and chairman of the 19th - Wayne Democratic organization. Robbins did not, however, attend the dinner.

WHILE DEMOCRATS from Farmington and most western Oakland County communities are fairly certain they'll be in

the new 19th District in 1972, those from Redford Township and Livonia are less certain.

The general belief is that Redford will probably wind up in the 17th District, now represented by the unbeatable Martha Griffiths, a Democrat of northwest Detroit.

Livonia Democrats feel they will be in the eastern outpost of the new 2nd District, which currently picks up the Plymouth community and Northville Township and is represented by liberal Republican Marvin Esch of Ann Arbor.

They are expecting their candidate to be State Rep. Marvin Stempion of Livonia. Stempion wasn't at the dinner but bought a quarter-page ad and sent a telegram of regrets ("previous family commitment").

ALTHOUGH THE 1972 primary won't be until August and the state nominating conventions around the first of

September, several men were making their interest known in judicial positions.

Wayne County Judge Horace Gilmore was introduced as a possible nominee for the State Supreme Court, where candidates are nominated by parties but run on a non-partisan ballot.

Ditto with Judge James Canham.

Julian Cook, co-chairman of the State Civil Rights Commission, was introduced as an "aspirant" for a political office. An informed source said the office may be an Oakland County circuit judgeship.

Cook, whose CRC is rarely a source of newspaper copy because of its tight publicity policies, recently called a widely-heralded news conference to denounce Republican Gov. William Milliken's decision to appeal the Detroit school segregation case.

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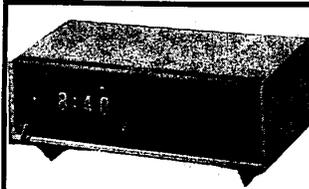
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The low bid, one of the largest low bids ever taken by the Department, was among 11 low bids totaling \$22.9 million on 11 highway construction and maintenance projects.

It calls for construction of four miles of Interstate 96 near Novi and includes a portion of what will be the largest interchange in the state, linking I-96, I-696 and the future M-275 Freeway in Novi and Farmington Township in Oakland County.

Lowest of eight bidders on a companion project for construction of 14 bridges in the same interchange was Walter Toebe & Co. of Wixom with a bid of \$4,553,869.

Pizza Shop Decor: 1890s

Featuring a Gay Nineties decor, Hancock Enterprises of Southfield recently opened its first Olde Tyme Pizza Shoppe in Livonia.

Ronald Hancock, who will operate the shop, says pizza is truly an American dish and has decorated the pizza Dunclut Junior High, and Ole American Pizza." It is located at 15088 Middle Belt.



AT DETROIT'S AUTO show opening last weekend were (from left) Linda Sue Kish, Miss Michigan; Russ Gilbert, president of Town & Country Dodge of Farmington and active in show planning; "Sheriff" Joe Higgins; and Pamela Eldred, former Miss Michigan.

Board Tells Meet Sites

FARMINGTON Board of Education, which has been meeting at local schools in order to make its sessions more convenient to the public, has set up a schedule for the remainder of the school year. All meetings begin at 8 p.m.

The schedule: Dec. 7 at East Junior High; Dec. 21 at Larkshire Elementary; Jan. 4 at Fairview Elementary; Jan. 18 at Middlebelt Elementary; Feb. 1 at Farmington Junior High; Feb. 15 at Eagle Elementary.

Also: March 7 at Flanders Elementary; March 21 at Beechview Elementary; April 4 at Power Junior High; April 18 at Wooddale Elementary.

And: May 2 at Ten Mile Elementary; May 16 at Forest Elementary; June 6 at Dunclut Junior High; and June 20 back at the Administration Building.

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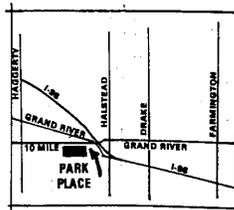
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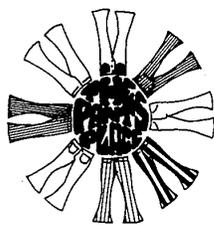
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