

In the 2nd District

The candidates and the heroes they admire

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A man is known by the company he keeps, but his political philosophies can often be determined by the men he admires.

With this in mind, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers asked candidates in the 2nd Congressional District which political heroes they admired and why.

Board elects new officers

Robert M. Erickson has been unanimously elected president of the Clarenceville Board of Education for the 1974-75 year.

Erickson has been a member of the board since July 1967 and has served as treasurer for a number of years.

He is a credit programs administrator in the division of urban extension at Wayne State University.

Raymond Chaiken, who has served on the board since July 1960, was re-elected vice president.

Richard J. Wood was elected as secretary. He has served as a board member for six years.

Thomas C. Wilson, a veteran member of the board for 18 years, was elected treasurer.

Daniel G. Morrison was sworn in as a newly elected member to the board of education.

Hinged bus on trial here

MAN, Germany's largest manufacturer of public transit vehicles has provided a standard hinged bus for demonstration and testing on regular routes for suitability and passenger acceptance in the United States.

The bus is on tour through major U.S. cities and will be in Detroit this week.

The bus was introduced July 9 on the SEMTA Metropolitan Division Michigan Avenue-Wayne Line.

OPERATED by one person, the bus has a seating capacity of 63 compared with 50 on regular buses now in use in the Detroit area.

Powered by a 253 horsepower engine which meets California emission standards, the 54 feet long demonstration bus will reach a top speed of 50 mph. The bus is primarily designed for service in heavily populated metropolitan areas.

SEMTA officials are considering purchase of up to 25 of these buses for use in the region. If purchased, the buses would include some modifications, including airconditioning.

The bus is a common sight in Germany and other European cities where they have proven their efficiency and reliability for over 25 years.

Responses were received from the five Democrats seeking nomination in the Aug. 6 primary and from incumbent Rep. Marvin L. Esch (R-Ann Arbor) who is running unopposed in the primary. The 2nd District includes Livonia, Plymouth, Monroe County and parts of Washtenaw County.

ESCH LISTED three heroes that have gained his admiration — Lincoln, Calhoun and Elliot Richardson.

"In historical perspective, Lincoln and Calhoun. Lincoln for obvious traits — he was a man of the people."

"Calhoun for more subtle reasons: his philosophy was one of compromise — of attempting to bring conflicting ideas into synthesis for the good of the country."

"In contemporary times, Elliot Richardson, for his willingness to draw a line and uphold the principles on which he stands."

"These traits — holding firm on personal principles, and having the ability to compromise within bounds of those principles, and being close to the people — are the ones which should be emulated today."

RONALD EGNOR replied that he didn't have any heroes as such.

He added, however: "I do admire John L. Lewis and Harry Truman for their forthright, honest, do-something approach."

MARJORIE LANSING listed as personal political heroes Thomas Jefferson, John F. Kennedy and Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Jefferson's deep commitment to the fundamental rights of people, his understanding of the value of a free society under democratic rule of law, and his outstanding contributions to the formation and guidance of the new nation are unexcelled in U.S. political history."

"Kennedy, who offered a 20th century Jeffersonian view of duty and democracy, activated young voters and demonstrated to them that honest, selfless service to country could help to make the world a better place."

"Eleanor Roosevelt, partner of New Deal President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is remembered and revered for demonstrating that involved and concerned women, although not elected to office, contributed to the democratic process as voters and citizens, and that such efforts are essential for effective citizenship."

JOHN REUTHER says: "The one political figure who stands out in my mind is the late President Kennedy."

"The combination of idealism, intelligence, wit and dedication to the betterment of mankind is a memory which my generation can cherish."

"My regret for this generation is that they have Watergate, when we had Camelot."

DR. EDWARD PIERCE picks as his heroes Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Harry Truman and Adlai Stevenson.

"Lincoln, who attempted to heal the wounds of a nation after a terrible war; King, who worked through non-violent means to change the country for the better; Truman, who always called things as he saw them; and Stevenson, who raised political dialogue to a higher level."

THEO WILLIAMS says: "I tend to admire persons like the late John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert Kennedy, for the new concepts they en-

couraged in government.

"I also admire newspapers that have the courage to print the unpleasant truth about unsavory government

agency activities. I also admire persons, like Thomas Paine (... 'Government at its worst is intolerable, at its best a necessary evil'), and the late

Justice Louis Brandeis ('The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding.')

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