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In Oakland County... Democrats Deal Blow To County Chairman

PONTIAC—An uprising occurred among Oakland County Democrats last week. Party members who have long hinted that present County Chairman Carlos G. Richardson was unsatisfactory to them dealt him a blow that many result in election of a new chairman.

The Richardson opponents, labeled by a party leader as a "liberal labor bloc," elected Frank J. Sierawski as chairman of their county convention. The move was made Wednesday last week at the party's county convention in Pontiac.

Sierawski was named to head the county convention only, but his 53-18 defeat of Richardson prompted Richardson to withdraw as a candidate for re-election after the Aug. 2 primaries.

THE COUNTY chairman is elected by the 14 party candidates who win nomination in the primaries. Sierawski, 58, is branch manager of the Federal secretary of state's office and executive assistant to Richardson in the county Democratic organization.

Richardson, 62, is a Waterford township insurance salesman. He has been Oakland chairman since 1955, and a county committee officer for 20 years.

ROYAL OAKER August Scholle, Michigan AFL-CIO president, was a leader in the move to upset Richardson's leadership. Scholle has long been vocal in his criticism of the present Oakland county organization, calling it a "sorry excuse" for a Democratic party.

Despite the party's statewide show of strength in recent years, Oakland hasn't elected a Democrat to a county office since 1932.

River Rouge Flood Control Bill On Way

Because a large portion of Oakland county is located in the River Rouge drainage basin, the county may be asked to share in a \$20 million flood control project for the lower basin of the river. The possibility was revealed last week in a flood control survey report from the U. S. Army corps of engineers.

The project calls for measures to take care of a 100-year storm in that area beyond Michigan avenue into which drainage flows from rapidly growing Oakland communities.

The federal government would pay almost \$9 million of the cost, leaving about \$11 million to be paid locally. Storm water from Bloomfield, parts of Troy, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Southfield and Lathrup goes into the Rouge. Twelve-Town communities divert storm water to Lake St. Clair via the Red Run creek.

15-Mill Split To Hold Line With Schools

By deleting \$97,000 from a \$600,000 fund for new employees and a general pay raise, the county ways and means committee expects to hold Oakland's 1960 tax rate to last year's 5.62 mills. The 1959 school - county split would also remain.

The budget-making committee has submitted a tentative 1961 budget which totals \$13,709,671. It is expected to be approved April 18 and submitted the next day to the tax allocation board.

SCHOOLS CAN expect to get the same share of the county's 15 mills that they got last year, county officials predict. A jump in state equalized valuations would

still produce more money for both units.

The upped valuation figures would also mean that taxpayers will pay a little more for county government and their school's operation, even though the county holds its rate to \$5.62 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Townships, which also share in the 15 mills, are expected to fare better next year, also, because of increased sales tax rebates resulting from the census.

JAMES M. McNEELY Milford Man Bids For Legislature

James M. McNeely today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the third district, which includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, and the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

The 30-year-old Milford resident is an instructor in Farmington schools, a veteran, and active in teachers' organizations. He seeks the seat currently held by Rep. Cornell Roberts, (Republican) who will not seek re-election.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 1st day of April, 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MERLE FREDERICK ADAMS, Deceased.

Said estate having filed in said Court a petition for the appointment of a private sale of the interest of said estate in certain real estate.

It is Ordered, That the 9th day of May, 1960, in the afternoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing and decision, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court at said time and place, to show cause why said estate should not be sold.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eclectic, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE
Judge of Probate

Walter R. Denison, Att'y., 1101 Pontiac State Bank Bldg., Pontiac 74-131

STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of LOTIE STATION WELCH, Deceased.

Lawrence D. Stratton having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 2nd day of April, 1960, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing and decision on said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

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