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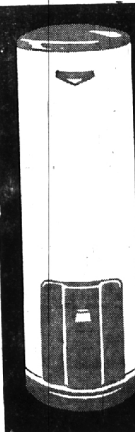
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## In Oakland County... Pep Talk to Dems Is Hart Valentine

By JULIE CANDLER Staff Writer

WATERFORD—The hall was decorated with hearts and flowers and two important Harts were there, along with a flock of Birmingham area Democrats, Friday night at Waterford's community hall.

U. S. Senator Philip A. Hart told the 750 diners just what he thought about some major issues, and why he thought so. He spoke at the Oakland county Democratic committee's Valentine buffet dinner, held to launch the county's participation in a state-wide drive to raise funds.

Adelaide Hart, Detroit teacher who is vice-chairman of the Democrats' state central committee, made the plea for Democrats to become active, dues-paying (\$2.50 to \$120 per year) party members to finance 1960 campaigns.

HART, who maintained his legal residence in Birmingham and voted here until his election to the Senate in 1958, came to Oakland county from a political gathering in Grand Rapids.

The slender Senator told the press before his regular talk that new forms will be used in placing government military contracts would result in more and more permanent government-owned facilities. Measures like the budget bureau's recent indication that the Detroit arsenal would not get a big tank order, Hart said, "Produce a greater cost to the taxpayer eventually and a real loss to Michigan."

He criticized the formula which permits use of government-owned facilities only where costs of manufacture by private enterprise would be "substantially and disproportionately" larger.

EMPHASIZING points in his speech with an overworked index finger, Hart pointed with pride to Lincoln expert Carl Sandburg's recent statement to a nationwide TV audience that if Abraham Lincoln were alive today, he probably would have been a Democrat.

"If Lincoln were alive," said Hart, "he would be doing something about the denial of the right to vote to the Negro in the South."

"If Republicans want to prove they are true to the spirit of Lincoln," he said, "you can come up with a decent voting bill on civil rights—even if we have to stay in session through the conventions."

He labeled Negroes' fights as "the cause for which Lincoln literally gave his life."

HART TOOK definite stands on other issues: BENTLEY FOR SENATOR: The candidacy of Owosso's Alvin Bentley to oppose Senator Pat McNamara in his bid for re-election, Hart said, would give voters "a clear choice." Democrats voting for McNamara "will be joined by a surprising number of liberal Republicans."

SEN. LYNDON JOHNSON: With the variety of thinking among Democratic Senators, Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas heads a group ranging from men like Eastland of Mississippi to Morse of Oregon. "If Johnson gets up and says 'Forward March!' he's the only guy that's going to be moving."

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION: "Anytime anybody gives us money for anything, he may move in on us if we are dummies. But it isn't an inevitable result, and it isn't even—in light of history—a probable result."

"IT'S JUST poor thinking to say because it could happen that way, we won't do what we should today about the schoolroom and

teacher shortage. It's a perfectly valid, overdue function of the federal government."

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"I'll bet they will clean that up in a hurry," Hart said.

"You don't solve the problem of the smaller farmer as you would the problem of the corporate farmer."

Hart said an impartial study recently showed that "freeing the farmer of governmental restraints" under the Eisenhower-Benson policy would drop net farm income by 40 per cent by 1965.

"It will take the highest kind of devoted public service and public understanding of these complex issues to relieve the burdens of vast storage costs," Hart said.

The Senator uses impassioned tones to sum up what he considers the basic issue in the 1960 campaigns.

"I THINK the American people realize just as Walter Lippman recently wrote, that the cost of survival next year is not going to be cheaper than the last year—that we don't shop for survival in the bargain basement."

"If you don't have a deep conviction that we have a set of values and institutions worth defending, you can never afford to do anything because nothing will be really worth it."

"We Democrats don't say we can't afford to face and surpass the Soviet Union—if we can afford the cost of survival next year."

As to the fellow who argues it's going to be cheaper next year—what kind of world does he think we live in? And what kind of leadership would he give us?"

ANNOUNCES New Try For Treasurer Job

The man who missed election as Oakland county treasurer by 4,500 votes in the last election, William K. Benson, announced this week that he will seek the post again in 1960.

Benson, 59, of Avon township, is former president of the Brookland board of education and a member of the executive board of the AFL-CIO Oakland county council. The Ford-Highland Park maintenance man won 32,500 votes when he opposed Charles A. Sparks (R), incumbent treasurer. The 67-year-old incumbent plans to run again.

Higgins Supports Senator Morris For Governor

George N. Higgins, the Ferndale Republican who lent a hand to the Democratic opponent of Congressman William S. Bloomfield in the 1958 elections, has advised arch-conservative Carlton H. Morris to run for governor.

Higgins and Morris served together on the state senate's committee on taxation in 1958 and 1954. Higgins praised Morris for his stand against an income tax in the legislature's last session. The auto dealer criticized 1958 gubernatorial candidate Paul D. Bag-

well for his stated advocacy of a flat rate income tax.

Higgins was queried as to the contradiction between his support of labor-backed Democrat Leslie H. Hudson in 1958's Congressional campaign, and his present support of Morris, the Kalamazoo Republican who has battled bitterly against Gov. Williams and the Democrats.

"I've always been an independent," said Higgins.

## S. JEROME "JERRY" BRONSON Seeks Senate Seat

His candidacy for State Senator from Oakland county was announced this week by Oak Park attorney S. Jerome "Jerry" Bronson. The Madison Heights resident criticized the Republicans' "do-nothing approach" and promised to "accept the positive." He proposes adequate financial support for distressed school districts, and says the important problems of Oakland county's population explosion are human problems.

## Cites Inadequate Care of County's Mentally Ill

Inadequate care is provided for Oakland county's mentally ill children, Dr. Robert H. Graves said this week in a talk to Oakland county's mental health clinic members.

Dr. Graves, clinical director of psychiatry at Detroit's receiving hospital, addressed the group at their annual meeting at Northwood inn, Berkley. He praised outpatient care of mentally ill children provided by the clinics.

"But it has been a developing concern," Graves said, that something be done to provide care, not detention for the increasing numbers of children committed to state hospitals by our probate judges."

HE SAID emergency cases are looked up in jail because there is no other place to receive them. Oakland county Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, who attended the session, said about 150 Michigan children have been committed by probate judges to state hospitals which haven't room to admit them.

Assistant Named By Prosecutor

The appointment of John N. O'Brien as assistant prosecutor in Oakland county was announced Monday by Prosecuting Attorney George F. Taylor.

O'Brien of Berkley, is a former court clerk with Oakland county Probate Judge Arthur Moore. A 1952 graduate of the University of Detroit law school, he assumed his duties Monday.

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