

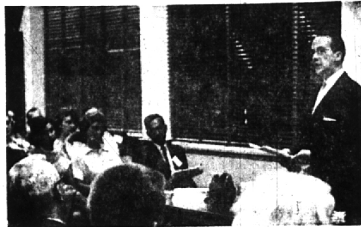
# Primary Campaign Fever Reaches Peak



**They Listened . . .**

Citizen interest in the Aug. 2 primary runs high at the grass roots . . . an estimated 1,200 persons turned out for a "Meet the Candidates" night last week at Bloomfield Hills high school . . . sponsors enjoy run-out of refreshments—and even programs . . .

It was a Republican gathering but the intense expression of the importance of the keen appreciation of the importance of next Tuesday's primary by all citizens, Republican or Democratic.



**... As Candidates Spoke**

Candidate Paul Bagwell drew the largest audience which fired questions back at him.



**They Debated . . .**

In pairs and groups the guests gathered in the halls to discuss and debate the candidates and issues.

## Background Given On All Candidates

Soon it will be time for all good men to come to the aid of their country by voting to name officials to head state and county governments.

The trek to the polls will begin with the Aug. 2 primary election. The final decision will be Nov. 8, the second Tuesday of the month.

To help its readers weigh the merits of the candidates for offices from the national to the county level, The Birmingham Eccentric presents here a biographical sketch of each office seeker. (The Eccentric wishes to extend its thanks to The League of Women Voters for information supplied by the League.)

**UNITED STATES SENATOR**  
**Patrick J. McNamara:** Democrat, Detroit, 65, high school education plus technical apprentice training; elected United States Senator, 1954; previously, vice president mechanical contracting firm, Detroit; appointed Detroit area rent control director, World War II; elected to Detroit Common Council, 1946; Detroit Board of Education, 1949.

**Alvin M. Bentley:** Republican, Owosso, 55, University of Michigan, Honorary M. Sc. and Dr. Sc., Cleary College; Honorary LL.D., Olivet college, post graduate study, Turner Diplomatic school, elected to Congress from 8th district, 1952, now completing fourth term. Previously, nine years as career officer in the United States Department of State 1942-50, serving as foreign service officer in Mexico City, Bogota, Columbia, Hungary and Rome.

**Donald S. Leonard:** Republican, Detroit, 56, AB and LL.B., Wayne State university; Honorary Doctor of Law, Wayne State; graduate work, University of Michigan Law school; attorney and governmental consultant.

Previously, spent 35 years in a varied field of governmental service; commissioner, Michigan State Police; administrator, Michigan Council of Defense, 1945; member, State Safety commission; Michigan Aeronautics commission; State Fuel administration. Member Civil Defense mission; commissioner police, City of Detroit, 1952-54; member of Wayne county board of supervisors, 1952-54; chairman, Permanent legislative committee, representing Michigan circuit judges, sheriffs, police chiefs, justices and prosecuting attorneys; and other public and civic organizations.

**GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN**  
**Ed Connor:** Democrat, Detroit, 52; A.B., University of Notre Dame; member of Indiana and Michigan State Bars; Detroit Common councilman, Wayne county Supervisor, Attorney.

Previously, executive director of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council 1943-1948. Elected to Common Council, 1948. Member Gaelic League, Detroit Historical society, American Federation of Teachers, I.O.O.F. Served in a number of executive positions in federal agencies from 1936 to 1943, including county supervisor of adult education for the Public Works Agency, analyst of community needs in the War Public Services division in P.W.A. and with the Chicago Region office of the War Manpower commission.

**James M. Hare:** Democrat; Lansing, 49; A.B., Wayne State university; A.B., University of Michigan; presently Secretary of State. Previously, Ford foundry worker, steel worker, member of executive board of Michigan Consumers League and Joy Road cooperative store; Detroit Teachers Credit Union; member of committee to help General Motors strikers; State Fair manager; teacher of government at Wayne State.

Chairman, State efficiency and economy committee; chairman a state safety commission; precinct delegate in Wayne county, member of several service organizations. Has had extensive administrative experience, especially in government.

**John B. Swainson:** Democrat; 35; Plymouth; A.B., and LL.B., University of North Carolina; presently, Lieutenant Governor; previously, two terms Michigan State Senate, two years Lieutenant Governor of Michigan; member of board, Plymouth General hospital; Legal Counsel, Wayne county Muscular Dystrophy association; Defense board, all congressionally chartered veterans organizations.

**Paul D. Bagwell:** Republican; East Lansing, 46; B.S. and B.A., University of Akron; M.A., University of Wisconsin; Honorary LL.D., Yankton college. On

leave from Michigan State university. Previously joined staff of Michigan State college, 1938, headed department of speech, radio and drama, department of written and spoken English, department of Communication Skills.

State chairman of Michigan March of Dimes, 1951-1960; member of board of directors of Michigan Society for Mental Health, Effective Citizens organization, National Artists Foundation, Michigan Society for Crippled Children and the Physically Handicapped, Lansing Rotary club, Lansing and East Lansing Chambers of Commerce, U.S. Chamber Workshop, Lansing Civic Players Guild.

Greater Lansing United Community Chest; former National president, U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; member, Michigan Grange, President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, U. S. Na-Commission on UNESCO, and other local and national organizations.

**LT. GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN**  
**Edward Hutchison:** Republican; Fennville, 45; A.B. and LL.B., University of Michigan; presently, lawyer; member of Michigan Senate.

Previously member Michigan House of Representatives, 1946-1948; delegate Republican national convention, 1948; chairman, Republican state convention, April 1952.

**Clarence A. Reid:** Republican; Detroit, 67; LL.B., University of Michigan; presently, Attorney at Law; previously State senator 1941-1951; Lieutenant Governor 1953; member, Lions club, American Legion.

**William J. Coughlin:** Democrat; Detroit, 32; Michigan State university; Wayne State; and University of Detroit law school; presently, assistant prosecutor, Wayne county. Previously, engaged in private practice of law. Past mid-west director, Young Democrat of Michigan; past campaign chairman, Michigan Democratic organization; member Trinity Committee, bar associations.

Eight years of practical experience in government, including being legal advisor to governmental units, etc., and administering a non-criminal department of the prosecutor's office.

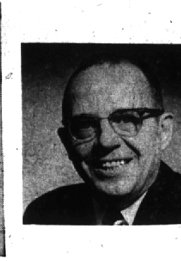
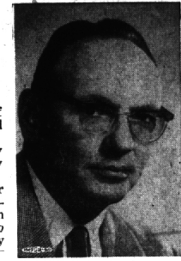
**George H. Dougherty:** Democrat; Mt. Morris, 44; tenth grade education. Presently President-Territorial, Alger county, 1952. Previously, Laube & Grindler-Specialist-Territorial division, 52; Under-Sheriff, Alger county; commissioner of records and finances, Munising, Michigan; machinist mate, Seaboard supply sergeant, Civilian conservation corps. Member Moose, Veterans Foreign War, Genesee county Red Feather fund; trustee in connection with the Flint youth bureau, Big Sisters, Boys Farm, Flint Child Guidance clinic and Legal Aid society.

**T. John Lesinski:** Democrat; Detroit, 35; University of Detroit, A.S. and law school; attorney, corporate officer, Representative in Congress, 7th district, Wayne county. Previously, insurance adjuster with New Amsterdam Insurance company. Member, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, Polish National Alliance, Polish American Center, Michigan bar association.

Experience in business, tax accounting and legal profession.

**Dr. Eugene E. Hayes:** Democrat, Dearborn. Candidacy in doubt at press time.

**Richard F. Vanderveer:** Democrat; Grand Rapids, 37; B.S., University of S. C.; LL.B., Harvard law school; attorney; member Mental Health committee, PTA, Community Chest, G.O.P. Candidate for Congress, 1958; permanent



Topping the list of Democratic candidates in next Tuesday's primary are the three contenders for the Democratic nomination for governor. Either (above, l-r) James

Hare, Ed Connor or John Swainson will be picked by their party to meet Republican Paul Bagwell in the final Nov. 8.

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 SECTION B

In a self-governing type of society, which persons who seek public office are presumed to be honest—both in their actual conduct and in what they say. Yet we voters know that most candidates for high elective positions make promises that, in part, are far beyond their power or intention to carry out. To this extent, they are dishonest.

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