

Reports Romney-Staebler Contest 'Near Certainty'

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Only a sudden, unexpected surge in the conservative voice at the polls Sept. 1 could provide a change from the near certainty of a Romney-Staebler gubernatorial contest in November.

Barring a GOP primary upset by Ferndale auto dealer George N. Higgins over Gov. George Rom-

ney, the spotlight then focuses on who will hold down the No. 2 spot on the Michigan ballot in the first election under the team principle.

Under the new Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor candidate for each party will be nominated at convention and run on a ticket with the gubernatorial nominee just as the President and Vice President run as a team.

PREVIOUSLY, nomination to the No. 2 slot was by petition or filing fee just as for Governor and other offices. This system resulted in the 1963-64 situation where the Governor was a Republican but a Democrat held the Lieutenant Governor's chair.

Three men have openly announced interest in the Republican nomination. On the Democratic side, open availability remains a big question mark.

Hoping for the Republican nod are former Lt. Gov. Clarence A. Reid of Detroit, House Speaker Allison Green of Kingston and State Sen. William G. Milliken of Traverse City.

Reid was the party's nominee in 1962 but was beaten by Democrat T. John Lesinski by just over 3,000 votes. He previously served as presiding officer in the Senate in 1953-54.

CLOSEST to Romney's moderate Republican views is Milliken, now completing his second term in the Senate. Green is generally viewed as a conservative but was instrumental in gaining House passage of Romney's programs during the past two years.

Green has served seven terms in the House, four of them as majority floor leader and this past term as Speaker.

Romney has given no indication as to which he prefers, if any. He did no team campaigning with Reid two years ago.

ELIMINATION OF two present Democratic Administrative Board members from the No. 2 possibilities list by their entry in Congressional races left only one prominently mentioned candidate.

State Party Chairman Zelton A. Ferency has denied aspirations for the post, however, and there has been doubt expressed about his acceptability to Neil Staebler.

Ferency's selection as state party chief in 1963 was vigorously opposed by Staebler.

CANDIDATES for the No. 2 spot will be chosen by the parties in mid-September, after the primary vote.

Thus, many Democrats are looking to the Congressional contests for other prospects for Lieutenant Governor.

In several districts, incumbent Democrats will be pitted against

New Doctor Joins Hospital Staff

John A. Ingold of Birmingham is among 150 new doctors who joined the University of Michigan hospital.

Entering as interns and residents in various departments are starting personalized programs of clinical training which may take one to six years for completion.

Individual doctors are joining each of the specialty areas from allergy to x-ray.

Each other. To a loser in one of these combined districts may go the spoils of the Lieutenant Governor's slot on the state ticket, say several Democratic leaders.

ANNUAL ISSUANCE of license plates will be resumed next year if Secretary of State James M. Haney and two State Senators have their way.

The resumption of annual plates, abandoned in 1959, will be formally proposed in the Legislature next year by Sens. John T. Bowman, D-Roseville, and Robert VanderLaan, R-Grand Rapids.

Hare said he fully supports the idea and hopes Michigan citizens will express their sentiments on the matter when the time comes.

SINCE THE unforgettable cash crisis year of 1963, new plates have been issued only every three years with tabs sold in the other years.

Pleas in this session to either issue annual plates or make the three-year one of more rust-resistant metal went unheeded. Many motorists have paid the \$1 or \$2 fee this year to replace un-readable, corroded 1962 plates now in use with tabs.

Costs of the change to annual plates have not been computed but Hare, Bowman and VanderLaan think the price of readable plates would be worthwhile.

MICHIGAN'S 14,000 blind residents are being short-changed on state services, according to one expert in the field.

The state's lag has also resulted in failure to use four-fifths of the federal matching funds available for blind aid, says Dr. Edward Fitting, supervisor of services for the blind.

With only seven full-time state employees doing work for the blind, Fitting said Michigan has fallen to 48th ranking among the states in the amount of state money spent to aid blind persons.

Of 36 states with separate agencies providing services to the blind, Fitting said Indiana is the only state which spends less money than Michigan to operate its agency.

Urge 'Home Study' For Teen Drivers

More than 125,000 high school students who completed driver education courses this year have been advised by the Automobile Club of Michigan to take yet another course this summer.

The so-called home study course goes by the name of "parental supervision."

Indicating the need for such supervision is the fact that last year alone, Michigan teen-age drivers were involved in 252 fatal accidents, an increase of 31.9 per cent over 1962.

"AN ERRONEOUS impression exists among parents that high school driver education alone provides all that is necessary to turn out perfectly safe drivers," states Ernest P. Davis, Auto Club safety and traffic director.

"The many benefits from this fine program are lost, however, if parents fail to exercise supervision after completion of the course," Davis adds.

To underscore this point the Auto Club has drawn up what it calls a "Parents' Driver Education Check List."

PREPARED WITH the cooperation of the Ann Arbor and Detroit Public School Systems, along with the State Department of Public Instruction, the pamphlet describes the driver education course and the limitations inherent in such a program.

There is also a section for in-

structors aimed at pointing out areas in which a young driver needs further practice.

In addition, it has a separate list for use by parents which includes all the steps to be followed during the "after-training" supervision period.

THE PAMPHLET has already been put to use in Detroit and Ann Arbor, and the Auto Club plans to distribute the check list throughout the state to interested parents and driver education instructors.

"Several state legislators," said Davis, "have suggested that young drivers should be placed under close parental supervision for at least 90 days after receiving a driver's license."

Juvenile drivers have also been the focal point of other proposed legislation, the most publicized of which are plans to place teenagers under the point system, and to take the 16-year-old traffic violator out of juvenile court jurisdiction.

"ALTHOUGH these measures have their place in an overall plan to reduce traffic violations by young people," Davis said, "a more significant step can be taken by the parents themselves."

"Re-entry of the parent in Michigan's driver education program will greatly enhance the young motorist's conduct behind the wheel long after the training period has ended."

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Notice is further given, that the office of the Township Clerk will be open Monday, August 3, 1964, from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M.


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