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# Oakland Citizens League Rates Primary Candidates

Numerical ratings for 68 candidates for congressional, legislative and judicial offices were announced today by the Oakland Citizens League.

In a bulletin mailed this week to the nonpartisan organization's more than 600 members, the league published the ratings and biographical information compiled by its Candidate Investigation Committee.

Chairman Basil E. Brown said his 37-member committee invited the entire primary slate of each political party, total of 109 persons, to attend rating sessions. All candidates who responded were interviewed in meetings that began July 2.

Since its organization in 1937, the Oakland Citizens League has rated candidates and distributed information to help voters make well-informed evaluations of individual qualifications for office.

Point ratings for candidates for the office of Oakland County Circuit Court judge were: Arthur S. Moore, 95; Phillip Pratt, James S. Thorsburn, 92; James Clarkson, 87; Gordon Smith, 83; Allan C. Ingie, 80.

OTHER COUNTY office seekers rated were:

For prosecutor, Republican Robert Templin, 91; Republican Jerome K. Barry, 89; Republican William E. Lang, 86.

For clerk-registrar, Republican David R. Calhoun, 92; Democrat Doris M. Beck, 71; Democrat John D. Murphy.

For sheriff, Republican Frank Irons, 87; Democrat R. E. McPherson, 84.

For treasurer, Democrat George F. Reutter, 62.

For drain commissioner, no candidates were rated.

Point ratings for candidates in 10 Oakland County district contests for nomination for state representative were:

District 60: George G. Willa, Representative, 87; R. W. Lahti, Democrat, 82; Dwight R. Lawler, Democrat, 47.

District 61: Lloyd L. Anderson, Republican, 78; Francis A. Crowley, Democrat, 52.

District 62: Denis M. Berry, Democrat, 61.

District 63: James F. Carey, Representative, 87; O. F. Foster, Representative, 85.

District 64: Raymond L. Baker, Representative, 89; Allan P. Howell, Representative, 66; Sam A. (See RATES, 7-A)

## This and That

by George R. Averill

Have you noticed in many of his public appearances how cocksure, almost swaggeringly aggressive, and then wearing an attitude of pomposity spawned by the great power of his office, a certain U.S. President is?

Recently, he announced that "I will be very concerned if the steel companies make moves to raise the price of their products," a raise in steel prices could not be justified on the basis of general prosperity within the industry."

He recalls the late President Kennedy's threat against steel price increases.

IT IS presumed that only during war does a government regulate wages and prices—otherwise, the competitive free enterprise system is supposed to be the lawful heritage of U.S. business. (Except private utilities.)

Would it not be a courageous American act if the steel companies would stand up against such presidential usurpations of power based on their own profit-loss statistics, if thought necessary, raise prices to levels that are warranted by the profit incentive?

Is not trying to defend anything by this statement except the right of U.S. business—large or small—to run their own businesses.

HOW COME the L. B. Johnson family charges \$376 per hour for use of their television system in Austin, Tex., while a TV station in Rochester, Minn., has approximately the same number of listeners as Austin yet charges only \$325 per hour? Answer is simple: Rochester competes against a half-dozen over-lapping stations, which lowers its hour rate charges.

Further item: why does the Federal Communications Commission refuse to grant a competitive TV license in Austin? Do you suppose that the office of a President could have any influence on a federal regulatory agency?

(Please understand that I have a deep and loyal allegiance to THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. In the above, I am discussing its present occupant, NOT THE OFFICE!)



## Going to the Fair

First persons to make reservations for The Birmingham Eclectic's New York World's Fair tour are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Upper of Oak Park. They are former residents of Birmingham. The tour, sponsored by The Eclectic and Oakland Travel, Inc., will take place Sept. 28 through Oct. 1. The cost of \$139.95 includes plane and bus transportation to and from New York, a ticket to the fair, hotel and other accommodations. Reduced prices are in effect for couples. Reservations should be made through the travel agency.

## Legality of Gravel Pit Operation Under Question

By BETH SHOTKA  
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—An alleged operation of a gravel pit was the topic of a report to the township board last week.

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## Cost of Running Government Up

(Special to The Eclectic)

**NEW YORK**—The cost of government is relatively high in Birmingham.

Local residents pay somewhat more, on a per capita basis, to meet the regular payroll for their municipal employees than do people in most other cities in the United States.

This is brought out in a new federal report on public employment at the local level of government released by the Census Bureau.

It contains comparative figures covering every county of the country, gathered in connection with the 1962 Census of Governments. The number of people so employed and the cost of local government are given for each locality.

Of that number, 184 were on a full-time basis and the rest were part-timers.

To find out how this stacks up with public employment elsewhere, it was necessary to convert the part-time workers into their equivalent number of full-timers.

As adjusted, there is one full-time worker locally for every 141 residents.

IN BIRMINGHAM, it shows, the payroll for all municipal workers, exclusive of those in the field of education, amounted to \$65,000 during the month chosen for the survey. This sum, divided equally among the local population, was equivalent to a cost of \$3.44 per resident.

It was more than was spent for the purpose in most cities of its size in the United States, the average being \$2.91 per month.

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IN OTHER state senatorial contests:

District 15, Republican: George W. Kuhn, 91; Tom Rowley, 74; Robert Maxwell, 72; R. P. Varner, 70.

District 15, Democrat: Sanders M. LeVrin, 88; Zigmond J. Nipacko, 77; Charles T. Nolan, 77.

District 16, Republican: Robert J. Huber, 91; Bruce Donaldson, 88; Robert F. Patnales, 82; Bruce W. Franklin, 69.

District 16, Democrat: Donald J. Oberholtzer, 69.

District 17, Republican: Lynn D. Allen, 70.

## Expect Light Turnout In B'ham for Primary

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley predicted a "rather light turnout" for next Tuesday's primary election.

Mrs. Hanley said about 25 to 35 per cent of Birmingham's 142,000 registered voters were expected at the polls.

She said this was the normal percentage for a primary election.

Other primary voter percentages in recent years were: 1962, 24.8; 1960, 33.6; 1958, 16; and 1956, 34.6.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mrs. Hanley said anyone in line at 8 p.m. would be allowed to vote.

MRS. HANLEY also reminded residents that applications for absentee ballots must be returned to her office by 2 p.m. this Saturday.

She said there are only four reasons for applying for an absentee ballot:

- (1) Expect to be out of the community during the hours the polls are open.
- (2) Physically unable to get to the polls without the assistance of another person.
- (3) Tenuet to your religion.
- (4) Appointed as a precinct worker in a precinct other than that in which you live.

Absentee ballots must be picked up and delivered by mail or in person to the clerk's office.

ACCURATE TESTIMONY concerning the length of time the gravel pit has operated brought a protest to the building department.

There are two witnesses; however, their stories do not coincide. One contends the property has been used as a gravel pit and brush-dumping area for three years. The other witness says one and a half years.

After discussion, the board referred the complaint to township attorney Joseph T. Brennan for legal interpretation.

The board also decided that an undersized house with 2x4 boards supporting the car port and rear portion may be condemned.

THE HOUSE in question is located on Pine Court in Cedarvale Subdivision.

"Two years is long enough to

## Special Equipment Helps Polio Victim Here on Visit

Lightening in the form of polio did indeed strike twice within a period of three weeks in the life of Mrs. Sally Russell of Louisville, Ky.

She was stricken with the dread disease. Three weeks later she came down with respiratory polio, which left her paralyzed from the neck down.

This was before perfection of the vaccines developed by the eminent scientists, the doctors Salk and Sabin, March of Dimes grantees.

Mrs. Russell was put into an iron lung shortly after she was stricken on Sept. 17, 1958. After seven months she was able to leave the lung and now manages with the aid of a rocking bed, chest chest positive pressure and a multi-tube, which is an abdominal breather and helps her breathing during sleep, when she's not reclining.

THE OAKLAND County Chapter of The National Foundation for the March of Dimes arranged for the installation of a rocking bed in her room at Northland Inn, where she is a guest.

Mrs. Russell arrived Wednesday after an auto trip from Louisville accompanied by her fully recover-

ered, exuberant David; her 84-year-old mother, Mrs. C. H. Brower; and her nurse, Mrs. Julia Blane. She plans to renew school acquaintances. Having been born in 1918 in Detroit, she moved to Cleveland in 1948 and to Louisville in 1958.

They will also visit an aunt and uncle at Case Lake in Oakland County, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson.

"I DON'T think polio is as bad as some other disease," remarked Mrs. Russell. "It is not a downhill disease but rather an uphill battle."

More than \$18,000 was spent by the Louisville Chapter of The National Foundation for my equipment and nursing care. The March of Dimes made all this aid possible for me.

"The Louisville chapter has been very good to me in fact, during electrical storms, when the equipment could stall, they call us and we call them," she concluded.

In this eventually standby equipment using batteries is put into effect.

MRS. RUSSELL, divorced during the early stages of her illness, supports her family by conducting a phone answering service in Louisville. She also contributes of her time and talents to her church, the Calvin Presbyterian.

She is a correspondent for the "Toomeyville Jr. Gazette," a publication by and for respiratory polio victims. It is published monthly by the Out Patients and Volunteers of the Respirator Care and Rehabilitation Center, Cleveland.

She is interested in news of polio patients in this area so they can be included in the magazine. Information should be sent to her home at 6405 Regal Road, Louisville, Ky.

HER SELF-RELIANCE developed when "feeders" were attached to her special wheel chair. She claims an entire new world opened up for her with these feeders. They permit her to eat and apply her makeup. They are free-moving aluminum and permit the use of the hands by leaning the elbows on the feeders.

The Oakland County Chapter of The National Foundation, the March of Dimes, currently is financially assisting five women that require similar equipment as Mrs. Russell's. Since the Oakland County chapter was established in 1959, a total of \$1,500,000 has been spent for direct patient care of polio, birth defects and arthritis.

## Classes Start At Community House for Fall

CHARLES TRESSLER, building (See LEGALITY, 4-A)

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"Using Leisure Creatively" will be the theme for the fall term at The Community House, which will be open for activities on Monday.

Offered this season will be adult and youth classes, craft and hobby instruction and two Oakland University courses, according to Karl P. Ensmann, Jr., director of recreational activities.

Detailed brochures listing classes and other information will be mailed Monday to area residents. Copies will also be available at The Community House.

FEATURED COURSES this season will be introduction to art appreciation, drop flower arrangement workshop, mosaic filling and German and Italian languages. Additional teachers have also been added to the staff, reported Ensmann.

Oakland University will again offer two courses this fall, to be taught by members of their faculty. Beholden and high school employment and problems of Henry's citizenship.

The Community House will also resume its normal activities at the start of the fall season.

MEETING AGAIN at The Community House this year will be service clubs, musical groups, radio clubs and other civic and social groups.

The travel film series and planned pre-film dinners have been planned again this year. The mimeograph addressograph office and the skill and high school employment office will also provide their services.

"We have made every effort to provide something for everyone," said Bob Egan, executive director of The Community House.

"It is our hope that more people will be made aware of the Community House in the coming season."

## 12 Oakland Democrats at Atlantic City

Twelve Oakland County residents attended the National Democratic Convention as delegates and alternates in Atlantic City this week.

Ten county teen-agers also attended the convention as volunteer helpers.

The delegates-at-large are Stuart Bentsberg of Oak Park and August Scholle of Royal Oak. Alternates-at-large are Gene Kuby of Royal Oak, Mrs. Clifton Eldridge of Ferndale, Avern Cahn of Royal Oak and Leon Hill of Huntington Woods.

Representing the old 18th congressional district as delegates are Sanders Levin of Berkley, county Democrat chairman, Mrs. William D'Arcy of Bloomfield Township, Kenneth Morris of Troy, and Mrs. Luther Olson of Drayton Plains. Alternates are Odis Lawrence of Pacific and Mrs. Donald Beck of Farmington.

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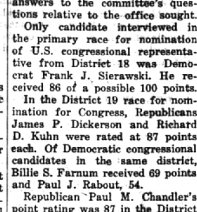
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MRS. ROBERT N. GREEN

More volunteers are needed to call upon neighbors to solicit funds for the 1964 budgets of health and community services during the 1964 Torch Drive starting Oct. 20, Mrs. Robert N. Green, 2600 Turle Lake, regional chairman, reported this week.

"The Torch Drive is the greatest community effort in the world," she said. "We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate as a contributor or as a volunteer worker, or both."

"We women have a priceless opportunity to make a 'person-to-person' contact within every home on behalf of the Torch Drive. During this visit, we must be sure to tell everyone about the principles, objectives and the services provided through its 204 agencies."

"We must dedicate ourselves to carrying this message into every home, whether or not we receive a contribution as a reward for our efforts. Many 'breadwinners' give generously at work, but there are

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