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Diggs Nomination Sets New Precedent in Local Politics

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Twenty Negro candidates in congressional, state and local contests won nominations in last week's primaries.

In the largest field of successful candidates in the history of Detroit and Michigan, nominations included the signal victory of State Senator Charles J. Diggs, Jr. as candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional district and the nomination of two Negroes to the Flint City Council.

The division of the state into legislative and state senatorial districts created lively contests which produced more rather than fewer candidates. In Detroit the elimination of the 21 delegates elected at large from the whole city placed an added burden of campaigning on the incumbents and increased the number of delegates to the legislature.

In the Fourth legislative district where voters elected three Democrats and three Republicans, Frederick Yates, an unsuccessful candidate in the old "bed sheet ballot" days, led the

field. On the Republican side in the same district, E. W. Metcalf, Philip J. Williams and Roy Morton won the first three spots.

In the Eleventh District, Charline White, incumbent, and George H. Edwards, a newcomer to politics, will oppose Robert L. Ward, veteran Republican leader and

ROBERT WARD Earl Kennedy, a newcomer to politics.

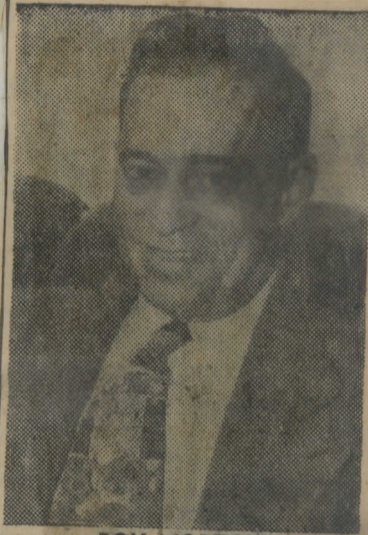
In the Second Representative District, Edgar Currie and Frank D. Williams were nomi-



CORA BROWN

nated. Currie is seeking his third term in the State Legislature.

In the Ninth District Charline M. Diggs and Jesse L. Smith won the Democratic nomination.



ROY MORTON

They are virtually assured of election in November.

In the Twentieth Representative district, Hiram McNeeley, well-known Inkster political figure, was nominated.

In the State Senatorial races,



CHARLINE WHITE

Cora M. Brown won the nomination handily in the Third district where nomination on the Democratic ticket is tantamount to election.

The overwhelming Democratic vote for County officials makes Dr. Samuel Milton a cinch to repeat as Coroner of Wayne County. In the County race for Register of Deeds, George A. Isabell was nominated on the

Republican ticket without opposition. He will face the veteran Barney Youngblood in No-



DR. SAMUEL B. MILTON

vember.

In Flint, Roger Townsend was nominated on the Democratic ticket for State Representative. Floyd McCain and E. F. Holmes



GEORGE ISABELL

were nominated for the Flint City Council.

The most significant victory of the primaries was won by State Senator Charles C. Diggs, Jr., who defeated Congressman George O'Brien, a veteran of more than 15 years in the United States Congress. Diggs, campaigning in a district which has undergone considerable change in the last five years, literally swamped the veteran O'Brien. He will be pitted against Lan-

don Knight, Republican nominee in November. Only a switch in the traditionally Democratic district could possibly stop



ED CURRIE

Diggs from becoming Michigan's first Negro congressman.

Diggs, first Negro to ever win a congressional nomination in the history of Michigan politics, may well become the center of interest in the November elections in Detroit. Teaming with the William Hart ticket which is expected to poll a heavy vote in November, if the overwhelming Democratic vote in last week's primaries is any indication, Diggs appears a sure shot to go to Congress.

Piling up record majorities in Wayne County, Democratic office holders and candidates gave clear indications the county will remain in Democratic hands for the next two years.

The biggest test will be made by Gov. G. Mennen Williams in his precedent-breaking effort to become Michigan's first fourth term governor. The interest created in local races in Detroit, Flint, Muskegon and other industrial areas may well be the key to the Democratic chances in November.