



GOP Women Get Pep Talk

Illinois House Speaker Jack Walker, R-Lansing, left, addresses a meeting of the Republican Women's Luncheon Club Wednesday while newly elected Sangamon County GOP Chairman John Short listens. Walker, featured speaker for the luncheon, briefly discussed

the state's revenue programs and urged the women to work hard for the GOP in the fall. Short told the women he intended to have women play a greater role in the county GOP organization than they have in the past.—Staff Photo.

Decisions Expected To Hold

Con-Con Delegates Act Deliberately

By CARYL CARSTENS
Decisions the Constitutional Convention makes in the next three months will hold in the closing days of the Convention in July, one staff member predicts.

While progress has been slow during the first four months of the Convention, a number of committee proposals are expected to be ready for debate in the next two weeks. One committee report so far has been acted upon by the Convention.

The Convention's schedule calls for first consideration of all proposals to be completed by the end of May and second consideration to be completed in June.

The Convention procedure involves repeated consideration of issues, first as proposals and then as full articles or chapters dealing with the various aspects of government, such as the judiciary, the legislature or local government.

John Brooks, executive assistant to Convention President Samuel Witwer, who also served on the Maryland Convention staff, believes last minute surprises are impossible in constitutional conventions, unlike their nearest relatives, state legislatures which may produce surprise legislation in the last hours of a session.

"A convention is an institution that was built in protection against that sort of thing, even if here's no rule against it," Brooks commented.

By July, when the Convention is expected to be in its final deliberations, Brooks expects all issues to have been resolved. The votes taken this spring in first and second readings of proposals will have determined which approaches to constitu-

tional problems have support from the delegates. Brooks predicts. He thinks it will be obviously futile to challenge in July earlier Convention decisions.

The Convention began in March on first readings of committee proposals with those made by the Committee of Suffrage and Constitution Amending on the procedure for calling

Vote Keeps Gierach In Con-Con

The Constitutional Convention Wednesday voted 71 to 36 to retain James Gierach of Oak Lawn as a delegate.

Gierach, 25 and the youngest member of the Convention, was challenged on the basis that he had not been a resident of the Sixth Senatorial District for two years prior to his election last November.

Gierach had resided in the Sixth Senatorial District since he was a child, but had moved out of the district for several months while he was attending law school. He registered to vote while residing outside the district and voted in the November, 1968 election.

Supporters of Gierach argued it was his intent to return to the Sixth District to reside and his permanent home was there.

The Convention Rules Committee recommended the election contest be denied.

The debate and roll call vote consumed more than two hours, almost the full length of the afternoon session of the Convention. The delegates will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. today.

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conventions and proposing amendments. The Convention sits as a committee which allows it considerable latitude in discussion and debate. Proposals may be amended at this point.

Following approval on first reading, proposals go to the Committee on style and drafting for revision of language in line with the delegates' votes.

The second reading stage, which is scheduled for June, will be the formal Convention action on the proposals as they

come from the style and drafting committee. Additional attempts at amendment may be made at that point.

After a final vote by the Convention the proposals will be returned to style and drafting committee for incorporation into the articles in which they belong. Many committee proposals may affect only a part of an article.

When the committee on style and drafting has completed its work on an entire article, it will be returned to the Convention

for two votes, by early in July if everything is on schedule. One will be tentative adoption and the second will be the final vote which makes the proposed article a part of the Convention's recommendations to the voters.

Brooks believes the Convention's consideration of articles will be concerned mostly with matters of style. He thinks the problem of how the proposed articles will be presented to the voters may arise as the Convention takes these final votes.

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3 Area Road Projects To Receive Job Bids

Three Sangamon County projects are among the 148 highway projects on which bids will be received April 23, according to Public Works Director William Cellini, are:

4.58 miles of resurfacing on State Rt. 4 from the intersection with Rt. 104 south to the Sangamon-Macoupin County line.
Resurfacing of 3.77 miles of U.S. Rt. 66 from the intersection of Business Rt. 66 north of Springfield to Clear Lake Avenue.

Resurfacing of 2.29 miles of State Rt. 125 south from a point one mile southeast of Pleasant Plains.

Other Central Illinois projects are: Christian: 1.64 miles of resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 51 in Pana.
Logan: 2.41 miles of resurfacing on U.S. Rte. 54 from Chestnut to the Logan-DeWitt county line.
Macon-Moultrie-Shelby: 8.9 miles of widening and resurfacing on State Rte. 128 from the

Moultrie-Shelby county line to Dalton City.

Macoupin-Montgomery: 3.27 miles of resurfacing in the northbound lane of U.S. Rt. 66 from north of Litchfield to State Rte. 108 and 14.29 miles of resurfacing on southbound lane of Rt. 66 from north of Litchfield to southwest of Mount Olive.

Logan: Reconstruct the superstructure on two bridges and widen three others on State Rte. 121 north of Lincoln.

Montgomery: 5.8 miles of resurfacing on State Rte. 185 from Hillsboro to Coffeen.

Greene-Jersey: Widen the bridge carrying U.S. Rt. 67 over Macoupin Creek at the southeast edge of Rockbridge.

Mechanicsburg Club Sets Dinner

MECHANICSBURG — The Miss and Mrs. Civic Club of Mechanicsburg will hold a chili and vegetable soup supper Saturday at the Mechanicsburg Christian Church. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Radio Station To Sponsor Concert

JACKSONVILLE — Illinois College Radio Station WJLC in association with Poppy Records will present a rock concert featuring the Mandrake Memorial and Townes VanZandt at 8 p.m. April 23 in Rammelkamp Chapel.

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