

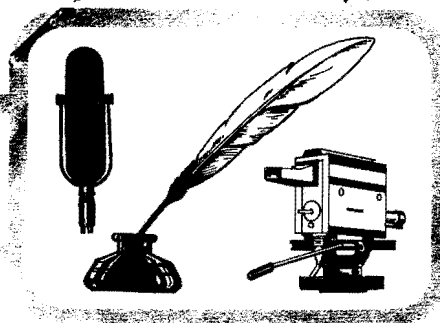
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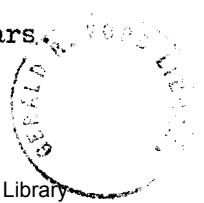
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NOTES

The Seventh Congressional District of Virginia has been the area of great strength and leadership in the Republican effort in Virginia as has become increasingly apparent with each succeeding election. It was a stronghold of support for Governor Holton in his first gubernatorial bid in 1965 and in his recent successful election. It gave President Nixon an overwhelming majority in 1968 as it had in his 1960 election and in the Eisenhower election in 1952 and 1956.

The District has been a great source of Republican talent in political leadership as has been demonstrated by the following track record of Republican men holding key posts:

*Ben Harrison
Jack Marshall*

In 1963, Pete Giesen was elected to the State Legislature where he joined in the General Assembly the delegate from Shenandoah County, Howard Ellifrits.

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State elections in November 1965 saw the election of Delegates Bev Roller, Delegate Don Funkhouser and Delegate Don Earman.

A special election in December 1965 saw the election to the State Senate of Kenneth Robinson.

In 1967, Buz Dawbarn was elected to the Virginia Senate.



It is significant to note also that the former District Chairman from this district, Warren French, holds the key party post of State Chairman.

NOTES ON SEVENTH DISTRICT POLITICAL HISTORY

Ken Robinson
Roy Zink

The Seventh Congressional District has perhaps one of the richest political histories of any district in the country. The district as it is now configured has been the principal home, or birthplace, of five presidents of the United States. They are: Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Zachary Taylor and Woodrow Wilson.

It is interesting to know that Thomas Jefferson of Albemarle County, who ranks as one of the worlds foremost exponents of limited government, was careful to describe the name of his party as the Democratic-Republican Party.

The first member of the House of Representatives to represent that part of the district which lies east of the Blue Ridge was James Madison, whose opponent in the election was James Monroe.

The Frederick County area was in the early days of our country represented by General Daniel Morgan, a federalist.

Just a few miles from Harrisonburg was the home of the parents of Abraham Lincoln, who might well have been born in this county had they not migrated west.

President Eisenhower's mother was born in nearby Fort Defiance, in Augusta County.



Ford Backs Robinson Candidacy

House Republican Leader Gerald Ford has pledged his full support to the appointment of J. Kenneth Robinson to the Appropriations Committee in the 92nd Congress.

Robinson, the Republican candidate from the Seventh District, had earlier expressed a strong desire for such an appointment if he is successful in his race this fall.

Ford, who will address a giant rally of Republicans in Harrisonburg Saturday night, is himself a member of the powerful committee, and has served on the group for 14 years. The House minority leader represents the fifth District of Michigan in Congress.

More than 200 guests are expected at Lloyd's Steak House, the scene of the Ford dinner. The Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Republican committees have handled the arrangements for the dinner.



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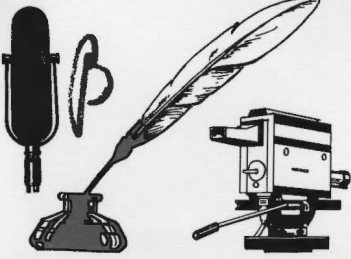
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Candidate Lists Funds Due in Sharing Plan

.By REY BARRY

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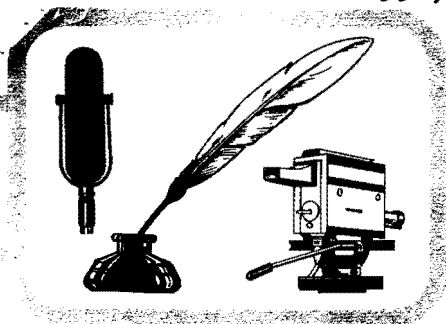
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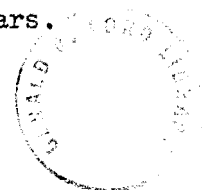
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