Do not fail to obtain your absentee voter's ballot from the City Clerk in the event you will be absent from the city on election day, November 5. In obtaining an absentee ballot, each person must make an individual written request any time between now and November 2nd at 5 p. m.. These ballots must be returned by November 5.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Van Wagoner Writes His Opinions This Week

(Editor's Note: This week, at the request of the publisher of The Eccentric, Murray D. "Pat" Van Wagoner, Democratic candidate for Governor of Michigan, has been asked to use this column to present some of his ideas to the folks in his hometown community. "Pat" very promptly accepted the offer and the following is the article which he sent The Eccentric Tuesday morning.—GRA.)

THIS is Pat Van Wagoner.

This very popular column of "This and That" has been giving you very little of "This" and, in my humble opinion, entirely too much of "That" in recent weeks.

And you know who THAT is. If you don't, then the influence of GRA is slipping.

I am being given this opportunity to present my side of the case to the folks in my home county for two reasons—George Averill is and always has been my friend and in politics he is as fair-minded as his emotions will permit. I want you to know that his offer of this space was unsolicited. It was a generous gesture.

Although I am eager to say why I think I should be elected Governor, I cannot avoid something of the feeling that right in this spot I am racing my motor. In this area of Michigan certainly the people must know what I am and what I have done. However, here goes. I'll try to be brief and I'll try to be specific.

First, as quickly as possible, let's dispose of one thing in this campaign that has popped up that I have not mentioned it before and I mention it now only because I am talking to home folks and I want them to think well of me no matter how they vote.

To be blunt about it, repeated statements by my opponent imply that I have not been honest.

How should such irresponsible mouthings be answered? Should one go into a rage, shout "liar," "you're another," or similar childish invective and threat?

I think not.

Consider that the man who thus attempts to smear my character has just had two years, $365,000, and unlimited power to learn the facts and act on the facts.

I have confidence that no reasonable person will believe his words. The one answer I want to make to you—quiet, considered and without emotion, is:

They are not true.

Campaign Issue Is Simple

Surely, the issue in this campaign is a simple one. The voter without personal interest in the outcome wants to serve Michigan by electing the candidate best equipped to be the State's Chief Executive.

On the basis of my training, experience and record of accomplishment I believe that I am well qualified.

Using the same yardstick, I submit to you that there is little to indicate that my opponent has any of those qualifications.

I am an engineer—A BUILDER. My opponent is a lawyer—more particularly, he is a prosecutor. That is an honorable calling and a useful specialty, but it gives a man little that would be useful to him in directing the political and economic destinies of a great industrial state.

You know my history. I was graduated from the University of Michigan and very soon began my work for the public as drain commissioner of Oakland County. The people of this County, Democrats and Republicans, thought well enough of their decision that, in 1933, they sponsored a successful campaign to elect me to the office of State Highway Commissioner.

You know the record of that department during the years it was under my direction. Toward the close, when I was about to be elected Governor, my political opponents were charging that I had built a "machine."

That's right, I did. The people of Michigan have not yet forgotten what an efficient machine it was. The evidence of its efficiency is still to be seen in the hundreds of miles of paved highways from Monroe to Keweenaw. The evidence of its imagination is present in the roadside parks and tables, an idea that still is spreading from Michigan throughout the land. The memory of service given by that machine—prompt snow removal, maintenance and sign service to every public need, is still fresh in the minds of many of you.

Leaves State With Surplus

You will remember, I hope, that in that period Michigan's highway department was ranked as the best in the United States.

You will remember, I hope, that when I became Governor of Michigan the state had a deficit of $27,000,000, and that when I stepped down two years later there was a surplus of $27,000,000. I am not so foolish as to claim full credit for that tremendous change in financial position, but it at least indicates sensible business administration.

Probably the most important objective in Michican today is "prosperity." The Watchword, TUGGEYS, 411 E. Maple Avenue. —Adv. tf.

IF selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer, 479 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. adv. tf.

INSURE NOW

20 Candidates Will Appear At B'ham Rally Next Monday

A lively interest is focused on the public non-partisan political rally scheduled for this Monday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Birmingham Community House at which voters will meet in person the candidates listed on the November congressional, state and county ballot.

Twenty of the twenty-two candidates for the Republican, Democratic, and Prohibition parties have accepted invitations from the League of Women Voters, sponsors of the meeting, to be present for Monday's rally.

Throughout Oakland County, second largest in size and population in the lower peninsula, voters in the coming election have been expressing a revived personal interest in the men who will lead government offices next year.

Monday's meeting developed from public demand for an opportunity to meet all party nominees personally.

Can Ask Questions

The rally is outlined to include brief opinions from candidates, followed by a question-and-answer period in which voters will be able to ask for specific information on candidates' qualifications and other matters pertinent to the respective offices.

Questions on national and state problems will be directed to the men running for representative from the 17th Congressional district, state senator from the 12th district, and State Representative from the 3rd district.

Law enforcement, county court and legal records, dispensing of tax money, and drain and water pollution problems are subjects to be discussed with candidates for county office of Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, and County Surveyor.

In addition, the county chairmen of the three parties are expected to attend.

List Candidates Invited

The League sent invitations to candidates for representative, 17th Congressional district, George A. Dondero (R), John W. L. Hicks (D); Don Taylor (P); state senator, 12th district, Edgar F. Down (R), Odin H. Johnson (D), H. C. Cooley (P); state representative, 3rd district, Leonard E. Day (R), Fred Wilkinson (D); county prosecuting attorney, Clyde D. Underwood (R), Charles P. Webster (D); county treasurer, Charles A. Sparks (R), A. Glenn Wilson (D); county clerk, Lynn D. Allen (R), Clyde L. Johnson (D); register of deeds, Orrin McQuaid (R), Floyd

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'Charter Night' For New JCCs Set for Nov. 6

Birmingham's newly formed Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its charter presentation ceremonies at the Community House Wednesday night, November 6, it was announced this week by Larry E. Nelson, president of the group.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce here in Birmingham has been active for several weeks, evidenced by the support they are giving in helping to make the annual Hallowe'en party a success and their plans for organizing and supervising the city's skating rinks this winter.

Charter night, however, will be the formal inaugural of the new group in Birmingham. On this night it is expected that state JC representatives will present formally the national charter. From this time on, Birmingham will be an official chapter.

The group has announced that thus far plans are in the process for a charter night dinner for approximately 150 persons. Representatives of the city and state, as well as other JC groups, are expected to participate in the ceremonies.

Invaluable Training

"The neighboring communities of Royal Oak, Pontiac and Berkley have had active JC's for some time and have proved the value of such an organization by the many community projects they have sponsored," Nelson declared. "Besides serving the community, it is invaluable in the training it gives young business and professional men. Some of the best many of them will have as leaders in city, state and nation."

Nelson issued an invitation to any man between 21 and 35, who either lives or works in Birmingham and who is interested in the JC's, to learn more about it by coming to the Community House any Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, when either a regular meeting or a board meeting has been scheduled.

Elmer W. Haack Is Elected President Of City Assessors

Elmer W. Haack, Birmingham city assessor, was elected president of the Municipal Association of Assessors of Michigan at the annual meeting held in Detroit last Friday.

In objective of the organization, Haack said, is to improve the standards of assessment practice, provide a clearing house for the collection and distribution of useful information relative to assessment practice, and to permit justice and equity in the distribution of the tax burden.

The Association also passed a resolution favoring the changing of the tax date in Michigan to January 1. The tax date now varies, but is April 1 for most cities.

"Changing of the tax date to January 1 would make it possible for the assessors to establish their rolls and for the board of review and equalization committee meetings to be held at an earlier date. This would work to a better advantage in connection with the millage allocation for tax purposes," Haack explained.

Burning Of Leaves On Cement Pavement Prohibited By City

Birmingham residents were warned today by City Engineer Harold A. Corson that there is an ordinance against burning leaves and rubbish on concrete pavement or blacktop surfacing or any hard-surface roadway.

"Burning leaves causes intense heat, and both concrete and blacktop will be ruined by the resultant expansion. The ordinance was passed several years ago to prevent this type of destruction, Corson stated.

"Get rid of old leaves by either spading them into your garden or burning them on the garden surface. Either way they make excellent fertilizer and can be put to use instead of being used destructively."

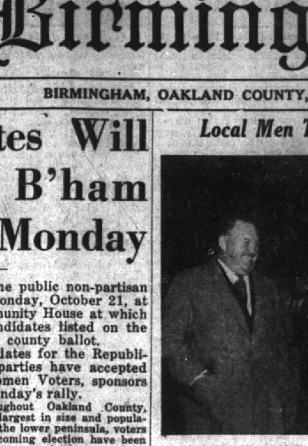
Anticipate Freeze

Birmingham's fire department this week began the task of removing water from the city's 535 fire plugs in order that no water will remain above the shutoff valves and thus be liable to freezing.

Overtime pay for school custodians and maintenance men will henceforth be established at time and a half as determined from their annual salary, the Board of Education decided Tuesday evening.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, stated that previously the school has paid these men at the rate of 90 cents an hour for overtime. He indicated that the new board action will result in substantial increases over this old pay rate.

Local Men Talk With Kim Sigler



Howard R. Estes (left), seeking reelection as Republican State representative from the 3rd District, and Edgar F. Down (right), Republican candidate for State senator from the 12th District, speak to Kim Sigler as the GOP-gubernatorial candidate appeared at Farmington during Monday's tour of Southern Oakland County.

Opposing Views Presented For Voters' Consideration Concerning Parking Areas

Birmingham voters apparently have split in their opinions concerning the proposed amendment to the city's charter to permit the City Commission to acquire downtown off-street parking lots for the use of the general shopping public.

This differing of views was indicated this week in two statements which were made to The Eccentric, one in support of the plan, one opposing it. The two opinions are indicative of various remarks a number of individuals have made in recent weeks since the matter was approved for the November 5 ballot by the City Commission.

Stating that the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association backs the adoption of the amendment by the voters at the forthcoming election is Forrer Goodwin, president of the merchants' organization.

The opposite view, urging that citizens seriously consider the establishment of downtown off-street parking areas, is a Birmingham resident who wishes to remain anonymous in order that instead of injecting personalities into the issue, it may be considered objectively.

The Eccentric this week presents these two opposing views in the two adjoining columns below:

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"A great deal of publicity has been given concerning the amendment to the Birmingham city charter about the parking of vehicles," the writer states.

"As everyone knows, it is a necessity to provide some parking facilities as a city grows; and from a commercial angle, of course, the merchants are behind it 100 per cent. But, why spoil the downtown district?

"Has anyone stopped to consider that parking lots are not beautiful, but really unsightly?

Trees Will Be Cut

"The City Plan Commission themselves say that they can now obtain vacant lots in the Woodward-Maple area which would be built up commercially as soon as building restrictions are lifted.

"Parking lots probably would mean cutting down some of the pretty trees and one of the desirable areas, which they mentioned, even makes a blind street out of one of Birmingham's oldest streets at the point it joins Maple.

"The residents on and near Oak Street fought to preserve the beauty of their section when the traffic-progress problem interfered. Now, all of Birmingham should rise up to preserve the old-time beauty of this well-loved city."

Let Motorists Walk

The writer further states, "Growth and buildings are to be sought, so let the motorists walk a few blocks—exercise is good for them and the nice scenery will put them in a much better frame of mind than looking at a cinderized parking lot!

"I believe that both sides of the problem should be brought to the voter's attention.

"If they can place these lots without shutting off streets or detracting from the city's appearance, then it is a progressive movement, but most people would prefer nice commercial buildings rather than four parking lots utilizing the heart of their city."

The writer concludes with this admonition to voters, "Think it over and think hard!"

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"Among the several amendments to be presented to Birmingham voters at the coming election, November 5, is one initiated by the Birmingham City Commission which would give the Commission power to acquire land specifically for automobile parking off the highways, wherever needed," Foster Toothaker stated.

"This sought-for amendment to the city charter is an outgrowth of two recent developments—the installation of parking meters on the principal streets in the central part of Birmingham in an effort to control the use of the public streets so that all car owners would have equal access to the limited street parking space, and in the second place, the several recommendations made to the City Commission by the City Plan Commission, as the result of the exhaustive study made by them concerning present conditions and future needs of the city, specifically with regard to automobile traffic.

Areas Pointed Out

"The Plan Commission pointed out possible areas where time parking facilities would aid the general public and relieve the streets of only cars.

"Some of these areas are now occupied by parking lots maintained by owners of adjacent buildings by groups of merchants or by individuals on a daily charge basis," he stated.

"In the past the financing of the

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Annual Meeting Of County Firemen Here October 25

The Birmingham Fire Department will be host Friday, Oct. 25, to the quarterly meeting of the Oakland County Firemen's Association. An attendance of 300 firemen from all all over Oakland County is anticipated, according to Fire Marshal George S. Scott of the Birmingham Bureau of Fire Prevention.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., with a demonstration of methods and principles involved in fighting gasoline and oil fires. For the demonstration, five hundred gallons of oil will be dumped in a pit at 14 Mile road and Southfield and ignited. John Knowles, representing the Pyrene Manufacturing Co., will then demonstrate the methods of extinguishing the blaze.

Following the demonstration, firemen will move to the Birmingham Golf Club to hear Captain John Farrell, Assistant Fire Marshal of the Detroit Bureau of Fire Prevention. Capt. Farrell will speak on "Common Flammable Liquid Hazards in Every Community." After his talk, a 30-minute sound film on "Chemistry of Fire" will be shown.

Birmingham firemen were hosts to a gathering such as this five years ago. Members of the department active on this year's program are as follows: chairman, George S. Scott, assisted by Stan Pepperell; entertainment committee, Emil Olin, J. Kelly and J. Lamet; refreshment committee, Vern Keenen, Harry Judd and Sam Snell are on the material committee. On the clean-up committee are: Captain Park Smith, Captain Stan Church, Jack Moore, Herb Hopkins, Howard Foote, Merkel Harper and Charles Reynolds.

Refreshments will be served at the Birmingham Country Club following the business meeting and entertainment.

Higher Overtime Pay For School Custodians

Special School Election In Troy

The Board of Education of District No. 6, Troy Township, will hold a special election Oct. 21 from 1 to 8 p. m. at the Big Beaver High School, according to Mrs. Anne D. Tracey, president of the board.

Two questions shall be decided at the election; whether the district board shall levy an additional five mills on taxable real property owners in the district; and whether the limitation on total taxes should be increased for five years to two per cent of the assessed valuation of property.

The special election, according to Mrs. Tracy, has been called because under the present bonding setup only five years is allowed to pay for school buildings and additions.

"The Big Beaver Board of Education sees that in the near future expansion must take place," she stated. "We feel that if some of this money can be raised before the initial building starts, it will help considerably to relieve the burden during the five-year bonding period."

During the five-year period, it is estimated that the school district will collect $32,000 if the law is passed.

Higher Pay for State Officials Is Key To Halting Graft---Sigler

Declaring that the state must place its public servants on a plane where there is no excuse for graft nor tolerance of it, Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Sigler told a group of more than 400 Birmingham citizens at a rally at the Community House Monday night that, if elected governor, "I will see that Michigan's public servants are paid a good salary so that they won't have to take graft."

He was introduced by Howard R. Estes, State Representative for the 3rd District of Oakland County, who was chairman of the meeting.

Climaxes Day's Tour

Sigler's appearances in Birmingham Monday evening was the conclusion of a strenuous day's tour of Southern Oakland County, during which he appeared at Farmington, Novi, South Lyons, Hazel Park, Walled Lake, New Hudson, Franklin, Ferndale and Pontiac.

"I shall give no quarter to those who sell their souls for money if I am elected governor," Sigler told his audience.

Emphasizing the fact that he would not be merely a prosecuting attorney in the governor's chair, Sigler stated that he would have a two-fisted attorney general who would clean up cities and who would make it his business to weed out of state government such grafters and bribe takers as may exist.

"There is no reason why crooks should be in office if there are men who can and will do something about it."

Defends Free Speech

Declaring that Communism is opposed to American philosophy, the Republican candidate defended the rights of any individual to publicly express himself on communism.

"However, we must be able to meet these communists on their own ground, debating, arguing and discussing it and defending our American way of life," he declared.

A lack of public interest and appreciation for affairs of government is the biggest problem in America today, Sigler pointed out.

"Unless you and I, as average citizens, assume this responsibility, we shall continue to see all sorts of 'isms' around us. In America there are those who would quietly and effectively seek to destroy her. We can't leave it all to the schools, the radio and the newspapers. We as good citizens must spend more time debating, arguing, investigating our civic problems in order that we may in-

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Barnum Parents Begin School Day Tonight At 8

Before Mom and Dad trot off to school tonight, they will tuck the youthful Barnum students into their beds.

However, the parents won't be bringing their books with them, for the occasion is the Barnum School open house, which is being held tonight at 8 p. m.

This is the one yearly occasion when parents are able to switch places with their offspring and just see what the kiddies go through during the day. Therefore parents will gather in their children's respective homerooms, and when the bell rings will imitate Junior by dashing down the hall to first hour classes, which will be just 15 minutes in duration, as will be succeeding classes.

While in the rooms, teachers will explain what the children are doing and will outline the course for the year.

To Aid Confused Parents

In order to get their parents started off on the "right foot", the children have written their parents personal letters in their English classes, and homeroom teachers will instruct parents to report to Principal Miles W. Robinson's office if they get lost in the shuffle.

When the last course is over, harried Moms and Dads will return to the homerooms, where they will be greeted by the homeroom teacher, and by the room mothers and fathers, who will also serve refreshments to the weary parents.

Mrs. Clifford Hunt and William Torrence will act as room mother and father for Miss Hallock's kindergarten; Mrs. Fred Pepperell and Robert Bouse in Mrs. Wilkinson's first grade room; Mrs. Wylie Groves and Merritt Fisher assisting in Mrs. Hart's second grade room; Mrs. Alan Joslyn and B. R. Jones in Miss McHugh's seventh grade homeroom.

Mrs. Winder's seventh grade homeroom will have as hosts Mrs.

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Edwin Kirbert Is Named New Sec'y Of Local YMCA

Edwin Kirbert has been appointed as the new YMCA secretary of the Birmingham branch of the "Y" and will be formally introduced at a rally to be held Monday, Oct. 21, at 8 p. m. by Dr. John K. Ormond, president of the Birmingham Board of Directors.

This announcement was made following a meeting of the Board Tuesday evening when Dr. Ormond also made known that letters have been placed in the mail this week directed to a large number of Birmingham residents who in past years have been interested in the YMCA, inviting them to the rally to meet the new secretary.

Howard A. Coffin, president of the Detroit YMCA, will address the rally, and Ralph Hileman, general executive secretary of the Detroit "Y," will also speak, according to Dr. Ormond, who added:

"No greater testimony as to the worth and the continuing support of the 'Y' in the Birmingham area could be given than by attendance at this meeting."

School Budget of $631,897 Adopted At B of E Meeting

At a special meeting of the Board of Education last week, the revised school budget for 1946-47 was formally adopted.

The new budget figure is set at $631,897.09. While this exceeds the 1945-46 budget figure of $444,341.06 by $187,556.03, the increase, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, is due largely to the annexation of two new school districts and tremendous increase in operating expenses. The Southfield No. 1 district and the Bloomfield No. 5 district were formally annexed on July 1 of this year.

"The revised budget figure also reflects an increase over the estimated budget prepared last May," Dr. Ireland stated. "This increase also can be accounted for by the new districts and increased overall operating expenditures."

Operating Expenses Up

The greatest single increase is in the tax for operating expenses, amounting to $447,346.01, as compared with last year's figures of $258,649.43, Ireland explained.

The budget, as approved, will call for a 9.89 mill assessment on equalized valuation, plus the 2.5 mill special assessment voted by this district four years ago, the total tax levy being 12.39 for this year. While operating expenses have increased tremendously, debt service has been cut from 3.5 mills to 2.5 mills.

The Oakland County Tax Allocation Board, who last year granted an assessment of 6.4 mills, were asked this year for a 10.2 assessment in the original budget submitted, but only 9.89 mills per dollar valuation was allowed, Ireland said.

City Ponders National Sale Of Well Water

One of Birmingham's residents who claims he was greatly benefited by drinking water from the fountain at Maple and Baldwin approached City Commissioners last Monday evening for permission to send this beneficial water to people all over the country.

While this fountain has been attracting people from Birmingham and surrounding areas for more than 25 years—who also thought it beneficial—as far as the commissioners know, no one had ever thought of selling it before.

Lotta Porter, 251 Baldwin, is the man who presented the plan to the Commission. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that while the water comes from a flowing city well, it is helped to the surface by a small electric pump, operating costs of which are paid by the city.

Will Pay City

Porter said he was willing to reimburse the city for the water if they would grant him permission to bottle it.

City Engineer Harold Corson reached back into his memory to recall that when the well was first drilled, the water was considered too "salty" to put into the Birmingham water system. But many people thought it beneficial.

Commissioners referred the matter to City Manager Donald C. Egbert for recommendation. Egbert stated that he did not know as yet what action he would recommend since there is no precedent as far as he knew.

"There are a lot of people who would like to use that water if it was made available to them," he stated. "There is no objection to it at present. Of course, if some arrangement were worked out, the city could not just give the water away. Some financial agreement would have to be worked out."

W. Maple Widening Set for Next Spring

Low bidder for a contract on the construction of 5.782 miles of concrete widening and reinforced concrete capping on West Maple avenue from Cranbrook road west to Orchard Lake road was the Cooke Construction Co. of Detroit, with a bid of $155,310.20. This announcement was made by the Michigan State Highway Department.

It is expected that this construction on Maple avenue, which will widen it to 20 feet from the present width of 16 feet, will be begun some time next spring.

The highway department also announced that the Taylor Brothers Company, Inc., of Birmingham was the low bidder on 3.035 miles of grading, drainage structures, concrete pavement widening and bituminous concrete resurfacing on M-21 from Flint east and from the Dort highway to the Flint east limits.

Pass Interceptions, Fumbles Feature Birmingham's 21-0 Grid Loss to Ferndale Eleven

By Jack Moses

The injury-riddled Maple gridders absorbed a 21-0 trouncing at the hands of Lincoln of Ferndale on the latter's field last Friday night.

Ferndale kicked to tackle Joe Bowen, who brought the ball to the 41-yard stripe. On third down the ball squirted from quarterback Stan Boynton's grasp and Railsplitter Tom Kirkpatrick fell on the ball.

Ferndale got nowhere as a fourth down pass failed and a 20-yard aerial was good from Drayton McClelland to Boynton, but the ball was fumbled and Lincoln's Guy Hayes pulled it in. The Ferndale attack failed, and after an exchange of punts the ball rested on the Maple 24.

Fumbleitis gripped the Maples again and the ball was recovered by Ferndale on the 21. The line held and Blauman kicked out of the end zone to the locals' 41-yard stripe.

A series of nine running plays by Bob Van Dusen brought the ball to the four-yard line where Guy Hayes bulled his way to pay dirt. Gerald Wicks split the uprights and Ferndale enjoyed a 7-0 lead at the half.

Blauman kicked to Gene Roe who brought the ball to the Lincoln 34. A punting duel and a bad break for Birmingham ensued. The county boy scooted past safety man McClelland and rolled to the Maple five-yard line.

A desperate gamble backfired as an attempted pass was fumbled and Ferndale's Bill Kirkpatrick pounced on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Wick's boot again guided the ball through the uprights and Ferndale held a commanding 14-0 count as the fourth stanza opened.

Passes Intercepted

Lincoln again pressed the attack, but a Ferndale aerial was sneared by George Pope on the locals' nine. Seconds later, however, Bullock of Ferndale intercepted on the 36 but the Maples came right back when

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Pat Van Wagoner In Oakland County For Two-Day Tour

Former governor Murray D. (Pat) Van Wagoner, Democrat candidate for reelection as governor of Michigan, will visit southern Oakland County today and tomorrow, October 17 and 18, it has been announced by the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

The Van Wagoner party will be greeted by Ferndale Democrats at the corner of 9 Mile road and Woodward avenue at 6:15 p. m. tonight. A delegation from Hazel Park will accompany the former governor to a banquet to be held at 6:30 in Hazel Park. Following the banquet, there will be a mass meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the Lacy School, 9 Mile road and John R in Hazel Park.

Moving on to Ferndale, Van Wagoner will address a Democratic rally at the VFW hall on Vester street, where he is scheduled to speak at 9:30 p. m.

Public Invited

The events are open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend.

"We want all the voters of Hazel Park, Ferndale and Royal Oak Township, regardless of party lines, to hear first-hand from the former governor himself the record of his splendid accomplishments as Michigan's governor during the critical first years of the war," said Lorraine Dewey, Democratic County Chairman.

Tomorrow night, at 7:30 p. m., at the Elks Temple in Pontiac, the county Democratic committee is sponsoring the "Van Wagoner Homecoming Banquet." Guest speaker will be U. S. Senator Glenn H. Taylor of Idaho. Program includes James H. Lee, Democrat candidate for the United States Senate for Michigan, and John W. L. Hicks, candidate for congress from the 17th Congressional District.

In addition to Van Wagoner, several candidates on the state ticket and the entire Oakland County and legislative nominees of the party will attend.

On Sunday, October 20, at 7 p. m. in the Pontiac High School, on West Huron Street, Van Wagoner will address a mass meeting, at which Henry A. Wallace will be guest speaker.

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