

In maintaining a home most people...

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and THAT

By G. R. A.

KIM SIGLER, FORMER GOVERNOR, HAS MADE HIS LAST FLIGHT

Kim Sigler, Michigan's colorful and crusading Governor during 1947-48, flew to his death Monday afternoon...

FOR NEARLY 30 years I had known Kim Sigler. Our paths became intimately interlocked when, in 1946, he announced his candidacy for Governor on the Republican ticket...

WHEN CORRUPTION in State affairs became a public issue, he was appointed special prosecutor to the then Chief Justice...

ONE EVENING my home telephone rang and I picked up the phone. At the moment he was at the home of a mutual friend in Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

CLIFFORD HUNT, president of the Birmingham unit of the National Association of Letter Carriers, stated, Tuesday, that the envelopes had not yet arrived.

THE SOUTHFIELD club was selected for the award on the basis of excellence in five major phases of Optimist activity...

MRS. FISHER stressed that Birmingham mailmen are in no way responsible for the fact that the special envelopes have not been distributed.

FOUR ARMED men entered the office of the Fox and Hounds Inn, Woodward and Long Lake roads, Monday morning, bound three employees and walked out with \$5,500.



AN UNIDENTIFIED MAPLE FINDS GOING ROUGH

Acorns continually bottled up Maple backs

Maples Lose Turkey Day Tilt, 28 to 0

More Letters to Santa Claus on Page Two, Section Five

Charity Drive Stymied By Mailing Mistake

A mailing mix-up at muscular dystrophy headquarters in New York has frustrated Birmingham mailmen's efforts to aid the association's present fund raising drive...

Southfield Club Receives Highest Optimist's Award

Southfield Optimist club members were proud guests at a dinner at Dearborn Inn Monday night when Optimist's highest officer presented them with Optimist's highest honor, the Intramural Honor Award.

COACH VINCENT Seemingly said last season, "Although our last ball game was without a doubt one of the poorest games we played all season, the coaching staff feels that percentage-wise we have made as much progress as we have with any squad. We had to start with so much inexperienced material that the progress is not evidenced by our record."

A FOURTH MAN, driving a black get-away car, appeared on Woodward from the men inside, and all four headed north.

WOMAN Hospitalized After Two-Car Crash

Police said Rockwell has worked and lived at the club for the past 15 years. His body was taken to the county morgue while police are trying to locate his relatives.

Hunt Club Employee Found Dead On U. S. 10

Apparently stricken fatally as he walked across Woodward at Long Lake road, the body of Rockwell, 63, an employee of the Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt club, was found dead on the edge of the center island by a Bloomfield Hills policeman Monday morning.

Plan Board Seeks Basic Policies

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL The pilot of the "SS Birmingham" tonight will ask the ship's captain for a chart of the waters through which the vessel is expected to travel in the foreseeable future.

Placed aboard the "SS Birmingham" better than two years ago, the pilot (the city plan board) has been kept occupied primarily on jobs the crew normally should do, and thus has had very little opportunity to keep the captain (the city commission) apprised of the reefs and shoals of municipal growth.

Therefore, at a closed door meeting which begins at 8 p. m. tonight in the Municipal Building, the plan board is expected to ask the city commission for some basic policies under which the board can work in planning for the city's future.

AT ITS OWN closed-door meeting Nov. 2, plan board members discussed in general their own feelings about basic policy in adopting and following through on the program.

Although the plan board has not made public what happened or what may have been decided at that meeting, it is believed the area of disagreement was slight, and involved only minor points.

However, just what went on at that Nov. 2 discussion, and how various plan board members felt about certain planning aspects, is expected to be told to city commissioners at the joint meeting to be held.

AT THAT session four weeks ago, planners discussed these five main points:

1) How to provide aid and protect residential areas with quietness, safety, sound zoning, complete city services, and access;

2) How to create a connecting link between the many neighborhoods and the plan board so ideas and programs would be presented and placed in operation;

3) How to maintain and enhance the business section to give local residents convenient, and desirable shopping facilities;

4) How to develop the city's industrial area with desirable types of small industry on adequate sites; and

5) How to obtain a system of major and feeder streets that provide adequate flow of traffic in the city, as well as permit through traffic to bypass the city.

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LANCE MINOR ON RECEIVING END TODAY

As Pittsburgh suburb gets direct toll dialing

For the second time in less than two weeks, Mayor pro tem Lance C. Minor has had an active part in the inauguration of coast-to-coast telephone dialing systems.

On Nov. 20, he dialed the first call over Birmingham's new system to John A. Palmer, former local resident who now lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., to officially launch the plan here.

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Minor will say he is "happy to have a part in the dedication of the city's new telephone plan."

"We here in Birmingham," he will add, "are proud—as we know we must be—to have been selected for this forward-looking service."

This parking ordinance took considerably longer than a year to work out.

Lathrup Charter Vote On Monday

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Lathrup voters will decide Monday, Dec. 7, whether their area will become the first city in the 36 square miles of Southeastern Michigan.

Nearly 1400 registered voters will be given the opportunity on that day to either favor or reject a charter and elect five city commissioners and a justice of the peace for the City of Lathrup Village.

The charter voters will elect five city commissioners and a justice of the peace on May 12 by an 85 vote majority.

SINCE MAY the commissioners have been in contact with the Michigan Municipal League drafting a charter that would be acceptable to voters.

Population in Lathrup has been estimated at 2,800 in the 2 1/2 square mile area with only about 50 per cent of the land developed.

78 Stores To Be Open Men's Night

The city's second annual Men's Night, a night for male shoppers only, will be held Monday night, Dec. 7.

Under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, 78 stores will be open from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. and offer him every item from a mustard plaster to a sleek new car.

The creation of Men's Night last year found only 27 stores participating, but merchants agree that customer reaction after last year's effort was more than enough to make this Monday night one of the biggest shopping events ever in the city.

Co-Chairman Richard Young, in commenting on plans for this year's affair, said, "This night will give men who are seldom in our stores a chance to see what Birmingham retail stores have to offer."

"OUR GREATEST aim in this year's Men's Night," Young added, "was to bring as many merchants into the program as possible and to increase our services to men customers."

The actual aim of the night is to make the men of Birmingham to shop in unburied leisure out of sight of their wives or women friends and relatives.

It provides the males the chance to do all of their Christmas shopping early in the month when stocks are complete and selection at its highest. Not only can the gentleman make his purchases in a woman in his life, but he will be able to purchase for any member of his family or friends.

AMONG THE thousands of items that will be on display will be clothing, cosmetics, appliances, cameras and hobby supplies, hardware, stationery, automobiles, floor pieces, jewelry, sewing machines, sports supplies, and gift articles for the holidays.

Several stores will offer gift-wrapping service so that the "little white envelope" can be all ready for the Christmas tree. Other stores will offer refreshments and entertainment for the occasion.

Having this year's Men's Night committee for the Chamber of Commerce are Young and Al LaBelle, co-chairmen of the event, William Mason and Paul Kurtz.

Special Program To Solve Mama's Babysitting Worry

An unusual and unique program in "baby sitting," the first of its kind in Birmingham, is planned for the convenience of local mothers and shoppers during the Christmas season.

Beginning December 5, it will be presented under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Professional and variety talent, including trick dogs, monkeys, magicians and comedians, will be featured.

STRICTLY FRESH When a gunman found that the cash register in a Worcester, Mass., variety store contained less than a dollar, he walked out disgruntled. Guess he discovered that crime didn't pay.



KIM SIGLER, though outwardly calm, was possessed of an inner fire...

WHEN HE possessed a keen mind and a super-memory and was dedicated to the public interest, his finer nature rebelled against the confinement of the office...

SHOESTRING TACKLE STOPS ACORN'S DICK NASH

Maples often missed Royal Oak's feet back