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Ghosts, Goblins Getting Ready to Prowl and Howl

Tuesday's Election May Find 7,600 at Voting Booths

Area Polls Open From 7 AM to 8 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 38,000 area voters will be eligible to go to the polls and cast their ballots in the state general elections. What percentage of these voters actually will present their credentials at the polling places this year is a question that city and township clerks would rather not guess upon. However, based on past elections, it would be between 20 and 25 per cent.

While certain national issues of partisan politics have focused citizens' minds to the U. S. Congress elections, little interest seems apparent as far as state and county offices and issues are concerned. Voters will select the high state officials, a U. S. senator, a congressional representative and county department heads.

They also will be called upon to decide on four amendments to the state constitution and advise a second opinion on construction of a new county court house.

LOCALLY, 12,600 registered Birmingham voters will be asked to approve the sale of a parcel of city property, Lathrup will ask the right to acquire the water system plant and become a member of the South Oakland County water authority, and Troy voters will vote on additional zoning regulations on the request for a tax levy to finance the township's share of the proposed Evergreen Drainage District water interceptor sewer to Detroit.

Propositions
The sale of the city-owned land proposed in the third Birmingham Estates subdivision number one. (See ELECTION, Page 8, Sec. 1.)

Polls Transferred
Election officials announced that the polling place in the third Birmingham precinct has been changed to the boys' locker room on the Adams school building.

Saturday Deadline
Birmingham voters who are going to use an absentee ballot for the Nov. 2 state election must have their application filed by 2 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 30, City Clerk Irene Hanley reminded voters of this deadline.

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AMERICAN MOTORS PRESIDENT IS PICTURED WITH HIS FAMILY
Scott, 13 Mrs. Romney Mr. Romney and Mitt, 7 Lynn, 19 June, 16

Romney Successful Integrates Business, Family, Religion

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

When he was 19 years old, George W. Romney confirmed his religious convictions by joining a church. When he was 25, he married his childhood sweetheart after a persistent courtship.

And when he was 32 years old, he left the aluminum industry and entered the automotive field. These three decisions indicate why Romney today has reached an enviable position in the business world, and why some of his greatest triumphs are yet to appear.

For George W. Romney has with his family, which consists of his wife, Leonore, his two daughters, Lynn, 19, and Jean, 16, and two sons, Scott, 13 and Mitt, 7.

DOES HIS daddy devote enough time to him and his brother and sisters? Let Mitt who attends nearby Vaughan school, answer for the other three: "He sure does!"

One of the many ways Romney accomplishes this is to take one or more of the children with him if he motors to a nearby city on business or church work.

Or he and Scott meet at the Detroit Athletic Club for a swim together.

ROMNEY IS president of the Detroit stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, more familiarly known as the Mormon church.

In that office, he is looked to by 2,500 Mormons in the Detroit area as his immediate spiritual leader.

Romney has been instrumental in obtaining about seven acres at the intersection of Chesterfield and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills where a small church is to be constructed.

His devotion to the church stems naturally from his father and mother, who were Mormon missionaries.

HOW WELL he has built and maintained his youngsters' confidence is illustrated by the recent letter Lynn sent him from the University of Utah, where she is sophomore on the outside of the envelope was the word "Personal."

In other words, a young lady had something to say to or ask of a real buddy, and that was her signal to the rest of the family to get out of the way.

Romney's hobby is athletics—he tries to get in as much activity as possible.

AN EARLY error, he sometimes gets up at 4:30 a. m. so he can play nine holes of golf at nearby Bloomfield Hills country club before going to the office.

He was a tournament rank golfer up until about 15 years ago—but he never has played in a tournament.

He likes to attend football games, and most fall Saturday afternoon can find him in the University of Michigan stadium with daughter Jean or son Scott, or both.

The family has a summer cottage near Harbor Springs on Lake Huron—and it is here that Romney really romps with his youngsters: swimming, water skiing, tennis, badminton.

CONSIDERING the important business positions he holds, there are demands on his time even after he leaves his office. But he manages to be home and ready for bed by 10:30 or 11 p. m.

He drives himself to work in a 2-tone blue Nash Ambassador, getting to his Plymouth road office about 8:30 a. m., leaves about 5:30 p. m.

Scott, attends Cranbrook, while Leonore goes to classes at nearby Kingswood.

Romney was born in Colonial Dublin, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, on July 8, 1907.

Among them were golfing Wally Burkemo, Detroit television star Michael Warren Kelly, local Art Murray dancers who gave an exhibition, and Miss Helen Hartwick, Miss Phoenix of 1954.

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Party and Parade on Saturday

About 8,000 little ghosts, goblins and what-have-you will be the guests of the city Saturday evening when Birmingham's annual Halloween party is held.

Friday Night Is 'Trick or Treat' Here

When do the children go begging for candy? Many local parents have been asking. The answer, The Eccentric has checked with the Halloween party committee and the parade.

By tradition, a Sunday Halloween means a Saturday night costume party for the youngsters. Still following tradition, "Trick or Treat" night always is the night before the party—so it's Friday this year.

RESIDENTS, therefore, should prepare to receive their little Halloween callers on Friday night.

Youngsters should be prepared to get their calling on Friday night.

Normal Sunday night will be the normal Sunday night in Birmingham and area.

Marked by printed signs, the youngsters should gather at 7 p. m. for costume judging which will be between then and 7:30 p. m., when the parade will move.

Except for parents accompanying very small children, only costumed marchers will be permitted in the parade. No bicycles, animals or lighted torches will be allowed.

THE LINE of march will be north on Chester to Maple, east to Woodward, then south to the food line at Woodward entrance to the Briggs parking lot.

Several large tables, staffed by men from IFA and service clubs, will be set up at Woodward. Men stationed along Woodward will help small children remove their costumes, which will be covered their hands and make it awkward for them to receive food.

The Birmingham high school band will lead the parade and continue into the parking lot where, with professional acts, they will provide entertainment for parents and little tots.

OVER AND over the contributions of all businessmen in underwriting party expenses, several hundred men and women from PTA groups, service and social clubs, the YMCA and churches are taking part.

They will prepare and serve food, purchase and distribute prizes, support the various parties and provide entertainment.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be the food lines to the Birmingham elementary school at 8:30 for a one-hour movie.

(See PARADE, Page 8, Sec. 1.)

HS and THAT

By G. R. A.

RAISE YOUR VOICE IN USA, MR. HUTCHINS!

A former president of the University of Chicago, Robert Hutchins, recently told a British audience that "American schools and universities are not intended to teach. They are intended merely to accommodate boys and girls until they are old enough to go to work."

Years ago when Hutchins was made president of the University of Chicago, he was heralded as the youngest in the USA to hold so important a position.

Almost from the start, he proved himself an oddball with established educational procedures. In Chicago he changed some of them—always with the idea of removing any barriers to the rapid development of "geniuses" in the student body.

NO LONGER on any university payroll, Hutchins is free to talk as he pleases.

Some of what he says I agree with.

For example, Hutchins points out that alumni and parental pressure on educators cause them to put too little value on scholarship—thus, contends Hutchins, education per se seldom is provided the opportunity to perform its full service for human society.

Perhaps upon his return from Europe, Hutchins will do some constructive criticism of American education before his own countrymen.

Sally Rand, whose willingness to appear practically nude before audiences won her lots of fan mail money, recently filed a petition in bankruptcy. It's hard to believe that curvaceous Sally is flat busted!

Recently, male students at Tulane University staged a "panty raid" on coed dormitories—reason being that their football team is so low in spirit that the raid was committed "to pep 'em up."

Even some of the coeds who lost some of their fluff stuff thought the raid a good idea.

Well, boys will be boys, as the saying goes, and girls at Tulane, it seems, are glad of it.

One fact that Americans ought to accept is this:

No other nation on this earth is so interested in our current and eventual destiny. Perhaps, with international strife so rampant all over the world, and other nations cannot afford to make sacrifices for us—even though we do for them.

We live in an imperfect world—we shall have to work and fight for our own survival. This world has been so and will remain so for years to come—impractical idealists and long-haired dreamers to the contrary, notwithstanding!

Advised to Dress Children Safely

Dress your children in Halloween costumes which have masks with plenty of eye room. Police Chief Ralph H. Moxley advised yesterday.

When they are on the dark street each child should have a mask that he can easily see, and thus protect himself from wandering into the path of a car," emphasized the chief.

He also suggested each child wear something white as an added precaution.

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12 Towns Agree on Big Sewer

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Safety Award Is Presented

One of four Michigan cities to honor Birmingham this week received from the Auto Club of Michigan an honorable mention plaque for the local pedestrian protection program last year.

Safety Patrol Program Superintendent Roy W. Woodworth presented to Mayor Charles R. Renfrew at Monday's commission meeting.

THE USUAL background material about our Bloomfield Hills neighbor (about a year ago he and his family moved into a lovely ranch-style home at Lahser and Vaughan roads), has been exhaustively described in the daily press in the past two weeks.

How he did odd jobs as a youngster and through his college days; his rotation through the major operations of the Aluminum Co. of America; his shift to the Automotive Manufacturers Assn. in 1939 where he assisted important automotive leaders with production tasks during and following the war; and his move to Nash-Kelvinator in 1948, upon the request of the late George Mason, whom Romney succeeds.

But none of this business program's office in explaining the work of area managers and the county over the past three years in finding a solution to the flooding problem.

Differences between Main's plan and that of Hubbell, Roth and Clark actually concerned the capacity of the sewer system.

MAIN STATED that the plan of his office would successfully drain the area under conditions of the maximum storm in the preceding five years.

He did admit that under his plan cities would have to restrict the size of street catch basins and probably take some action to discontinue roof drains from sewer lines in order to insure operation of the system during a maximum storm.

Clark, however, told the audience that his plan would include water from drain spouts and effect a permanent solution to the area's drainage questions.

A humorous sidelight to the meeting was the opening statement of Oak Park City Manager Harold Schone, secretary of the advisory committee, who presided at the meeting.

"I'll admit I was opposed to some phases of the Twelve Town Drain until the fateful morning of October 3 when I made a tour of the flooded city during the storm and found my own mayor (Richard W. Marshall) carrying pails of water out of his basement."

THE PERCENTAGE of acreage served by the drains in the various cities would be:

Royal Oak	21.42
Farmington	15.78
Oak Park	15.05
Southfield	9.73
Berkley	9.22
Royal Oak Twp.	5.96
Clawson	5.83
Hazel Park	4.51
Huntington Woods	4.32
Troy Twp.	2.18
Birmingham	1.75
Pleasant Ridge	1.21

PLAN of the Hubbell, Roth and Clark would serve an additional 500 acres in Troy township.

Homer Clark, co consulting engineer firm joined Main and other members of the drain com-

REACH Halfway Mark In Area UF Campaign

Torch Drive solicitors in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area have collected 48.7% of their quota of \$186,338 for the 1954 campaign, according to Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director.

With only eight days gone, solicitors have reported a total of \$90,745 in the "give once for all" drive to raise funds for 150 health and welfare agencies.

Mrs. Quinn said early returns always make the figure look high.

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Meanwhile, Torch Drive interest in the schools continued high. A poster contest conducted in Birmingham High School and another contest in the elementary schools closed last week, and the winning posters are now on display in downtown Birmingham store windows.

Proceeds from the high school date Friday are being turned over to the United Foundation. To create interest and enthusiasm in the project, the date committee invited several celebrities from the sports and entertainment world to attend as guests.

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STRICTLY FRESH

High school football announcer in San Antonio told the audience on team would defend the west goal on the other side. Oh Texas, even eastern admirer Matt O'Connell far enough east for a football.

Traveler in De Moines, Ia., must have been reminded of his childhood when he opened a handkerchief he snatched. It was full of dirt.

Bank in Darwin, Australia, uses a hood to guard its vault. The hood is made of lead.

LOANS ON YOUR CREDIT

Club's post department is replying letters from pepperoni and hot stamps. Some folks seem to enjoy taking a licking.

Lampighter in Ducombe, England, has been given a raise. He has more work to do, as courting is the only thing out of the town's lanes. Love isn't blind—it just likes to be blind.