

B'ham 'Snowed In' Hills Buses Run,

Vacant seats in Birmingham classrooms were plentiful Wednesday when school officials decided not to send out buses for students. Buses did run, however, in Bloomfield Hills. According to Irving Menovet, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools, approximately 75 per cent of the high school students were in attendance. He said buses traveled the main highways and a few of the side roads that were in good condition.

County GOP Adds Something New to Political Planning

Oakland county Republican officials have given a new twist to the technique of political planning. Put simply, it's this: party bigwigs are going to give precinct captains, workers and all interested Republicans a chance to help formulate a "Plan of Action" to guide the Party through the next two years.

Virtually every other political organization has limited this all-important job to a small, hand-picked group of leaders. Oakland GOP precinct captains are being called to an "idea gathering" meeting (formally billed as an "Action Conference"), Jan. 31, at 9:30 a.m. at the Bloomfield high school, 4200 Anderson, Bloomfield township.

REPUBLICAN headquarters last week sent letters of invitation to the conference to some 450 precinct captains, workers, organization leaders and elected officials. Co-chairmen of the event, Gordon Getzinger and Marshall Wolfe of Bloomfield township, are already predicting a big turnout.

"We can see three distinct benefits growing out of our 'idea gathering' conference," says Art Elliott, county chairman. "First, we expect to receive some fine suggestions. But, we also figure that teamwork always improves when the workers feel they have had a hand in the planning. Good teamwork is bound to increase the Party's effectiveness during the coming campaigns."

LAWRENCE LINDEMER, state chairman of the Republican Party, will moderate the "idea conference." Among other things, he'll be asking precinct captains for suggestions about:

1. Recruiting, organizing and training workers.
2. Structures and procedures of organizations.
3. Suggested women's activities.

Hart Lewis, 24 Oakdale Blvd., Pleasant Ridge; Mrs. Dan O'Mahugh, Jr., 310 Chesterfield, Bloomfield Hills; Bob Schwab, 3000 Oakhill, Troy; Mrs. L. R. Sampson, 4100 S. Shore, Waterford; and Jim Burlingame, 124 Exmor, Waterford, will head group discussions. Miss Irene Giacobbi, 120 Roth, Clawson, will handle refreshments for the meeting.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Space men are kindhearted, if the one who called five-year-old Robbie Olin on the phone the other day is any example. His name is "Captain Space" and he appears on the Detroit TV show, "Zings" on the Detroit 10. According to Robbie, 153 Larchlea, Birmingham, was one of the kids who sent a card asking Captain Space to call. It was the biggest moment in the youngster's life when the out-of-town, thousand-mile-a-hour stranger where they hold America's most famous automobile races. Robbie got the right answer and some prizes because Captain Space let him ask his dad, R. G. Olin, for help.

Anybody who's just mailed in his income tax should be feeling uncharitable. But not Dave DeWitt of Tarrytown, Ala. Troy. The other night he was leaving Birmingham post office after mailing his Form XXX. DeWitt found a stranger in need. What this stranger really needed was to see her up out his other plight was serious, too. He stood in front of a city trash container near the post office, muttering. DeWitt became interested, found out that the alcoholically-motivated stranger had mistaken the trashbox for a mailbox. DeWitt and another man got a flashlight, held it and the trashbox lid while the wayward letter-mailer poured himself into the box and retrieved his letter.

The pains were terrible for a little lad, who was one of the youngsters detained from school because of a Bloomfield bus slide. Trying to keep occupied while officials rearranged transportation procedures, he ate his lunch. Yes, the pains were terrible at lunch time!

With the demise this month of the nation's ground observer corps, Birmingham now owns the little glass-windowed shelter GOC volunteers used for several years on city property on East Maple. Its formal presentation was made to the commission Monday by Mrs. Melvina Eberle, Oakland county GOC coordinator. "You gave us the use of your ground, and your residents gave us the \$1000 to build the shelter. The contributions ranged from pennies to a \$100 check. We thank you all for helping the GOC," Mrs. Eberle said. The GOC has been "restored" by the U. S. Air Corps. The intercontinental missiles, DEW line, and other technological improvements have taken over the "watch" from humans. Among the possible new uses for the shelter is golfer's haven on some Springdale golf tee.

Dimes Campaign In Full Swing

Birmingham March of Dimes Chairman William E. Roberts announced yesterday that the city's annual "Mothers March" and porch light drive will be held Thursday, Jan. 29.

Roberts, who also is city commissioner, has named Mrs. Arthur J. Otis, 473 Parlan, to chairman the Mothers March.

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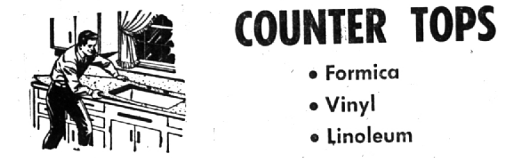
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