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Two Bloomfield Home Owner Groups Join Forces

FCA and SHO Form New 'United Home Owners'

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—An organization of 42 of the 65 home owner associations of Bloomfield township was created last week with the merger of the Federated Civic Associations and Suburban Home Owners associations.

People's Column Candidate Denies Views Of Slate

As a candidate for one of the vacant township trustee chairs, and as former treasurer of the Federated Civic Associations of Bloomfield township, I have found that many people and to further support, develop and promote by moral, social and ethical means and influence the general welfare and civic interest of the home owners . . . through non-partisan assistance to the Federation.

The new organization will be known as United Home Owner associations of Bloomfield township, Inc. Both former names have been dropped, and member associations of the two groups have ratified a new set of by-laws.

The by-laws emphasized the association's purposes as supporting "plans for the preservation of the township of Bloomfield as a residential area."

The organization will also "hold meetings . . . where, by the interchange of views, members may be mutually benefited" and "investigate, consider and support the various means for the improvement and betterment of municipal government."

A SECOND major change in the by-laws pertains to dues. These have been set at \$10 per year for associations of 25 members or fewer, with an additional \$5 for each additional 25 members, or fraction thereof, up to 200 members.

Maximum annual dues for any association, regardless of its membership, is \$50. Member associations of the former FCA, which have been in existence less than a year, will pay only the difference between their previous dues of \$10 and the amount owing under the new schedule for the year 1959.

A spokesman for the new United Home Owners, states that the first meeting of the membership which will consist of two representatives from each of the district associations, will be held at Bloomfield Hills high school, Tuesday, February 17, for election of a 15-man board of directors. Officers are elected by the board from its number.

Both former associations have been working closely in cooperation with each other for the last three months in anticipation of the merger. "No problems are anticipated," a group spokesman said. Following the election of the new board, a program for 1959 will be formulated and announced, he said.

FCA Names Group to Screen Township Hopefuls

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — George A. Jones, 927 Dowling Road, Birmingham, chairman of the Federated Civic association's committee for reviewing qualifications of candidates for the Feb. 16 township primary, has announced the members of his committee.

The five appointed are Robert Sadler, 955 E. Long Lake Road; Carl Metz, 1590 Tully court; Carl Zuber, 2700 Squire Road; Tom Rasmussen, 1234 Robson Lane, and Robert Udell, 3041 Chickering lane. Questionnaires have been sent to all candidates for township office and are to be in the hands of Jones no later than Monday, Feb. 2, for review. The Feb. 5 issue of the Eccentric will carry the findings of the committee.

A spokesman for the Federated Civic associations states that the committee, while appointed by the Federation, is functioning as an independent group and will not clear material with the Federation.

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Hills Schools Find 1000 Are Unregistered

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A meeting to which Bloomfield Hills school district taxpayers have been invited, a letter advising voters of new balloting places, and the revelation of 1000 unregistered voters figured this week in the Bloomfield Hills school district's March 5 bid for increased tax millage.

The meeting to discuss the school board's proposal for a school tax increase of 16 mills and a \$2,100,000 building bond issue has been called by the East-over school PTO.

PTO President Hugh Carney said all district taxpayers are invited to the session at 8 p.m. Monday at the school. He said School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson and some of the board members would answer questions about the proposed school tax and the school's present financial situation.

NOTICES of new precincts are being mailed this week to school district voters, according to Assistant Superintendent Irving L. Menzies.

Seven polling places will replace the one formerly used for school elections. Only district residents of the City of Bloomfield Hills will vote at Vaughan school in the future.

Menzies said approximately 1000 eligible school district voters are not registered. To be eligible to vote in the March 5 election, voters must have lived in the state of Michigan for six months, and in the school district for 30 days.

He said voters must register with the clerks of the four municipalities within the district—the cities of Bloomfield Hills and Troy, and the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield. Voters can register until 10 days prior to the election, he said.

Ask for Salting

WESTWOOD — To a request from Valley Woods school mothers for salting of the road near the school, Village President Marvin Cline last week suggested that the village place salt boxes along the road for use in emergencies.



Hostesses Help

WESTWOOD—The village planning commission found some help when they contacted members of the West Beverly Hills club in their current survey of the village. Mrs. W. J. Harbage, of 32376 Sylvan lane, one of the 42 block hostesses, shows how the women assisted by referring to their lists of residents of their blocks.

S'feld Promotes 4 Police Officers

SOUTHFIELD—Four Southfield policemen were promoted recently, according to City Administrator Robert J. McNutt.

Milton Sackett was promoted from lieutenant to captain; Charles Durbin from sergeant to lieutenant; Richard Overmyer and James Harvey from patrolman to sergeants.

Capt. Sackett and Lt. Durbin have been with the Southfield police force for five years.

A Miracle for Glen Has Been Worked by 'March'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tonight in the Birmingham area, volunteers will conduct their annual perchlight campaign, going door to door for contributions to the March of Dimes. We think this story will help contributors experience a certain satisfaction from their gift tonight to the March of Dimes.

By VIRGINIA COLE Maple West Correspondent

"People often are surprised to learn that the March of Dimes has taken care of the complete expense for Glen since his bout with crippling polio when he was 11 months old," says his father, Edward Martin.

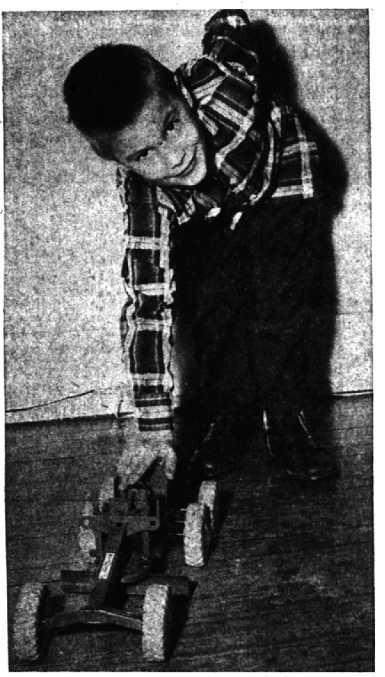
"And friends of our family have, through their clubs, held benefit events. They turned the proceeds over to the National Foundation in Glen's name," says Shirley Martin, his mother.

Glen, six-year old son of the Ed Martin's, Wing Lake road, next month will undergo his second operation. This time a muscle from the hip will be transplanted to Glen's foot for leverage in walking.

A FIRST grade student at Wing Lake school, Glen has made excellent progress. He is assured that he will walk normally in the near future.

Staggering doctor, surgery and hospital bills to finance this miracle have been met by the National foundation.

It has also provided Glen's special shoes and braces. The Martins, a deeply grateful family, have three other children, Kathy 8, Jeffrey, 3, and Allen, 15 months. They are able to carry on as a happy family, not deprived of living essentials, thanks to the public's generosity to the March of Dimes annually.



GLEN MARTIN

Bfield Supervisor She'll Head a Committee Answers Opponents Of 4000 UCS Volunteers

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—In a statement issued this week, Bloomfield township Supervisor Arno F. Hulet defended the operation of the township's government, stating that its office personnel were "as well qualified and competent as will be found in the county."

To a charge by his opponent in the Feb. 16 primary election that the township needs "full time leaders," Hulet said he spends about 60 hours or more each week on the job.

Hulet heads a slate on which incumbent Homer Hase again seeks the office of township treasurer and Robert F. Dudley seeks reelection as clerk.

HIS STATEMENT reads as follows: In the Jan. 15 issue of the Birmingham Eccentric, our opponents outlined their program, prefacing it with a statement that there is need for a "change to full time, competent leaders."

"Maybe 20 hours or more spent on township business each week in addition to the regular forty-hour work week isn't full time, but I consider that it is enough for any elected officer in any township. In addition, the personnel of this office is as well qualified and competent as will be found in the county."

"It strikes me from the tone of the statement, our opponents (See SUPERVISOR, Page 3-D)

By NITA HARD Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—Small wonder her husband calls her Duchess! For a year she will reign over 4000 participating members of the Women's committee of the United Community services in Detroit.

The election of Mrs. Don W. Hunter, 26202 Carol, Franklin, as the new chairman was announced Wednesday when the 24th annual luncheon meeting was held at the Masonic Temple.

A volunteer leader in the metropolitan Detroit community for more than two decades, Mrs. Hunter has been an active board member of the UCS Women's committee since 1950. She once headed its Tribute Fund.

SHE RECENTLY completed her responsibilities as president of the Detroit League of the Handicapped and was last year's president of the Franklin Community library.

Active in many phases of Junior League work, Mrs. Hunter has been a resident of Franklin for about 10 years. She lives in a small, white, rose-covered cottage in the old part of the village.

Her dapper, cane-collecting husband shares her enthusiasm for volunteer community service. He is an incumbent candidate for a village trustee post in the March election.

THE UCS Women's group Mrs. Hunter leads carries out 14 year-round projects, providing for agency visits; community clinics; Friendly Visitors, a program of personal service for older, lonely individuals; educational films; and a speakers' bureau. The group's Tribute Fund project has provided wheel chairs, dentures, glasses, hearing aids and camp through the proceeds of greeting card sales and private endorsements.

The United Community Services which Mrs. Hunter's committee is part of, is a voluntary agency. UCS was created by Detroit citizens to bring together individuals and agencies to establish and strengthen service to the community's health, welfare and leisure time needs.

The federation of 166 agencies has given a big job to a lady who is accustomed to doing big, important things in a quiet dignified way.

S'held to Consider Major Road Plan

SOUTHFIELD—A public hearing will be held by Southfield officials to consider final approval of the city's proposed road plan.

A. E. Munson, Southfield planning consultant, recommended a major plan similar to Livonia.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

What good is a radio if you can't enjoy it? Of course, you can enjoy your radio in today's world, if you like disc jockeys and soap operas. If you don't, let the dust collect on your radio dial. That's all you'll get.

Unless you turn to a Canadian broadcasting station, or have FM. This radio business is partly what drove this ex-housewife back to the office. There I was, all alone in the house with my mop and my broom. I was longing for something to exercise the popped out muscles in my feeble brain while I worked. So I turned on the radio.

I caught something stimulating, informative, or thought-provoking. I got jazz and singles and that pitiful woman who's had enough romance after 35 to bring on a nervous collapse.

Now somebody's doing something about radio. A group of Detroit people, The Birmingham Eccentric was notified this week, are organizing "The Listeners' Lobby." It's an association of radio listeners whose aims include "to im-



MRS. DON W. HUNTER



Queen of Her Castle

Two-year-old Laurie Ann Burgess loves her daddy more each day. And, what little girl wouldn't if someone built a special fairy tale ice castle just for her. Dr. Sheldon Burgess formed this ten-foot tower of ice by spraying on a base of snow and metal pipes. The Burgesses live at 1778 Cambridge, Lathrup.