

B'field Man Criticizes Election of State Judges

A former director of the Detroit Bar association last week labeled non-partisan election of Michigan supreme court justices "ridiculous" and called for adoption of the "Missouri plan" in Michigan.

William H. Baldwin, 745 Hupp Cross, Bloomfield Township, unsuccessful candidate for the state supreme court in 1959, cited non-partisanship as "perhaps the major factor in dissuading highly qualified men from seeking election to the judiciary."

Baldwin told a meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Republican Women's Club that there are "inherent difficulties" in seeking election as a judge.

"The whole ethos of the courts and the legal profession dictates

a certain restraint and decorum," Baldwin explained. "Yet our election system requires the judicial candidate to go through all the razzle-dazzle of a political campaign."

MANY MEN who would make outstanding jurists care little for the "ballyhoo" of politics, Baldwin said, and for that reason are reluctant to seek judicial office.

Baldwin described the Michigan system of nominating supreme court candidates in partisan conventions and then electing them on a non-partisan ballot as "a terrible contrivance."

"Ten minutes after they receive the blessings of their political party, they are supposed to hear

no evil and speak no evil," he declared.

Baldwin, who served as assistant U.S. prosecutor during the Nuremberg war trials, urged the adoption of the so-called "Missouri plan," under which judges are appointed by the governor from a list submitted by a bi-partisan commission of lawyers, judges and lay people. At the completion of their term, the appointed judges go before the electorate for re-election, without opposition.

"THE MICHIGAN courts are a serious business," Baldwin declared. "And I think it's time we stopped kidding ourselves and devised a realistic method of selecting our jurists."

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Sunshine Seekers Back For Franklin's Spring

FRANKLIN—Heck, who needs the astronomer to decree a vernal equinox to establish the arrival of spring?

Irreversible signs like green grass, budding bushes and the current crop of bronzed bodies returned from the sunny Southland are enough.

Among those sporting the ruddy, ruddy look are the Homer Hydes of Franklin Road and the Kenneth Nichols of Fourteen Mile Road who made Pompano Beach, Fla., vacation headquarters for several weeks.

Back, too, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Anderson of Tweed Drive. They were joined for a two-week holiday at Juno Beach by the Len Madges of Ten Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rex of McKinney Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balla of Haverford went a step or two farther, taking a diving trip to Mexico where they spent 20 days, motoring between Mexico City, Acapulco and Taxco.

For a change of scene, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skeels left their home on N. Cromwell and moved into a brand new home on Suzanne last Wednesday.

Cub Scout Pack B-11 meets tonight at the Franklin School to hear the weekly tales of Trappist Joe. A member of the Michigan Department of Conservation, he comes complete with pelts of animals he has trapped.

On Saturday, Cubs and their Dads will be heading for the train exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum as they observe the month's theme of railroads. A railier involved shuttle program will make it possible for them to return to Birmingham via the Grand Trunk railroad commuter.

As refreshing as the breath of spring and bringing the assurance of Easter time are the delightful poems of Don Morrison—available at Devon Gables and LaBelle's if you're looking for a special thought to perk up the season.

The uniquely bound collection of verse called "Reassurance and Other Poems" made its debut last fall. Since then it has received enthusiastic literary reviews. Aside from the fact that many of the poems are inspired by Franklin and their author resides in semi-retirement on Normandy, they are charming wisps of wisdom destined for immortality and a place in local history.

Visiting her daughter, Mrs. Archie Doty of 13 Mile Road, is no small jaunt for Mrs. A. J. Hanchet-Taylor of Aberfeldy, Scotland. Here for several weeks and to be joined shortly by her husband, Group Captain A. J. Han-

town, especially to have his picture taken along with the others who served with him on the Franklin council in 1958.

Soon to be seen in the village offices will be a nearly-complete set of "official family" portraits, a graphic record of the citizens who have been elected to volunteer their talents to local government since Franklin became an incorporated home rule village in 1956.

BINGHAM FARMS—Ninety golden years will be celebrated by Mrs. Abbie Smith next Wednesday. A long-time resident of Bingham and the mother of Roy Jones of Telegraph, Mrs. Smith will be honored at a tea held at the Jones home. Mrs. Jones has invited about 15 guests for the occasion.

The Joneses have just recently returned from a three-week holiday in South America.

FRANKLIN—Boy Scout Troop B-11 held a clean-up campout at their camp near Lapeer last weekend. Due to continued low prices in scrap paper, the spring paper drive has been cancelled.

A pancake supper has been scheduled for April. Date to be announced soon.

N. W. Berry Resigns From Plan Board

Norman W. Berry has resigned as a member of the Birmingham Plan Board. He gave reasons of health.

Commissioners accepted his resignation Monday night "with regret" and directed that a "certificate of appreciation" be sent to him.

No replacement was named.

S'field Traffic Death Raises City's Total To Five for 1961

SOUTHFIELD—The death of a Pontiac man, following an accident in Southfield over the weekend, brought the city's traffic fatality record to five deaths for 1961.

Lester Lundy, 42, died Saturday at 6:20 a.m. in William Beaumont Hospital. Police said Lundy's car ran a red light at Southfield and Nine Mile Roads at 11:20 p.m. Friday. His car was struck by one driven by Mrs. Kathleen F. Keller-

Dr. R. M. Frehse To Speak Tuesday At Franklin WSCS

FRANKLIN—Dr. Robert M. Frehse, executive director for the Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants will be guest speaker for the Tuesday meeting of the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Franklin Community Church.

Dr. Frehse's talk, "Making Democracy Work," will follow a noon luncheon and business meeting.

MRS. ROY TROUTEAUD, chairman of the Rebekah Circle in charge of arrangements, urges reservations be made with respective circle chairmen by March 24.

Arrangements for nursery care should be made in advance with Mrs. D. J. Crawford.

man, 37, of Detroit. Mrs. Kellerman and her two daughters, Karen, 15 and Cristin, 10, were treated at Beaumont Hospital and released. Mrs. Kellerman was knocked out of the car by the impact.

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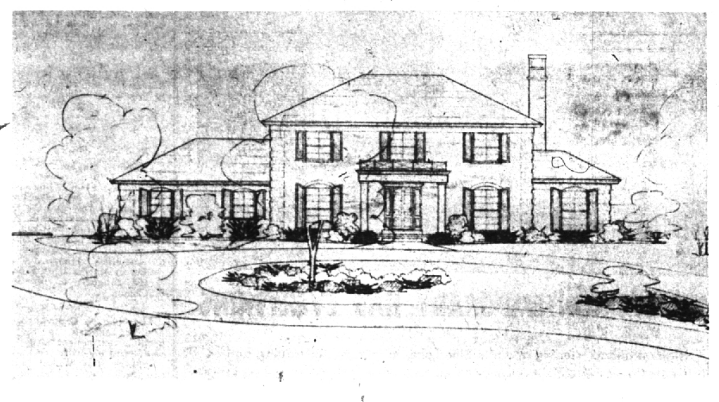
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