

**Local Man Training In New Orleans**

USNR Commander Walter Cornelius, 45, of Birmingham, is in New Orleans, La., for two weeks of intensive training at Callender Field with his naval air transport Squadron, VR-733, while on active training duty status. The squadron is stationed on Grassy Point.

Cornelius has been in the Navy since 1942. He is a graduate aeronautical engineer and, in civilian life, a supervisor of research laboratories with General Motors.

Sure is a difference between good, sound reasons and reasons that sound good.

**Romney Cites Preoccupation With Rights of Minorities**

Excessive preoccupation with the rights of minorities under Michigan's present constitution has seriously infringed the rights of the majority, George Romney, chairman of Citizens for Michigan, charged last Thursday.

Romney spoke at an Oakland County mass meeting in Groves High School, 20200 W. 13 Mile Road, sponsored by the Birmingham chapter of Citizens for Michigan.

He heads the coordinating committee for a Constitutional Convention, representing 21 groups for "con-con," including the Democratic Party, Republican Party leaders, the Michigan League of Women Voters, Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce and others.

"MISAPPLICATION of principles as well as misrepresentation of facts are being used to confuse voters and induce them not to act on the constitutional convention issue April 27," Romney declared.

"The most serious misapplication of principles is the concept that the sound principle of protection of minority rights can be served by the unsound principle that a majority does not have the right to govern.

"Protection of minority rights is the function of the constitution and the courts. However, when the constitution permits minorities also to exercise control over legislative acts, then, as we have seen in Michigan, representative government is crippled to the point of ineffectiveness.

"WE HAVE SEEN the sound principle of checks and balances in our constitution carried to the extreme of blocks and barricades that promote no-government rather than good government, and increase the dangerous tendency to rely on Washington rather than Lansing for needed government services.

"We have seen excessive preoccupation with minority rights and privileges carried to the point where the rights of the majority are grievously infringed.

"The champions of what they claim to be minority rights in the present constitution should remember the lesson of history — that true representative democracy is a careful balancing of majority and minority rights.

"WHEN EITHER is permitted to infringe on the other, we have tyranny, and tyranny of the minority is as great a travesty on representative government as tyranny of the majority."

Romney said citizens of Oakland County in particular had a personal stake in achieving a more equitable voice in state government through a constitutional convention.

Oakland County's tremendous population increase in the past decade has caused it to be seriously under-represented in the state legislature in terms of population, he said.

WITH 690,000 people, Oakland County has one state senator, as does Macomb County with 400,000, Genesee with 370,000, Saginaw with 190,000 and Washtenaw with 170,000 people.

"However, in the State House of Representatives, which, unlike the Senate is supposed to be apportioned on the basis of population, Oakland County has six representatives for an average of 115,000 people each, while all the rest of the state in the populous Wayne County averages 68,000 people per representative. In light-

ened titled Huron County, its one representative represents a population of 34,000."

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**Warning: Dog Law Enforced In B'ham**

Is your dog running loose? Does he cavort across your neighbor's lawn, mauling grass and shrubbery?

If so, you may be in for trouble with the Birmingham Police Dept. Answering a citizen's complaint at a recent city commission meeting, Chief Ralph Moxley said the department has stepped up enforcement of the dog ordinance.

And Mayor Florence H. Willett suggested that residents familiarize themselves with provisions of this law.

SHE ALSO explained that people calling the police to complain about dogs must give their name and address for the record. This information is held confidential unless a court summons becomes necessary.

The dog law specifically states that dogs when not on their owners' premises must be under "reasonable control."

This means dogs must be on a leash, in an enclosed vehicle or container or with the owner or some other person, the law stipulates.

The first time the dog warden answers a complaint, he issues a warning; the next two times the dog is impounded; the third time, the owner's in for trouble—he must appear in court.

**Groves Vocalists Score Top Rating**

A Groves Senior High School vocal music group scored its first top rating in the Michigan Vocal Association competition. The Girls' Ensemble, directed by Karl Krueger, scored the top rating of I for its performance of "Asterius Te" by di Lasso and "Soft is the Night" by Lois Emig.

In the choir division, the Groves Choir received a II rating for its rendition of "Bow Down, Thine Ear" by H. Morgan and "Hallelujah Amen" by Handel.

According to Arnold Berndt, coordinator of music for the Birmingham schools, 19 schools took part in the festival at Ferndale High School. Junior high school performances are scheduled for later in the spring.

"WE ARE VERY PLEASED with the interest shown by our vocal and instrumental students and their directors in the activities sponsored by the Association. We are certain it has stimulated a higher level of accomplishment by all of our music groups," said Berndt.



**'Step Right In'**

John C. Rehard (left), West Bloomfield Township supervisor, and Stewart Schultz prepare to open the door to Stewart's Lawn Maintenance, 2140 Walnut Lake, Birmingham. Stewart's moved to the new location from its previous place of business at 4755 Walnut Lake. Other notables who attended the grand opening ceremonies were Mrs. Schultz, who owns Mable's Herbs and Garden Shop, which is in the same building; Arno Hulet, supervisor, Bloomfield Township; and Claude Whitmer, of the W. Bloomfield Township planning board.

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