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Twp. Government: Simple Structure, Complex Problems

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second in a series of articles on the structure of government and characteristics of Bloomfield Township. Its purpose is to give residents a closer look into their community and the way it works.

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The governmental structure of a township is simple.

Final authority in a township is in the hands of a seven-man board elected by the people. The board determines township policy. No major legal or administrative action or monetary expenditure is taken without this board's approval.

Three members of the board hold their seats because of the salaried administrative offices to which they have been elected. They are the supervisor, treasurer and clerk of the township, who are elected for two-year terms.

Four members of the board are trustees, elected to serve on the board from among the residents of the township. Their four-year terms are staggered, with two being elected every two years.

All township elections are held in odd-numbered years.

ALTHOUGH the structure of government is simple, the administration of Bloomfield Township has many complex problems.

With a phenomenal population growth of almost 500 per cent in the past 10 years, the township has had to be guided from its former rural nature into a suburban maturity.

A part of Bloomfield Township government during this period of growth is its present

Attorneys OK Franklin City Charter Vote

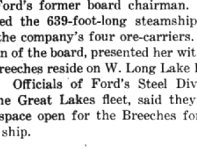
FRANKLIN — The charter amendment voted on at the March 12 village election was finally approved Monday night.

The opinion of bonding and village attorneys cleared the status of the issue which will permit bonding for road improvement by special assessment districts.

Ruling that a simple majority—and not approval of two-thirds of those voting on the amendment—was adequate, the attorneys agreed that state limitations prevailed. Voters in the March election approved the amendment, 108 to 134.

Now It's the S. S. Breech

Ford Motor Co.'s newest Great Lakes ore-carrier was renamed the S.S. Ernest R. Breech in ceremonies Wednesday at the Cobo Hall dockside in Detroit. It was named in honor of Ford's former board chairman. Mrs. Breech re-christened the 639-foot-long steamship, the second largest of the company's four ore-carriers. Henry Ford II, chairman of the board, presented her with a sponsor's gift. The Breechs reside on W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Officials of Ford's Steel Division, which operates the Great Lakes fleet, said they are holding passenger space open for the Breechs for a first ride on "their" ship.

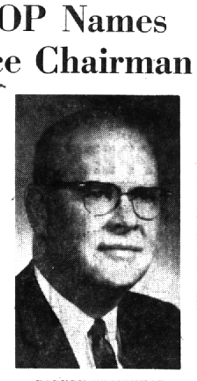


Oakland GOP Names New Finance Chairman

Rodkey Craighead, 46, of 245 Harrow Circle, Bloomfield Township, has been named 1962 finance chairman for Oakland County Republicans, according to County Chairman Charles L. Lyle.

Craighead, a vice president of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co., is in charge of the bank's political participation program. He is also a guest lecturer at the University of Michigan School of Business Administration.

He was named after the executive board of the Republican Committee of Oakland County received a formal resignation from former finance chairman Merritt D. Hill. Hill's resignation was to take effect immediately since his acceptance of the job as president of the J. I. Case Co. in Racine, Wis., would necessitate a move from Oakland County.



RODKEY CRAIGHEAD

Resolved: Table It!

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A request to pass a resolution against the proposed county jet airport retro-relocated to the "tabled" category for the second time in Bloomfield Township.

Board members were asked to go against the airport. Trustee Robert Reid asked about such a policy two weeks ago.

Community House, Oakland League Slate Con-Con Trip

A busload of community minded area residents are scheduled to leave the Community House at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday on a trip to the state capital, where they will observe Constitutional Convention delegates in action.

The trip is being co-sponsored by the Community House and the Oakland Citizens League. According to Ward Ouradnik, executive director of the Community House, seats are still available for the outing.

A Dutch treat lunch with the seven area con-con delegates has been scheduled and the bus will arrive back in Birmingham at 5 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served on the bus.

Lighting Assessment

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Five men were re-appointed last week to township posts.

Harold W. School will be the township health inspector for his seventh one-year term.

Clifford Currell and William Satterfield were reappointed to two-year terms on the electrical board.

An agreement with present township attorney Joseph T. Brennan was renewed. The retainer is \$5,000 for the year.

Supervisor John C. Rehard was reappointed five commissioner.

Township Board Reappoints Five

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A tentative budget of \$357,150 was approved last week by the township board. The budget covers 1962-63.

The fiscal budget for 1961-62 was \$321,475.

A proposed master plan is part of the reason for the increase. The board allocated \$10,000 for a study before the planning is begun.

THE BUDGET will not become final until the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board verifies the township's share of the 15-mill limitation.

Last year, West Bloomfield received \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation from the millage levy.

A. G. Wilson Rites Held

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit for Alfred G. Wilson, Michigan multimillionaire who died Friday in Phoenix, Ariz. He was 79.

Wilson suffered a heart attack three weeks ago but apparently was recovering when stricken fatally. His wife, the 78-year-old widow of automaker John Dodge of Detroit, was at their home in Rochester preparing it for their return from their winter home in Scottsdale. She flew back immediately.

Wilson helped give Michigan State University-Oakland its start by a gift of 10 million dollars. He and Mrs. Wilson donated their Rochester estate, including 1,284 acres of land and a Tudor mansion, Meadow Brook, for the founding of the school in 1957.

Retiring Road Administrator

Norman Naimark, wound up his two years service with a report to the council, advising his successor, Richard Oberschulte, to continue the volunteer area-representative system.

Naimark stated, "It is apparent to me the full eight-year term will be needed to complete the five-year program."

Hunter maintains that Naimark's road budget figures do not agree with and asked for a finalizing of outstanding bills before new work orders are issued.

Embarrassing Part

It is that Township Supervisor Arno Hulet has been actively working for the past two years on behalf of the proposed airport.

When a vote on the matter comes, one official stated, it's certain lobbies for both sides will have had their chance.

Assessor Alfred Enmerling

ASSASSOR ALFRED Enmerling announced that Richard Caskey and Willard Chapton will assist him on the board of review on May 19, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bloomfield Okays 2 Subdivision Plats

Two subdivision plats were approved Monday by the township board allowing for 145 new homes to be built in the area.

A plat for Hickory Grove Hills at Hickory Grove and Opdyke includes 59 lots.

A total of 195 lots are in the Kirkwood No. 2 plat. Kirkwood is north of Walnut Lake.

B'h'am, Detroit Mayors Switch Jobs for Day

Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett and Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh will switch jobs on May 21, it has been announced. Mayor Willett is county chairman of Michigan Week.

Specific activities for the day in Birmingham are still in the planning stage, according to Assistant City Manager Robert Kenning, who is chairman of the governmental activities committee for the annual event.

WARD OURADNIK, Birmingham chairman of Michigan Week, May 20-26, said many colorful functions are being scheduled, including a luncheon for men's service clubs in the area on May 23.

Local schools will exhibit students' art work at Derby Junior High School. Projects of local students who won awards in the recent Detroit Science Fair will be displayed.

Adult and children's art work executed in classes at the Community House will be shown there also. All art and science exhibits will be featured on May 24.

MERCHANTS' WILL feature displays in windows and other events will be announced, Ouradnik said.

A highlight of Michigan Week in Birmingham will be a concert by the Continental Air Command Band on May 26. The band will fly in from Florida at the request of the local committee and will also play in nearby communities.

In Bloomfield Hills, Mayor John Bugas or Mayor Pro Tem Lynn J. Craig will visit New Baltimore, City Clerk Robert Stadler is heading arrangements at the local level.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

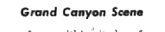
Arizona's Grand Canyon: Majestic, Thrilling Sight!

When one stands on the south rim of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, located in north-central Arizona, and gazes in wonder at the amazingly colorful and beautiful geological story revealed there, it evokes human reactions too inexpressible to describe. It is a masterpiece of nature's artistry, a picture that has been painted and mere words completely to describe.

Millions of people have gazed upon this greatest of this earth's natural wonders; more millions of words have been spoken and written to tell about it—yet its ultimate story and its influence upon human beings still remains to be explored.

Perhaps, in true reverse, its wonder was stated by a garrulous young female tourist when, reaching the south rim at Bright Angel Lodge and looking upon a mile-deep, four-to-twenty-mile-wide and 218 miles long Canyon, she finally managed to catch her breath and then exclaim: "Gosh, ain't it cute!"

BUT ANOTHER WRITER gives his reactions in these descriptive words: "All who have seen the Grand Canyon know the fatality of trying to describe it. It slashes a wilderness plateau for over 200



Grand Canyon Scene

Town House Vote Changed By C. B. Kass

Planning board member Charles B. Kass notified Birmingham city commissioners this week that he has decided to vote for a rezoning request that would allow construction of a town house development.

The house, to be situated on a 3.3-acre tract from \$200,000 to \$500,000, is proposed by the James C. Allen property on the south side of Willis at Greenwood.

AT THE March 27 planning board meeting, Kass abstained from voting on the rezoning request. It ended in a 3-3 stalemate.

He said in his letter to the commission that at the next planning board meeting he will ask for reconsideration of the request and will vote in favor of it.

The board has not yet submitted its report to the commission.

Event Marks Demery's First Anniversary Here

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Demery's-Birmingham will be a year old April 27.

At the same time Demery's Detroit will end its 51st year of operation.

The occasion at both locations will be observed with a store-wide sale.

BOTH STORES will be decorated with huge birthday cakes in honor of the event.

Demery's first year of operation in Birmingham has been a successful one, said Charles A. Peck, president, general manager and owner. He said that the store has "reached the forecast" that had been predicted for it.

Peck, who has had a long career of merchandising, said that he was especially happy with the weekend sales of the store.

AT THE TIME of the opening Peck and John W. Butler, executive vice president and Birmingham store manager, said of the establishment:

"We built it at the corner of Neighbory Ave. and Faith St. The Neighbory side is bringing the first full-sized department store to the Birmingham community, and we certainly had Faith a block long to build and open a 3 million store in the present economy."

Both agree that the people of Birmingham have taken a liking to the location of the store.

THE SUCCESS of Demery's Birmingham was not an overnight affair.

The 1961 opening was the culmination of long planning and an intensive search for the right location.

Peck declared, "We wanted the new Demery's to become an integral part of a complete, dynamic, growing business sector."

"We also wanted to build a store

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