

CONAC Band Here For Michigan Week

Highlighting the local Michigan Week observance, the Continental Air Command Band of Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, will appear in Birmingham May 26.

The 50-piece band will march in a parade and present a concert here. It will be in the state throughout Michigan Week, May 20-28.

City commissioners Monday night verbally approved four requests for the local observance from F. Ward Durand, executive director of the Community House and Birmingham chairman for Michigan Week.

played in their normal positions on the streets during all of Michigan Week, May 20-26.

TENTATIVE PLANS call for the CONAC band to be in Mt. Clemens Monday, May 21; Detroit Tuesday; Wurtsmith, Wednesday; Kincheloe, Thursday; Sawyer, Friday; and Birmingham, Saturday.

It will be the first time the band has journeyed this far west of its home base.

The band will play a wide variety of compositions ranging from current hit tunes to classical selections.

Chief Warrant Officer Adam B. Shaffer conducts the band, assisted by Master Sergeant William F. Pirko.

SINCE ITS inception in 1941 the CONAC band has earned a reputation as one of the outstanding military musical groups in the eastern part of the United States.

During the past several years, the band has averaged at least 400 appearances per year.

It has taken part in events ranging from ticker tape parades to formal salon concerts. It has participated in military reviews from Maine to Florida.

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Resolution

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(The first 445 acres for the proposed 3,000-acre jet field.)

He has "boarded nothing on the part of the city... to put in an improvement or airport for 10 or 15 years." Ingraham added.

"This is planning and thinking for the future, which is not out of line for any government, including Birmingham's."

INSISTING THAT he was not yet "for or against" the airport, Roberts contended that a vote against Burgum's resolution could be construed as a vote in favor of the airport.

He, too, felt that enough information has not been available.

Expressing "confidence in the supervisors we appoint up there," Roberts said he doesn't feel "we can dictate to them. I don't feel I can vote for this at this time and I'm sorry it came up."

PAGE THREE suggested tabling the resolution and seeking additional facts.

He supported Ingraham's suggestion to invite the Aviation Committee chairman to a commission meeting to explain the proposal.

"I can't say that this would change my mind," Roberts declared. "I can't criticize forward planning."

BURGUM SPOKE of the possibility of verbal take-offs for airports in the future.

Forseeing shorter runways than now required, he declared:

"You can't convince me that we will need longer ones. Airports in the future may be smaller and in closer."

The airline industry lost \$30 million last year, he told the commission.

With Wayne County "sinking 50 to 100 million dollars" into Metropolitan Airport, Burgum said he couldn't believe airlines would want to pay the fees that would be required at two such facilities.

RENFREW COMMENTED that he would "rather defer this than have a negative vote on it," and the commission then voted to table the resolution.

It was agreed that the Aviation Committee chairman would be invited to address the commission meeting on April 30.

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Town Hall

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of the slate of speakers for the 1962-63 season.

Mrs. Kass says, "How brave you are to start a Town Hall when they are diminishing rapidly in numbers throughout the country."

This diminishing trend was actually reversed by the St. Anne's group who have helped 14 or more other communities in the U. S. start Town Halls.

"We've helped them get underway in Miami, Fla., Wisconsin, Ill., Akron, O., New Orleans, La., as well as the Michigan communities of Dearborn, Mount Clemens, Port Huron, Mt. Jackson, etc."

"There's a lot of detail work to the job," Mrs. Kass admits in turning over the office to Mrs. Hubbard. The ticket information has to be carefully kept and tabulated, the slips on suggested speakers and subjects carefully considered, etc.

However, working here has its lighter side.

MRS. KASS BRINGS out her ready laugh as she relates some of the interesting phone calls she receives.

"Here can I pay my water bill?"

"Could you arrange to get my cat out of a tree?"

"What day will my garbage be collected?"

"Never a dull moment," she continues. "I wonder if the city fathers realize we're acting as an answering service for them. We just give the caller the phone number of the municipal office. You can easily understand how a newcomer sees Birmingham Town Hall in the phone book and immediately envisions the city offices and the answer to all problems."

"The reason for the popularity of Town Hall programs?" Mrs. Kass cites two things: "Top-notch speakers, the best available in the country, and the warmth and enthusiasm of the audience."

The first comment of almost every speaker as he leaves the stage is "What a wonderful audience!" The group is always attentive, polite, and ready to be responsive.

"Strangely enough, though," Mrs. Kass comments, "they prefer to be instructed rather than amused. Our speakers who have an interesting topic to discuss are far more popular than the ones whose programs are entirely humorous."

And she adds "I guess things aren't all that funny at that hour of the morning."

AS TO THE CALIBER of the speakers, glance over this list and see what the St. Anne's program committee considers top-flight.

Over the years the audience has been treated to such personalities as Eleanor Roosevelt, Bennett Corf, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Margaret Mead, Alistair Cook, Oleg Cassini, Anna Russell, Marguerite Higgins, Mrs. Peter Marshall, Vincent Price, Andréa Maurics, Emily Kinbrough, Ann Landers, Eric Sevareid, Harry Golden and on and on.

Whener von Braun is an example

Honored by College

Lawrence H. Averill, of 1532 Tottenham, Birmingham, assistant general sales manager of the Chevrolet division of General Motors, was awarded the letter in life plaque at the University of Vermont recently.

Mayors Visit Lansing On Tax Proposal

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Eleven mayors, five of them from South Oakland, will meet with Gov. Sponauger at 3:30 p.m. today to present the "suburban point of view" concerning the proposed income tax.

The members of the State-Wide Tax Vigilance Committee will be fighting an income tax on non-residents on three fronts.

AREA mayors making the trip to Lansing will be George W. Kuhn, Berkeley, Hill S. Huffman, Madison Heights, Richard N. Cogger, Lathrup, S. James Clarkson, Southfield, and Robert J. Huber, Troy.

While there, the delegation hopes to address the Constitutional Convention delegates on the same matter. Con Con has already approved on first reading a proposal that favors non-residential taxation.

Members will also appear Thursday at the Detroit Common Council hearings on the tax plan of Mayor Jerome J. Cavanagh at 1:30 p.m. in the City-County Building.

MEMBERS were informed recently by their legal subcommittee at a meeting in Hazel Park City

Another meeting will be held in East Detroit Saturday.

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