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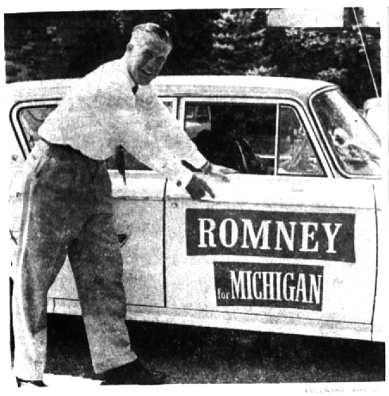

WITH HIS announcement this week that he will not be a candidate for the Republican governorial nomination in 1964, George Romney reaffirmed this slogan on his campaign car. Coat off, Romney prepares to leave his news conference at Devon Gables for other stops on his Saturday tour of Oakland County.

Politician Romney Campaigns at Home

George R. Averill comments on Lenore Romney; see 'This & That', 3-A

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

George Romney the candidate came home to campaign Saturday.

Make no mistake about it—this was George Romney the candidate and he was campaigning.

In a news conference with Oakland County reporters at a Bloomfield Township restaurant, Romney exuded self-confidence.

Area newsmen had long been familiar with Romney the auto company executive from Bloomfield Hills and Romney the Con-Con delegate; but this was Romney the bona fide politician.

Unhesitatingly, he used the first person singular pronoun in comparing his leadership capabilities to those of his Democratic opponent, Gov. John B. Swainson.

IN SPITE OF newsmen's efforts to induce Romney to speak out specifically on other issues, he held to the leadership theme throughout the conference.

"A real leader," Romney declared, "accepts primary responsibility for the purpose of the organization he heads.

"When a leader blames others for his faults and weaknesses, he makes it impossible to achieve progress.

"The leader who accepts his responsibility gets results.

"We've got to have leadership . . . the most important issue in this campaign is, who can provide leadership for the State of Michigan?"

ROMNEY SAID one fundamental issue was whether the state is to have "a public interest administration instead of a special interest administration."

The latter type, he claimed, "has created conflict and deadlock in Michigan."

Public interest government, he added, is one of my goals."

Swainson had no tax program when he began campaigning in 1960, the Republican gubernatorial candidate said.

"After the Citizens for Michigan fiscal reform program was published, a program which I to a great extent was responsible for, he adopted it and then changed it for the worse," Romney declared.

AS FOR A charge by Swainson that Romney is a "me too" candidate, Romney said:

"John Swainson has adopted and adapted what I have proposed. I haven't adopted any of his programs; he hasn't done anything."

Romney said Swainson advocates "only fiscal reform," while he (Romney) insists that there must be "spending reform as well as revenue reform."

Swainson, he said, "hasn't done anything; he hasn't accomplished anything; he hasn't been able to do anything in the past two years.

"I think I can do a lot of things —I know I can."

SWAINSON IS opposed to the new constitution, Romney said, and added: "And I'm for it."

Romney said he had proved his leadership, "along with others, to produce as good a constitution as there is anywhere in the U.S."

He accused Swainson of "using half-truths to create the impression that the new constitution is not a sound document."

NEWSMEN ASKED Romney to comment on a charge by Democratic State Chairman Joseph Collins that newspapers favor him over Gov. Swainson in their campaign reporting.

"If anything, I think a case can be made in the other direction," he answered.

"I've seen no lack of space to their false charges about my sup-

(See ROMNEY, 2-A)

Romney-isms

George Romney, Republican candidate for governor from Bloomfield Hills, was a busy campaigner the past week. Following are some of the comments he made during his tours of Oakland County and other areas:

"All over the state, I hear the party (Republican, that is) is securing help from people not active for years—or never active before.

"I think Republicans are as unified as our delegates were at the end of the Constitutional Convention, and that was pretty unified" —in a campaign swing through Detroit's northwest suburbs.

"IT WAS certainly the first inning of the ball game"—in reference to the so-called popularity poll between him and Democrat John B. Swainson in last week's primary.

"I'm not a candidate for the presidency. I'm only a candidate for governor. I will dedicate myself 100 per cent to the problems of this state. If elected, I will get Michigan rolling again" — in an Ingham County speech.

"That's a very, very, very remote

(See ROMNEYISMS, 2-A)

$525,000 in Bonds For Sewer Work Sold by Lathrup

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

LATHRUP—An almost unimpeded flow of council activity Monday night swept the storm water sewer program onward. Following the meeting, City Administrator Jerald Stone said that construction work will begin within a week.

A $525,000 bond issue was sold and a $455,554 construction bid formally awarded. Approval of sundry related matters cleared the way for the last step in ending pollution of the River Rouge, as ordered by the courts.

IN A JULY 1, 1960 ruling, Circuit Judge H. Russel Holland climaxed four years of court procedure when he set June 1, 1962 as a deadline for completion of the storm sewers. The city has already completed the sanitary sewers which were also court-ordered.

Numerous delays and a court suit brought by Mrs. Charles D. Kelley held up action on the storm sewers. Settlement of the latter suit, under which the city must construct storm sewers for land owned by Mrs. Kelley, was made early this summer.

Monday's action led to awarding he $525,000 bond sale to the First of Michigan Corp. at 3.89 per cent interest, or a net interest cost of $373,329 for the 30-year general obligation bonds.

LOW CONSTRUCTION bidder Lakeview Excavating, Inc., Roseville, was awarded the $455,554 contract for the storm sewer construction. Difference between the bond issue and the contract cost will be needed for engineering, legal, financing and contingency fees.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger and City Clerk Frank Derby were authorized to execute the contract agreement, which has been approved by city engineers Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

The council approved an alternate routing of sewer lines from Roseland and Santa Barbara to the Evans Ditch because Mrs. Kelley had indicated that she would not grant easement rights on another route. The alternate route will also involve the granting of easement rights by Mrs. Kelley. The work will cost an additional $814.

Also established was a $15,500 maximum resident engineering fee for ALVAH work in supervising

(See BONDS, 5-A)

Area Leaders Draw Praise At Chrysler

Two Birmingham men were called "leaders" by Chrysler Corp. President Lynn A. Townsend in that firm's move to gain a larger share of the 1963 automobile market.

In a speech Tuesday in New York, Townsend, 5091 Orchard Road, Bloomfield Township, cited Robert Anderson, 41, of 965 South Glenhurst St., and Irving I. Minett, 48, of 675 Poppleton Drive.

Anderson is vice president and director of product planning and Minett is group vice president-international operations.

OTHER KEY area personel cited for their work during the past 12 months included three men from Bloomfield Hills. They are Elwood P. Engel, 45, of 5263 Franklin Road, Harry E. Chesebrough, 53, of 471 Dunston Road, and Alan G. Loofbourrow, 50, of 1365 Country Club Drive.

Engel is vice president and director of styling, Chesebrough is vice president and director of quality control and Loofbourrow is vice president of engineering.

Also cited was Virgil E. Boyd, 50, of 1370 Forbes Drive, Bloomfield Township. Boyd is vice president and general sales manager.

TOWNSEND SAID the talents and efforts turned in by these men have been a real "step ahead" for the company.

Chrysler Corporation's 1963 passenger cars will be the first major product move by the firm's new management to capture a larger share of the car market, Townsend said.

"More than $50 million has been invested in the new cars over and above the amount originally planned for their development more than two years ago," he said.

"THIS AMOUNT covers basic design changes in a few of the cars and numerous refinements and improvements in all of them.

"It also covers the tooling, material, and assembly costs of bringing those refinements and improvements to our customers and outlays for an augmented program to assure top quality and reliability," being discussed.

Journalism Student Attends Workshop

Jim Fisher, 5805 Putnam, West Bloomfield Township, is concluding his second week at the 31st annual journalism workshop in Ann Arbor.

Fisher, winner of a scholarship, is a student at Groves High School and will be the editor of the school newspaper, The Scriptor, this coming year.

The workshop for secondary students from all over the state is sponsored by the University of Michigan. Thirty-seven journalism students are attending the workshop at which common problems in journalism and their solutions are being discussed.

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Pickets March

Pickets Donald McCubbin (left), and Micky Benavidz join other strikers at Orchard Lake Country Club, eighth Detroit-area club to be struck by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union. Forty members of the local club left their jobs Saturday, forcing cancellation of a Saturday night dance because bandleaders would not cross the picket line. The union is asking for a new contract for 1,000 workers in 30 clubs. Negotiations were broken off Monday. State Labor Mediator Hyman Parker said he has recessed the talks indefinitely but that they may be resumed on call.

See Need for Dog Law

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Where There's Smoke...

A grass fire extending over 200 acres of vacant land on the southeast corner of Opdyke and South Boulevard on Friday afternoon was fought by these two Bloomfield Township firemen and fellow members of stations one and two. With the help of one unit from Pontiac, the blaze was finally extinguished after three hours. Cause of the fire was not known.

Police Chief Cites Increase In Complaints

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Need for a dog ordinance in the township was discussed by members of the township board with Police Chief Norman Dehke at a meeting of the board Monday night.

The discussion arose during Dehnke's police report for the month of July. The report revealed that police handled 39 dog complaints during that period.

Questioned by board members as to the situation of dogs running loose in the township, Dehnke reported it as "a lot worse."

The chief explained police difficulties in handling legitimate dog complaints without a local dog ordinance to back up police action.

DEHNKE SAID that complaints had to be referred to the Oakland County dog pound. Any action by local police had to be sanctioned by county authorities. When the pound is closed on weekends, township police are unable to get official authorization to act in the case of a dangerous dog.

He said that all dog complaints were handled in person by police rather than over the phone. All owners of dogs against whom the complaints are lodged are personally visited by police.

The only recourse a complainant has, if a owner refuses to control his dog, is to go before a justice of the peace and swear out a complaint, Dehnke told the board.

AFTER HEARING Dehnke's summation, board member Sam

(See COMPLAINTS, 2-A)

C of C Offers Group Plan To Members

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce today announced that it has a group hospitalization plan available to its members.

Harris O. Machus, president, said the plan is "designed exclusively for Birmingham Chamber of Commerce members and their employes."

It will be available to all members and employes on a voluntary basis, with no contribution required by the employer and with no percentage of participation required to qualify.

"BECAUSE many of our businesses are not large enough for a group plan," Machus said in a letter to the chamber members, "we are using the group purchasing power of our Chamber of Commerce to provide this benefit for you at a substantial savings over individually purchased policies."

Machus said the plan was arranged by William E. Roberts of the Seed-Roberts Agency, Birmingham, through the Standard Accident Insurance Co., Detroit.

"Having a local agent, and home office of the insurance carrier in Detroit, we feel, will expedite all claims service," Machus said.

HE SAID the announcement of the plan comes with the chamber's pledge "of greater service" to its members.

The board of directors, he added, "has been working and planning for expanded service and closer contact with the membership and feels this group hospitalization plan is only the first step toward closer cooperation and greater success in working together in our business community."

Kiwanis Peanut Sale Date OK'd

Birmingham Kiwanians will have their annual peanut sale on Saturday, Sept. 22.

City commissioners granted approval for the sale at their meeting Monday night.

The kid's day peanut, a national Kiwanis program, is the Birmingham Kiwanis Club's main fund-raising project.

Club President Al Thomas requested, and got, permission to stage the sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that date.

First Edition

A daughter, Dawn Kathleen, was born Tuesday to Barbara and Larry Evoe, 1155 E. Lincoln, Birmingham. The baby's father is the city editor of The Birmingham Eccentric. Dawn is Mr. and Mrs. Evoe's first child.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6310.

Crash Kills Resident On Eve of Birthday

Services will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. for T. Melbourne Roberts, 59, of 946 N. Adams, Birmingham.

Roberts, a sales executive for Long Manufacturing Division of Borg-Warner Corp., was injured fatally in an automobile accident late Monday evening while returning home from a dinner held to mark his forthcoming retirement from Long. He was to have celebrated his 61st birthday on Tuesday.

He was driving north on Woodward at 11:30 p.m. Monday when his car struck the point of the dividing island where the right lane curves downward to join Eight Mile and the left lane curve upward to the Eight Mile overpass. The car skidded and crashed into an overpass support.

A GRADUATE of Birmingham High School, Roberts is a past master of the Birmingham Lodge #44 F & AM and a member of the Detroit section of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Roberts first joined Long Manufacturing Co. in 1923 before it was acquired by Borg-Warner. He was employed in the purchasing department until 1925 when he left to go with the First National Bank of Birmingham.

He was a teller at the bank until 1936 when he rejoined Long in the company's sales department from which position he planned to retire Sept. 1.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Lamborn, and a sister, Helen Louise Roberts.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Girl's Death Due to Fall, Not Drowning

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The death of a 2½-year-old girl, originally believed to have drowned on Aug. 15, has been attributed to a fall, according to an autopsy.

Township police said that Beth Tobias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tobias, 538 Westbourne Road, died before her body reached the water in the family's backyard swimming pool.

An autopsy report by a physician at William Beaumont Hospital, police said, showed no water in the child's lungs. A bruise was found on her head, however.

Police believe the girl fell and struck her head, near the edge of the pool, and that the body then fell or rolled into the water.

THE CHILD was playing outside the fenced-in pool when her mother went in to the house to prepare lunch at about 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Tobias said she came out about 10 minutes later and discovered the child floating face down in the water.

The mother attempted to revive the girl with mouth-to-mouth respiration. Neighbors called the police and fire departments but firemen were unable to revive the child.

THE CHILD'S father is a part-time instructor at Wayne State University and a salesman. He is an auxiliary Bloomfield Township policeman.

The family's three other children, Jerry, 5, Jody, 3, and a baby son, Michael, were in the house when the accident occurred.

Annexation Vote May Go on Ballot In Fall Election

The boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors has recommended that annexation of nine acres of Bingham Farms by Beverly Hills be referred to the voters of both villages in the November general election.

The board will consider the recommendation at its Sept. 10 meeting.

The boundaries committee validated the petition of Andrews and Briggs, developers, who wish to extend their Nottingham Forrest subdivision across the line and into the northeast corner of Bingham Farms.

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County GOP Renames Lyle As Chairman

Charles L. Lyle, 18890 Hillcrest, Beverly Hills, has been re-elected county chairman for the Republican party.

The party's executive committee, meeting Tuesday at county headquarters in Birmingham, renamed Lyle as county chairman on the first ballot in spite of a move to unseat him.

Unconfirmed reports indicated that some party officials were displeased with Lyle and sought to replace him.

Chad M. Ritchie, 1234 Covington, Bloomfield Township, was nominated for chairman but lost to Lyle. The exact count of the secret ballot was not made known.

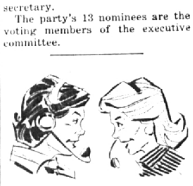
Ritchie was re-elected, however, as treasurer. He is a former county chairman.

ALSO RE-ELECTED were Mrs. Allen A. Strom, 1130 Wakefield, Birmingham, as vice chairman; Mrs. C. E. Haynes, Farmington, as secretary; and Rodkey Craighead, 245 Harrow Circle, Birmingham, as finance director.

Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents named to the executive committee are Raymond L. Baker, Dale Winnie, Mrs. Jean Greene, Mrs. George Hodges, Henry M. Hogan, Jr., Farrell E. Roberts, Robert E. Schwab, and George F. Taylor.

Jack Slater, Jr. is the executive secretary.

The party's 13 nominees are the voting members of the executive committee.



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