

by George R. Averill

Mrs. Romney Defends The Cause of Freedom

In more than 45 years of active newspapering, which includes a considerable acquaintance with politics, politicians and the ramifications of government, it goes without saying that what happens in such environments seldom provides me with many new thrills.

However, I recently attended a gathering of Michigan men and women who were, after eating dinner, to listen to a woman who was brand new to "politics," yet who in a few brief weeks already had made a reputation for herself as a defender of American freedom—not to overlook her enthusiastic and dedicated interest in the candidacy of a certain Republican for a high Michigan office.



MRS. GEORGE ROMNEY

THE LADY I REFER to is Lenore (Mrs. George) Romney of Bloomfield Hills, whose husband last week was nominated his party's gubernatorial candidate to oppose incumbent Democrat John B. Swainson in November. Romney and Swainson were unopposed in their own party. The former's state-wide primary vote was 445,328, against Swainson's total of 318,296 votes.

Romney, you may recall, some months ago resigned as President of the American Motors in order to enter the campaign for governor. Should he win by a landslide in November, he may become a personality for consideration as a potential Republican nominee for the presidency in 1964.

But to get back to that dinner meeting and Lenore Romney. HERE IS A comparatively young woman, 46, mother of three, grandmother of five, who never before in this current campaign made a political speech. . . perhaps I should not use the word "political" at all, for her theme was far above mere orthodox "politicizing."

She stood up before her audience of 200 people and amid this and with an eloquence supported by an inner self-motivation, launched into an impressive defense of the cause of liberty, freedom, . . . and the right and duty of all Americans to engage in those civic activities that alone can guarantee security—security not only to the western world, but also to others by the example of free people's willingness to aid other struggling nations to the achievement of freedom's blessings."

There was a woman (and mighty wholesome and good-looking, too—as all men and most women present agreed), who literally "was on fire" with the zeal of an evangelist, preaching the worth of freedom and pleading for human support and regenerated defense of that divine right.

SHE TRACED, BRIEFLY, the history of the "American dream" of liberty, of freedom from every form of political, social and economic enslavement; she paid homage to Michigan's former political and economic stability . . . and called " . . . for a restoration of that status in the days to come."

Without a single reference to any written notes, Lenore Romney spoke for almost an hour—and her audience sat in rapt attention, taking in every word.

Such a talk, by such an inspired woman, is the rare exception in U.S. political campaigns. Having "made her case" regarding the defense of freedom, this wife-mother-grandmother then launched her words in the direction of "a man I have known since I was 15 . . . a man who already has proved his ability to achieve industrial success . . . a man who knows how to bring diverse viewpoints together so that desired objectives may be attained . . ."

OF COURSE, her words were accompanied by voice and gestures and smiles that served to emphasize her devotion to a chap named George Romney . . .

And this I solemnly declare: if, in November, George Romney wins over Gov. Swainson (and many believe he will), the part played by Lenore Romney during the campaign will have added much to his total vote tally.

For Mrs. Romney certainly won her audience that night, as she does wherever she appears. At such gatherings one often hears: "Boy! I'd even vote for her for governor!"

Her reference to "George" included a brief recital of his successful leadership of American Motors; his ability to put together a team of fellow-workers that transformed an industry of comparatively small automotive stature, with a multi-million dollar debt, into a profitable one by gaining a larger share of the compact car market—these facts were interspersed in her vigorous plea for every citizen to rally to the cause of restoring Michigan to its former high place among the 50 States.

SHE REMINDED HER audience that her husband began earning his living when he was but 12 years old, and that he knows the value of a dollar—including the hard-earned dollars of already over-burdened taxpayers.

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S'field Patrolman Ordered to State Mental Hospital Year-Long Recreation Plan Urged

SOUTHFIELD — Full commitment to a mental institution has been ordered for former Patrolman Richard W. Ort, 2850 S. Fairfax, Southfield.

Wort had been accused of handcuffing a Detroit housewife to a tree July 10. Testimony before Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore was taken from the housewife, Mrs. Bartha Gold, and from Mrs. W. A. court-appointed guardian for Wort, Theodore Carls, and two psychiatrists also testified.

A hearing was held Monday afternoon to determine the mental competency of Wort and to determine whether or not he should be hospitalized.

He will be transferred from St. Clair Hospital, where he is presently a patient, as soon as a bed is available in Pontiac State Hospital, according to Assistant Prosecutor Richard P. Condit.

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The program would be incorporated into a recreational program. The committee would be included on demand of a sufficient number of people to pay an instructor. The program would be monitored by the township board.

THE GROUP recommended that the permanent recreation committee be appointed by school authorities. On the committee would be a member of the school board, a member of the school administrative staff, a recreational director, a representative from the PTO council and three interested by members.

Employment of a full-time recreational director in the future was stressed in the report. A particular director would be in charge of the recreational program which the school board initiated on an over-all basis for the first time this summer.

Previously, summer recreational programs were initiated at individual schools within the school district.

In making their study, they conferred with Dr. Earl Zeigler of the U. M. School of Education.

Monty Charles, director of athletics and recreation for Southfield schools, also appeared before the group. The school district owns future school sites adjoining both lakes.

Call It a Private Community

EDITOR'S NOTE—THIS is the third in a three-part series of articles on taxes, form of government and characteristics of the city of Bloomfield Hills. It is an attempt to give residents a closer look into their community and how it works.

By WALLY FROMHART Staff Writer

Bloomfield Hills is a private community in nearly every respect. Its property is over 90 per cent residentially zoned.

There is no department of recreation in the city, no public baths, clubs or pools, and, in short, no public recreational activity.

EVEN THE individual lots in the 40-year-old wealthy area bespeak of privacy, most of them one-acre or larger in size with the homes set deep in the middle of lush, green-manicured lawns.

THE IMAGE of privacy in Bloomfield Hills is enhanced further by its geographical and population growth. There was a slow, normal increase in population in the 1940's and 50's, and according to city planners there will be no change in this tendency in the next 10 years.

Second, construction of a new, north-south-gateway highway headed out toward Hantow Lake.

Third, an additional east-west, parallel runway to handle corporate and smaller aircraft flights.

Fourth, eastward extension of the present east-west runway from 5,300 feet to 6,200 feet.

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is the zoning laws which prohibit any dwelling over two stories in the city.

AS THIS article is being written, however, city officials are considering proposed changes in zoning laws which could alter considerably the steady population increase.

Private clubs are the rule in Bloomfield Hills for two reasons: One, the average income in the city — keeping in mind the average home's market value of \$14,000—is considerably above \$30,000, and the residents enjoy using this money for special recreational activities; and two, a recreation department could not find enough interested citizens to make it a feasible city-sponsored agency.

PRIVATE clubs include the Bloomfield Open Hunt, Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Village Women's Club and Stonycroft Golf Club.

Bloomfield Open Hunt is nationally known for its annual Detroit Horse Show, the largest outdoor horse show in the nation, each summer. BOH's membership is a little above 200.

Bloomfield Hills Country Club, with approximately 470 members, is one of the most exclusive private clubs in the mid-west.

STONYCROFT is a haven for golfing buff's who lack the high income necessary for a country club, but who want a medium price private golf club not open to the general public.

Aside from private club entertainment, residents have very little recreation quantity to choose from in their city.

Two widely-known restaurants, the Kingsley Inn and the Fox and Hounds, offer two of the three public sites in the city for night-time recreational relaxation. The third is a bowling alley, Bloomfield Lanes.

THE MOST characteristic thing about Bloomfield Hills to non-residents is the Cranbrook Institutions, a privately financed group of six educational institutions occupying 300 picturesque wooded acres on Lone Pine Road.

Cranbrook Institutions, composed of Cranbrook School for boys, Kingswood School for girls, Brookside School, Academy of Art, Institute of Science (See PRIVATE, 6-A)

Ask County Aid in Airport Plan Work Starts On IS-66

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors has been asked by Pontiac city officials to take part in a multi-million dollar expansion of Pontiac Municipal Airport.

The request was made at a joint meeting of the supervisors' Aviation Committee and a group from the Pontiac City Commission.

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Work started on a \$4.4 million project for three miles of the Interstate 66 Freeway in Southfield, the State Highway Department announced this week.

The project extends from Franklin Road to Lahser Road and includes an overpass at Franklin Road, a pedestrian bridge at Powers Road and six other bridges at the freeway's interchange with Telegraph Road and the John C. Lodge Freeway extension.

LOUIS GARAVAGLIA Construction Co. of Warren is the contractor.

Bids for construction of Interstate 66 between 11 and 12 Mile roads were taken on the project June 13.

Completion date of the contract is June 30, 1964.

Romney's Wife Scores a First

Mrs. George Romney gave the keynote address yesterday at the Allegan County Republican Convention in Allegan.

She was the first woman in history to deliver such an address in that county.

Mrs. Romney, wife of the Republican gubernatorial candidate, spoke before some 300 delegates and alternates.

Township Board Approves \$4,500 Road Repairs

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Expenditure of \$4,500 for road repairs in five township subdivisions was authorized by the township board Monday night.

Repairs will be made in Bloomfield Village and Bloomfield Heights subdivision and on Long Lake Shore Drive, Hammock Lake Road and Forest Hills Drive.

The board also awarded a \$17,835 contract to George A. O'Brien, Inc., for extension of a sanitary sewer at Woodward and Square Lake Road.

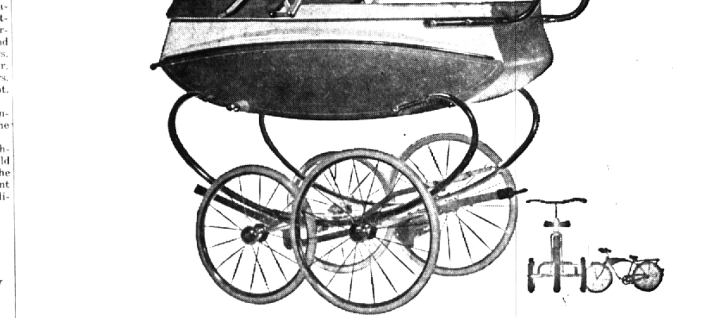
The contract is contingent on deposit of escrow funds in the amount of the contract by commercial property owners to be serviced by the sewer.

Toys for Tots Day Is Sept. 8

Birmingham Mayor Florence B. White and Bloomfield Mayor John S. Bugas have proclaimed Saturday, Sept. 8 as Toys for Tots Jamboree Day in their cities.

On that day at Edgewater Park, the United States Marine Corps Reserve will kick off its annual national campaign in behalf of needy children.

The park has been bought out for the day by WXYZ-TV and WXYZ-Radio, who are sponsoring the event with the Marines.



Supervisor Says No Jury Fund Crisis

DAVID LEVISON, Oakland county board of supervisors' ways and means committee chairman, said there is "no crisis" over the fact that the county jury fund is running dangerously low.

County Clerk-Register Daniel T. Murphy said Monday that the jury fund is so low that it won't be adequate to pay jurors their \$8 a day stipend during the September term.

However, Levison said sufficient money will be transferred from the county's general fund to meet jury costs.

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