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Deadline Nears In Candidacy Word on Romney

With the date of decision 19 days away, speculation is mounting that Bloomfield Hills resident George Romney will announce candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor.

Romney has said he will decide by Feb. 20 whether to seek the nomination.

Local political observers express confidence that he will be nominated without a struggle.

ROMNEY GOT acquainted with eight Senate Republican moderates Monday night at dinner. The moderates in the past opposed Old Guard leadership.

The group discussed tax reform, party activity in larger metropolitan cities like Detroit, increased state aid for cities and the state's business climate.

DURING THE DAY, Monday, Democratic leaders of the convention accused Republicans of seeking to write a campaign platform for Romney and not a long-lasting constitution.

Hints of opposition threatened through a four-hour meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee meeting Sunday.

ON THE TOPIC of Romney last week, Arizona Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater stated that he believes if Romney runs for governor of Michigan and is elected "he will be a strong contender" for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964.

Goldwater's remarks came Friday



Birmingham Lions Club president Harold Kalbfleisch (right) presents the Lions Safety Patrol Trophy to Rover Holz, 515 Oakland, of Adams School. The Lions give the trophy to the school making the most outstanding performance in safety patrol work during the school year, as determined by Lt. Robert Shaule (left) of the Birmingham Police Dept. Also in the photo are Cris Le Messurier, 750 Big Beaver, and Lion Claude Kidd, 560 Rivenook.

When a newsman reminded him that last March he said he thought the next GOP candidate might be someone who had not been heard from yet.

Goldwater answered that the person may now have been heard from and then mentioned Romney.

Lions Give Raincoats To Safety Patrol Boys

The Birmingham Lions Club last week presented 60 new rain protection outfits to the Birmingham Police Dept. for use by public and parochial safety patrol boys.

Total estimated value is \$510. Proceeds for the outfits come from Lions Club charitable activities like the Heper Williams concert coming up Feb. 20.

Lions have been contributing rain protection outfits to the Birmingham and area patrol boys for the past 16 years. Also, they provide safety films in classroom instruction on such subjects as how to cross the street and the danger of talking to strangers.

Included in the outfits are permanent type rubber raincoats similar to those worn by policemen,

white safety patrol helmets and white safety patrol belts.

THE LIONS will sponsor a concert by pianist Roger Williams at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Groves High School auditorium.

Tickets are available from any Lion, at the box office on the night of the performance or by calling MI 4-1215.

This will be the second time the club has brought Williams to Birmingham. An enthusiastic, sellout audience greeted the pianist in his 1959 concert.

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tain times now and said the "people wouldn't like hounding it."

THE PROBLEM of curb replacement was brought up by Commissioner William H. Burgum, 515 Oakland, of Adams School.

The City has had to rebuild and replace them.

"Whatever consideration we give to widening," Burgum stated, "we should also consider action we might take in connection with this curb problem."

WIDENING WOULD not create more traffic, contended Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham.

"I don't believe it would induce people to use the street who aren't already using it."

Ingraham stressed that the project is part of a county-wide program to help improve the road-and-traffic situation in the next several years and "to handle the traffic when the expressways are completed in Oakland County."

He agreed with Renfrew that parking should be eliminated "all the way through town."

But he felt the Maple widening is "a necessary step, a forward and progressive one."

"When we get it done, then I would hope we would go after the parking problem," Ingraham said.

SOME RESIDENTS from the E. Maple area were at the meeting Monday to object to the proposed widening, contending that there would be no benefit to the city, that it would increase traffic and would have an "undesirable" effect on residences.

One resident liked the idea of widening Big Beaver Road in Bloomfield Township to "get traffic out and around Birmingham, which would be most desirable."

Residents also cited the viaduct at Maple and Eton as a bottleneck to traffic if the street is widened.

Commissioner William H. Roberts said, "The 44-foot width doesn't please me. Something less, along with curbs, might satisfy me."

"Something like 40 feet," asked Burgum.

"Yes," Roberts replied.

Renfrew's motion to inquire into the "half-a-loaf idea passed unanimously."

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