



First to Receive Award

Boy Scouts (from left) Michael Saylor, 1117 Stanley, Birmingham, and Rodney Alexander, 1775 Shipman, Birmingham, of Troop No. 1007, Sunday became the first scouts to receive the God and Country Award at First Baptist Church. Presentation of the awards was made at a special Youth Sunday worship service. Qualifications for the award require at least a year's study, experience and service in the four areas of Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian World Outreach and Christian Fellowship.

Early Deadlines In Effect for Feb. 21 Issue

Because there will be no mail delivery on George Washington's birthday, The Birmingham Eccentric will publish Wednesday, Feb. 21, instead of Thursday, Feb. 22.

All deadlines will move up one day earlier than usual. Therefore, all news and advertising copy should be brought in to our offices at 1225 E. Bowers as early as possible.

Job

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A vice president and eastern regional manager of the New York firm in 1948.

SHORTLY AFTER, Abernethy left Packard to open his own dealership but returned to Packard of New York in 1950 as general manager.

Promoted to assistant general sales manager of the national firm less than a year later, he held that position until 1955 when he went to Willys Motors as vice president and general sales manager.

Abernethy became associated with AMC the following year. Roy Abernethy and his wife, Florence, who reside at 2940 Oakland Drive, have a daughter, Mrs. W. S. Henry Jr., of Noroton, Conn., and a son, Lee, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

ABERNETHY HOLDS membership on the executive committee of the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee, the board of trustees of the Michigan Cancer Society and the advisory council of the Detroit and National Sales Executives Clubs.

Outside activities include membership in the Detroit Athletic Club, Racers Club, Economic Club of Detroit, Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, Adcraft Club and Oakland Hills Country Club.

Studies

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bility of widening Maple only from Eton to Coolidge rather than from Adams to Coolidge.

Norman T. Knapp, special projects engineer, said the road commission would consider only the complete project.

CITY COMMISSIONERS also had suggested the possibility of widening the portion between Adams and Eton to 40 feet and between Eton and Coolidge to 44 feet.

Although the county prefers 44 feet between Adams and Columbia, it appeared willing to compromise on the block from Columbia to Eton to less than 44 feet to save about a dozen trees, Gave reported.

Furthermore, the county appeared willing to consider less than 48 feet from Edenborough to Coolidge, though it prefers 48.

The road commission said it would be in a much better position to determine actual widths from the results of topographic surveys.

COMMISSIONER Ralph A. Main questioned the need for 12-foot m.p.s. "in town where traffic is less than normal with traffic is 35

for highways, he pointed out, is 12 feet, where the speed limit is 65.

In voting on the motion to authorize the surveys, Page commented: "I just don't want us to assume we're going ahead with 44-foot width." He prefers 44 feet for the one stretch and 40 for the other.

Other commissioners made it clear that the motion did not commit the city to any specific width. Residents of the E. Maple Road area have opposed the plan for widening since it was proposed last fall as part of an \$11 million county road improvement program.

Page resides on Manchester, in the E. Maple area.

No matter what you have to sell, Birmingham Eccentric classified ads will do the best job for you.

CORRECTION

A Story on Page 7-D erroneously stated that Birmingham Rotary Anna will see Mrs. Charles Shain's pictures of Scandinavian countries at their meeting Monday. The pictures actually are those of and will be shown by Mrs. William T. Arlund.

Artist Receives Certificate

Nationally known artist Robert A. Thom (left), 6160 W. Surrey Blvd., Bloomfield Hills, receives a membership certificate in the Confrerie Americaine des Trinquers de Cognac (American Association of Cognac Quaffers) from the French consul in Detroit, Alain Chaillous. Membership was awarded Thom and 290 other prominent Detroit-area men at the London Chop House. Thom is noted for his series of medical history paintings for the Parke-Davis Co.

Race

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for President did not influence his decision to run for governor.

ROMNEY ARRIVED at his decision Friday afternoon on his usual return trip home from Con-ton in Lansing. His wife, Lenore, and son, Mitt, 14, a student at Cranbrook School, were the first to know of his decision.

The Romneys' other son is a missionary in England and their father and grandfather, and their two daughters are married.

The dedicated family man as well as churchman broke the news of his decision Friday evening at the dinner table in the family's cedar-brick, dual level, contemporary home at 1830 E. Valley Road.

The possibility of running for governor, he said, had been discussed with the whole family for two weeks before. "Some were for and some were against it," said Romney.

ASKED AT Saturday's press conference for her reaction to the decision, Mrs. Romney, supported by Mitt, replied, "I think about what we've always done—whatever George decides will get behind him. We've always been behind him."

"My wife," smiled Romney, "is the best wife I ever made—and it took me seven years to do it." He was referring to his pursuit of Mrs. Romney from her high school days in Salt Lake City to her first offer in Hollywood where he dissuaded her from a marriage with a white dinosaur as the Romney trademark of AMC's advertisements referring to the "gas-sucking dinosaurs that my company took of advantage of the press conference opportunity to relate a story about Mitt."

IT SEEMS that Mitt, when he was seven, tagged along with his parents to Vaughan School to work on a school bond issue.

Upon being asked by a clerk whether he was a property owner, Mitt insisted he was. What property do you own? asked the curious clerk.

"The doghouse," replied Mitt. Willing to trade his \$250,000 net worth for a \$27,500 a year post as governor, Romney retained the firm's largest individual stockholder with 104,000 shares valued in excess of \$1,700,000.

IN SEVEN YEARS with AMC Romney built a pyramid of automotive achievements, revolutionizing the industry with his insistence that compact cars could be profitable.

Beginning his automotive career in Detroit with the Automobile Manufacturers Association in 1939, he rose to AMC's managing director three years later. There he assisted in coordinating the auto industry's World War II effort.

In 1949 he moved to Nash-Kelvinator Corp. where he progressed from assistant to the president to vice president and then to executive vice president. Following the merger of Nash and the Hudson Motor Car Co. in 1954, which created AMC, Romney became board chairman, president and general manager of the new firm.

A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS man Romney is a Mormon, a faith which emphasizes public service. president of the Detroit State of 12 Mormon churches—a position comparable to that of bishop in other denominations—he gives not only financial support, which amounts to about 10 per cent of his earnings, but also considerable time to the affairs of the church.

Romney's religious convictions were evidenced Sunday in answer to Michigan AFL-CIO President Gus Scholle's criticism of Romney's praying and fasting as a "act of having a pipeline to God in order to become governor."

Romney, who sees nothing unnatural about seeking God's guidance in one's personal life, said the same "pipeline" is open to Scholle.

THERE ISN'T anything that can't be brought before him as we are all children of God," said Romney. His emphasis on personal physical fitness through early morning outdoor activity and abstention from smoking and drinking traces back to his Mormon principles. And the roots of those principles are imbedded in Romney's childhood.

This & That

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ALL DURING THE press conference he was calm, poised, but very succinct and expressive in his statements. What he said and how he said it proved that his words had behind them many hours and days of deep thought. He certainly may be depended upon to "speak out" when he formally begins his campaign, following termination of his responsibilities as delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

In this respect I believe that his method of campaigning will be unique in traditional "politicizing." His stated plan to appeal directly to the voters—able with less than usual dependence upon organized political partisanship of "vested interests," marks him separate from the orthodox campaigner.

Indeed, can you not see evidence of his known merchandising methods of making AMC's Rambler car known everywhere—and sold there, too?

Romney's departure from normal political campaign methods reminds me of something the immortal Henry David Thoreau once declared: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

IF ROMNEY WOULD maintain a sort of diary record of his methods, the public's response, how partisanship, though ignored in certain ways, finally responded with active support. If, or, otherwise, the public's response, how partisanship, though ignored in certain ways, finally responded with active support.

It must always be remembered that the American way of self-government is the most difficult way to live, as it does most people meet. At the Saturday affair, Mrs. Romney said she sat right behind her husband and mother. Her eyes glistened as he was making his political announcement, listening. I thought, with fitting pride—and, perhaps, a sudden emotional consciousness of the fact that for the duration of her husband's political life, he was living in part, "public property." And in this phase of her life and being, it is hard to believe how well she is sure that long ago she learned the values accruing to the good phrase: "to share."

Compact as that phrase may be, its rambling meaning does cover a variety of virtues!

WE RESCUE LADIES IN BIRMINGHAM! FRIDAY'S THE NIGHT!



You can plan on it every Friday night. Birmingham merchants

come to your rescue by extending their shopping hours to suit your needs. Maybe junior's asked for the steed, but however you come . . . all roads lead to Birmingham. Shop in a friendly, unhurried atmosphere anywhere. We'd love to have you browse around. Our fresh, new merchandise was never more complete than it is now. Remember, Friday night shopping is a family affair in Birmingham; we'll be open 'till 9.

- THE BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD BANK**
"Birmingham's only Saturday bank"
Marion at Botes
- BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY MARKET**
"Complete Line of Choice Foods"
130 West 14 Mile Road
- BIRMINGHAM FEDERAL SAVINGS**
"4% Paid on Savings"
99 West Maple, Corner Pierce
- BIRMINGHAM FRUIT & GROCERY CO.**
"Meat-Products-Groceries, Free Delivery"
124 N. Woodward
- BIRMINGHAM PAINT, GLASS & WALLPAPER**
"The Beautification of Homes"
325 East Maple
- BLOOMFIELD FASHION SHOP**
"Fashions for Misses, Juniors & Women"
245 W. Maple
- BURR SHOE**
"Birmingham's Oldest & Finest Shoe Store"
225 North Woodward
- DANBY'S STORES FOR MEN**
"Complete Outfitters for Boys and Men"
122 West Maple
- DEMERY'S**
"Designed with the Customer in Mind"
200 North Woodward
- ERB-RESTRICK LUMBER CO.**
"Lumber & Modern Home Modernization"
425 S. Etna Rd.
- FRANK'S NURSERY**
"Things of Beauty for Better Living"
210 S. Woodward Ave.
- ELDON E. GENEROUS**
"Custom Tailor"
147 Pierce Street
- GRINWELL'S**
"Evening and Matinee"
299 West Maple
- HANSEL 'N' GRETEL SHOPPE**
"Specializing in Children's Shoe Fitting"
135 S. Woodward
- HARRISON LUGGAGE**
"We feature nationally advertised brands"
303 East Maple
- HAWTHORNE ELECTRICAL CO.**
"General Electric Sales Center"
162 N. Woodward
- HIGGINS & FRANK**
of Birmingham
248 West Maple
- HIMELOCH'S**
"New Look in Fashions for women"
168 West Maple
- HUSTON HARDWARE**
"Serving Birmingham Over 50 Years"
205 North Woodward
- KAY BAUM**
Be sure to visit "Little Kay Baum"
166 West Maple
- KINCAID JEWELERS**
"14K & Sterling Charms"
205 E. Maple
- S. S. KRESGE CO.**
"Home of the Big Buy Specials"
233 West Maple
- KROGER'S**
"Top Value Steaks"
723 East Maple
- MCCALLUM & DEAN**
"Zenith TV—Hi-Fi Installation—Sears"
409 East Maple
- MCWSENEY SHOE**
"Orthopedic Shoes For Children"
277 Pierce Street
- MACHUS RESTAURANT & PASTRY**
"Gracious Dining without Extravagance"
160 W. Maple
- MATTHEW'S CUSTOM TAILORS**
"Birmingham tailor for 36 years"
288 East Maple
- MICHAEL'S DELICACIES**
"Party Foods—Beer & Wine—Delivery"
788 N. Hunter, near Oak
- MILKS APPLIANCES**
"The Area's Largest Laundry Dealer"
1603 South Woodward
- MILLS PHARMACY**
"Prescriptions carefully compounded"
1740 W. Maple, off Chesterfield
- PEABODY'S MARKET**
"Quality Meats, Vegetables & Groceries"
154 Hunter Blvd.
- PREP SHOP**
"Sartorial Refinements for Young Men"
232 Pierce
- R. B. SHOPS**
"Fashion leaders for over 30 years"
250 N. Hunter Blvd.
- ROSS JEWELERS**
"Birmingham's Reliable Jeweler"
244 East Maple
- RUDIN'S FINE FOODS**
"The best of the best for Quality Food"
180 West Maple
- SCOTT-SHUPTRINE**
"Distinctive Home Furnishings"
1185 S. Adams St.
- SFIRE'S**
"Known Over the Years for Quality Food"
123 S. Woodward
- SHAIN'S REXALL DRUG**
"Serving You Since 1906"
105 West Maple
- ALBERT SHEETZ CANDY CO.**
"A famous name in candy since 1872"
620 S. Woodward — 165 Pierce
- SHERMAN SHOES**
"Floodplain Dealer"
113 West Maple
- B. SIEGEL - KAY COOLEY**
"Everything we sell must travel well"
190 West Maple
- THE SPORTSMAN**
"Distinguished Gifts & Sportswear"
184 Pierce St.
- JOSEPH A. STOLTZ**
"Gentleman's Tailor"
250 N. Hunter Blvd.
- THE TIME SHOP**
"Watchmakers, Clockmakers, Jewelers"
151 South Botes
- TRIANGLE BIRMINGHAM GALLERY**
"Finest names in home furnishings"
123 S. Woodward
- VILLAGE SPORT & HOBBY SHOP**
"Hobby, Hunting & Fishing Supplies"
154 S. Woodward
- WATLING, LERCHEN & CO.**
"Investment services for every need"
West Maple & Cranbrook
- WILSON DRUG**
"Birmingham's Largest Cosmetic Dept."
Maple & Woodward
71 W. Long Lake Rd.
- WRIGLEY'S**
"For quality at consistent savings"
855 Hunter Blvd.
1855 Woodward
6592 Telegraph