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45 Candidates File For Nomination in August Primary

By MIKE SKINNER
Staff Writer

Forty-five candidates had filed nominating petitions for national, state and county offices by the 4 p.m. deadline Tuesday. Included were nine incumbents; seven were from Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

While George Romney of Bloomfield Hills was filing to run for governor in Lansing, three Republicans and a Democrat were registering here to run for district state senate nominations in the Aug. 7 primary.

INCUMBENT FARRELL E. Roberts, 2486 Lafay, West Bloomfield, and Mayor Robert J. Huber, 630 Big Beaver, Troy are running for the Republican nomination for state senate. Waterford township resident Richard D. Kuhn has also filed for this office.

Unopposed for the Democrat nomination is Leland H. Smith of Oak Park.

At the federal level, two Democrats, George J. Fulkerson, 3011 Middlebury Drive, Bloomfield Township, and George Lennox of Royal Oak, will run for representative. Unopposed for the Republican nomination is incumbent William S. Broomfield of Royal Oak.

INCUMBENT GEORGE F. Taylor, 6310 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Township has again filed for the republican nomination for prosecuting attorney. S. Jerome Bronson of Oak Park is seeking the Democratic nomination.

Daniel T. Murphy Jr., incumbent county clerk-register of deeds, has announced his candidacy again on the Republican ticket. He will be opposed by Democrat David S. Lees of Troy.

Two Republicans and two Democrats are running for their respective party nominations for county drain commissioner.

DANIEL W. BERRY, of Union Lake, Drain Commissioner, is seeking a fourth term with the Republicans. Art Becker of Southfield is also seeking the Republican nomination.

On the Democratic side are Roy J. Russell of Pontiac and Daniel T. Berry of Davisburg.

In the race for the county surveyor nomination, neither Republican incumbent Ralph Main, of Birmingham, nor Democrat Stanley F. Dunn, 6635 Colby Ave., Bloomfield Township, will be opposed in their respective parties.

DEMOCRAT BETTY H. McVay, 1678 Yosemite, Birmingham, has announced her candidacy for county treasurer and will vie with Republican incumbent Charles A. Sparks of Pontiac in November.

State Rep. Henry M. Hogan Jr., 4253 W. Orchard Hill, Bloomfield Township, also filed a petition, seeking the Republican nomination as state representative from the 3rd Legislative District.

Democrat John F. Poley, 185 Euclid, Birmingham, has filed for the same office.

Five persons, three of them Democrats, have announced their candidacy for the 4th legislative district. The Democrats are Albert A. Kramer, Oak Park; Archie H. Bailey, Berkley; and Maxwell M. Gurman of Oak Park.

Seeking the Republican nominations are incumbent Raymond L. Baker, Berkley, and Terrence E. Nagle, 17856 Birwood, Beverly Hills.

One Republican, incumbent Frank Irons of Pontiac, will be running for county sheriff. Three Democrats —Kenneth G. Hirt of Ferndale, William A. Smith of Madison Heights and Homer Hight, 970 Denison, Oxford have filed for sheriff.

Deadline for voter registration for the primary is July 9.

As of April 9, Oakland County had 328,045 registered voters, according to Daniel T. Murphy, Jr., county clerk.

Birmingham had 14,663 registered voters according to a count in April, City Clerk Irene E. Hanley, said while Bloomfield Hills City Clerk Robert J. Stadler reported that city had registered 1,503 voters in March.

Mrs. R. G. Shea
of Birmingham
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H. M. HOGAN JR.

Hogan Seeks Re-Election To Legislature

State Rep. Henry M. Hogan Jr., announced today that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as state legislator from the third district of Oakland County. The third district includes Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Hogan stated that he had based his decision to run again on the fact that there was a strong possibility that the people of the state would elect George Romney as the next governor which would enable the state to move forward in the two years to come.

HE INDICATED that the state presently was in a stalemate with a Democrat governor and a Republican legislature. Any good program put forth by the legislature is now vetoed, and any program by the governor is killed in legislative committees, he said.

Hogan is the associated publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, a partner in the law firm of Emery, Parsons & Bahr, a vice-president of Averill Press and a director of Creative Capital of Michigan, Inc.

HE ALSO SERVES as a trustee on the Bloomfield Township Board, is a director of Brookside School Cranbrook and is on the executive board of the Wayne University Press Club.

In the past session of the legislature, Hogan has served as chairman of the revision of the state statutes committee, and as a member of the rules and resolutions, as well as the judiciary, and revision of the constitution committees.

LOCALLY HOGAN also serves as a probate court referee for the Birmingham Teenage Traffic Court. He is a member of the Bloomfield Lions Club, and a member of the American, state and Oakland County Bar Associations.

He is one of the 10 attorneys presently serving in the State House of Representatives, out of a roster of 110 members.

Festival Activities, Awards and News In Special Section

Birmingham Arts Festival news and information will be found in a special tabloid in this week's issue of The Eccentric. This special section will allow our readers to carry only part of the issue while visiting the various festival activities throughout the community.

Information as to the latest festival plans, where tickets may be secured and where to park can by found on page —.

Lyrics to the song in the Festival's dramatic production "The Bloomingham Newcomers" can be found on page 1-C.

Prize winners in the festival exhibits are listed on page 3-A and inside on page —.

Hills B of E Names Pres., Officials; Start Year's Task

The officers of the Bloomfield Hills School Board for 1962-63 were elected Tuesday night.

Dr. Charles Bowers was chosen president. Earl W. Givens is vice president; William Bachman, secretary; and Max Miller, treasurer.

Bowers, elected to the school board in 1960, served as vice-president this past year. He succeeds David Lee, who was re-elected to a four-year term on the school board at last week's school election. Lee declined renomination as board president.

BOARD MEMBERS also authorized issuance of new teacher contracts, incorporating raises in salary schedules. An additional three-mill school tax was voted at last week's election to provide for an increase in teacher salaries.

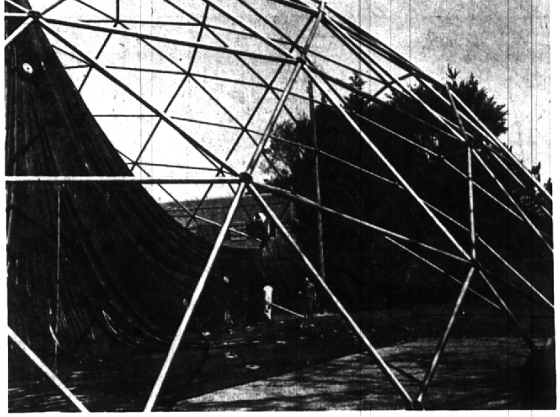
Other action included contract awards for landscaping East Hills Junior High School, Booth School and the addition to the high school. The contracts, totalling $35,000, were under the amount budgeted for the work.

The board also approved purchase of a Ford tractor and mower for maintenance of school sites.

Judge Attends Justice Meeting

Edward B. Emery, Associate Municipal Judge of the City of Birmingham will attend the 10th annual convention of the Michigan Justices of the Peace Association at Port Huron, on June 21, 22 and 23.

Judge Emery will meet with some 400 other Michigan justices to consider legislative proposals, awards, resolutions and elect association officers.



Canvassing Caper

Workmen concentrate on draping the shape of the geodesic dome which will be used to house Arts Festival activities during the three-day event this week. Performances of "The Bloomingham Newcomers" will highlight dome festivities.

FAA Snarls Oakland Airport Plan

County Officials to Consider Alternate Projects

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Plans for a proposed multi-million-dollar airport in Oakland County received a serious setback this week as the Federal Aviation Agency termed the idea "unacceptable."

In a letter to Congressman William S. Broomfield, J. M. Beardslee, FAA assistant administrator, cited conflicts with flight patterns to other airports when bad weather makes instrument landing necessary.

BEARDSLEE PLACED Selfridge Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens, Bishop Field, Flint and Detroit City airports in this category and Pontiac Municipal Airport, when it qualifies for instrument landings.

"Traffic patterns for visual flight rule operations could be developed with other airports in the area; however conflicts exist from an instrument, flight-rule utilization standpoint," he said.

Although the rejection of the site was based purely on air space requirements, Beardslee's letter said the FAA plans no additional studies of the proposal.

LAST WEEK, in its National Airport Plan for 1962, FAA recommended that Metropolitan and Willow Run airports be improved and that one more non-airline terminal be built in the area.

At the time of the report, the omission of Oakland's plans for a major jet field was not to be interpreted as an official position, according to Michigan FAA officials.

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors already has purchased 445 acres, costing $362,710, and acquired options on additional land amounting to $209,842.

MUCH OF THE LAND already bought by the county includes the Allen Airport which was to be the core of the proposed airport.

Several citizen organizations, led by the Oakland County Homeowners and Taxpayers Association which led the fight opposing the airport, termed the airport as detrimental to the community as a whole.

Proponents of the strip have expressed shock at the FAA announcement.

Jim Robbins, Oakland County industrialist, said the decision was "shocking."

DELOS HAMLIN, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, said he believes the airport property is still a good investment.

He said he would recommend that the Allen Airport be enlarged as a public facility. The expanded Allen strip could serve as a general airport, filling the needs of local industry, according to Hamlin.

PHILIP E. ROWSTON, former Pontiac mayor and supervisor aviation committee chairman, echoed Hamlin's beliefs in better airport facilities in the county but proposed the expansion of Pontiac Municipal.

He said, "I believe that the aviation committee should recommend to the board of supervisors that a resolution be passed terminating all

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Vote 'Go, Go' On Berkshire Water Hearing

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—The council voted an unanimous "Go, go go" Monday to start special assessment hearings again on the Berkshire water system.

The proceedings will start with a public hearing July 9 for the purpose of getting the matter before the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission. The step was taken on the basis of a calculated risk that a decision now in the state supreme court will be favorable.

Special assessment proceedings have been held throughout the state since the legislature passed a statute, Act 162, in May. Effective June 10, it specifies that notification of special assessment must be made by first class mail 10 days prior to a public hearing.

This statute resulted from a recent Supreme Court decision requiring that publication of special assessment notice in a newspaper only was not sufficient. However, the finance commission cannot sell bonds until a test of this statute has been made.

The test case involving the International Salt Co. versus the Wayne County Drain Commission, should determine whether or not notifying by first class mail is sufficient for special assessment.

In starting proceedings on the Berkshire water system, the council hopes to have the preliminary hearings completed before the decision is handed down. If it is favorable, they can then go directly to the municipal finance commission to sell the necessary bonds.

Attorney Stratton Brown of the

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O. MANCHESTER

Manchester Accepts Bid To New Post

To accept a position as associate executive of the Illinois area council of YMCA's, Birmingham 'Y' executive secretary Owen Manchester has notified the board of management of his resignation. The move becomes effective Sept. 1.

Manchester, 55, will move with his wife and four children to the Chicago area. In his state level administrative post, he will be in charge of youth and camp activities for all Illinois YMCA's, operating from a headquarters in Chicago.

HE HAS been in charge of all activities at the local YMCA since September, 1958. Since that time the YMCA has grown from a membership of 1,920 and a two-man staff to 4,250 members with a four-man staff.

In 1961, the Birmingham 'Y' put extension branches into operation in Troy and Walled Lake.

Manchester has been in YMCA work for 12 years. He lives at 776 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

K. Stanley Pratt, chairman of the Birmingham YMCA board of management, said a successor has not yet been named.

Youth Drowns In Area Lake

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A 17 year-old Royal Oak youth drowned in Upper Straits Lake here Saturday morning. He was John L. Tapai, 1414 East 14 Mile Road.

According to police Tapai and another youth, Richard J. Wells, left for the lake in the morning. Once there, Tapai tried to swim the estimated 150-yard width of the lake but tired before reaching shore.

Tapai shouted for help and Wells yelled for him to try and float. Tapai went under and did not surface, however, police said.

In their report, police ruled that the death had been caused by accidental drowning.

Vote Unanimously To Hike Vigilance Tax Contribution

BEVERLY HILLS—A resolution enabling Council President Marvin B. Cline to double the village contribution of $100 to the Tax Vigilance Committee Fund was voted unanimously Monday night.

President Cline is empowered to offer the contribution if the goal of $20,000 to help defray the legal costs of fighting the tax is not met.

The council also agreed to send out letters to heads of all organizations in the village, requesting contributions and asking for suggestions as to where to put the committee's contribution canisters.

'Moving' Meeting Held By VTC Campaigners

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The Vigilance Tax Committee came to Birmingham Saturday, supposedly to allow citizens to express their views and ask questions on Detroit's income tax.

Instead the group led by George W. Kuhn, mayor of Berkley, took over the Community House and turned the meeting into a pep rally for themselves on how to collect funds to fight the tax.

Birmingham's Mayor Florence H. Willett, who had been authorized by city commission to invite the group here, was disappointed by the outcome of the meeting.

SHE HAD originally scheduled the meeting to be held in the Mary Griffith Room on the second floor of the Community House. The Vigilance group moved the meeting to a basement room to allow for the many representatives of the press that were supposed to attend.

Only three newspapers and one television station were represented.

The Vigilance group was made up of mayors, township supervisors, village presidents and other municipal officials representing 22 suburban areas.

SIGNS WERE POSTED by the more artistic members of the committee degrading the Detroit tax and the meeting got underway.

Mayor Mark Storen of Highland Park, treasurer of the group, reported more than $7,000 in funds had been collected but $20,000 would be needed to fight the tax.

A short question-and-answer period followed the treasurer's report. Members of the committee asked legal advisors of the group several questions.

AT NO TIME were members of the audience asked if they had any questions.

After the meeting Robert E. Vanderbeer, of 1290 Lakeside, expressed his disappointment at the committee's methods.

"I disagree with the VTC methods," he said. "Detroit needs money and there must be some way to help them."

Vanderbeer, president of the League Life Insurance Co., said he conducts about 80 per cent of his business in Detroit and therefore would be taxed on that amount of his income.

HE SAID he felt some sort of state income tax might be a possible solution to the tax problem.

Vanderbeer said he was surprised the VTC had not conducted a more open meeting.

Monday's canister campaign netted nearly $8,200 to the VTC fund.

BIRMINGHAM CITY officials took no part in the street corner campaign and have no plans to take part in future drives.

The city commission has authorized donating $250 to the VTC and is currently considering contributing another $250 to help fight the tax.

Circuit Judge Neal F. Fitzgerald has scheduled arguments on the tax for this week.

$7 Million Budget Ok'd By Birmingham B of E

Passage of the 1962-63 operating budget highlighted the Birmingham Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

In line with the five-year budget projection approved by the board and a citizens advisory committee, prior to the November 1960 election, the budget of slightly over $7.2 million saw the largest increase in the instructional account.

About $700,000 additional will go to support improved teacher salaries and an instructional program next year. Other budget categories remained proportionately about the same or showed proportionate decreases.

Plant operation and maintenance showed some increase to take care of two new buildings and five additions currently under construction.

PASSAGE OF THE budget culminated months of detailed planning and study by teachers, administrators and the board.

"The excellent planning efforts of all and the effective budget control measures we have been able to establish will help to insure that our budgets will keep faith with the desires of the community", commented Lloyd VanBuskirk, director of finance.

Additional teachers to handle expanding enrollments and to maintain reasonable class sizes were cited by Daniel Nesbitt, Deputy Superintendent in charge of instruction, as major reasons for increases in the instructional accounts.

Other factors included an expanded in-service training and professional growth program. Increased emphasis will be placed on curriculum research and new system-wide programs in junior high math, seventh grade foreign language and in elementary social studies and mathematics. All program improvements will require new textbook adoptions, according to Nesbitt.

The board also approved the hiring of 26 elementary and 42 secondary teachers to teach summer school. Currently 566 elementary and 849 secondary students are enrolled. These represent a total gain of 234 students over 1961. 540 students are enrolled in driver training.

Approval to hire four additional teachers to work on curriculum guides and materials during the summer in science and English was also given. This brings the total of summer curriculum workers to 18.

The board also requested the Oakland County Road Commission to erect and/or paint traffic con-

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J. R. MacMANUS

Senior Exec Resigns Post At Ad Agency

The resignation of John R. MacManus as senior vice president and director of MacManus, John & Adams Inc. has been announced by Ernest A. Jones, president of the advertising agency. He will devote all of his time to the management of his private interests, Jones said.

MacManus has consented to continue his longtime association with the business of which his father, T. F. MacManus, was a co-founder, serving as a consultant on corporate operations, Jones said.

MacMANUS has been an officer of the company since 1934 when MacManus Inc., merged with the agency founded by W. A. P. John and the late James R. Adams to form the present organization.

His executive assignments over the years have ranged over both account supervision and internal management. In recent years his managerial duties have included chairmanship of the agency's salary committee and director of salaried personnel.

"HE WILL BE missed both within our own company and in many areas of national advertising where his friends are legion. However, after nearly 35 years in advertising—28 with MJA—it is difficult to begrudge his wish to devote more time to himself, Jones said.

Eccentric Awarded Press Prize

The Birmingham Eccentric was awarded third place for general excellence among national weeklies having a circulation over 6,000, at the National Editorial Association's annual convention in Hershey, Pa.

The plaque signifying the award will be presented to Henry M. Hogan, Jr., associate publisher of the paper this evening at the Cocoa Inn in Hershey.

THE ECCENTRIC earlier this year received the second place award for general excellence among suburban weeklies in the state of Michigan—presented yearly by the Michigan Press Association.

Over the past seven years, The Eccentric has been awarded the NEA's national first place award in its division two times, and the MEA's state first place award four times. During this period, the paper has also received other awards by these organizations for its typography, news coverage and use of pictures.

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