

## R. D. Kuhn Denies Senate Candidacy

A Birmingham man was named president and three area residents are on the board of directors of Friends and Relatives of Retarded Children of Oakland County, Inc.

Bernard C. Schmidt, 1315 Orchard Hill Drive, was installed as president at FAR's annual banquet May 10.

On the board are Mrs. John Delaney, Lathrup, and two Birmingham residents, Mrs. Frank Holliday and Mrs. Henry McDonnell.

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Richard D. Kuhn, con-con delegate from Oakland County's first legislative district, has denied that he is a candidate for any political office.

"It is my understanding", said Kuhn, "that a committee has been formed to nominate me for the office of state senator. While I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the efforts of this group, I cannot be a candidate for any other office while I am representing the people of District One at this convention. They elected me to see this job through."

Kuhn said that although he can appreciate the concern of the people about what is happening in the

state senate, he believes that his most important job at this time is to "fulfill my responsibilities at the constitutional convention by opposing those who would try to remove these sections of the constitution which provide protection for the people."

## Poppy Day Slated

Commander Earl Biscoe of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2645 announced today the appointment of Charles Caborn as chairman of the V.F.W.'s annual Buddy Poppy Drive. The 1962 campaign will be held locally May 25.

## Mother Cautions Against Playing Near Mowers

A Birmingham mother warned today that unless handled properly rotary lawn mowers can be dangerous.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said her son was struck in the chest over the weekend with a stone hurled from a mower even though he was standing 50 feet away from it.

"I think other parents should be warned as to how dangerous these mowers can be and they should caution their children not to play near them," she declared.

## Michigan Week—Bigger and Better

Communities and citizens of this area are preparing for participation in the ninth annual Michigan Week.

Free chicken dinners at Zeland; a gigantic parade in Sturgis; a week-long industrial carnival in Battle Creek; a big day for senior citizens at Muskegon; and a city-wide cleanup by the youth of Alpena.

These are but a few of the hundreds of events and activities that will take place during Michigan Week which actually will spread over more than a week during the latter part of this month.

IN EVERY SECTION of the state and in practically every com-

munity from the most obscure country crossroads to the heart of metropolitan Detroit, people and organizations will be participating in the greatest program of boosting their own communities and the state that has ever been undertaken.

While Michigan Week itself is scheduled from May 20 to 26, inclusive, many of the activities will take place before these dates and other events will extend beyond in keeping with the main objective that the job of selling Michigan should be continuous throughout the year.

Tomorrow, four of Michigan's agricultural products, representing the apple, bean and cherry pro-

ducers and the famed Blossom Festival at Benton Harbor, will take off from Willow Run Airport on a Michigan product selling tour that takes them to the West Coast for television appearances in Hollywood and to the World's Fair at Seattle.

Preceding the departure of the Michigan product selling tour, Michigan's product and achievement of the year will be selected by judges in Detroit from among 16 regional winners from all areas of the state.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT the Michigan queens will appear on the Lawrence Welk show, and before they leave Hollywood they will give three additional network shows—"Truth or Consequences," "Seven Keys" and "Panorama-Pacific." The queens will visit San Francisco for public appearances before going to Seattle.

The big day in Sturgis, kick-off of the whole Michigan Week program, will start with a civic luncheon at 11 a.m. with Edwin O. George, Detroit general chairman for Michigan Week; Herbert G. Daverman, Grand Rapids, chairman of the Michigan Week program board, and other officials participating.

What the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce expects will be the biggest parade in the city's history, will start at 1:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. Governor Swanson will present awards to two Sturgis firemen who were responsible for a new industry locating in that community.

ON SUNDAY the official opening of Spiritual Foundations Day will be held on the State Capitol steps in Lansing with clergymen of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths participating along with Governor Swanson and Michigan Week leaders.

Sunday afternoon the Michigan Week Industrial Exposition will open in Battle Creek, marking the beginning of the week-long program which combines the annual Cereal City Festival with Michigan Week. It will include a carnival, parade, hand concerts, sporting events and other activities.

On Monday there will be the annual exchange of mayors and village presidents with approxi-

mately 400 communities participating. This will be the highlight of Government Day. In Escanaba the day will be highlighted by a meeting of the Upper Peninsula Tourist Association and a civic banquet at which Governor Swanson will be the main speaker.

Throughout the week there will be programs honoring outstanding citizens. These include a testimonial dinner for Jesse H. Besser, president of the Besser Manufacturing Company, as "Alpena's Citizen of the Century" at Alpena; the honoring of Frederick Boardman, manager of the Haron Milling division of the Hercules Powder Company of Harbor Beach, and tribute to Dr. James H. Hays, president of Michigan State University by the state's agricultural organizations.

GEORGE ROMNEY, vice president of the Constitutional Convention, will be the featured speaker at a Heritage Day program in Marshall on Friday, May 25, and both Romney and Governor Swanson will be on the program at a Youth Day award luncheon at Kellogg Center, East Lansing, on Saturday.

Senior citizens from seven counties will have their own "day" on Saturday at Muskegon where the program will open with a hand concert in the morning and feature many events throughout the day, with an anticipated attendance of 500.

More than 20,000 persons are expected to attend a huge show at the Niles airport on Sunday, May 20, which in many communities will be the combined observance of Spiritual Foundations Day and Annual Forces Day.

Throughout the state more than 1,000 amateur radio operators will be sending favorable messages about Michigan to "ham" operators in other states and throughout the world.

On Wednesday a highlight of Our Livelihood Day will be the exchange of industrial development groups by more than 30 communities. Industrial appreciation programs on this day will be held in several cities.

Thursday night a banquet in Flint will open the Saginaw Valley Industrial Exposition, which will be open through the following Sunday.

## Organist Guides Church Fortunes of Acolytes

By NITA HAED  
Special Writer

FRANKLIN — What magic words... or nonsense she whispers in their ears just before the church service begins, we'll never know, but Mary Wright has her corner of young acolytes happy, efficient and proud as they attend to the offices of worship at the Franklin Community Church service each Sunday morning.

It might be a crack like "Any dunhill can light a match. It takes a smart guy to know why he's doing this."

OR SOME comforting verbal caress to allay the butterflies of a novice, faced with the presence of the congregation as he makes the long, lonely march for the first time.

Whatever the words may be, they are easily translated into willing churchmanship by 65 young men, from the sixth grade through high school age.

FRESHLY SCRUBBED, sometimes sleepy-eyed, they almost never fail to report as scheduled by the way, Mrs. Gerald Wright, former nurse and pediatric supervisor at Ford Hospital.

Performing a unique service for the church she filled with music as organist for twenty years, Mrs. Wright recruits, trains, and equips the young men of the parish to participate in the weekly worship, by lighting and candles, carrying the bible, and assisting at communion.

A YEAR AGO, when her health demanded limited time at the organ console, she assumed full charge of the acolytes. Why this should be any easier on her health is uncertain. She steam presses their robes before each wearing, sees that they get regularly laundered, personally contacts 8 to 10 boys every two weeks for a meeting, arrives at the church a full hour ahead on Sunday to be on hand for questions or stubborn starched collars.

A sensitive musician and dedicated church woman, Mrs. Wright brought ministry by music to the young people of Franklin's Community Church. Organizer of the first junior choir with Mrs. Florence Harris about 15 years ago, she has been a sustaining factor through the years, as ministers have come and gone in a constant changing community. Even her piano pupils have been given a thorough background of sacred music.

Although a grandmother she has never lost touch with the things kids take seriously. Mary Wright, all about the little fortunes of Little League, home work, unreasonable parents, demanding teachers... the big and little injustices of a growing child's complex world.

one" philosophy, she guides the older boys in training the younger ones. Each feels he is very needed, to the church and himself.

Under the shapely robes of the acolyte, Mary's encouragement, kindly kidding, gentle discipline and unfaltering persistence is producing a new generation of churchmen.

The boys repeat the traditional duties with full understanding of the symbols used, with reverence and dignity. In years to come they'll assume lay-leadership with intelligence and sincerity because this is how it was taught them—however meritorily, by "Mary."

Groves Seniors Nominated for English Awards

Karen Kadyan, 20676 Harborton Ct., Franklin, and Ann Lawrence, 30405 Rosemond, Franklin, of Wyke E. Groves High School have been nominated for the annual Achievement Awards program, sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

For the fifth year, the Council is conducting the Awards program throughout the nation to grant recognition to outstanding high school seniors for excellence in English. The writing abilities and literary awareness of each nominee will be judged by local and state committees. NCTE will announce the winners in Dec. 1962, and will send their names to every U.S. college and university with the recommendation that these students be considered for scholarship assistance. So far the recognition extended to superior students of English has encouraged in them continued effort in the area of English Studies. The fine example provided by these talented young people has promoted greater interest among students at all levels.

According to James R. Spire, executive secretary of NCTE, the Achievement Awards competition is part of a comprehensive program undertaken by American teachers of English from the primary school to the graduate school to combat verbal incompetence which, in the words of a prominent Chicago businessman, "is threatening to become a chronic disease of the American intellect." The Council is also cooperating with the U.S. Office of Education. By stimulating interest in English studies and by supporting programs for improved instruction in English, the NCTE seeks to contribute to a national educational program of excellence.

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