



Full Calendar of Events to Climax Michigan Week



BEGINNING THE Government Day activities was an exchange of keys between Mayor Florence H. Willett and Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh. Sue Feintheil and James Christensen, Barium Junior High students, presented Cavanagh another key on behalf of school children. The ceremony took place at the Woodward entrance to the State Fairground at 8:30 a.m. (Other photos page 7-A).



CAPT. DONALD Johnston, master of the cement carrier Paul H. Townsend, guided Mayor Willett on a tour of his boat during her Government Day visit to Detroit Monday. Mrs. Willett cut a ceremonial ribbon opening the boat to tours by the public.



THE DAY IN BIRMINGHAM naturally included a visit to the Birmingham Arts Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, where Mayor Pro Tem William H. Burgum and Mrs. William E. Roberts studied a booklet describing the building while Birmingham Eccentric Publisher Paul N. Averill emphasized a point to Mayor Cavanagh. The visitors enjoyed an exhibit of the work of "Prominent Painters and Sculptors in Michigan," currently on display at the galleries. Mrs. Roberts served as Birmingham's official hostess for the day.

Decision Near on Golf Course?

Detroit Mayor Wins Us Over, Or Does He?

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh won a lot of friends for Jerome P. Cavanagh as he visited Birmingham Monday but few for his income tax.

The tall young head of the state's largest city charmed his way through a student assembly at Seasholm and a civic luncheon at the Community House but was forced to face the tax issue almost everywhere he went.

As soon as Cavanagh delivered his speech at Seasholm, the students from the government and civics classes began throwing income tax questions at him.

Always a politician, Cavanagh carefully explained the history of the tax and quickly pointed out that the suburbs would not be taxed but only those suburbanites getting their paycheck in Detroit.

The students accepted his answers but it was clear he couldn't call upon them for support in case of a shooting war.

AT THE COMMUNITY House luncheon, Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem William H. Burgum presented Cavanagh with several gifts from the city.

First was a gavel Cavanagh said he could certainly use it "either at City Hall or at home." Mr. and Mrs. Cavanagh have six young-sters.

Burgum then gave the Cavanaghs a bronze relief by Bloomfield Hills sculptor Marshall Fredricks.

(See MAYOR, 2-A)

School Millage Meeting May 28

School board officials in Bloomfield Hills School District are hoping a large number of residents will turn out 8 p.m., May 28, for a public meeting at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School.

"We want voters at the school election June 11 to be informed as to just why the district needs the extra three mills we are asking," Supt. Eugene Johnson said.

Beverly Hills Principal Dies

Malcolm V. Ferguson, 58, of 24355 10 1/2 Mile Road, principal of Beverly Hills Elementary School, died of a heart attack early Wednesday morning in a motel at Mount Pleasant.

Ferguson, former Pierce School principal, and David Welch, present principal of Pierce, were in Mount Pleasant to attend Michigan Week principal exchange festivities.

Ferguson was born July 23, 1903, in Cass City. He attended Michigan State Normal College and received his bachelor of science degree at Wayne State University in 1941 and his master's in education from WSU in 1957.

HE SERVED as school superintendent at East Detroit, Roseville and Waldron. He was principal at Redford Union High from 1941 to 1947.

He was past president of the Birmingham Exchange Club and member of numerous professional organizations.

MRS. WILLETT IN DETROIT

Hospital Visit Brings Out the Mother in Her

See Photo, 2-A
By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

The best picture couldn't be taken.

Nowhere she went in Detroit Monday, she spoke of her as charming, witty, gracious, lovely, sharp and intelligent.

Newsman took pictures and movies of dignitaries warmly welcoming her to the Motor City.

But legal restrictions prevented photographing the incident that would have been the best feature picture of the day.

IT OCCURRED at Children's Hospital, one of the last stops on Florence H. Willett's mayor's exchange day tour of Detroit.

Visiting the play room, she stopped to talk to a little girl and boy. She leaned over and asked them if they wished to touch her sable stole.

Being a mother and grandmother, she knows that children love to touch soft things.

Pictures of children can't be taken without signed releases freeing the hospital of any liability.

MRS. WILLETT, Birmingham's \$250-a-year mayor, traded jobs for the day with Detroit's \$25,000-a-year mayor, Jerome P. Cavanagh. It was Government Day, the second day of Michigan Week.

They met at 8:30 a.m. at the Woodward entrance to the State Fairgrounds and exchanged keys.

While a Birmingham police escort whisked Cavanagh to Birmingham, two Detroit motorcycle-mounted officers guided the car carrying Mrs. Willett and her husband, G. Howard, down the center of Woodward to downtown Detroit. Some kind of speed record must

have been set, as the party reached the Pick-Fly Shelby Hotel a half-hour ahead of schedule.

"First time a woman ever had to wait for a man," quipped Mrs. Willett as they awaited Detroit's official greeters—Wayne County Michigan Week chairman Jerry Moore and Government Day chairman Judge Frank G. Schenck.

THEN FOLLOWED: A visit to the office of Detroit's mayor and common council president in the City-County Building. Council President Ed Carey pinned an orchid corsage to her silk dress.

A tour of the cement carrier Townsend at the Cobo Hall dock.

An appearance at the Detroit Economic Club luncheon in the Veterans Memorial Building, where she saw patients ranging from premature babies to "cardiacs."

The children had printed a sign and hung it on the door for Mrs. Willett's arrival. It read: "welcome dear Lady Mayor. love from the Children."

Dinner at the Detroit Club as (See WILLETT, 2-A)

Mrs. H. W. Hitchcock of Birmingham

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City Weighs Development Of '66 Acres'

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first in a series of articles dealing with a proposal to establish another City-owned golf course in Birmingham. It deals with the plans and the cost of the proposed project. The second will explain existing recreation facilities, and the third will report on groups favoring and opposing the golf course and their reasons.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Does the city of Birmingham need a second municipal golf course?

City Manager L. R. Gare has said that in his mind there is a definite need. Several city commissioners have indicated they agree. One group of residents has backed Gare and the commission-ers.

The city has already paid \$3,200 to W. Bruce Matthews, architect of Newage, Mich., to draw up plans for the proposed course at the former sewage treatment plant on Cranbrook Road near 14 Mile.

BIRMINGHAM OWNS 66 acres at the site, of which four acres have been leased to the Bloomfield Art Association (including the treatment plant) for its Birmingham Arts Center.

A sled run is included in a small area of the property and the police pistol range is also located at the site.

City officials are studying several proposed layouts for the course and will probably reach a decision when they rule on the 1962-63 budget in the next few weeks.

TOTAL COST for the proposed 3,200-yard, nine-hole course could run anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000 depending upon how complete the facilities would be.

Plan call for a club house, parking lot, entrance drives and a practice green.

Financing of the project has not been worked out as yet but Gare said there were several possibilities.

"General obligation bonds could be sold or we could pay for it out (See DECISION, 4-A)

Special Award Goes To B'ham Eccentric

The Birmingham Eccentric today was awarded the Michigan Education Award for its outstanding service to education during 1961 in reporting, interpreting, and constructively criticizing public education.

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Big Parade Highlights Celebration

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor



ROY ABERNETHY

Sales Group Honors AMC President

Roy Abernethy, 3940 Oakland, Bloomfield Township, was named Wednesday as the "Sales Executive of the Year."

Abernethy—president, general manager and chief operations officer of American Motors Corp.—was presented with the 12th annual award by the Sales and Marketing Executives International at its 28th annual convention in Dallas, Tex.

The award went to the auto executive for his "spirit of confident selling and contribution to the material advancement of the nation."

ABERNETHY BECAME head of American Motors following the Feb. 12 resignation of George Romney, who became a candidate for a Republican nomination for governor.

Daughters of the American Revolution, along with the Baldwin Library, have set up a display honoring Michigan in the library. Birmingham Printing, Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan, Lask Jewelry, Kresge's, R. Siegel-Kay Cooley, Prep Shop, Goodbody & Co., Detroit Bank and Trust and Matus Bakeries all have installed displays in their buildings.

SATURDAY'S Youth Day activities will get started early in the morning and continue until late in the evening.

The Birmingham Little League will stage father and son baseball games at the various fields beginning at 8 a.m.

A Carp Carnival, sponsored by the Recreation Board, will get underway at 10 a.m. at Quanton Lake. Prizes will be given for the largest and smallest fish, the youngest fisherman and the most unusual fishing equipment.

Fashions for the entire family will be displayed at the biggest outdoor style panorama ever held in Birmingham.

Sixteen stores are going to take part in the 11 a.m. affair.

PHYLLIS CORBIN, co-owner of Top N Talent, will serve as coordinator and mistress of ceremonies. Laurena Frink, fashion model, will be in charge.

(See EVENTS, 2-A)

One of the busiest and most eventful weeks in the history of Birmingham will be climaxed Saturday as Michigan Week comes to an end with a huge parade through the heart of the city.

Let by the United States Air Force Continental Air Command Band the parade will wind its way through downtown Birmingham beginning at 5 p.m.

The events leading up to Saturday's all-day celebration will be of major interest to many.

TODAY IS Education Day and both the Community House and area schools are featuring displays, exhibits and events concerning the Wolverine state.

Both an art exhibit and a science display are open to the public at the Community House today and tomorrow.

Derby Junior High will feature a three-day all-school art show beginning tomorrow. Students will demonstrate their skills in the arts tomorrow from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, Heritage Day, will feature store window displays depicting Michigan products and activities. The displays are being sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association.

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Franklin Man Dies in Jet

Virgil W. Mourning, 32950 Grimsby, Franklin Village, was one of 45 persons aboard a Continental Airlines jet which crashed during the Missouri state line in southeastern Iowa early Wednesday morning.

The family was notified of his death.

Unofficial reports of one survivor were received by noon Wednesday, according to an airline spokesman.

The cause of the crash was still unknown at that time, said the spokesman. The fuselage of the Boeing 707 jet craft was found by state police near Unionville, Mo., shortly after midnight Eastern Standard Time, and a additional wreckage was scattered across the state line near Centerville, Iowa.

Authorities said later that evidence in the wreckage indicated that another plane may have been involved in the crash.

Mourning, 46, a dealer finance manager at Dodge Motors, is survived by his wife Opal and two sons, V. Thomas, 20, and Ronald L. 17.

Born in Jerseyville, Ill., Mourning received a bachelor's degree in industrial management at Georgia Tech University.

Englander's Furniture Store Opens

Called Largest in Birmingham

See Photo, 4-A

Englander's 19,000-square-foot of floor space store, termed "the largest furniture store in Birmingham," opened its doors to the public early this week.

Located at the corner of Maple and Hunter, the \$4 million store

was developed by Carl Barton and Marvin L. Dante, president of Englander Furniture Shops, Inc.

The one - story contemporary building features an outside front grille-work of handcast aluminum.

THE NEW store carries conventional, traditional and casual furniture—same as at the Northland and Eastland stores," according to Dante.

Architect for the building, which utilized brick and masonry and marble, was Theodore Regey Associates of Highland Park.

General contractor for the project that began last October was Chissas Construction Co., 870 Bowers, Birmingham.

Donald V. Allen is the manager of the store and Dwayne C. Gaulke is the head of the Interior Design Studio.

It consists of a decorator's studio, offices and sample rooms, and a catalog area for customers use.

The store will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday hours will be from 10 to 6. Saturday, the doors will be open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

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