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Plan Auto Show For Men's Night

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

There'll be something new in Men's Night this year. Monday City Commissioners Monday night granted a request to close off three streets in downtown Birmingham—to make room for an auto show.

To be closed to vehicular traffic from 6 to 10 p.m. on Men's Night—Monday, Dec. 3—are Maple from Woodward to Bates, Henrietta from Maple to Martin and Pierce from Maple to Martin.

The request was made by Leonard L. Healy, chairman of the Men's Night committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

MEN'S NIGHT, of course, is that annual event when merchants open their stores only to men, so that they may select gifts for their workfolk free from their curious eyes.

It has become one of the most popular events of the year. Many merchants serve refreshments; others offer various kinds of entertainment (for instance, last year, the "twist").

THE MERCHANTS are now firming up plans for this year's event—the 11th annual.

"It is our intention," said Healy, "to contact the heads of the automobile companies to come in and set up electrical, furniture and other displays on these streets for this occasion."

"We feel that this total display, if it can be arranged, will be of great interest to most of the residents of this area and is evidence of the cooperative effort of our downtown business people to keep our business section strong."

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare said there would be no problem "as far as I can see" in closing the streets. The same is done for the Halloween celebration each year.

"If the merchants feel this would strengthen Men's Night, I would support it," commented Commissioner Charles Renfrew. "I would accord it the same support as we have given the Arts Festival."

He referred to the Bloomfield Art Association's annual arts festival, which usually is held on downtown streets and in chain Park.

COMMISSIONER Carl F. Ingraham pointed out that the auto show would be an "attention attractor" and not an effort to sell cars.

Renfrew's motion to grant approval, supported by Ingraham, was passed unanimously.

Parking Meter Revenue High In Birmingham

Parking meter revenue is near an all-time high in Birmingham. Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley informed city commissioners this week that results of a survey made the week of Oct. 13 to 19 showed the weekly average as "one of the highest ever reached by the parking meters since they were installed 16 years ago."

Comparing the results of the survey to the one of October a year ago, Moxley said, there are "substantial increases in average revenue in all five meter zones."

The average revenue per meter rose from \$1.59 last October to \$1.72 this year.

METER USAGE in the parking lots, he said, indicate that they are operating near capacity, except for a portion of Municipal Lot No. 1 and 35 meters Lot 6.

"We can expect a gradual increase in shopper parking demand until the end of the Christmas shopping season," said Moxley.

"This demand will quickly fill our available metered parking spaces, but attendance at the coming Monday afternoon to discuss legal aspects of its present prayer policy."

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No Action Monday on Prayer Issue

No official action will be taken by the Bloomfield Hills School Board when it meets informally Monday afternoon to discuss legal aspects of its present prayer policy.

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Petitions Available

BEVERLY HILLS—More signatures are required on the petitions for the Tax Veto and the Committee according to Village Clerk Betty Chinn. A total of 300,000 signatures is required to bring the question of city income tax on suburban communities to a referendum.

Mrs. Chinn says that petitions can be signed at the village office on 15 Mile Road or petitions can be taken for circulation in other areas of the village.

IT'S 'DO OR DIE' WEEK

Democrats Work Toward Deadline

By JULIE CANDLER
Special Writer

Democratic workers were like newspapermen going to press this week. They were racing the deadline hour at 7 a.m. Tuesday when the polls open.

They referred to the last week before the state and county elections as "do or die week." They were doing everything from stuffing envelopes to making coffee as they milled around Oakland County Democratic headquarters this Tuesday.

Four paid employees and 11 volunteers concentrated on stacks of work spread through the four smoke-filled rooms at the four-story storefront building at 17 Water Street, Pontiac.

FORMER Detroit newspaperman Jim McConkey, a campaign publicist, sat with his back to a one-time show window. He was typing news releases about Democratic rallies in Oakland County.

Around McConkey, four women volunteers and a retired factory worker shuffled papers and made

Seaholm Juniors Win Field Day

phone calls. Each of the workers said he was spending one to three days a week at Democratic headquarters during the campaign.

In another room, the honettee talking on the phone, was Mrs. Sander M. Levin of Berkeley, wife of the chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

THREE LITTLE Levins, ages 4, 2 and eight months, stay home with a sitter these days while their mother helps with getting out the vote.

Their father sets the policy and strategy for the campaign in Oakland County, dividing 18-hour days between law offices in Detroit and the headquarters in Pontiac.

While Levin is at work in his Detroit office, young, bespectacled Jim McNeely directs the day-to-day operations as executive assistant. McNeely and a secretary are the county organization's only year-around staff members.

"THIS IS perhaps the most strenuous election campaign ever waged by the Oakland County Democrats," said McNeely as he discussed the campaign work.

Levin said a call was going out for 1,000 Democratic volunteers to work on Election Day next Tuesday. Through paid advertisements in county newspapers, the committee is appealing for help with driving voters to the polls, telephoning them and checking to see if known (See DEMOCRATS, 6-A)

Homemaker of Year Selected

Beverly Woman Wins Contest

For picture story of contest winner, see Page 1-C; winning letter, 6-C

Here she is, the Birmingham area's Suburban Homemaker of the Year for 1962. She is the vivacious and talented Mrs. Ray S. (Miriam) Jacobs, 39, of 32071 Auburn, Beverly Hills.

Judges chose Mrs. Jacobs—housewife, mother and substitute teacher—from more than 30 women who met the strict judging standards and, eventually, from 10 finalists (named last week).

"It was through them that we received our entries," they said. "With this kind of response, we feel that Birmingham must be aware of these women."

THE SUBURBAN Homemaker of the Year contest is sponsored by the Suburban Press Foundation, with headquarters in Chicago, and its 50 members.



MARY ELLEN MEAD (left), Contest Editor. MRS. RAY S. JACOBS, Homemaker of Year.

Area Relaxes as Crisis Eases

The tensions that filled the air in Birmingham and the area last week over the Cuban situation were beginning to ease somewhat early this week following the announcement of the temporary lifting of the blockade.

Generally, residents were going back to leading a normal life and were busy with preparations for Halloween and the other upcoming holidays.

All families were leading a normal life, however, as about 100 Oakland County residents were among the 1,000 metropolitan area Reservists called to active duty.

Supermarket managers in some of the area stores noted an increase in the sale of canned goods and other storable foods.

One said that his store had sold an unusually large amount of distilled water. Civil Defense authorities say that water need not be distilled but merely placed in an airtight metal container.

ONE BIRMINGHAM area merchant reported that he had sought to speed up an order of goods he was importing from France.

A Chamber of Commerce spokesman said that there had been no drastic upsurge of retail buying, only the normal seasonal increase in business activity.

In Bloomfield Township police and fire telephone lines were twice jammed early Sunday morning when the fire siren sounded. Many residents believed that a national emergency had arisen.

Township officials explained that whenever there is a fire in the area the siren is sounded near the fire station.

CHARLES WIGGINS, 734 Yarrowhead, Bloomfield Village, temporary head of Township Civil Defense, said he also received many calls Sunday at his home.

Although Bloomfield Township has no special sirens earmarked for Civil Defense, the fire sirens would be taken over by CD officials in the event of an emergency and in the pitch of emergency.

On the county level officials have called a press conference for Saturday morning in Rochester to explain what their office has to offer at this time to the residents of Oakland County.

Comments from...

STUDENTS IN the schools were reported to be much more relaxed this week than last. Many rumors pertaining to the Cuban crisis were squelched last week by teachers and school authorities.

CLASIFIED

Christmas Is Sooner Than You Think!

Use the Gift Suggestion Column To Sell Those Unused Trains, toys, cameras, etc.

CALL MIDWEST 4-1100

(A friendly advertiser of The Eccentric will help you word your classified ad.)



Reason Enough?

Motorists driving near the intersection of W. Maple and Cranbrook roads have been pausing to look at the effigy of Cuban leader Fidel Castro that Bud Carroll has at his service station. Put up last week, the dummy is part of a campaign by Carroll to get voters to the polls Tuesday.

Federal, County State Posts Open

Eccentric endorses six candidates, ballot propositions; see Page 1-B.
By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

As the campaigning heats up to a frenzied boil, city and township election workers are gearing for a busy election day Tuesday when area voters head for the polls.

A last-minute flood of registrations on Oct. 8 indicates intense interest in the off-year elections if which the people will decide who will hold seats ranging from governor of Michigan to county surveyor.

In addition, area voters will find two proposals on the ballot, one at the state and one at the county level. The cities of Birmingham and Southfield has each put a proposal up to the electorate.

IN THE gubernatorial campaign, voters face a choice between Republican George W. Romney of Bloomfield Hills; incumbent John B. Swainson, Democrat, and Socialist Labor candidate James Sim.

Perhaps of equal interest is the face for the new congressman-at-large post which has Republican Alvin M. Bentley vying with Democrat Neil Staebler and Socialist Labor candidate Ralph W. Muncy.

The post—created as an outgrowth of the 1960 U. S. census and a 22 per cent increase in population in the state—is a new one. When the state creates a 19th congressional district, the at-large category will disappear from future ballots. Meanwhile, voters throughout the state will have a say in electing the at-large congressman.

Suburbia Today: How to Get Last Word on Travel

Have you ever been verbally punished by a returning traveler who talks and talks and talks about his adventures?

You'll find new defense tactics against this individual when the House press secretary to a revoler who talks and talks and talks about his adventures?

Now 8 edition of your Birmingham Eccentric brings you the November issue of SUBURBIA TODAY.

Stephen Potter, originator of "One-upmanship" and a master of the withering remark, offers his tongue-in-cheek advice for squelching such a friend in his article "Travelers."

And he adds a section on the intricate oral maneuvers—his famous "ploys"—to keep you in the limelight if you, by chance, should be the returning traveler. In a word, Mr. Potter tells you what to do if he's coming or you're going.

PIERRE SALINGER takes time from his busy schedule as White House press secretary to explain how he has made music a welcome and integral part of his family life near Alexandria, Va. Roy Saling, Pontiac, Waterford, Lake Orion and Highland are also a bee-hive andbruck, besides going to the concert and having musicians in to dinner.

In "We Go to Bat for Music!" the White House press secretary explains why he thinks music is as important in the lives of his children as Little League baseball.

IN LAST DAYS BEFORE ELECTION

Republicans Burn Midnight Oil

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Midnight oil and plenty of coffee are on the menu for workers at the Oakland County Republican Headquarters, 744 S. Adams, Birmingham, as election day draws near.

County Executive Secretary Jack L. Slater and County Chairman Charles Lyle have their crews on the job bright and early each morning and it's long after midnight before the lights are dimmed.

Sending out last-minute campaign literature and making phone calls are the top items of business.

FOUR SHIFTS of volunteer workers are busily engaged lining up baby-sitters and arranging transportation for voters on election day.

Other volunteer crews are put to work stuffing envelopes with campaign literature on the various candidates.

In the past two weeks, some 116,000 pieces of mail have gone out of the headquarters and many thousands more will be sent out during the next few days.

Slater was especially pleased with the number of citizens who volunteered to work on this election.

"In addition to the 4,000 regular volunteers," he said "another 1,200 offered their services."

A huge clerical staff on a first floor wall lists the more than 200 coffee hours that the candidates have and will be attending.

NOT ALL the activity is carried on at the headquarters office, however; branches in Farmington, Berkley, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Waterford, Lake Orion and Highland are also a bee-hive of activity.

During the daytime most of the work is done by women, although (See ELECTION, 6-A)

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