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Romney Comes to Birmingham Today for Talk

Master Plan Assured for W. Bloomfield

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A master plan for the township was assured last week when the township board authorized Supervisor John Rehard to sign any contracts necessary to go ahead with the project. It was one of several capital improvements for the township approved by the board at its regular monthly meeting.

A \$25,550 bid for improvement of Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington was awarded. The road will be prepared this year and black-topped next year on a matching funds basis with the Oakland County Road Commission.

The board also authorized the purchase of a police car to replace one of the two owned by the township.

Tommy's Story

By EVELINE DEW
Staff Writer

Tommy had a big adventure Tuesday afternoon. He was looking for some friends to play with, but all his pals were still in school—in first grade now. Tommy is in kindergarten.

And then all of a sudden, Tommy didn't know where he was, and when he came the Royal Oak Police, about 12:30 p.m.

(Although only a block or two from home), Tommy couldn't tell them where he was or where he lived, so the police took him with them. They notified other area police that they had picked up a 5-year-old boy named Tommy wearing a red jacket.

AT POLICE headquarters, things weren't so bad. Officer Lou Teff bought him three candy bars and

To Spend Day Campaigning In Oakland

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Fresh from a TV debate Tuesday night with Gov. John B. Swainson, Republican candidate for governor George W. Romney comes to Birmingham today for a political rally.

Romney will give a five-minute talk in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham at 1:35 p.m.

County Republican headquarters in Birmingham announced that Romney-Bloomfield Hills resident and former automotive executive will spend most of the day in Oakland County.

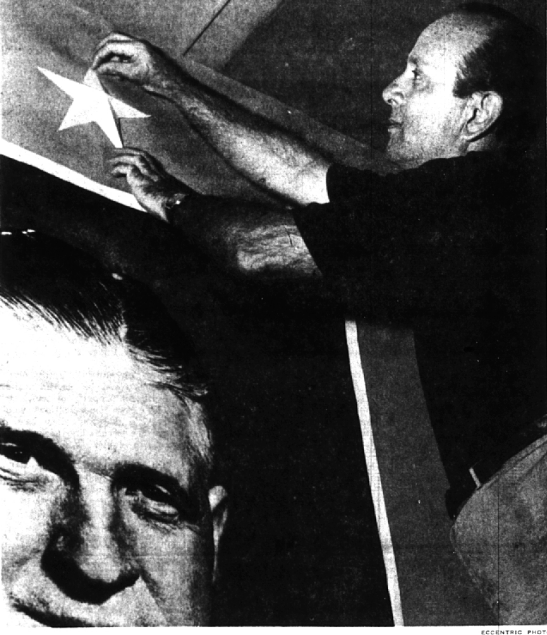
Accompanying him on part of the day will be L. William Seidman, Republican candidate for auditor general.

IN CHARGE of Romney's schedule while he is in Birmingham will be Dale Winnie, campaign manager for State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts and State Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr.

The latter two will be Romney's official hosts.

At noon, Romney will attend the luncheon meeting of the North Oakland County Bar Association in Pontiac. At 12:45 p.m. he will appear at the Pontiac Rotary Club luncheon.

From there he will come to Birmingham for the Shain Park talk.



ARTIST ROBERT THOM applies the finishing touch in a redecorating project at 191 S. Woodward into an office for the Volunteers for Romney headquarters in Birmingham. Overnight almost, workers trans-

S'field Road Zoning Pondered by Lathrup

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

LATHRUP—A detailed list of proposed zoning on portions of Southfield and 12 Mile roads was read to the council Monday by Councilman Vincent Lathrup. As outlined, the changes would open much of the property along the two roads to specified types of commercial and professional use. It is presently zoned residential.

City Attorney Everett Hayes was directed by the council to draft the proposed changes into an amendment to the zoning ordinance so that the council might begin work on it.

ZATELL SAID he anticipated further changes by the council and said the list was the outcome of numerous council study meetings, plus some of his own ideas. He said the council earlier had recognized the necessity of "doing something" about the zoning because of the widening of Southfield.

The council has been meeting with the city development advisory committee and the zoning board of appeals in considering petitions to the use of the land areas.

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THE GUBERNATORIAL candidate will tour two area plants. At 2 p.m., accompanied by the "Romney Girls," he will greet workers at the AMT plant at 15 Mile and Rochester roads.

His next stop, "for hand-shaking and a tour," will be at the Indusro Motive plastics plant on Rochester near 15 Mile, at 2:35 p.m.

Romney and the "Romney Girls" will be in Rochester for a short tour at 3:05 p.m.

From 3:45 to 8:30 p.m. Romney will be shaking hands with persons attending a community play at Oak Park High School. Both the "Romney Girls" and the "Oakland Girls" will accompany him this time.

Plans call for Romney to visit the Armenian-American Cultural Center at 2001 Northwestern Highway in Southfield at 8:45.

SEIDMAN WILL make a hand-shaking trip to Birmingham in the morning, then will join Romney for lunch in Pontiac.

At 1:30 p.m. Seidman will attend a coffee gathering at the home of Mrs. Ray Giffels, 929 Glenary Road, Bloomfield Township.

Then will come more hand-shaking at the county building and at

Final Day Brings Out Big Crowds

Monday was variously labeled as "frantic" and "a madhouse" by city and township clerks who spent a busy Oct. 8 taking last-minute voter registrations for the Nov. 6 general election.

In some Birmingham area communities, residents visited clerks' offices in a steady, all-day flow. In others, they arrived in surges, especially as the 8 p.m. deadline approached.

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley said that her office registered 387 persons Monday.

"THE TURNOUT was very good for an off-year election," said Miss Hanley.

The total number of persons who have registered since the Aug. 7 primary in Birmingham was 1,663. That makes an estimated total registration of 16,099.

Last week's special booth set up at the railroad commuter station attracted 104 persons, Miss Hanley said.

In Bloomfield Hills, City Clerk Robert J. Stadler said the city wound up Monday night with a record number of registered voters. Its rolls now list 1,730 voters, 208 of whom have registered since the August primary.

Extended hours relieved the rush, Stadler said, and about 50 residents were registered Monday.

THE MASTER PLAN will be prepared by the firm of Villaman.

It is to be financed under Federal Act 701, by which the federal government furnishes three-quarters of its cost. The township's share of the first year's expenses will be \$5,200.

Its preparation is expected to take two years, with an additional sum forthcoming from the township before its completion.

THE TOWNSHIP made application to participate in the 701 program last spring. Its application had not yet been processed in Washington but township officials expect acceptance in the near future.

Control of the master plan remains completely with the local governmental unit under Act 701. Villaman-Leman will work closely with the township planning commission in formulating details of the plan which will direct future development in the township. Final approval of the plan is in the hands of the township board.

B'ham Sailor Serves On Recovery Ship

A Birmingham sailor is serving aboard one of the ships which look part last week in the recovery operation for astronaut Walter M. Schirra.

He is Ensign Richard G. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Hubbard, 1321 Pierce.

THE ULTIMATE result of the

of school buses operating in the city's Commissioner William E. Roberts said, children "might be lured into a false sense of security."

The Commissioner William E. Bursum added:

"Plus the fact that we couldn't replace 'as soon as possible'."

PAID CIRCULATION OF Eccentric at All-Time Record

Circulation of The Birmingham Eccentric is at an all-time high, Circulation Manager Earl R. Williams announced today.

The paper now has more than 15,900 paid subscribers, Williams reported. This includes 12,506 copies home delivered (by mail and carrier) and record street sales of 3,429 copies.

Williams said the circulation staff had set a goal of 15,000 for Jan. 1, 1963, and thus has reached that goal three months in advance.

Sewers, Sidewalks, Streets Maintained by City DPW

Second of two articles; Recreation Department series starts next week. By LARRY EVOE, City Editor

Birmingham's Department of Public Works has grown from a small operation housed in a garage on Hunter Avenue to a sprawling plant on Eton Road.

The department is one of the largest in the city—only the police force is bigger—and operates under one of the biggest budgets.

While more than half of the yearly budget goes for the pickup and disposal of refuse, a great amount of the department's time and money is spent on maintaining the city's sewers, streets, and sidewalks.

BIRMINGHAM HAS 106 miles of sewers under its streets. A sewer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Clerk Mrs. Deloris M. Little said a steady all-day flow of people Monday added 560 registrants to the list with a total of about 1,850 registered since Aug. 31. The new total is 14,910.

In West Bloomfield Township, Clerk Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlain said her staff was "swamped" Monday, registering 200-250 persons for a total 1,704. About 727 of those have been registered since Sept. 1, she said.

Lathrup had a busy Monday, also, according to City Clerk Frank Derby who said about 75 people registered that day. A tally of 130 voters have been registered since Aug. 8, bringing the registration list up to 2,278.

Lisa Howard 2nd Speaker At Town Hall

Birmingham Town Hall's second lecturer in the 1962-63 season will be Lisa Howard, political and news reporter for the American Broadcaster Co.

She will speak from the stage of the Birmingham Theater at 11 a.m. on Oct. 18 and 19 and will be introduced by Mayor Florence H. Willett. Miss Howard will discuss "Must the Enemy Call the Tune?"

Following each lecture, luncheon will be held at the Village Woman's Club with a period devoted to questions and answers. The reservation list for the luncheon has already been filled, according to Town Hall officials.

MRS. FANNIE ADAMS, Southfield Township clerk, said registration rolls have swelled by 640 since the primary with 180 showing up Monday.

LWV's 2nd Edition Of "Know Your Town" Rolls Off Presses

The League of Women Voters, as a community service to the residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, has published a second edition of its booklet "Know Your Town."

The booklet gives information about area schools, governments, financial programs, voting, library and recreational facilities and many other pieces of useful data.

Copies may be obtained at the Baldwin Library or from Mrs. Lauren C. Hare, 1245 Henrietta, Birmingham.

Review School Bus Stand

Ask New Study Pertaining to State Law

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

The Birmingham city administration will restudy the school bus issue.

Not completely satisfied with their decision last month to not adopt the state school bus law for Birmingham, commissioners Monday night directed the city administrator to review the problem again.

Mayor Florence H. Willett brought the subject up for discussion.

She referred to a letter to the editor in last week's People's Editorial page. In that letter a woman reader criticized the commission for its reasons in rejecting the state law.

One of those reasons was the confusion that commissioners felt would result from the number of different kinds of buses carrying school children within the Birmingham city limits.

MAYOR WILLETT suggested that perhaps The Eccentric would wish to reprint full report by Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley in which he spelled out the reasons in detail.

(That report will be found in its entirety on Page 5-A.)

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