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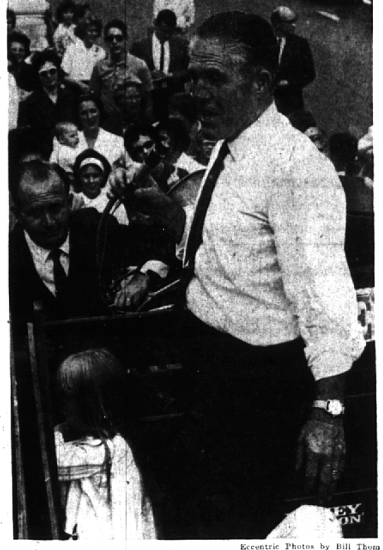
Following a welcome by Birmingham Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham and his daughter, Sarah, 11, . . .



George W. Romney boards the political band wagon . . .



Introduces his grandchildren, Jody Keenan, 4, and her brother, Brett, 2 . . .



And takes off on a campaign speech in Shain Park.

Eccentric Photos by Bill Thoms

Romney Campaigns In B'ham; Blasts Swainson Policies

By LARRY EVOE
 City Editor

Republican candidate for governor George W. Romney came to Birmingham last Thursday and took the town by storm. Riding in an open convertible, the ex-auto company president waved and smiled at the hundreds of persons lining the route of his caravan.

Romney's whirlwind stop in Bir-

mingham was part of a day-long campaign tour of south Okla. County. He also made stops in Pontiac and Troy.

A PARADE in honor of the GOP standard-bearer began at Woodward and Oakland and proceeded into the heart of town. . . . Pausing at Woodward and Maple, Romney hopped out of his car

Jaycees Plan 2 Week-End Pumpkin Sale

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce received permission from city commissioners Monday night to stage its annual pumpkin sale on the week ends of Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28.

K. M. Faber, chairman, said this will be the seventh annual pumpkin sale the Jaycees have conducted for the benefit of unfortunate and needy children.

HE SAID the Jaycees hope to raise enough money to present three \$500 scholarships, to one boy from three local high schools: Seaholm, Groves and Brother Rice.

Pumpkins will be sold door-to-door in Birmingham, Blomfield and Troy. Stands will be set up at the Franklin ester mill, First Federal Savings & Loan at Cranbrook and Maple and Bob's Shell Service on Hunter near Maple.

and shook hands with shoppers and businessmen.

Jumping back into the car, he rode the several blocks to the Wakebeck Building where he again left the auto.

Striding along the north side of the street, the candidate stopped and shook hands with passersby and well-wishers.

Noticing that employees of the Wakebeck Pharmacy were busy waiting on customer Romney entered the shop and shook hands all around.

TICKET TAPE showed down from the upper floors of the Wakebeck Building and covered the (See ROMNEY, 2-A)

Absentee Voters: Deadline Nears

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley today urged potential absentee voters to file their applications for ballots in the clerk's office "as soon as possible."

The office is located near the north entrance of the municipal building at Martin and Pierce.

Deadline to cast absentee ballots is 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. However, applications must be made in advance for the ballots.

B'ham Town Hall Second Program Stars Reporter

Lisa Howard, second lecturer in the 1962-63 Birmingham Town Hall series, will speak today and Friday at 11 a.m. at the Birmingham Theater.

Miss Howard will be introduced by Mayor Florence H. Willett. The topic at both performances will be "Must the Enemy Call the Tune?"

Following each lecture, a luncheon will be held at the Village Woman's Club with a period for questions and answers.

A POLITICAL AND news reporter for the American Broadcasting Co., Miss Howard's career has included appearances on stage and television. She has written articles on government and world affairs and is the author of a novel, "On Stage, Miss Douglas."

In the field of political reporting, she interviewed John F. Kennedy during his campaign and Krushchev when he visited the UN in 1960. She also covered both the Democratic and Republican National conventions prior to the last presidential election.

Briggs Building Is Sold

Contest Deadline Saturday! Last Chance to Win Trip, \$5,000 in Cash

See Official Entry Blank—7A

Get in there and pitch, Birmingham! We're in the stretch, with just two more days to mail those entries for Suburban Homemaker of the Year. Deadline is midnight Saturday, so don't delay so you won't regret!

Level with some lyrical know-how and "make someone happy" by making her the winner of the most exciting contest of the year, sponsored nationally by The Birmingham Eccentric and 49 other suburban newspapers throughout the country.

BIRMINGHAM Travel Agency will whisk the lucky winner to

Chicago via American Airlines for a two-day vacation, Nov. 15 and 16 at the glamorous Sheraton-Blackstone. She'll be wined and dined and attend the theater (all expenses courtesy of The Birmingham Eccentric); but, mostly important of all, she'll be part of award-winning ceremonies on a national scale, which could net our local lady a \$5,000 cash prize.

We want the 1962 Suburban Homemaker of the Year to be from OUR town—a boon to the community and living proof that suburbia represents the best!

WORRIED ABOUT writing an official entry blank—from this paper or from any of the 49 participating local merchants—and use the judging standards as your guide. Write simply and briefly (no more than 500 words), remembering to keep in mind:

Her spiritual and moral strengths in everyday relationships. Her concerns about her family's mental and physical health and well-being.

Her attractiveness—she doesn't have to be a raving beauty for she isn't looking for Hollywood any more than it's looking for her.

HER ABILITY to manage a good home that's a nice one to visit.

Her charm as a hostess, whether she's a marvelous cook or not.

Her ability to handle the family budget, which is reflected in what the family wears and how their home is furnished.

Her housekeeping, how she keeps order instead of chaos in spite of family activities—but not a perfectionist who cleans until it hurts.

And finally, THINK OF your nominee in terms of the love and affection you find in her home, the effort she makes to better her community and participate in things outside of her home.

So, Birmingham, scout yourself a candidate! You may pick the 1962 star suburban homemaker of the year!

Theater Included In \$900,000 Deal

A Bloomfield Hills attorney has purchased the Briggs Building, the Birmingham Theater Building, the Birmingham Theater and an adjoining parking lot from the Briggs Trust.

Bernard F. Powell, 1290 Orchard Ridge, president of Powell Management, Inc., made the purchase. He has offices at 233 Briggs Building.

Powell, who also owns the Bellevue Biltmore Hotel in Belleair-Chlorwater, Fla., said the purchase price was \$900,000. The transaction was completed Monday.

THE TWO-STORY Briggs Building, the Birmingham Theater Building, the Birmingham Theater and an adjoining parking lot from the Briggs Trust.

Briggs in the late 1920's the building has 42,000 square feet of floor space. In 1950 the building was modernized and the second floor finished.

The Birmingham Theater Building also houses retail outlets and offices in addition to the 1,200-seat movie theater.

The theater will continue to operate under the direction of the United Detroit Theaters, Powell said. The nearby parking lot has facilities for 100 automobiles.

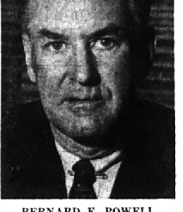
NEGOTIATIONS FOR the purchase had been going on since early July, according to Powell. Sellers of the property were Harry Sisson, Peter J. Monaghan and Florence J. McCredie, operating under the Briggs Trust.

Attorneys for the purchaser were Lawrence Rothenberg and Frank W. Donovan; while John Higgins of Wurzer, Higgins and Starr handled the arrangements for the trust. E. K. Sheridan and Russell Pickard were the brokers.

POWELL, LONG active in real estate circles, said the facilities of

the buildings "would be improved over a period of time."

Powell has also been associated with Roger Stevens of New York, former owner of the Empire State Building.



BERNARD F. POWELL

Lord Fisher To Preach At St. James

The Most Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, DD, LL.D., Lord Fisher of Lambeth, retired archbishop of Canterbury, will be guest preacher at St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday at the 9 a.m. service, as part of a week-long visit to the metropolitan area.

The Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, rector of St. James, will act as chaplain for the archbishop during his stay in Detroit. He will accompany him at all church services and civic functions.

LORD FISHER will tour a Ford plant on Tuesday and will receive an honorary degree from Assumption College, Windsor, on Wednesday.

The former head of the Anglican Communion will preach at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, and at the Church of the Restoration, Ecorse. Aside from these, the arch- (See FISHER, 2-A)

Main Topic Oct. 22

Codification of Birmingham's laws—an ordinance updating and simplifying all of the city's ordinances—will be the main topic for consideration at the Oct. 22 city commission meeting.

All makes of inner spring mattress need ROYAL MATRESS COMPANY, LI 2-6000.

Prayers, School Buses Hills B of E Topics

By RAY SMITH
 Special Writer

Two highly controversial issues, transportation of children to parochial schools and the school prayer issue—probably the hottest controversies in educational circles around the country—came up for discussion at Tuesday's Bloomfield Hills Board of Education meeting.

The school bus question came up as a result of a letter from Keith J. Ackley, 1920 Northover Drive, who has children in St. Hugo's and all three are Catholic schools. Ackley asked the board to transport his children to these schools.

MICHIGAN LAW allows parochial school children to be so transported, if the particular public school district wishes to do so—permissive legislation, but not required. Some Michigan districts do provide such transportation.

The Bloomfield Hills board didn't

wish to do so—unanimously. "School buses now filled," "shortage of buses," "possibility of having to transport children to all schools, both parochial and private, or transport them outside the district" were some of the reasons given for the board's action to continue their policy of not transporting children to schools other than public ones.

DIFFICULTIES in setting a date on which to discuss with Stratton Brown, the board's attorney, what effect recent Supreme Court decisions will have on the prayer-in-schools problem, put this discussion off until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.

Action will not be taken at this meeting. It will be held to discuss such topics as the court's decision on the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading in schools.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, transportation for special education students was discussed. A report from Mrs. Verne Sarge, representing parents, pointed out that at present parents are reimbursed for transporting the children as approved by the state. This policy began two years ago, costs about \$1,500 per year.

(See TOPICS, 6-A)

Gwynn's Has Unusual Ad

An unusual advertisement, by Gwynn's clothing store at 112 S. Woodward, Birmingham, appears on Page 1-C of this week's Eccentric.

It consists of a piece of material (100 per cent worsted) used in the manufacture of a certain type of men's slacks.

In all, 48 man hours were required to glue the pieces of material to the cover pages of the copies of that section of the paper. This type of ad is seldom used in newspapers because it must be done manually rather than mechanically.

Behind Our Front Page

- Amusements
- Arts of Living Page
- 4-D Bridge
- 4-D Obituaries
- 4-D Potpourri
- 6-B Real Estate
- 1-B Schools
- 6, 7, 8-C Society
- 2-C Sports
- 8-1 This and That
- 1-B Theaters
- 6-D Yesterday Happenings

Comments from...



CLASSIFIED

Fall Cleaning? Sell Through Fast Action Eccentric Classifieds!

CALL MIDWEST 4-1100 (A friendly ad-visor of The Eccentric will help you word your classified ad.)

City Rec Department Unique

Functions Under '2-Parent Plan'

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the functions of the Recreation Department.

By LARRY EVOE
 City Editor

The recreation department in the city of Birmingham has "two parents" but only one "boss."

Under a city ordinance passed in the spring of 1947, the city and school recreation programs were combined into one comprehensive organization.

The ordinance states that the city manager and the superintendent of schools shall automatically become members of the seven-man board. Two members are appointed by the city commission and two by the school board. The other chair is filled by a joint city-school appointee.

CURRENTLY, THE board is made up of L. R. Gare, city manager, William H. Burgum and William C. Allee, representing the city. Dr. Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of schools, E. Ross Hanson, William H. Jackson, represent the school district. Roland Reese is the present joint appointee.

The board is responsible for the recreation program and policies

and carries them out through the recreation director, Don Martin, and his staff.

Birmingham's type of set up is recommended by most recreation authorities, for it recognizes the interest of both taxing bodies.

FROM BOTH the city and the schools the recreation board receives the use of facilities plus cash allocations which go to offset the cost of supplies, leadership and services.

Currently, the recreation department is operating on a \$111,388 budget. Of this amount, approximately 83 per cent was contributed each by the city and the schools. Fees and charges for facilities bring in (See PLAN, 2-A)