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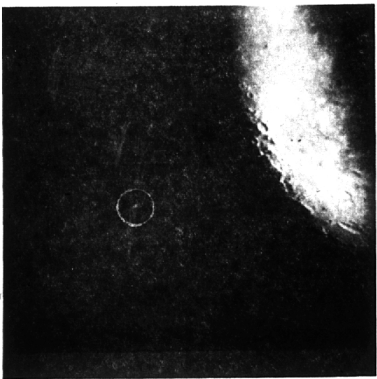
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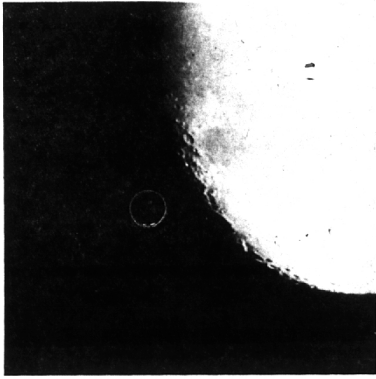
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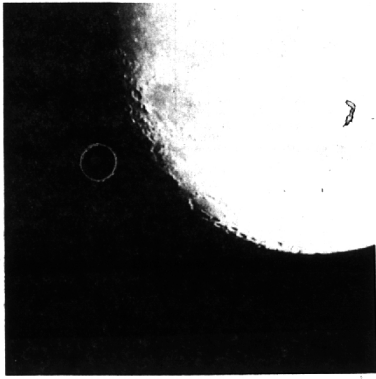
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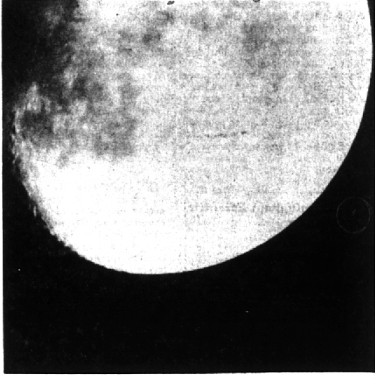
On the evening of Sept. 10, the planet Saturn was "occulted" by the moon—an event which happens about once every 10 years, according to William Bidelman, professor of astronomy at the University of Michigan. The above photos were taken



by Maurice H. Smith of 1527 Benvaille, Birmingham, through a six-inch reflector telescope which he made himself. The first picture was taken about 20 minutes before Saturn went behind the moon. In the second picture, the edge of the ring has just



disappeared behind the moon. In the third, the ball and rings of Saturn are half behind the moon and half visible. The last one shows Saturn about five minutes after it has emerged from



the other side of the moon, after being behind it for about an hour. The exposure was one-fifth of a second at F-5, said Smith, and the telescope was set at 60-power (magnified 60 times).

Township Ponders \$1,800,000 Motor-Hotel on Woodward

Citizen Right to Initiate Ballot Questions Studied

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

An amendment to the Birmingham city charter may be forthcoming to make it possible for citizens to initiate ballot propositions.

A letter from a local attorney

Gale Leaving B'ham for Salem, Ore.

led off a brief discussion of this possibility at Monday night's commission meeting.

The attorney, Walter R. Denison, 114 S. Woodward, asked, "Would the commissioners consider and place on the ballot for the vote of the citizens an initiative petition submitted to the city in accordance with the general terms set forth in the Michigan statutes?"

The question followed his statement that a study of the city charter "indicates that it contains no provision for initiative, referendum or recall."

WHAT DID he mean specifically, commissioners wondered Monday night.

Was he asking the commissioners if they would place a question on the ballot to amend the charter?

Was he asking them to consider placing a specific question on the ballot?

They directed the city administration to answer his letter, requesting more information, and to seek an opinion from the legal counsel.

CONTACTED BY THE Eccentric, Denison said he wanted an answer to this question:

"If a petition was submitted that met the requirements for an initiative petition, would the commissioners honor it and place it on the ballot?"

He was not asking for an amendment to the charter.

Commissioners pointed out that it is too late to place a proposition on the Nov. 6 ballot—the deadline has passed for filing such a petition with the county clerk.

COMMISSIONER Carl F. Ingraham said Monday he assumed that the request was prompted by "the anti-fluoridation group; they wanted to get it on the ballot."

Ingraham was the target of a last-minute attack before the April city election this year by a group of people opposing fluoridation of the city water supply. However, no mention of this was made at this week's meeting.

He had introduced the subject to the commission and advocated fluoridation. Commissioners adopted a resolution recommending to

Detroit that it fluoridate the water supply. Birmingham, like many area communities, buys its water from Detroit.

ASKED BY THE Eccentric whether he was making his inquiry on his own behalf or in the interests of a client, Denison said he was doing it on the behalf of one person, whose identity he was not authorized to disclose.

He said only one person was authorized to speak for the anti-fluoridation group and he was not that person.

"DO WE WANT to amend the (See RIGHT, 7-A)

B'field Hills To Dedicate Post Office

Saturday is dedication day for the Bloomfield Hills post office.

Ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. on the platform at the rear of the new building on E. Long Lake Road east of the city hall. The public is invited.

Donald L. Swanson, Chicago regional director for the Post Office Dept., will deliver the dedicatory address. He is a former mayor of Southfield and former director of the Michigan State Fair.

INCLUDED IN the hour-long program will be music by the 65-piece Bloomfield Hills High School Band, welcoming remarks by Postmaster Herbert J. Dyble, remarks by City Commissioner Henry L. Woodliffen on behalf of Mayor John S. Bugas and presentation of a community plaque to the postmaster by Woodliffen.

The \$125,000, 8,200-square-foot building replaces the old post office on Long Lake west of Woodward. Opened in August, it was constructed under a 29-year lease-purchase agreement.

THE HILLS facility was established Feb. 26, 1929, as a fourth class post office. It was changed to a presidential class on July 1, 1930. Dyble is the eighth postmaster.



Citizens, Educators Confer

One of the highlights of the first meeting of the Birmingham PTA Council was the appointment of the chairman of the Citizens Elementary Curriculum Committee. The committee's purpose will be to evaluate the elementary educational program in terms of the needs of the youth of the Birmingham Public Schools.

Here, from left, George Whitehead, PTA Council president, William Lyman, Curriculum chairman, Dr. Otis Dickey, superintendent of schools and William Corliss, head of elementary education, discuss plans for the coming school year. (See related story on page 2-E.)

Lathrup City Clerk Stays; Police to Guard Crossing

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

LATHRUP—Although the council meeting Monday had the aspects of an audience-participation show at times, councilmen succeeded in reversing the decision of the city clerk to resign and postponed withdrawal of police protection from a school crossing.

But the residents—about 75 of them—stayed on, apparently anxious to learn about government at its grass roots.

City Clerk Frank Derby, whose resignation had been accepted by City Administrator Jerald Stone, prior to the meeting, asked for a hearing at which he could discuss his reasons for resigning.

HE SAID he would reconsider his action, that it was "a personal thing that can be repaired."

Noting that members of the audience "seemed to know more than some of the councilmen," Councilman John Kohl asked that the matter be aired "now."

Derby said use of his own car on city business had led to his paying money out of his own pocket and indicated that he wanted more salary. He was passed over in recent merit pay raises, on the recommendation of Stone.

Derby also said he felt the City should pay for his membership in various city clerk and assessors' associations and should allow him to attend conventions in this field.

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Charles Gale, for seven years superintendent of the Birmingham parks and forestry department, today announced his resignation.

Gale has accepted the position of director of regional parks in Salem, Ore. He will begin his duties there Nov. 1.

He will be responsible for the management and development of a broad park system, ranging from parks in the downtown area to beaches and mountain parks for camping.

Actually, his position covers the city of Salem and two counties, Polk and Marion.

Officially, he will be working for (See GALE, 6-A)



Store to Conduct All-Night Sale Oct. 5

By DAVE PHILPO
Staff Writer

The lights will burn all night. And don't be too surprised at the hectic and hectic activity if you chance to drive down Hamilton Row in Birmingham during the new hours of Saturday morning, Oct. 6.

It is all part of Hawthorne Electrical Co.'s fifth marathon all-night sale, scheduled from 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, to 9 p.m. Saturday, the 5th.

REFRESHMENTS, gifts and door prizes will highlight the

store-wide sale which will see Hawthorne salespeople don colorful, floor-length nightgowns.

"The sale is designed to make people more aware of our change in location," said James Schmidt, vice president and general manager of the 48-year-old firm.

THE COMPANY moved into its new building at 315 Hamilton last May. It was formerly located at 162 N. Woodward.

An additional inducement this year to liven up sales during the "late hours"—from midnight Friday till 6 a.m. Saturday—was announced by Schmidt.

"To every adult that comes in during these hours, we will give a Columbia long-play record entitled 'Music to Dream By,'" he said.

SCHMIDT SAID he expects the sale to be a "marked success."

"People seem to enjoy the idea that we're 'up all night,'" he said, with a smile.

Manufacturers' representatives will be on hand to demonstrate the newer stereo products and electrical appliances.

WHAT DOES the sales force

think about the affair?

"They all enjoy it," Schmidt said. "We might get a little bedraggled by Saturday afternoon, though."

The vice president predicted that coffee for the employes would "flow freely" in the early morning hours of the 36-hour sale.

OTHER OFFICERS of the family-owned firm are Mrs. C. M. Schmidt, secretary, 1937 N. Woodward; Birmingham, and Carus B. Schmidt, president, 2802 Pine Ridge Road, West Bloomfield.

Luxury Restaurant Included in Plans; Rezoning Requested

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

Rezoning of Woodward Ave. property between Manor Road and Big Beaver to allow erection of a \$1,800,000 luxury restaurant and motor-hotel is under consideration by Bloomfield Township.

At a meeting of the township board Monday night, board members postponed making a decision on the proposed zoning change until

Further study could be made. It will be on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting, Oct. 8.

The property has 173-foot frontage on the east side of Woodward. It lies south of the Gleaner and Barton office buildings. It is presently zoned for office building development, having been reclassified from general commercial when zoning changes were adopted by the township in June.

Town Hall's New Season Starts Today

Birmingham Town Hall initiates its 1962-63 season today and Friday's table today will include Dr. Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham Schools; Town Hall President Mrs. O. F. Pearson; Mrs. Peter Loomis, president of the Birmingham Board of Education; Mrs. Ralph Backus, vice president of Town Hall; and Mrs. Guy D. Hitt, luncheon chairman.

Following the lecture, luncheon will be held at Kingsley Inn, with Friday's luncheon to be at the Village Women's Club. Question-and-answer periods will be featured at both luncheons.

IN ADDITION to Dr. Gass and Levenson, guests at the speakers' table today will include Dr. Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham Schools; Town Hall President Mrs. O. F. Pearson; Mrs. Peter Loomis, president of the Birmingham Board of Education; Mrs. Ralph Backus, vice president of Town Hall; and Mrs. Guy D. Hitt, luncheon chairman.

Seaholm, Bloomfield Rank Among State's Top Prep Gridders

GILRAY STRESSES that the buildings would be placed on the (See HOTEL, 4-A)

Three of the area's schools rank among the best in the state in the current Associated Press poll of the football season.

Seaholm was ranked tenth in the state Class A ratings and Bloomfield Hills was ranked 24th. West Bloomfield jumped from 19th to eighth in Class B with its victory over Royal Oak and Bloomfield's 35-0 rout of Clarkston may be found on Page 1-E.

Details on Seaholm's surprise win over Royal Oak and Bloomfield's 35-0 rout of Clarkston may be found on Page 1-E.

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