

1962 in Review

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Birmingham, had been executive assistant general sales manager since May, 1960.

Issue Aug. 30
County Republicans announced that their candidate for governor, George Romney of Bloomfield Hills, would be main speaker at the third annual county GOP picnic and ox roast Saturday, Sept. 8. The affair was to be held at the John F. Ivory Farm on County Lake Road near Union Lake Village.

The question of permitting Beverly Hills to annex nine acres of Bingham Farms property, a part of the Dawson farm 80 feet from the end of Shagwood, was expected to come before Bingham Farms voters in November.

A new county-wide organization dedicated to the welfare of retarded children was formed in Oakland County. Called the Oakland County Council for Retarded Children, the group represented four parent organizations now serving retarded children in Walled Lake, Hazel Park, Ferndale and Pontiac.

Kenneth D. Cassidy, of Bloomfield Hills, vice-president in charge of industrial relations for Ford Motor Co., presented a check for \$500,000 to the Rev. Celestin J. Steiner, S. J., U. of D. chancellor, a contribution from Ford to the U. of D. Challenge Fund.

Mrs. Ted (Sally Sharp) Werner won her second women's golf title in three weeks at her home Forest Lake Country Club course. The WDGA match play victory was achieved with a one-under-par 77.

Issue of Sept. 6
A West Bloomfield Township nurse, Mrs. Patricia Fulton, was credited by the Oakland County Sheriff's office patrol director, Sgt. Donald Kratt, with saving the lives of at least three victims of a boat accident Sunday afternoon in Union Lake. Mrs. Fulton arrived before deputies or fishermen and directed volunteer rescuers.

A committee of Birmingham people studied the possibility of bringing Cuban refugees and their families to the area to live. The group was organized by the Rev. John A. Root, pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and Mrs. John VanderRoest, president of United Churchwomen.

A hearing continued in connection with the strike against 15 private clubs, while a spokesman for the striking Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders' union, said that no new clubs had been struck. Five Birmingham area clubs had been the target of the union in a bid for higher wages.

Edward T. Downs, 32775 Robinhood Drive, Beverly Hills, was chosen to teach a course in technical illustration and pictorial development at Wayne State Uni-

versity Applied Management and Technology Center.

The Seaholm and Groves football teams practiced daily in preparation for their clash which opened the 1962 season for both schools.

Issue of Sept. 13
Birmingham city commissioners decided against selling a portion of the City property at the old sewage disposal plant to help defray the cost of constructing a nine-hole municipal golf course. Gross revenue from sale of the property, if sold, was estimated at \$105,000.

A car-truck crash in Bloomfield Hills claimed the lives of Kathleen Ann Koehler, 20, of 4141 Far Hill, Bloomfield Township, and Jean Taylor, 20, of 1416 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park. The car in which the girls were hiding was struck by a 38-ton trailer truck at the intersection of Woodward and Chesterfield.

Firemen checked the remains of the fire-ridden home of Ernest F. Kern to determine the cause of the \$100,000 blaze at 923 Ridgewood, Bloomfield Hills. Public Safety Director Robert Stadler said the fire apparently started in a clothes closet.

The Birmingham Community Church had as a guest speaker the Rev. Yutaka Akichika, a Japanese minister who was converted from Shintoism to Christianity about 27 years ago.

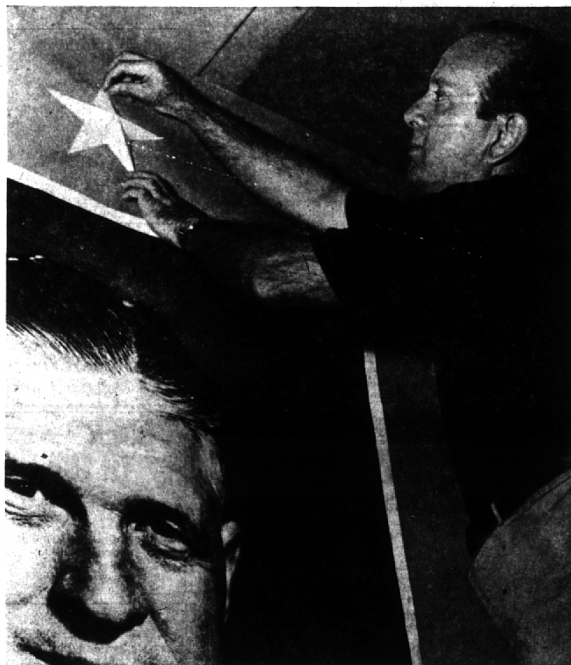
Birmingham and Bloomfield riders took most of the honors in the 40th annual Castle Park amateur horse show held at Pine Lake. Robert Lambert, riding Dragnet, was the winner of four blue ribbons.

Issue of Sept. 20
Birmingham Town Hall's first lecturer of the 1962-63 series was Sam Levenson, often described as a "tonic speaker." His audiences were treated to a healthy dose of humor as they listened to him discuss "Humor Is the World's Greatest Medicine."

The search for the nation's Homemaker of the year was launched locally by The Eccentric to find a woman to represent the Birmingham area and to compete for a cash award of \$5,000 in the finals at Chicago.

Ralph W. Muncy, Socialist-Labor candidate for congressman-at-large, stole some of the thunder from Democrat Neil Staehler and Republican Alvin Bentley when he made an unexpected appearance at a forum set up by the Birmingham League of Women Voters. Muncy was given equal time to explain his platform.

The Rev. Clement Wm. K. Lee, a Chinese-American, was assigned to serve in the Birmingham community. A minister of the Michigan district of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Pastor Lee was chosen to be the first assistant



Artist at Work in Volunteer Capacity

At the beginning of Gov. Romney's campaign, artist Robert Thom of Foxcroft, the former business establishment at 191 Bloomfield Township, applied finishing touches in a redecorating project at volunteers for Romney headquarters in Birmingham. Overnight almost, workers transformed

the establishment between midnight and 6 a.m.

Minoru Yamasaki and Associates, Birmingham architects, was chosen to design a great World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. The project was estimated at \$270,000,000 and will occupy a 15-acre site.

Mayor Florence H. Willett, of Birmingham; Dr. Otto M. Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham Schools; F. Ward Ouradnik, director of the Community House; and Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery of St. James Episcopal Church; were chosen to be the local judges of the Suburban Homemaker Contest.

Seaholm surprised many football pundits by beating highly-touted Royal Oak Kimball, 13-0, for the Maples' second win of the season. The win moved Seaholm into the number ten spot in the weekly Associated Press poll.

Issue of Oct. 4
A plan to build an art theater and hotel south of the Kingsley Inn on Woodward was brought before the Bloomfield Hills City Commission by F. T. Takis, owner of the Kingsley Inn. Estimated cost of the project was \$2 million, according to Takis.

The annual Torch Drive was begun with a quota of \$176,544 set for the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area. Regional chairman was Mrs. Charles C. Hilton, 1241 Westwood, Birmingham.

The new three-story Skillman wing on the Cranbrook

were John Mitchell, Walter Skinner and Patricia Morris.

Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield all remained undefeated as the Maples beat Port Huron, 43-6; the Barons took Northville, 7-0, and the Lakers trounced Milford, 27-0.

Issue of Oct. 18
Romney followed the campaign trail into home territory when he spoke in Shain Park Oct. 11. He arrived there via a caravan beginning at Woodward and Oak, after making frequent hand-shaking stops and being showered by tickertape from the upper floors of the Wabek Building on the way.

Sold in a deal completed Oct. 15 were the Briggs Building, the Birmingham Theater building, the Birmingham Theater and an adjoining parking lot. Purchase price was \$900,000 according to buyer Bernard F. Pwell, a Bloomfield Hills attorney. Sellers of the property were Harry Sisson, Peter J. Monaghan and Florence J. McCredie, operating under the Briggs Trust.

The first seminar of the

Oct. 19, said he felt the future of the theater in the United States today relied upon local community efforts.

Two art shows opened Oct. 21—one at the Birmingham Art Center, the other at the Little Gallery. A cross-section of works from local collections was seen in the show at the art center while the Little Gallery featured jewelry. Also in the "world of art," more than 300 penmen from throughout the state met at MSUO for a writers' conference co-sponsored by the Detroit Women Writers and MSUO.

Issue of Nov. 1
Named The Eccentric's Suburban Homemaker of the Year was Mrs. Ray S. Jacobs. She was chosen from among 10 finalists. Others were Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett, Mrs. Francis M. Fisher, Mrs. Charles Guesz, Mrs. Alfred Gurley, Mrs. Henry McQueen, Mrs. James Schmidt, Mrs. Arthur Underwood Jr. and Mrs. Maurice Weiner.

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George Richman posed in front of his new gift shop, 4080 Telegraph, south of Long Lake, when it opened early in November. The new 82 by 100-foot two-level building features one of the largest displays of early American furniture in the state, according to Richman. The original Wiggins store, established in Pontiac before 1900, was purchased by Richman and his wife in 1948.

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