

\$200,000 Fire Destroys Home In Bloomfield

Total damage was estimated at \$200,000 in a fire that destroyed a Bloomfield Hills home last Thursday.

The tri-level structure, valued at \$200,000, was owned by Dr. Ralph R. Margulis, of 150 Martell Drive, Contents of the house, destroyed in the blaze, had an estimated value of \$120,000.

THE FIRE, caused by a broken gas line, broke out about 11 a.m. as workmen for a small electric company were trying to locate a nearby water well.

Apparently, a gas line was nudged by the action of a post-hole shovel being used to move a water storage tank, causing a gas pipe fitting inside the home to tighten.

Although there was no explosion, the fire started immediately and spread to other parts of the house, according to Robert J. Stadler, director of public safety in the Hills.

Firemen from the Hills, Troy, Bloomfield Township and Cranbrook Foundation fought the blaze under control within two hours, yet mopping-up operations took another four hours.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS maintains no fire hydrants in the area. Water to fight the fire was supplied by tanker trucks, a nearby swimming pool and also from a Bloomfield Township hydrant at Quanton Road.

Mrs. Anga Cicarelli, mother-in-law of Dr. Margulis, said that she and a maid were inside the house when a workman from the Cranbrook Co. rushed in and shouted for them to leave.

Flames already had broken through the roof when firemen arrived, Stadler said.

City Donates \$100 To Memorial Fund

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night voted to contribute \$100 toward the Memorial Fund of the Michigan Municipal League in memory of its director, John H. Huss.

The money will be used for the betterment of municipal government, according to League President William G. Kirby.

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ATTEST: Donald H. Parsons, F. Douglas Campbell, Paul Neal Averill, Directors

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 1963. Grayce E. Lewis, Notary Public Oakland County, Michigan My commission expires Dec. 1, 1964



Kiwanis Elects Parking Meter Man President

Officers for 1963 of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club were formally inducted Jan. 8 at the annual Installation and Ladies' Night Dinner held in Greenditch's Bloomfield Room, Birmingham.

Richard F. Huisenga, past lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis District Five and assistant superintendent of schools of Rochester, conducted the official installation ceremony.

The 1963 officers are Jack L. Fawcett, Birmingham parking meter superintendent, president; Bernard P. Reese, A.I.A., engaged in private architecture practice, first vice-president; William R. Brownfield, Birmingham city planner, second vice-president; Charles E. Lundy, principal of Groves High School, treasurer; and Joseph F. Ludack, Jr., staff accountant with Lawrence Scudder & Co., secretary.

Al Thomas, 1962 president and an instructor at Washington Junior High School, Pontiac, will be responsible for increasing the Birmingham Club's membership and aiding in the establishing of new clubs in the district during 1963.

Coding of Laws Up for Action

A formal resolution on the proposed codification of Birmingham ordinances will be presented to the city commission at next week's meeting.

Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning said that the alterations and corrections have been made in the final draft of the code.

The codification consists of re-modeling some old laws, writing new ones and discarding obsolete ones. It is actually a means of simplifying the city's ordinances by organizing, updating and unifying them.

Kenning said the codifier has requested that the codification be formally adopted prior to the printing of the document.

What Is It—Wrestling Match? No; It's State Political Scene

The state political scene here a mild resemblance this week to a wrestling match with the participants waiting to sweet melody in the arena and occasionally exchanging some telling jabs.

Gov. George Romney and Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh traded blows a possible "return" bout involving the governor and former Gov. G. Mennen Williams was predicted, and a bit of sparring began ahead of the Feb. 15-16 GOP State Convention in Grand Rapids.

The opening event was Romney's State of the State message delivered last week before the legislature.

Cavanagh endorsed the governor's stand on aid-to-dependent children of unemployed parents, noting a saving in direct relief case costs in Detroit. He also applauded

Romney's plans to enact a minimum wage and to effect changes in discrimination in housing and other areas.

Cavanagh, however, foresaw trouble for a fiscal reform plan due to an income tax because of a possible shakeup in the state house taxation committee. Some experts predict that such a shake-up might stick the committee with Republicans who are opposed to this type of tax.

ROMNEY, SPEAKING at the annual meeting of the Detroit Convention Bureau Friday, praised Cavanagh for his efforts to attract 1964 national political conventions to Detroit and urged promotion of Detroit and the state as convention and tourist attractions.

Romney seemed unworried about the possible prospect of facing

Williams in a 1964 gubernatorial race. Williams recently opened the door by indicating that he might run if President John F. Kennedy decided he was needed as a candidate.

ON WEDNESDAY, the governor met with the state's congressional delegation in Washington, D. C., to discuss ways to line up federal programs and funds for Michigan.

But the biggest news item in Romney's two-week-plus tenure of office were his State of the State message and week-end developments over the chairmanship of the state GOP.

Highlight on the intra-party maneuvering was the resignation of George M. Van Peursem as Republican state chairman.

The action climaxed weeks of speculation over his chances to retain the post and paved the way for a guessing game as to who will replace him.

ALTHOUGH Romney said he knew of three persons whom he would consider qualified for the \$21,000 per year, top party job, he cited only Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., citing him for his ability in organization.

Romney stressed this quality as the state party's greatest need and said the new chairman's major task would be consolidation of Romney Volunteers, who helped elect him, with regular Republican ranks.

The governor said that Elliott would not want the post unless he is the choice of the convention and emphasized that the no one individual should make the choice of party chairman.

VON PEURSEM said he had been made several general offers for a post in the Romney administration but indicated that he would accept private employment offers.

Meanwhile, party leaders speculated that a battle for the post might result from a grass roots movement for Jack A. Gibbs, head of the city's metropolitan Detroit office. Gibbs has said that he is considering being a candidate; Elliott said he could not see Gibbs and himself opposing each other.

MIXED REACTION to Romney's State of the State message was generally divided along party lines with Republicans praising the governor's idea of a two-stage attack on state problems.

Romney suggested that essential legislation be passed in a short regular session to destroy the national image of Michigan as a "nothing organism." He said other action could be delayed until a special session after Labor Day.

U. S. Sen. T. J. Levin, a Democrat, summed up some of his party cohort's reactions when he

said the speech spelled out a plugging approach.

ROMNEY ADVISED wide spreading before presenting tax reforms and listed a series of issues that should be dealt with, now or later.

Immediate attention should be given the budget, discrimination, federal aid to dependent children, a state minimum wage law and fair apportionment of the state's 19th congressional seat, he said.

In a post-Labor Day session, Romney said, the legislature could handle duties arising from passage of the state's proposed new constitution, should voters adopt it April 1.

Other fall business could be tax reform, the delay allowing his newly-appointed financial management task force time to make recommendations, Romney said.

He recommended enactment of a balanced state budget, with most of the current operating surplus put to use to reduce the general fund deficit of \$85,600,000 at the start of the fiscal year.

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CORRECTION

The address was inadvertently omitted in the DUBUC SALES and SERVICE ad on page 5-CC. Location is 4701 N. Woodward, one block South of 14-Mile Rd., West side of Woodward.

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