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Hills Youths State Relay Runners

By KEN WEAVER
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Three Bloomfield Hills athletes will participate in the Olympic Torch Relay which started in Los Angeles Friday and which will end in Detroit Wednesday.

They are Ulrich and Goetz Klopfers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar E. H. Klopfers, 1401 Echo Ave., and Robert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Smith, 1490 Kirkway.

The three youths, former cross-country and track stars at Bloomfield Hills High School, will be among the 15 Michigan runners

who will carry the butane-fueled Olympic torch from New Buffalo, Mich., to Detroit.

Reason for the relay is to focus national and international attention on Detroit and its bid for the 1968 summer Olympic games.

The idea was originated by Wayne Klein, former publisher for The Community House in Birmingham. Klein, employed by the Young & Rubicam advertising firm in Detroit, serves as general coordinator of the relay.

IN MICHIGAN, each runner will carry the torch for three

miles, then will have at least a six-hour rest. Each is expected to run three or four times in the 29 hours it is expected to take to cross the state's 225 miles.

Michigan youths are scheduled to pick up the torch from the Indiana runners at 2 p.m. Wednesday and to hand it to Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh at the City-Country Building at 7 p.m. Thursday.

In all, some 200 runners will participate in the 2,521-mile run from Los Angeles, longest relay run in history. It will take 318 hours to complete.

The runners are being provided by the National Amateur Union (AAU).

REPRESENTING THE U.S., Detroit is competing with Lyon, France, Buenos Aires and Mexico City for designation as host city for the 1968 Olympic Games.

The Detroit Olympic Committee will deliver a 45-minute presentation before the 64-member International Olympic Committee (IOC) at Baden-Baden, Germany, on Oct. 18.

The IOC will announce its decision on Oct. 19.

Detroit was selected as the United States' choice for the Games twice—the second time coming after a controversy with Los Angeles.

The Olympic-style runners started from California on U.S. 60. In Chicago they will switch to U.S. 12 and will traverse it through Indiana. From New Buffalo they will follow I-94 across the state to Detroit.

GOETZ KLOPFER, 21, is the No. 2 man on the Wayne State University cross-country team this fall. He has won several AAU

titles in Michigan.

He is the junior national 50-kilometer walking champion and finished fourth in the senior national 50-kilometer walk in Detroit last summer.

WSU cross-country and track coach Frank McBride said Goetz has to "move up only one position" in the 50-kilometer walk in national competition to make the Olympic team.

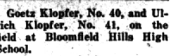
A junior at Wayne, Goetz is majoring in mechanical engineering.

HIS BROTHER Ulrich, 23, recently transferred to Wayne from the University of Michigan. A sophomore, he runs on the freshman cross-country team. McBride called him one of the "two top runners" on the frosh unit.

"A very strong runner, he was one of the outstanding track men on our team last spring," said McBride.

He ran the mile, 1/4-mile and 2-mile in the "personal best time in all three," the coach reported.

He said Goetz finished third and Ulrich fourth in the 30-kilometer run in the Michigan AAU championships Sunday at Belle Isle.



Goetz Klopfers, No. 40, and Ulrich Klopfers, No. 41, on the field at Bloomfield Hills High School.

The Klopfers came to the U.S. about 10 years ago from East Germany. Both are naturalized U.S. citizens.

SMITH, 19, is in his second year at the School of Arts and Crafts in Detroit. He is taking an industrial design course.

He was an outstanding cross-country runner at Bloomfield Hills High and has been one of the strong runners in the Michigan Road Runners Club, main sponsor of AAU runs in Michigan, said McBride. (McBride is president of the club.)

Smith also was "an outstanding miler" in high school track, according to McBride.

LWV Gives Qualified Support to Tax Plan

Greater Flexibility On Local Level Asked

The League of Women Voters of Michigan, including the Birmingham and West Bloomfield units, has announced qualified support of Gov. Romney's proposed tax program.

In testimony Sunday before the House Taxation Committee in Lansing, Mrs. Robert Forch, second vice president of the state League, stated: "League members feel the proposed tax reform program, with some changes, is a good one. We find that the governor's tax proposals incorporate many features which are part of long-standing League taxation positions."

Businessman Sues City in Golf Accident

A \$400,000 insurance claim against the City of Birmingham by a Troy businessman involving a golfing accident at Springdale Park has been referred by city commissioners to the insurance carrier.

Robert Wesler, 6600 Livorno, claims he was struck and blinded in one eye by a golf ball hit by a Birmingham boy. The incident occurred on Aug. 26.

In the claim Wesler, 57, is asking for \$500,000 for himself and an additional \$100,000 for his wife. The claim charges the boy drove the golf ball "directly into the eyes" of Wesler.

THE CLAIM says the City is liable to Wesler for "breach of implied warranty to provide a reasonably safe place to be under all circumstances."

It also charges negligence on the part of the City in operating a golf course for profit laid out in a manner in which Springdale is and in permitting an "immature and unqualified" boy to play the golf course. The City is also charged with not properly supervising the operation of the course and seeing to it that rules for warming other players are enforced.

WESLER'S CLAIM is for "pain and suffering, hospital and medical expenses, disfigurement, disability and loss of earnings."

The \$100,000 claim for Mrs. Wesler is for her suffering since the mishap.

League members are speaking with the governor and other officials in each of the regional meetings that are being held to discuss their proposals.

Mrs. Brooks Marshall of Birmingham and Mrs. Jack Enrath of West Bloomfield were among local women who stated the League's position at one such meeting in the Oakland County Courthouse Monday morning.

SPECIFICALLY, the League supports the proposals for improved property tax assessment and administration, the personal income tax and exemption of food and prescription drugs from the sales tax and the early implementation of the new constitution concerning legislation for the allocation of the

Don't Burn Leaves Around Mailboxes

Birmingham-Bloomfield area mail carriers have asked The Eccentric to remind residents that burning leaves in front of mailboxes makes it extremely difficult to deliver the mail.

Although plugged to uphold their motto, "Through to rain, sleet and snow..." these postmen are not equipped for fire-fighting. The burning leaves also play havoc with the mailbox posts, especially if they are made of wood.

Patrons should also make sure that names and addresses on mailboxes are legible and that no cars or trucks obstruct the carrier's approach to the receptacle, postal officials emphasized.



AN IMPORTANT PART of Bloomfield Hills' community recreational program this year will be a teen-age club for eighth and ninth graders at the two junior high schools. The club will meet every other Friday night for sock hops, dancing instruction and games.

Expanded Recreation Program In Hills Includes Teen Club

By SAVILLA SLOAN
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Kinderpartners can attend drama, art or dancing classes... adults can learn a variety of subjects from bridge to woodworking... there will be a teen-age club especially for eighth and ninth graders... and for every shortage group there will be a wide choice of many activities on Saturday mornings.

This is the ambitious plan of the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Dept. which begins its expanded program for students this Saturday.

The department is directed by Edwin Wichert, former teacher and coach in the Bloomfield Hills school system. Wichert took over the newly created position of full-time recreation director this year, when the Bloomfield Hills School Board

Ireland's Wife Dies in Rome While on Tour

Mrs. Dwight B. (Opal Sheridan) Ireland, 63, died suddenly Friday in Rome, Italy, while on a tour of Europe with her husband.

Mrs. Ireland was stricken just prior to a scheduled visit to the Vatican.

She was a resident of Birmingham for 18 years prior to July of 1950, during which time her husband served as superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools. They formerly resided at 964 Pierce St., Birmingham.

Since Dr. Ireland's retirement, they had lived in Washington Court House, O.

IN ADDITION to her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Wendell Smith of Plymouth, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. Russell Schnell of Washington Court House, and Miss Alma Sheridan of Savina, O., survive.

Mrs. Ireland was a native of Savoy, Ill. (SEE WIFE, 6-A)

The Eccentric Has 16,000 Subscribers

Circulation of The Birmingham Eccentric today has reached the highest peak in the history of the paper.

Earl R. Williams, circulation manager, reported the paper now has a paid circulation of more than 16,000. It has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

The circulation area of The Eccentric today is nearly 50 square miles. This represents an area 10 times the size of Birmingham, itself.

OK Quorton School Area Tennis Courts

New tennis courts will be constructed in Birmingham's Quorton School Area.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the mayor and city clerk to enter into an agreement with the board of education for the construction of two courts on the southeast corner of Glenhurst and Oak.

The proposal to build the courts on the Quorton School grounds had been tabled by commissioners on Aug. 12 after several residents of the area opposed the project.

Commissioners had asked the recreation and school boards to study the possibility of placing the courts elsewhere in the area or at another spot on the school grounds.

IN A LETTER to City Recreation Director Donald Martin, Director of Education Frank B. Ross Hanson said his group felt it could "consider any proposition of locating these tennis courts on the existing play area because the site is only a medium size for an elementary school."

Hanson said the board was willing to turn the property over to the City for the courts because its loss would not hamper the school program.

City Manager L. R. Gare said the project had first been proposed because it was felt more recreational facilities were needed in the northwest section of the city. Similar projects have been constructed in the Lincoln and Southfield areas.

AN OFFER by the Quorton School PTA to conduct a survey among residents of the area to prove the need for the courts was rejected by the commission because (SEE TENNIS, 2-A)

Burgum Calls for Lower School Area Speed Limits

By LARRY EVOB
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Birmingham Mayor William H. Burgum has quietly been promoting a favorite cause of his late, but thus far has gotten little outward support from the community.

Burgum is in favor of reducing speed limits to 25 miles per hour in school zones regardless of the location of the school.

"He believes his lack of support up to now has probably been because of apathy and the normal resistance to a change."

It appears, however, that although nothing has happened in the city of Birmingham in regard to school speed zones, township residents are beginning to look into the problem.

A FEW WEEKS ago the Oakland County Traffic engineer's office announced that the speed limit in front of the Eastover School on Westview Road would be reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour after a battle with Bloomfield Township authorities.

The reduction, however, was not because of the fact the school was on the road but because the recent neighborhood build-up justifies a state residential limit of 25 miles per hour, the county road commission insisted.

Michigan, unlike some states, has no state law governing speeds in front of schools. It has a statute setting the speed limit at 25 miles per hour in residential zones. Individual communities have no power to set lower limits in school areas.

Robert Osgood, county traffic engineer, said traffic experts in Lansing do not favor reducing school zone speed limits.

IN HIS business travels as vice president of the Bass Construction Co. in Troy, Burgum has observed that other communities around the country have reduced the speed limits near schools.

He cited Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., as examples.

"These communities have established the law and the zones near schools are properly marked and the regulation is police-enforced," Burgum said.

"It appears other areas pay more attention to the problem than we do."

He noted that the difference in trying to stop a car traveling 25 miles per hour than one moving at 10 was considerably greater.

EVEN THOUGH the average adult driver slows down when he approaches a school zone, Burgum still believes the law is needed.

"Last year in Detroit alone, 13 school children were hit by automobiles and killed," Burgum said. "Maybe some of these accidents could have been avoided with a lower speed limit."

Burgum believes the reduced speed should not be in effect when youngsters are traveling to and from school. He can see no need for enforcing it on a 24-hour basis.

IF SUCH a law were passed it would probably pose an enforcement problem for a while, but (SEE LIMITS, 2-A)

Ford Attorney Gornick Retires After 16 Years

Alan L. Gornick, tax counsel and director, Office of Tax Affairs, retired from Ford Motor Co. Tuesday.

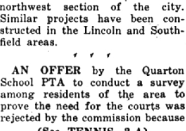
His decision to retire was prompted by a desire to devote more time and attention to his personal, professional and public interests.

Gornick joined Ford Motor on Oct. 1, 1947, as associate counsel in charge of tax matters. With the formation of the Office of Tax Affairs on Oct. 1, 1949, he became director of tax affairs and tax counsel.

Among his personal interests, he is a director and officer of Bloomfield Center, Inc., Bloomfield Hills; Otsego Ski Club-Hidden Valley, Inc., Gaylor; and the Seagate Hotel and Beach Club, Delray Beach, Fla. He resided at 290 Lons Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

A LAWYER by profession, Gornick is a member of the Michigan, New York and Federal bar associations and has been an active member of the tax committees of the American Bar Association, the Michigan State Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Detroit Bar Association.

He is a member of the board of directors and past national president of Tax Executives Institute, Inc., Washington, D. C.; advisory board and past president, Tax Institute of America, Inc., Princeton, N. J.; executive committee, National Tax Association, New York City; U. S. A. Council International Fiscal Association, New York; finance committee, Council of State Chambers of Commerce, Washington, D. C.; and the federal, state and local tax committees of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce.



ALAN L. GORNICK

Baldwin Clarifies Library Status of Township Residents

Although a contract has not yet been negotiated between the Bloomfield Township Library Board and Baldwin Library, township residents can use library facilities by purchasing a library card, according to Bloomfield Township Library Board member Mrs. John H. King.

A six-month card may be purchased for \$8.25. Should a contract be negotiated within that period, holders of cards will receive a refund based on the number of unused months, Baldwin Library officials said.

Since tax funds for establishing library facilities for township residents will not be available until April, 1964, the Bloomfield library board cannot enter into a final contract with Baldwin until approximately that time.

Jury Commission System Is 2-Year 'Experiment'

By LARRY EVOB
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Draper Allen is a man with a big task facing him.

He, 2348 Northlawn, Birmingham, along with Mrs. Dorothy Rowley of Hazel Park and Elmer Johnson, Waterford Township supervisor, make up Oakland County's newly established jury commission.

The commission, of which Allen is the chairman, will be responsible for the selection of jurors in the county.

"This is an experiment," Allen said, "but we want it to be a success."

The jury commission system, which is similar to those already in operation in Macomb and Wayne counties, will be tried in Oakland for two years.

ALLEN SAID his group first plans to go as far as they can in consulting with other counties on how their commissions are run.

"We plan to draw on other people's experience and seek both their advice and assistance," he said.

He said the commission also plans to confer with the Oakland County Bar Association, a long-time backer of the commission system, and the county circuit court bench.

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