

Council Candidate Delays Campaign

SOUTHFIELD—Elizabeth Molnar, candidate for council office in the city of Southfield, has cancelled all meetings and speaking engagements through Monday, due to the death of her father.

Mrs. Molnar lives at 25082 Rouge Court.

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could have this type of suburban living plus the advantage of nearby schools, why would we have done other than accept it?

Will this proposed school zoning be an attraction to prospective buyers of new homes in our booming surrounding subdivisions, do you suppose?

No, indeed.

The first question a real estate agent will have to answer is, "Why can't our junior high student attend that nice Derby School just down Adams Road?"

Let's hope the poor fellow will be ready with credible answer, a logical explanation as to why the child must ride the five miles or so to Valley Woods instead.

On such answers depends his livelihood.

"BUT," Westchester will say, we have the same question to answer with Seabloom High so near and our high school students attending Groves"—and indeed they do, but a two-mile bus ride for them seems much more reasonable than a five-mile ride for North Adams students.

Besides, it is quite evident Westchester residents have no objection to the cross-town trip to Derby for their junior high students.

While all of our children progress from elementary school to junior high to high school, it is a foregone conclusion that parents of three or more children will, at some time, have these children in as many different schools.

We all know this can be no other way.

BUT WHAT, now, of the parents who have a child already in one high school where he will remain (and rightly so) under the new arrangement, another child who will go into a different high school next year, and a third child who will be packed up and made ready for the long journey to Valley Woods Junior High in another year? . . . (Anyone for kindergarten?) . . . If children's sounds complicated and ridiculous, it is just that. Yet, there will be many families struggling through such a schedule.

ONE MORE thing—perhaps the crowning blow to all of us North Adams residents. There was never any official notification given us of any of these proposed changes. Westchester residents seemed to be "in the know" and promptly registered their disapproval. Bully for them.

North Adams would have done the same, given the chance, and our objections are as valid as theirs. Our very first intimation of the proposed changes came from the children themselves—a most vociferous, outraged and tearful

garble of what "they" were going to do to them.

THE TEACHERS had announced, the children said, the likelihood that "we may not get to go to Derby" or to Seabloom, as the case may be, and the hurt and futility were evident if the good English wasn't.

But who could think of grammar when the hopes and aspirations of the next three years (a lifetime to a child) were tumbling around them?

After sifting the mutterings and sniffings from the basic English, parents discovered some semblance of sense, and quickly called friends and neighbors to put the pieces together.

LATER, UPON inquiring why we were not advised of all this, we were told by the powers that be (the "they" of the children's outburst) that "it had been hoped the matter under discussion could be kept quiet," so words to that effect. A good thing Westchester Village was alerted — we may all have been taken unaware.

When all the chips are down, we all know the problem of overcrowded schools exists and we fully appreciate the sentiments of Westchester Village.

They are the same as those of Charing Cross, Hickory Heights and other subdivisions in the North Adams area.

BUT COULD there not be a more sensible solution to the problem, one that would be more satisfactory to all concerned?

If these new proposals go through, Groves High School and Valley Woods Junior High may have many new students next year, but we can be sure they will not be happy ones.

A RESIDENT OF BURNLEY DRIVE

Mayor Proclaims Boy Scout Week

Birmingham Mayor Florence Wilette has proclaimed today through Wednesday national Scout Week.

More than 85,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, are participating.

Friday marks the 53rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts, chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1916. Some 36 million boys and volunteer adult leaders have been affected by the Scouting movement since 1910.

The Boy Scouts of America now has an active enrollment of more than 5,200,000. This year's Scout Week theme is "Strengthen America . . . Be Prepared, Be Fit."

Happenings

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30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 9, 1933

Although termed a "dictator" because of his policies of poor relief administration, and threatened with mass opposition at the polls in the coming spring elections, Garner Miller, Twp Township supervisor, stood firm today in defense of his present welfare organization. The controversy centers around W. L. Asher, assistant welfare director, whose discharge is sought by a committee of taxpayers because he is not a resident of the township.

Bloomfield Hills police and sheriff's deputies were checking today what were believed to be valuable clues in the burglary last Sunday at the home of John H. DeVivier on Woodward avenue near Lone Pine road. An arrest may be expected momentarily, it was intimated by Police Chief William Putman.

An event of outstanding importance on the local sports calendar for 1933 is scheduled for Saturday evening at the William T. "Bill" Tilden, II, brings his company of professional net artists to Cranbrook School for a group of exhibition indoor matches. With him will be Emmett Pate, Hans Nusslein, and Bruce Barnes.

15 YEARS AGO
Feb. 5, 1918

Birmingham Fire Chief Verne W. Griffith indicated in an exclusive statement to The Eccentric yesterday morning that he will press for a complete evaluation of the Consumer Power Company's natural gas franchise in the City of Birmingham and will present several recommendations which he believes the City Commission should act upon immediately. These recommendations come as the result of several years' investigation of present gas service difficulties which culminated in the tragic gas explosion Sunday night which totally destroyed a Birmingham home and injured four persons, one of them critically.

Birmingham's present 14 city postal routes will be reorganized within the next 10 weeks in an attempt to provide residents with twice-a-day deliveries. Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne declared Tuesday afternoon. "It will take us that long to completely check the present routes, work in the recent extensions of service, and get the new routes into operation," he explained.

The Birmingham Chapter of the Save the Children Federation has been cited by the National Headquarters in New York City as being the most active and responsive chapter of that organization in the United States.

LWV Presents Question To Township Candidates

The primary election in Bloomfield Township on Feb. 18 will nominate only candidates of the Republican party. No Democrats have filed for office.

There are only two trustee posts for which there will be a contest in the primary. Of the three candidates for these posts in the primary, the two receiving the highest number of votes will be nominated for the office on the April 1 ballot.

The Birmingham League of Women Voters has obtained biographies of the candidates for trustees and each was asked to answer the following question: "In your opinion what is the most important aspect of future planning for Bloomfield Township?"

INCUMBENT ROBERT A. REID, 45, of 344 Tibury Road said:

"Within the functions of township government, all phases of future planning are important but to keep a fair balance of services within the range of reasonable revenues is essential. Police and fire protection must be increased with a growing population—this to include more effective dog control. Expanding our sewer and water systems should be encouraged.

Land use through zoning should continue to be carefully planned to preserve the fine residential character of our area and adequately provide for the necessary goods and services. A building department to enforce this zoning along with the enforcement of the building codes must improve and grow to adequately protect the residents.

LIBRARY SERVICE must be available, and a reasonable system must be worked out for providing and expanding this facility.

All the remaining functions of township government should gradually expand to meet the demands of a growing population."

Reid, who is president of the Reid Corp., won his bachelor of science degree at the University of Michigan. He is head of the Bloomfield Field Protective Association.

FREDERICK A. CHAPMAN, 32, of 4726 Pickering Road said: "In my opinion our most pressing concern in planning for the future of Bloomfield Township is to be fully prepared for the period of rapid growth and maturity that lies ahead. Planning for such basic needs as water, sewers and

improved roads is making good progress. It is vital that these plans continue to keep pace with the development of new subdivisions.

Less basic but equally important are the community's cultural, educational and recreational needs. Planning in these areas too must provide for anticipated growth. A long-range library program currently is under consideration.

In the master plan studies of the township planning commission on which I serve, we recommend a civic-cultural center near the township hall to serve as a focal point for community activities. Provisions also must be made now for future school sites."

HOLDER OF a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University and a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit, Chapman presently holds the post of highway commissioner in the township road committee, a member of the zoning board and vice chairman of the township planning commission.

He was a public relations representative for the Detroit Cerebral Palsy Center in the 1961 Detroit Torch Drive and is employed by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, Detroit.

ROBERT M. SINCLAIR, 35, of 1052 Rock Spring Road said: "Meeting pressing needs, while maintaining community characteristics, is the greatest challenge facing unincorporated townships today. Bloomfield's vigorous growth brings such needs as a library service, a comprehensive sewer and water system and expanded public facilities into sharper focus.

The most important aspect of future planning is the development of greater citizen participation in first, setting priorities on these problems and second, determining the best among alternative solutions to each problem.

COMMUNITY INTEREST, as evidenced in the new citizens library committee and the outstanding unity of our 25-square-mile base, can be a powerful combination in attacking civic problems. Bloomfield's health is guaranteed if its residents aid in pin-pointing needs and if they can see exactly how their tax dollars are invested in solutions.

In moving forward, Bloomfield's attractive residential characteristics must be maintained. Our new master plan carefully preserves the nature of our community, and only

Taxing Problem To Be Solved by Teaching Program

Students in 873 of the secondary schools in the State of Michigan will participate in the Internal Revenue Teaching Taxes Program through Apr. 15, according to R. I. Nixon, district director.

The District Office has received over 1,200 orders totaling more than 150,000 student kits. Nixon also states that a limited supply of teacher's kits and student handbooks are still available in the Detroit Office for distribution to schools. Principals desiring materials should address their requests to Teaching Taxes Coordinator, Box 84, Detroit 31.

Dog Licensing Time in Lathrup

available in the city offices, 28911 Southfield Road, until March 1 at the regular fee. After that date, the cost will be increased from the present \$2.25 to \$4.25.

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