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## Active Mich. Week Scheduled

### Fashion Show, Bike Race on B'ham Slate

#### Chairman Cites Goal for Citizens

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

Activities for Birmingham area residents from 10 to 30 will be held next week as the city celebrates the 10th annual Michigan Week observance May 19-25.

Everything from a top military band to an outdoor fashion show and a tandem bicycle race between the Birmingham service clubs will be featured during the seven days of festivities.

General chairman for the affair Robert L. Kilpatrick of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. said he hoped the celebration would prompt locally further citizen alertness to needs and potentials of Birmingham and Michigan and of their opportunities to serve.

MICHIGAN WEEK will open Sunday with many of the area churches offering special prayers on the state. Several churches are planning open houses.

On Monday, Government Day, Birmingham Mayor William H. Burgum will swap places with Mayor Gordon L. Thomas of East Lansing.

Mayor Thomas will be feted at a special luncheon at the Community House. Birmingham Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning said the city would also pay tribute to the many persons who serve on civic committees at the lunch.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert W. Page and his wife will play host to Mayor and Mrs. Thomas. The visitors will tour the downtown area and visit several of the Birmingham schools.

IN THE afternoon the official party will call on the Berry Door Co., Becker Orthopedic Co., the Bloomfield Art Association and Sprigdale Park.

Mayor Thomas, who is serving his second term on the East Lansing City Council, and the members of the Birmingham City Commission will dine at the Kingsley Inn.

In addition to the 50 volunteer members of the committees who have served without pay, the past city commissioners still living in the area will be guests of the city. Tuesday's Hospitality Day program will be headed by the Newcomers Club under the direction of President Mrs. Edward Talbert.

A group of about 100 hostesses in pink and white kitchen costumes will serve free refreshments from a sidewalk cafe at Henrietta and Bates.

ON WEDNESDAY, the annual joint service club luncheon will be held at The Community House as part of the Livelihood Day observance. After the outdoor barbecue those in attendance will be treated to a concert by the Continental Air Force Band.

The 60-piece band, under the baton of Chief Warrant Officer Nicholson, will perform at 11 a.m.

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## He Had a Million—for a While

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

I had a million dollars last week.

For about an hour the \$1,000,000 belonged to me and no one else. The money was mine to look at, handle, count or do anything I wanted to with it—except spend.

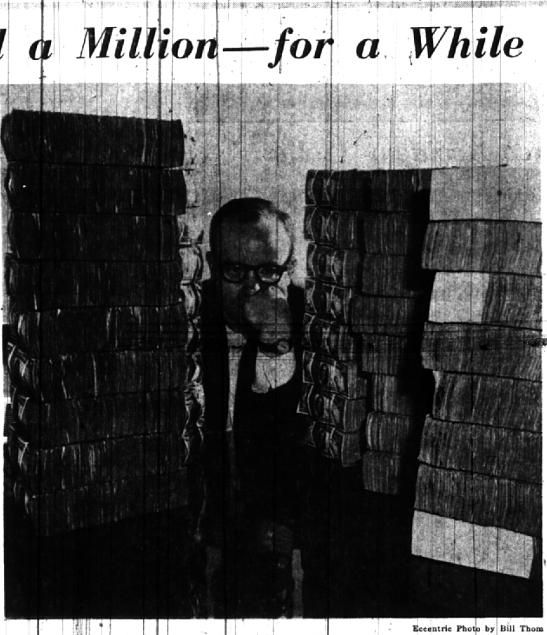
To borrow a phrase from the United States' first astronaut, Alan Shepard, "What a view!" Thanks to the efforts of Birmingham's Ed Leitch of Detroit Bank and Trust, I was able to fulfill one of my many suppressed desires as a newsmen.

THE MONEY, all in nice spendable fives, tens and twenties, was placed in one of the bank's safe deposit rooms for me.

Bill Thom, The Eccentric's photographer, and I had hoped we might be left alone with the money; but for security reasons the camera operator, why Bill and I age as honest as the day is long) several bank officials were with us at all times.

Although I was quite excited about the prospect of the whole affair, one of the bank officials, Edward Schroeder, dampened my spirits somewhat.

SCHROEDER, supervisor of vault tellers is an old hand at handling money and a millionaire. (See MILLION, 2-A)



Money, money everywhere! But not a sou to spend for Eccentric City Editor Larry Evoe.

## Give Tentative OK to B'field Hills Budget

### Rises Slightly, But Tax Same

By DAVE PHILPO  
Staff Writer

A slightly larger budget with no increase in taxes. That is the gist of the 1963-64 budget given tentative approval by the Bloomfield Hills City Commission Tuesday night pending a public hearing at 5 p.m. May 28.

The budget calls for income and spending of \$449,000, which amounts to a \$23,000 increase over last year's estimated budget.

However, the city's combined tax rate of 26.50 will remain unchanged. Of the total, \$20,488 is for the operating budget and \$6,322 is for debt retirement.

AN UNFORESSEEN expenditure—\$31,000 to Bloomfield Township for the extension of a water main to the Hills city limit—is expected to push the total expenditures to \$480,542 by the end of this fiscal year.

Initially, City Manager Elmer Kephart forecast a surplus of \$48,000 this year, \$30,000 of which is applied as "cash on hand" to the 1963-64 budget.

Of the remaining \$18,000, commissioners voted to allocate \$4,000 in the planning commission for consultant fees, granted a \$500 raise to Kephart and \$400 to City Clerk Robert J. Stadler; and approved payment of \$13,600 on a total debt of \$58,000 owed to Bloomfield Sites subdivision and Bloomfield Hills Estates.

BLOOMFIELD Sites will be paid \$10,000 and Bloomfield Estates will receive \$3,000, an appropriate payment of one-fifth of the total for each.

This will leave Bloomfield Hills with a 1962-63 surplus of \$100.

The budget gives all city employees a three per cent, across-the-board pay raise.

The police department is allocated \$29,000 and the highway department will receive \$22,000 for general maintenance and street lighting.

OTHER ALLOCATIONS include \$47,400 for administration; \$39,600 for the fire department; and \$29,500 for sewer payments.

Put aside for contingencies is \$34,800.

Principal sources of income are the tax for operating budget, \$255,200; and the tax for debt, \$78,400.

The assessed valuation for Bloomfield Hills is expected to rise from \$12,043,600 this year to \$12,414,600 in 1963-64. This is an increase of \$370,000.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK Gov. George Romney will be guest speaker at the 47th annual meeting of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan on Friday at the Bloomfield Country Club.

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## Candidates All

### 5 Men, 2 Women Vie for 2 Seats On B'ham Board

Seven persons have announced their candidacy for the Birmingham Board of Education.

Birmingham School District voters will be asked to elect two persons to the seven-member board at the June 10 election.

On the ballot in all districts will be the proposed Oxford County community college issue.

Incumbent George W. Coombe Jr., 4412 Parklane Court, Bloomfield Township, current vice president of the Birmingham school board, is seeking re-election to the board.

Mrs. Kathryn T. Loomis, 678 N. Eton, board president since 1958, is not running for re-election.

OTHER PERSONS seeking a four-year term on the board are Mrs. Louise Adams, William J. Berglund, Richard R. Galie, Charles A. Leach, Mrs. Jutta Letts and Mrs. Sally Saunders.

Coombe, '58, will be seeking his second term. A graduate of the University and the Harvard Law School, he has lived in Birmingham since 1953.

He has been active in the PTA and Citizens Committee for Curriculum Study and a Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. He has three children and is on the legal staff of General Motors Corp.

MRS. ADAMS, 325 Overhill, Bloomfield Village, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a former president of the Bloomfield Village PTA and is a member of the Citizens Elementary Curriculum Study Committee.

A former president of the U of M Alumnae Club of Birmingham, Mrs. Adams is working toward her master's degree in education. She has children enrolled at Albion College, Seaboard, Derby, Berkeley and Bloomfield Village schools.

BERGLUND, 43, of 3081 Myrdieton Road, Bloomfield Township, is a district plant manager for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He has two children enrolled in Birmingham schools.

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### 4 Seek Posts In Bloomfield Hills District

In the Bloomfield Hills School District four persons, including Board President Dr. Charles Bowers, will be vying for two seats in the annual school election on June 10.

Dr. Bowers, 45, will be seeking his second term. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Wayne State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Bowers, 199 Barrington Road, Bloomfield Township, has three sons in the Bloomfield School District. He is a member of the Bloomfield Rotary, the Citizens Youth Assistance Committee of Pontiac and the Big Brother Executive Committee.

ALSO FILING in Bloomfield Hills is Arthur S. Randall, 84, of 2212 Bedford Road, Bloomfield Township. Randall, who has lived in the school district for 14 years, is a material control supervisor for heavy duty trucks in the GMC Truck and Coach Division of General Motors.

He has been with the company for 35 years.

President of the South Hills Improvement Association, he has two school-age children.

Other Bloomfield Hills candidates are Robert E. Rutt and Richard McGraw.

RUTT, an attorney, is a partner in the Bloomfield Country Club.

MCGRAW, 47, of 111 N. Woodward, Birmingham, has two children enrolled in Birmingham schools.

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## \$1 Million Apartment Complex Under Construction in B'ham

By ETHEL SIMMONS  
Business Editor

A new, three-building apartment complex, featuring 72 units, is under construction in Birmingham, which will cost more than \$1 million dollars in under construction as the Burlington Apartments at 111 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

The building permit was issued in the amount of \$1,380,500. It jumped the total valuation of permits issued by the City of Birmingham to a quarterly \$2,072,000. Last year's quarterly total was \$568,910.

Paul H. Johnson, Inc., Detroit, is contractor for the Burlington Apartments.

ACCORDING TO Johnson's formal announcement of the project, including ceremonies at the site, will be made in about two weeks.

Location of the apartments is south of Colonial Court, between Oak and Redding. There will be one, two and three-bedroom units in the brick and black buildings.

Richard B. Schlosser, Birmingham building official, says the largest apartment projects postulated approximately within the last year were 28-unit apartments on 10 Mile

and Pierce and 22 units on Maple and St. Andrews.

MONTHLY NEW building permits issued this year are 16 for

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## Parking Lot Issue Evokes a Battle

Birmingham city commissioners are residents of the central part of the city battled over the proposed parking lot for that area again Monday night.

Although nothing concerning the proposed lot on the block south of Shain Park on the commission agenda, the issue came up when the meeting was opened to the public.

Robert Verzyer of the Central Birmingham Residents Association presented the commission with more signatures from residents opposing the lot. Verzyer said a total of about 1,500 signatures had been collected so far.

"There is an increasing concern toward the parking lot and the future of Birmingham," Verzyer said. "I would like to see the commission and plan board meet with people with experience in designing and alternate plans."

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Included in Monday's agenda for the commission was a letter from the plan board reaffirming its position of being in favor of the proposed lot.

The letter, signed by Plan Board Chairman Walter B. Denison, said the group was "of the opinion that this property is necessary to the near future, the need for developing adequate parking facilities within the CBD area."

"The need for parking, especially in the old-towner quadrant is acute. Development of existing business-zoned properties would

substantially increase the need for additional parking."

DENISON SAID that because Birmingham school officials have said the Hill Building and Baldwin School properties should not be considered available for parking in the near future, the need for developing the proposed site had increased.

Breck said he believed Commissioner William E. Roberts, who had attended the plan board meeting, had "pressed" the group for

an answer to the parking problem. "Mr. Denison said they (the plan board) were handicapped on the matter and their recommendations were contingent on previous studies," Breck said.

"I don't believe the planners would not listen to alternate proposals," Breck said.

ROBERTS SAID he had not pressed the plan board for an answer but merely wanted to find out if they had changed their mind about the lot.

He said he hadn't planned to attend the meeting but was returning from The Community House and had just "dropped in."

"I couldn't find a place to park near The Community House, so I parked in back of the municipal building," Roberts said.

Several members of the audience expressed concern that if more parking lots were put in the city they would lose some of its character.

ROBERT OWENS, 554 Fairfax, said "we must be careful or we will destroy the character of the town." He said he got interested in the parking problem after his

(See PLAN, 4-A)

(See PARKING, 8-A)

## Croze Takes 1st Place in Photo Event

A father-daughter combination from Warren each won top prizes in the Citizens Action Committee and Birmingham Eccentric photo contest.

John Stefko and his daughter, Jacqueline, were awarded second place in their respective divisions.

The winner of the senior division was Harry Croze, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, for his shot of a group of children dancing against the design of a plan board meeting.

Harry Croze, a photographer at Cranbrook, will receive \$75 for his prize-winner. He also received an honorable mention.

IN THE high school age or under group, the winner was Van L. Lincoln for his picture titled "Basic Design." Linch of Royal Oak also received the third place prize for "A House in Birmingham."

Stefko's second place photo was a panel of four faces of Birmingham as a whole and the night's business district taken at night. He also received an honorable mention for four pictures of Birmingham's churches.

Forty-five were issued in April valued at \$1,644,500.

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## City Officials Cool To Alternate Plan

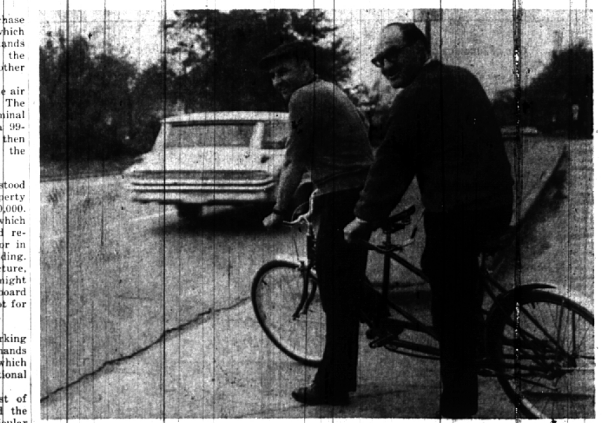
allowed to deteriorate, could then be restored," he said.

THE CITY has been studying the possibility of constructing another municipal parking lot in the block bounded by Merrill, Bates, Townsend and Henrietta.

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Low Wren (left) of the Optimist Club and Nick Mitchell of the Kwanza Club got together Monday afternoon for a little practice for the May 25 tandem bicycle race between the Birmingham service clubs. The race, sponsored by the Optimists, is expected to draw teams from each of the local service clubs.