

Communities Cooperate in Safety Check

Gov. George Romney has urged all Michigan drivers to cooperate with the voluntary Vehicle Safety Check programs being held in Michigan communities this week and continuing through the next four weeks.

Larry Burkhardt, special representative of the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee of Washington, D.C., reported to the

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governor programs now getting under way in the Detroit area, Grand Rapids, Dearborn, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, L. A. in E. Michigan and other communities.

MICHIGAN LAW makes it a misdemeanor to drive a vehicle with defective equipment such as brakes, lights, steering gear, turn signals and other features which affect the operation of the car or the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

However, the state has no law requiring periodic inspection as do Mrs. Kenneth F. Hardy, 412 S. Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia and 18 other states.

Second Lieutenant

Kenneth W. Hardy of Birmingham has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the air force upon graduation from officer training school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Lt. Hardy was selected for the training course through competitive examinations with other college graduates. He is being assigned to Holloman AFB, N.M., for training as an information officer.

The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hardy, 412 S. Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia and 18 other states.

Optimists Name Division Winners For Bike Races

The second annual Bike Races, sponsored by the Birmingham Optimists Club as part of the Michigan Week Youth Day program, were held Saturday at Shain Park.

Champions in each division were as follows:

Third grade boys: Dick Rieck, 1st; Lindsay Miller, 2nd; Meredith Arnold, 3rd; third grade girls: Paula Davis, 1st; Susan Skillman, 2nd; Jennie Skilling, 3rd.

Fourth grade boys: Jim Pierson, 1st; Steve Craig, 2nd; Joe Smith, 3rd.

FIFTH GRADE boys: Paul Clay, 1st; Alex Chambers, 2nd; Scott Douglas, 3rd. Fifth grade girls: Shelley Petosky, 1st; Viki Fries, 2nd; Harriet Stewart, 3rd.

Sixth grade boys: Alexander, 1st; David Black, 2nd; Bill Balsley, 3rd.

Seventh grade boys: Jim McMiller, 1st; Bob Bailey, 2nd; Charles DaFoe, 3rd. Seventh grade girls: Deborah Corns, 1st; Gayle Erwin, 2nd.

The service club races were won by the Lions. The tie between the Lions and the Birmingham Fire Dept. was settled by a toss of the coin.

County Proposes Study on Airports

The Aviation Committee of the County Board of Supervisors last week agreed with recommendations to hire an airport planning firm to determine Oakland County's airport needs.

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is in favor of a publicly owned authority to develop the county-owned airport and to purchase Pontiac Airport. He suggested both be developed for intermediate-type service.

Course

The golf course ever since it had first been proposed but since no alternate plans had been presented he would support the venture.

"We should have your plans," Ingraham told Robinson.

Mayor William H. Birtzum advised Robinson to "bring to the manager any plans you have."

"We don't want any lack of communication between the two groups," the mayor said.

LOU SHARKOFF, a member of the Springdale Advisory Board and a "big-time" backer of the new course asked Robinson if the BAA was a "public or private organization."

"We are a public group," Robinson said. "Our classes are open to the public."

Paul N. Averill, a former president of the BAA and now a trustee, told the commission that the "BAA has an idea."

He suggested that a Creek "thruway" might someday be constructed on the Art Center property.

"WE ARE tonight to suggest that art and an art center is an important cultural program," he said.

"We are asking for the opportunity to share this facility with you. Give us a chance to sit down with you as representatives of the community and not of the Bloomfield Art Association," Averill said.

He noted that an art center is parallel to the cultural force of a community.

THE HISTORY of the new course dates back to July, 1957, when approximately 1,600 signatures were submitted to the commission requesting a nine-hole course be developed on the property.

There have also been requests made to the City for using the area for picnic grounds, sled runs, ball diamonds, tennis courts, camping sites and nature trails.

Gare said he and his staff have made several studies and have investigated the feasibility of constructing either a nine-hole course or a par-three course or other uses for the site.

The administration felt, Gare said, that the existing recreational facilities in the city were adequate for the present needs and the golf course was the best use for the land.

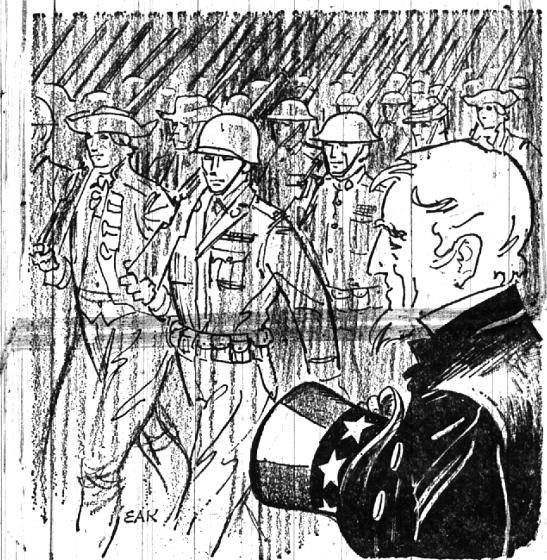
IN THE eight years since Springdale Park was closed to the public, the number of rounds played have increased over 100 per cent, Gare said. Over 35,000 rounds were played in 1961.

Gare said one of the strongest points for developing the area into a golf course was the fact it would support its own operating costs.

"This is something that practically does not require attention," Gare said. He noted that during the past seven years Springdale has managed to more than pay its operating costs even though the fees are among the lowest in the metropolitan area.

Bruce Matthews, who submitted the preliminary plans for the course, told Gare he also felt the proposed course would have adequate play to carry its operating cost.

Passing in Review



Let's pay homage to our predecessors, but also let's draft from their mistakes—see editorial on page 1-B.

Bingham Farms Council Prepares New Budget

BY NITA HARD Special Writer

BINGHAM FARMS—The council noted Monday night that it has to prepare a proposed budget soon in order to determine what its operating expenses will be and how much mileage will be needed to continue road maintenance. Tax bills are due in July.

The administration tentatively set June 10 for a special meeting of the board of appeals to hear requests for variances.

The council granted a 30-foot setback variance to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grigg who had been granted a lesser amount a year ago. They wish to build on property near Bristol Lane. The land is partly in Southfield.

THE COUNCIL heard a similar report from another property owner regarding his land on Hickory Hollow Road. He was told the matter would be scheduled for the 10th.

Executives Join Gov. Romney on Washington Trip

Accompanying Gov. George Romney of Bloomfield Hills on his May 29 visit to the National Press Club, Washington, D.C., to commemorate "Our Livedhood Day" of Michigan Week were four Bloomfield residents.

They were former governor Murray D. Van Wagoner, 3500 Oakland Drive, Bloomfield Township, and three Bloomfield Hills residents, Edwin O. George, 352 Barden Road, 1962 state chairman of Michigan Week; Kenneth Young, 345 Woodridge, retired General Motors executive, now consultant to the Voice of America; and William H. McGaughey, 115 Guilford Road, vice president of American Motors Corp.

In capacity as statewide chairman for manufacturing of Michigan Week, McGaughey presented a Michigan-made rocking chair to National Press Club president Bryson Rash at the conclusion of Gov. Romney's address.

Club Women To Gather at Conference

Leaders of women's groups from the Birmingham area will join more than 1,000 other "Madams Presidents" in Detroit Monday to hear Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh and other experts discuss the work of public and private health and welfare agencies.

The conference, with the theme "Our Town Does Care," will mark the 10th annual Presidents' Day sponsored by the Women's Committee of United Community Services.

SEVERAL area women have been working nearly a year in planning this community-wide program. They are Mrs. Don W. Hiltner, co-chairman; Mrs. Alexander Herschfeld, Mrs. Lawrence King and Mrs. Worth Kramer.

Sharing the spotlight will Mayor Cavanaugh will be Mrs. Leonard Kasle and Mrs. Charles F. Whitten.

Current and past officers of women's organizations from the entire metropolitan area will attend the dessert luncheon, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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