

County GOP Lauds Worker For Service

At a meeting of Oakland County Republican leaders, James R. Patterson, 907 Southfield, Birmingham, was recognized for his years of outstanding service to the GOP organization.

Patterson was presented a bronze plaque by Charles L. Lyle, county chairman. Patterson served as assistant finance director for the Oakland County Republican Party from 1957 through 1961.

"PATTERSON has given the Republican Party a challenge to meet in coming years. A challenge to equal and surpass the strength of the GOP fund-raising organization he so skillfully guided. We are deeply indebted for his devotion to the principles of the Republican Party," said Lyle.

Patterson is employed by the Tractor & Implement Operations (US), Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Co., where he serves as supervisor of organization and administration.

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Honor Photo Contest Winners

Harvey Cropp, left above, winner of the senior division of the Citizens Action Committee Birmingham Eccentric photo contest accepts his \$75 prize from Henry M. Hogan, Jr., associate publisher of The Eccentric. Van L. Lincoln, left, a student at Royal Oak Dandero High School, was named winner of the junior division of the contest. The two top winners along with the second and third place finishers were honored Friday at a luncheon in the Community House.

Residents Overlook Government Pensions

(Special to the Eccentric)
NEW YORK—A number of Birmingham residents will soon be getting windfalls in the form of government pension checks. These payments, unsuspected and unexpected, represent benefits due them under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance system. They are entitled to them because of their contributions, only the years, to the OASI trust fund.

Why did they not receive them? Simply because they did not apply for them. Why did they not apply for them? Because they did not realize they were entitled to them.

THE OASI officials themselves were startled to discover recently that there are more than 10,000,000 people in the United States who are eligible for pensions but are not getting them.

When it became apparent that there were more of them than had been realized, they gave their giant computers the task of finding out just how many. An avalanche of names poured out of the machines.

For every 17 people or so who are receiving monthly pension checks, there is an additional one, it develops, who should be but is not.

IN BIRMINGHAM, there are an estimated 147 of these non-receiving eggheads.

They could be receiving any where from \$40 a month, which is the minimum amount paid, to the present maximum of \$254 a month.

The average old-age benefit, according to the latest OASI figures, is \$264.8.

On the basis of this average, the 147 local beneficiaries who are on the missing list are passing up payments aggregating about \$11,198 every month, or \$134,360 a year.

SOME SPOT-CHECKING on the part of the Government reveals that there are many reasons to explain the failure of qualified people to apply for their pensions.

Most of them didn't think they were eligible. This was frequently so in the case of men and women who continued working beyond age 65.

Others thought they didn't have enough working quarters to qualify. They were unaware of changes in the rules that reduced the number of quarters needed.

A large number of others had the false notion that a person had to be needy to be entitled to Social Security pensions.

Members of Faculty Receive Promotion

Two local residents are among nine faculty members of the University of Michigan Dearborn Center whose promotions have been announced effective July 1.

Promoted to professor was Paul D. Carter of 835 Oakdale, Birmingham. He is in the field of education. Named an associate professor in business administration was Cedric V. Fricke of 18158 Westover, Southfield.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

They Tell Weaver To Get Facts, Too

To the Editor:
We found the article by Ken Weaver (City Beat on I-B) in the May 23 issue of The Birmingham Eccentric to be rather astounding. The proposed parking lot south of Shain Park, which affects our home, was the subject of the article.

Mr. Weaver has seen fit, as a newsmen, to strongly criticize another newsmen. He objects to remarks made by Jack Manning in the May 3 issue of the Detroit Free Press alleging that they were not based on fact.

HERE FOR THE RECORD

1. Weaver: "Manning apparently talked to the two homeowners." Fact: We have never at anytime had contact with Mr. Manning or that matter, with Mr. Weaver. Perhaps, because of this, Mr. Manning's choice of words, especially in reference to the mayor, were unfortunate, but he was correct right down to the 11th with his thoughts on the rights of the individual.

2. Weaver: "Wouldn't the owners have been much wiser if they had checked with the City before spending their money?" Fact: In the latter part of 1955 our property was purchased from the City and Resolution No. 1194 authorized the sale.

One more point. The issue is not whether to save two or three homes, but rather whether to save an entire block located at the Civic Center. The choice is simple. Either we strive to maintain an attractive town and sacrifice the facilities or conveniences in order to utilize parking estimate statistics, we sacrifice more and more of the town. This seems to be where the real issue lies.

Two Cadets Are Feted From Howe

Two Birmingham boys, Ronald E. Swenson, 17, and George A. Smith, 18, both seniors at Howe Military School, Howe, Ind., were honored recently by the Detroit-Howe Alumni Club in Detroit.

The cadets were selected as the two most outstanding Detroit-area youths among members of the 1962-63 graduating class.

CADET SWENSON ranked first in a presentation of Eugene O'Brien Memorial awards. Swenson, cadet major at Howe, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Swenson, 5434 Longmeadow Road.

CADET SMITH, who also carries a high scholastic average, is a lieutenant on the Battalion Staff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Smith, 1885 Yorkshire Ave.

Reactions

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cunpacy of the lot. I'm not aware of a pressing need for another one, he said.

Although he feels the appearance of the lot across from his home could be improved, Archangelo said he was not bothered too much by its presence.

An estate planner for the Acting Life Insurance Co., Archangelo said he felt "the merchants were behind the move for the new lot."

JACK E. STIFFLER, an architect who lives and works at 276 E. Brown, said he didn't mind the lot as long as it was the only one near him.

"I would rather see people walk," he said. "We have enough cars; people need to walk more."

Stiffler, too, moved into the area because of the convenience to the downtown section.

"The lot is no bother to me," he said, "but it is a bother to look at the color of the sea of steel."

HE, LIKE Archangelo, would like to see the city landscape the lot more.

"A decked lot would look terrible," he said, "but possibly the city could partially deck the lot and landscape the rest with trees, shrubs and flowers."

Budget

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the budget and the remaining \$57,328 will come from nontax revenue. Nontax revenue includes the city's share of state collected taxes such as sales taxes, weight and gas taxes and various permits and licenses and municipal court fines.

City Assessor Clark Hagstrom said Birmingham's assessed valuation is set at \$72,891,980. In 1962-63 the assessed valuation was \$70,960,740.

The capital improvement fund has been set at \$188,494 with the bulk of it going for construction of a new golf course at the sewage plant site at Cranbrook and Lincoln roads. In addition, two tennis courts will be constructed at Oak and Glenhurst.

Parade

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ward and Maple by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The parade was presented to Mayor Burzum by the DAR in ceremonies in front of Lake Jewelers. The parade has been mounted on the southwest corner of the building.

Mrs. Donald Hirschman, past regent of the DAR, made the presentation.

Also on hand for the ceremonies were long-time Birmingham residents Dr. George Raynate, Mrs. Harry Allen and Mrs. G. J. Gramann. Lloyd Lake, owner of Lake Jewelers, represented the building owner.

Conference On Seeing In Chicago

Oakland County's program for the education of partially sighted children received regional attention at a conference of the Foundation for the Partially Seeing in Chicago Thursday.

Fred Nowland, county consultant supervisor for 136 physically handicapped, reported on the 1,300-volume library of large type books maintained for children who cannot see well enough to read ordinary type.

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To Get Commission 1 Area Men Enlist At U.S. Navy Office

Preston H. Davis of Birmingham will be commissioned an air force second lieutenant and receive his bachelor of science degree at graduation ceremonies Wednesday at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

LIEUTENANT Davis, son of Mrs. Richard M. Roth, 144 Fairfax, will be assigned to pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. He has received recognition at the academy for his military achievement by being named to the commandant's merit list.

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