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**Representatives Plan to Attend Church Convention**

Representatives from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham, will attend the 80th convention of the Michigan district of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod held Aug. 25-29.

Attending the convention at Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich., will be the Rev. Howard G. Allward and the Rev. Edward W. Lee, associate pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Local lay representatives who will attend are Leroy Kroeger and Garry Pasman.

**Local Groups Sponsor Political Forum**

Six Birmingham-Bloomfield civic groups are included in the 25 organizations sponsoring the bi-paritisan Citizens' Political Forum at Oakland University, Rochester, on Sept. 21.

Local sponsors include the Birmingham Citizens Action Committee, the Birmingham Jaycees, the Bloomfield PTO Council, the Birmingham councils of United Church Women and the Birmingham and West Bloomfield chapters of the League of Women Voters.

The forum will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Gold Room, Oakland Center, and concludes at 3:30.

Subjects that will be covered at the forum include "The citizens' role in national and international affairs," "Who's to pay for public services?" "Is more efficient local government now possible?" and "Federal responsibility to state and local governments."

Gov. George Romney, the luncheon speaker, heads the list of Republicans on the program, while U. S. Sen. Philip A. Hart heads the Democratic list of speakers and panelists.

NEIL STAEBLER, Democratic state chairman before becoming congressman-at-large, leads off the morning session. He will be followed by William S. Broomfield, Republican incumbent in Congress from the 18th district, and a member of the foreign affairs committee.

Richard C. Van Dusen, 32205 Bingham Road, is a m.o.n.g local residents with roles in the panel discussions on current issues.

As the governor's legal advisor, Van Dusen will explain and answer critics of the Romney tax proposals. He will be unveiled at the special legislative session scheduled to convene on Sept. 11.

MRS. THOMAS Snelman, 750 Park, Birmingham, is another panelist.

Mrs. C. J. Thomas, 680 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township, is chairman of the arrangements committee for the forum. A local resident who will be assisting her is Mrs. John H. Bryant, 423 Berwyn, Birmingham.



**MAIN SPEAKERS** for the Citizens' Political Forum to be held Sept. 21 at Oakland University are Neil Staebler (top left), U.S. senator-at-large; U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart; Gov. George Romney (lower left); and Cong. William S. Broomfield. Staebler and Hart are Democrats; Romney and Broomfield, Republicans.

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Remove mud from leather shoes by first allowing to dry well, then rubbing vigorously with a dry cloth. To get the soil free out of shirt collars and cuffs, apply salt soda concentrate dry, with a damp brush, before shirts are washed.

BIRMINGHAM residents who are members of the arrangements committee include Mrs. John Van der Roost, 2250 Buckingham; Mrs. Fritz Potts, 600 Pierce; William E. Roberts, 209 Wabeek Building; Mrs. Garvin Bowden, 977 Gordon Lane; Mrs. Roderick H. Spahn, 31725 Tupper Court; Mrs. James J. Shea, 305 Bryn Mawr; and Mrs. Arthur T. Shore, 1119 Covington.

Arrangement committee members from Bloomfield Hills are Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. McGraw, 1438 Sodon Lake Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harmon Smith, 4165 Valley Forge.

MRS. DONALD Tracey, 30480 Oak Leaf Lane, Franklin, is also a committee member, as well as Mrs. Robert L. Fryer, 18188 Magnolia, Southfield, and Mrs. Malcolm L. Levenson of Southfield.

Local leaders active in planning the forum include former governor Murray D. Van Wagoner, 5850 Oakland Drive, Bloomfield Township, and William H. McGaughey, 131 Guilford, Bloomfield Hills.

Other forum committee workers from this area are Robert Huber, 4004 Beach, Troy; Mrs. G. Howard Willett Jr., 655 Pilgrim, Birmingham; Henry L. Woolfenden, 1575 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills; and Mrs. Arthur T. Shore, 1119 Covington Road, Birmingham.

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**Michael A'Hearn Participates in Swift Strike III**

The home, tailorship and grave of Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States, have been preserved as a National Monument in Greeneville, Tenn.

Army Spec. 4 Michael S. A'Hearn, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. A'Hearn, 192 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, is participating in Exercise Swift Strike III, a U.S. Strike Command exercise in Georgia and North and South Carolina, involving more than 75,000 armed forces personnel.

Swift Strike III pits two task forces against each other in a four-week mock war ending Aug. 16. It includes airborne maneuvers, long-distance airlifts, air-ground support missions and counter-guerrilla operations.

Spec. A'Hearn is a fire team leader in Company D, 1st Airborne Battle Group of the 101st Airborne Division's 327th Infantry at Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Happenings**

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acting city building inspector, reported this week. Included in the total are 21 permits for new single family residences, with an estimated value of \$247,000, and 4 new business permits at \$57,000. Valuation of all permits for July was placed at \$841,422, or almost twice as much as the June total.

Three well-qualified Birmingham citizens have been appointed to a special committee to determine how much Birmingham can afford to spend on the creation of off-street parking facilities, as well as recommend a plan on how the financing of such lots can be accomplished. Appointed by Mayor Milton F. Mallender were Herbert H. Gardner, 172 Aspen; J. J. Hogan, 880 Winkleton; and Harrison E. Thurston, 285 Puritan.

Some 30 Birmingham telephone subscribers last Saturday were cut over into the new dial equipment now operating the Jordan exchange, giving them a taste of how local numbers will function when the new Birmingham dial office begins working.

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