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Broomfield, Kuhn Win 'Preferred' Ratings by OCL

Congressional candidates William S. Broomfield (18th District) and Richard D. Kuhn (19th district) have been given preferred ratings over their opponents by the Oakland Citizens League's candidate investigation committee.

Ratings on Oakland County candidates for Congress, the state legislature and county office in the Nov. 3 election were announced in a bulletin mailed Wednesday to the 550 members of the nonpartisan organization for good government.

Two Democratic candidates for state representative, Bill S. Huffman, and Albert A. Kramer, were preferred over their opponents. "No Preference" was given in two legislative contests.

By 15-minute interviews and study of biographical information, a 45-member committee of volunteers rated 43 of the 48 candidates on the basis of 100 points maximum.

THE BULLETIN lists a candidate as "Preferred" when his numerical rating is higher than his opponent's. Where three points or less separates competing candidates, the League states "No Preference," in a contest where only one candidate has been rated his numerical rating is given, with an "N.R." (not rated) beside his opponent's name.

Basel E. Brown, chairman of the candidate investigation committee, said his group is "a conscientious group of men and women who realize the difficulty of trying to select the most qualified candidate for public office, since a number of candidates may run for the same office."

"We believe any one person or group has the right to try to obtain information relative to the qualifications of any candidate for public office. . . . Candidates shown not

LWV Decides To Support City on I&R

Reaches Accord On 3 Key Issues In Amendment

The Birmingham-Bloomfield League of Women Voters will support the Birmingham City Commission's proposal on initiative and referendum that will appear on the April ballot.

The LWV agreed to back the commission Monday afternoon after its general membership meeting at the Community House.

Agreement was reached by the League involving three other key issues concerning I and R: • Zoning should not be included under the initiative clause of the proposition.

• Resolutions should not be included under the referendum section of the proposition.

The LWV will oppose an I and R proposition petition that is being circulated by James Walker, 1555 Villa, Birmingham, known as the "populists" amendment.

In speaking on the zoning issue League member Mrs. Ruth McNamee, who is also a plan board member, said she did not see how initiative could be applied to zoning.

SHE ASSURED the nearly 60 members of the League at the meeting that the City's present system of public hearings and public notices on zoning issues was adequate.

Mrs. George Talburt, an LWV member and wife of the planning board chairman, said she believed there had been some confusion between zoning and planning.

She noted that Birmingham did not have any zoning as did many communities. Any changes in zoning classification would be a matter of rezoning rather than establishing a classification, she said.

MRS. NAN Weston spoke in favor of zoning, and her remarks were passed by the commission from referendum.

"It seems we would be setting ourselves up higher than the duly elected officials," she said. "This might lead to the election of people of lesser caliber."

Agree to trust the commission," Mrs. Weston said.

In a letter to LWV president Mrs. Garvin Bowen, Jr., Oct. 13, Mayor Charles W. Renfrew explained the commission's position regarding ordinances and resolutions.

"AS YOU are aware, there is no absolute and definite answer clarifying the distinction (between zoning and rezoning) and such an interpretation is probably a matter of court adjudication," Renfrew said.

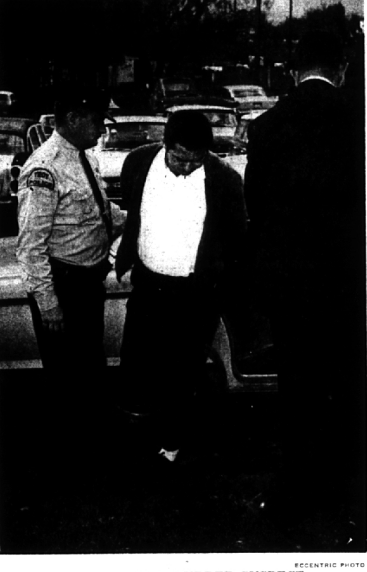
"However, it is clear that the (See LWV, 7-A)

Sierawski Confident of Win in 18th

By LARRY EVOE

Frank J. Sierawski says he is just an "ordinary citizen."

Sierawski, 41, is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 18th Congressional District.



Handcuffed MURDER SUSPECT Police lead William G. Gravlin to Troy courtroom.

Gravlin Unmoved As Story Unfolds

By DAVE PHILPO Township Editor

"It exceeded anything I have ever seen except in warfare."

Dr. Richard E. Olson, chief pathologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, thus described the murder scene at the examination of William G. Gravlin, accused of the ax and shotgun slayings of his family of seven, in Troy Monday.

Gravlin, 30, stared blankly at the front wall of the courtroom for three hours as a parade of prosecution witnesses gave individual accounts of the aftermath of the grisly drama.

Only twice did he vary the expression on his face.

WHEN TROY Detective Robert Morrison introduced a torn scrap of paper which read "Foggy me," Gravlin, taken from the body of his 16-year-old stepdaughter, Judith Ann, Gravlin turned and watched the note as it was passed around.

During a 10-minute recess Gravlin talked privately with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gravlin of Clawson. When she returned to her seat in the front row of the courtroom, the suspect returned to staring at the wall.

Five persons were called by the prosecution and several more are expected to testify when the examination is resumed at 1:30 p.m. Friday before Judge Charles Lossie in Troy Municipal Court.

OLSEN, OF 3235 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, said he went to the home on Sept. 29, shortly after the seven bodies were discovered by Madison Heights police.

On the basis of an autopsy which he performed on Judith Ann, Dr. Olson set the time of death at about 2 a.m. Sept. 28, approximately 30 hours before Gravlin flagged down

the move came after a report from attorney Lawrence King indicating that the second pretrial conference will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10. King said he would inform the court of the school district's building timetable at the hearing.

MacMAHON'S tentative schedule includes completion of preliminary plans by mid-January; advertising for bids and letting contracts in (See HILLS, 7-A)

Parade, Party For Halloween Set in B'ham

Chamber Expects 5,000 Marchers In 28th Event

Ghosts, goblins and witches are expected to outnumber the automobiles and shoppers in downtown Birmingham Saturday night, Oct. 31.

The reason is the annual Birmingham Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Halloween parade and party.

Parade marshal Donald Martin estimates more than 5,000 marchers will be on hand by 7:30 p.m. when the parade begins from behind the First Baptist Church in parking lot No. 5.

This is the 28th year of the affair, designed to keep Birmingham youngsters off the streets and out of trouble during the "trick or treat" observance.

The chamber has sponsored the event for the last six years. Henry M. Hogan, Jr., associate publisher of The Eclectic, is chairman of the celebration.

MARTIN SAID the line of march will begin forming at 7 p.m. He urged all youngsters to be in line by 7:15 p.m. so the judging of the best costumes can take place and prize tickets can be awarded.

The marchers, led by the Groves High School band, will leave the west end of the lot promptly at 7:30 p.m., Martin said.

The parade will proceed south on Bakes to Merrill, east on Merrill to Woodward north on Woodward to the east entrance of the lot.

For the past two years the parades have been so large that lead floats were already re-entering the lot before the final marchers were able to leave it.

GIANT FOOD lines will be set up in the lot and the hungry marchers will be fed hot dogs, cider and donuts, courtesy of the chamber and Birmingham merchants.

The various service clubs and members of the Birmingham PTA's will handle the task of serving the food.

After the parade, the traditional movie will be shown at Barnum School.

Dances will be held at Derby and (See PARTY, 4-A)

Meadow Lake Addition Gets Board's OK

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

Preliminary plans for a \$247,000 library-teaching addition to the Meadow Lake School were approved by the Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night.

Linn Smith, head of the architectural firm of Linn Smith Associates, unveiled the initial sketches of the 13,500-square-foot multi-instruction building which will boost the school's enrollment capacity by 200.

A row of clerical and consultants' offices, outfitted with temporary partitions that would open to serve as a teachers' dining area, will connect the existing building to the addition.

THE LONG, corridor-like addition will also house restrooms and locker facilities for this area.

Believe City Could Qualify For Funds

Hustoles said, "in no way could the six-block section of Birmingham be called a 'slum.'"

Birmingham could qualify for Federal funds to improve the southwest section of the city.

A representative of Villan-Leman Planning Consultants of Southfield told a joint meeting of the city commission and planning board Tuesday night his firm believed such monies could be obtained.

In a report on Birmingham's Housing Classification Study, Edward Hustoles stated that the area bounded by Lincoln, Grant, 14 Mile and Woodward was considered "a major conservation area."

"IN ORDER to restore this area to long-term, sound condition, generally more extensive community action is necessary," he said.

"A program of code enforcement, selective removal of structures, plus street and utility improvements would satisfy the major needs in the area."

"Federal assistance through the Urban Renewal Administration is available for this type of area," he said.

Hustoles stressed that "in no way could the six-block section of Birmingham be called a 'slum.'"

"It is made up for the most part of older, smaller homes in good shape."

"A few scattered homes, however, stood out as being in very bad shape," he said.

IF FEDERAL funds were sought, Hustoles said, up to three-quarters of the total cost of the project could be paid for by the national government.

The remaining 25 per cent cost could be paid for out of the general city fund or by a special assessment district.

"This would be an opportunity to catch an area before it goes too far downhill," Hustoles said.

He added that to qualify for the available program 20 per cent of the homes in the area must show major deficiencies.

"In our opinion this area shows that 1 out of 5 homes would fall into this category," Hustoles said.

COMMISSIONER David F. Brock (See FUND, 2-A)

Shoppers' Shuttle Ends Inaugural Run

By LARRY EVOE

Michigan's, and possibly the nation's, shortest railroad has completed its first and only scheduled week end of operation and apparently made a hit with a majority of its passengers.

The rail-less railway was known as Birmingham's SHoppers' Shuttle, the Rail Division of the Chamber of Commerce Railroad.

A promotional plan of the Birmingham chamber's total railroad was used to shuttle shoppers from the various parking lots to stores in the downtown area last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rail executive Knowles B. Smith, executive director of the chamber, reported a total of 1,400 persons used the services of the shuttle train during the three days of operation.

THE FOUR-CAR unit carried an average load of 38 passengers. Its maximum capacity was listed at 40 persons.

An Eclectic reporter, accompanied by several ranking Birmingham city officials,

boarded the train at the corner of Pierce and Maple for its maiden voyage.

The initial trip, which took 35 minutes, was made without mishap.

The crew for the day was made up of Ed Ostin and Larry Winkelman, a pair of off-duty Birmingham police officers who were selected because of their knowledge of the downtown area and their awareness of traffic conditions.

Ostin drove the tractor power unit, while Winkelman guided the train through the narrow alleys of the parking lots and cleared up traffic jams caused by curious motorists.

ALTHOUGH THE trip went off without a hitch, as did all of the other rounds, several interesting observations were made as the train wound its way through the downtown area.

"It was an excellent way to see the city of Birmingham," he said.

"It was a simple solution to the problem of finding parking spot, especially along Maple Ave." (See SHUTTLE, 8-A)

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LES GIRLS GO FOR RIDE Reporters Hit Trail For Lenore and Elly

By MARY ELLEN MEAD, Society Editor

for a reception sponsored by Negro women residents of the Brewster-Douglas Housing Project.

LABORS PRESS Day was produced—as it was two years ago for the gubernatorial campaign — by Birmingham's Shelley (Mrs. Rodrick H.) Spann, who resigned from the board of the League of Women Voters to accept state chairmanship of the Volunteers for Peterson.

Purpose of such a day, according to the lithesome Shelley, is "to interest women in women's place in politics." To watch her program in action, 30 women reporters rallied from all across the state to participate in a typical day in the lives of campaigners Lenore Romney and Elly Peterson who took them (and us) to Falcon Hall, Hamtramck; to the Chicago Blvd. home of Mrs. Joe K. Ong (representing the Far Eastern American and Czechoslovak-American Clubs); and, finally, to Shiloh Baptist Church (also in Detroit)

THOSE WHO know her attribute a "clear head, straight thinking and efficiency" to Shelley, and so went (See TRAIL, 6-A)



ON CAMPAIGN WAGON Mrs. Lenore Romney (left), Elly Peterson