



Centennial Draws Gov. Romney

Bands, Scouts Featured in Day's Events

By LARRY EYOR
City Editor

Governor George W. Romney will take part in Birmingham's Centennial-Michigan Week celebration and parade next month.

Aides of the governor have notified the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the May 23 event, that Romney will ride in the parade and give a short talk in Shain Park.

Romney's appearance will mark the first time the ex-Bloomfield Hills auto executive has attended a public function in Birmingham since he campaigned here two years ago.

IT IS NOT known whether Mrs. Romney will accompany her husband or not.

Sam Mitchell, Centennial Day chairman, said the group is conducting talks with Michigan State University on the possibility of having the school's marching band also take part in the parade.

The 150-piece band rarely makes appearances outside of the Lansing area. Mitchell said if the band did come they would probably give a concert in Shain Park in addition to marching in the parade.

THE PARADE is fast shaping up to be one of the biggest events ever held in Birmingham according to Mitchell.

A total of 15 different marching units have already been lined up to take part in the parade by John Archangel, general chairman. He is being assisted by David F. Breck and William Jaques.

Archangel said both the Groves and Seaholm High School bands will participate as will an American Legion Drum and Bigie Corp and the Redford Highlander Bagpipe Band.

Two equestrian units—Ponies of America and the Oakland County Sheriff's Posse—have also agreed to appear.

OTHER UNITS include 1,000 Boy and Girl Scouts, the YMCA Indian Guides, Sheriff's Water Safety Patrol, Michigan State Police, University of Detroit ROTC drill team, Birmingham DPW and Forestry Dept., and the U. S. Army Mobility Command clown team.

Archangel said the parade will assemble in the municipal parking lot on N. Woodward at 12:30 p.m. First units will leave the parking lot at 1:30 p.m., he said.

Romney and other state, county and local officials will be seated on the stage in the park.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew will introduce the governor.

The parade will be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce fashion show.

County Board Recounts Hills Ballots Today

By DAVE PEILPO
Township Editor

The Oakland County Board of Canvassers moved onto the Bloomfield Hills political scene at 8:30 today to recount the votes of the most controversial election in the history of the city.

The hopes of four candidates for two seats on the city commission hinge on the decision by the four-man board, composed of two Republicans and two Democrats.

Three office-seekers, along with their attorneys, will maintain a constant vigil over the recount. James A. Beresford, who petitioned for the recount for John Blanchard and himself; George H. Webb, who tied with Beresford for a two-year term; and Ross Pierce, the other write-in candidate, are the participants.

BLANCHARD, STILL vacationing in Egypt, cabled Beresford the authority to ask for a recount in his battle with Pierce for the one-year term.

Birmingham attorney Harry D. Wise, Jr., representing Pierce, has challenged the legality of Beresford's asking for Blanchard's recount. He contends that only the candidate involved may petition for a recount.

A restraining order which prevented swearing in of Robert A. Frye, Webb and Pierce was lifted Monday by Circuit Judge Stanton G. Donahue, pending a decision by the county board of canvassers.

FRYE AND Pierce appeared at the commission meeting Monday night, insisting that they were the certified winners of the election and asked to be seated.

Their efforts were rebuffed by a legal opinion from City Attorney William Hartman which ruled that the petitions for a recount

set aside any certification by the city's board of canvassers.

Frye's objection that he was not named in the taxpayer's suit filed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Denton Anderson last week did not sway Hartman in his opinion.

Neither did an explanation by Frye that he was not mentioned in Beresford's petition for a recount.

THE COMMISSION adjourned an organizational meeting until Tuesday night, and during the regular meeting acted only on routine matters.

Commissioner Harry L. Woolfenden said he was concerned about the "legitimacy" of his sitting on the commission after his term had expired.

Hartman said the charter provides that commissioners hold office until successors are elected and duly qualified.

The Anderson suit claiming the city board of canvassers went beyond its authority by certifying Webb and Pierce will be continued Monday to give one canvassing board member a chance to file an answer.

ALTHOUGH WEBB and Beresford received 895 votes each for a two-year term, the city canvassers awarded Webb 335 votes cast for him for a one-year term and declared him the winner.

Blanchard received 416 votes to Pierce's 390 for a one-year term, but the board declared Pierce the winner by awarding him 39 votes cast for him for a two-year term.

In action Monday night the commission: (See BALLOTS, 2-A)



THE LINE WENT QUICKLY at Groves High School where more than 10,900 persons—from babies six weeks old to grandmothers and grandfathers—received the antipolio vaccine last Sunday. A record 450,000 in Oakland County were served the vaccine.

Area Polio Stations Attract 37,000 to Take 'The Pill'

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

Birmingham's population zoomed to 37,400—an increase of more than 10,017, more than twice as many as was expected. No shortage of the vaccine was reported, according to station chairman Mrs. Robert H. Weber, 1597 Penniston.

Seaholm High School, under the direction of Mrs. Earl Bacon, 1540 Emmons, vaccinated more than 8,700.

Quarton elementary's total was 4,600, under the direction of Mrs. Ben Howes, 851 Lake Park, while Meadow Lake elementary added 3,200 among those vaccinated. Mrs. Charlotte Urban, 6707 Sutters Lane, was chairman.

Drs. Robert M. Bookmyer and Worth Henderson, co-chairmen of the drive, of the Oakland County Medical Society, lauded the efficiency of the 300 volunteers from Birmingham who aided in the success of the drive.

"AMONG THOSE WE wish to thank from the ranks of resident volunteers are the area PTAs, Girl Scouts and policemen," said Dr. Bookmyer.

Dr. Bookmyer said no stations ran out of the vaccine in the county because of the "excellent communications" between stations and supply centers.

"We used ham radio operators on a civil defense network at every station, who would call in the supply situation to one of seven district leaders. We could check with these leaders on an hourly basis to assure everyone of receiving a vaccine without any chance of running out," said Dr. Bookmyer.

"There is much work to be done with the surfaced local streets (See BEVERLY, 2-A)

B'ham Seeks Traffic Expert For Survey

The City of Birmingham is looking for a traffic expert.

Commissioners Monday night instructed the administration to begin search for a traffic engineer or consultant to conduct a survey of Birmingham's traffic problems and needs.

The job will be on a temporary basis.

The move to find such a person was prompted by a request from Commissioner William H. Burgum.

He said one of the major factors in the development of the town was the construction of a peripheral route and rerouting of traffic.

Possible plans for such projects involved too many "technicalities" for the administration to handle it entirely.

Oakland County were served the vaccine dipped sugar cubes, and no make-up centers have been planned due to the efficiency of the set-up last week.

Warwick, was the chairman of the station, which topped distributing centers in Birmingham.

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Mill Site Inscription OK'd by City

Birmingham city commissioner Monday night approved the inscription to be placed on a bronze plaque on the millstone at the site of the old grist mill that stood at Maple and Baldwin.

The 45-word inscription and one-verse poem by Robert Louis Stevenson was presented to the commission by James K. Flack, chairman of the centennial's history and heritage committee.

The inscription will read: "On this site for 83 years stood a grist mill that ground grain into flour for the Birmingham community. Built in 1835 by Rowell T. Merrill, the wooden mill—powered by water from the mill pond (now Quarton Lake)—served local farmers until 1918."

(See SITE, 2-A)

Sweeping Grass Fire

A spectacular grass fire posed quite a problem for Bloomfield Township and Pontiac firemen late Friday evening on a 350-acre parcel east of Opdyke Road, between Square Lake Road and South Blvd. The blaze swept over land owned by General Motors Truck Division, but no buildings were endangered before firefighters brought it under control. Township Fire Chief Volv V. Yanzuszek reminded residents once again that careless burning of rubbish is the major cause of grass fires.



Centennial Honor

Centennial Chairman Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., and Birmingham Postmaster Rollie Reese send the first special centennial cancellation on its way to Mrs. Willett's grandson in Missouri. Reese said the cancellation will be in effect for six months and will be used during the rest of the year whenever a special event is taking place during Birmingham's 100th birthday celebration. He said over 100 requests were received by the local post office for first-day (Monday) issues of the cancellation.



Order Divider Strips On Portion of U. S. 10

Divider strips will be constructed along a portion of Woodward Ave. Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved a State Highway Department plan to construct the four-foot dividers from Lincoln to 14 Mile on the west side of the street.

The entire cost of the project will be paid for by the state. It is part of a program to improve and resurface Woodward (U.S. 10) from Lincoln to Eight Mile in Detroit.

City Manager L. R. Gare said it is hoped that the dividers will bring about better control of parking along Woodward.

He said they would prohibit cars from crossing the curb to the parking areas except at entrances at the north end of each block. Exits will be at the south end of each block.

COMMISSIONERS also set a Sept. 1, 1965, deadline for property owners to construct access drives in front of their property.

Gare said the problem of indiscriminate parking and the danger of cars backing out into traffic on Woodward has been a concern since 1957.

If the property owners fail to construct the access drives by 1965, commissioners indicated they would ban parking along Woodward.

In addition to the south Woodward portion, commissioners instructed Gare to look into the possibility of having the state construct divider strips on the west side of the street north to Oak and (See STRIPS, 2-A)

World's Fair Tour Tickets Going Fast

With the opening of the New York World's Fair yesterday, requests began an increasing rapidly for the Birmingham Eccentric's "Family Tour of the World's Fair," Alice Burlingame, tour coordinator, said many people, including several married couples, have already signed up and still others have indicated they wish to make the trip.

Spaces have been reserved on regularly-scheduled flights of American and Northwest Airlines for the May 26-28 tour. The Eccentric and Oakland Travel, Inc. are jointly sponsoring the trip.

TICKETS are selling at \$114.25. (See TICKETS, 2-A)

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