

# Our Choices For B'ham

After interviewing all of the candidates, The Birmingham Eccentric endorses E. Ross Hanson, George Whitehead and Mrs. Louise Adams in the June 8 Birmingham School District election.

We offer our suggestions after questioning each candidate as to his views on the ballot propositions, his own political contributions to the school system and the problems confronting the district within the next 10 years.

Biographical statements of the candidates appear on Page 3-F of this week's paper; so we will not discuss in detail here their professional-occupational backgrounds.

It is our conviction that Mr. Hanson and Mr. Whitehead should be elected to the four-year terms and Mrs. Adams to the two-year post on the Birmingham School District ballot.

**MR. HANSON**, on the board of education since 1960 and its president in the past year, impressed us with his knowledge of problems and possible solutions, his interest in and his dedication to the school system.

Under his leadership, the board has maintained the high standards and quality of education desired by the residents of this community. He has the ability to encourage individual expression, yet achieve a united position in board decisions.

We urge a continuation of his stewardship.

**MR. WHITEHEAD** would bring to the board, in our judgment, a distinct ability to communicate effectively with the citizens in their own language. He has consistently demonstrated this knack as president of the PTA Council, member of the citizens school advisory committee and the Birmingham Citizens Action Committee.

We believe his extensive background of community interest and service give him the edge over Richard L. Halsted. However, we recognize Mr. Halsted is qualified and also has a record of service to the district and community.

**JOSEPH ANDERSON**, the other candidate seeking the four-year term, has served the school system but in a nonprofessional capacity. We believe the other candidates are more highly qualified. He should be commended, however, for his willingness to serve.

Mr. Adams, appointed to the post last October to fill the vacancy, has demonstrated in this short time an ability to deal intelligently with school matters and we'd like to see her given the opportunity for extended service.

We agree with her philosophy that though a woman's viewpoint is not essential it certainly is helpful. She is closer to the pulse of things and generally has more time than most men to inquire into and act on school affairs.

**AS FOR MR. Rambie**, we feel that he, too, is qualified. He has the technical knowledge that is so valuable in making decisions concerning construction. His background of teaching and serving youth in other capacities should give him the patience and understanding that are needed in working with youngsters.

These are our choices in the Birmingham School District. We believe the district is fortunate to have so many interested, knowledgeable and capable people willing to serve their community. Let us show our appreciation and fulfill our responsibility by turning up at the polls on June 8.

# Our B'field Choices

The Bloomfield Hills School Board election does not present the same problems as Birmingham.

Four people are running for two positions on the board. Two of the candidates seeking election are incumbents.

Should not be too difficult a job to endorse candidates in this particular case, in that the school district over the last several years has not only grown in size but also in reputation for quality.

It has been our custom to favor incumbents if the organization has shown steady improvement and the individual incumbent has done a conscientious job.

**WITH THIS** in mind we endorse W. Earl Givens, Jr., who has served the school district for the last four years. Mr. Givens brought to the board a background of education in education, as this was his field of interest in college. His activities in the PTO prior to his election to the board show an extensive interest in the local educational scene.

The other incumbent, Merrill O. Bates, we endorse with reservation. Mr. Bates has served the Bloomfield Hills School District for 11 years and has seen it grow from 600 students to the present enrollment of about 5,000.

During his long tenure on the board he has served as president, secretary and now vice president. He has also devoted much time to county and state school board associations.

**OUR ONLY** reservation is that during the last couple of years we feel that the Bloomfield Hills board has approached several issues confronting it with emotion instead of calm deliberation.

Whether the causes were right or wrong, every time you have controversy involving a school board that does not involve the quality or methodology of education you take that much time and respect away from the educational process.

We cannot ignore the fact that as local chronicler of news we have observed that Mr. Bates was one of the leading lights in each of the controversies.

Nevertheless, we have endorsed Mr. Bates for the reasons cited earlier.

**THE REMAINING** two candidates, Donald S. Hyde and Mrs. Amy Chamberlain, in our opinion are both qualified for the office they seek.

Both have shown their interest in the school system by participation in the PTO and other organizations aimed at giving the area quality education.

However, they have chosen a year to seek public office when in our opinion the quality of the school system is on the rise and the caliber of the incumbent board members recommends their continued service on the board.

# Warn Residents on Sidewalk Care

Cracked and uneven sidewalks are the responsibility of the residents. Stone especially noted faulty sidewalks on Sunset Blvd., south of Saratoga Avenue.

The city administrator said that the city would repair the sidewalks if requested by residents, "at the least charge possible."



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MAKING FUTURE FRIENDS FOR POLICEMEN Chief Norman Dehnke and Westchester sixth graders.

# 'Make Up Own Minds,' Chief Tells Youngsters

By DAVE PHILPO Township Editor

"Don't be swayed by what the group wants to do—make up your own minds," Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke told sixth graders at Westchester School last week.

"You are getting to be the age when you will be invited to go 'garaging, Woodwarding and mailboxing," Dehnke warned. "Don't be afraid to say no."

The police chief, invited to speak to the children by Principal Donald Burba, told the youngsters that they were at a crucial point in their lives—in moving from elementary to junior high school.

"Now is the time you will have to start making decisions for yourselves," he said. "If you decide that you are going to be something worthwhile, and stick to it, you will have no trouble."

Dehnke told the sixth graders "you owe a lot to yourselves—but a lot more to the people around you, your community."

"Your community is only as good as the people who live in it. Here we have one of the best and your parents help make it so."

Chief Dehnke stressed the importance of a good education and related his experience as a high school drop-out, who after serving in the Navy went back to school and continued his education.

"Without a college education, there won't be much room for advancement in the future," Dehnke said.

THE CHIEF also put in a good

word for the police department, reminding the youngsters that the man behind the badge is not someone to fear or dislike, but a potential friend.

"We'd like to be more than outsiders. Our jobs sometimes are lonely ones. We can't always make people happy, but we would like to be their friends."

"If you ever have problems concerning the law, call us. We will be happy to come and chat with you, anytime."

Dehnke, in closing, warned the youngsters about accepting gifts or rides from strangers. He told them to form a mental picture of would-be molesters and report such incidents to their parents.

The youngsters, quietly attentive during the entire speech, warned to the police chief during the discussion period and bargained him with questions. Most dealt with regulations concerning Go-Karts, motorbikes and hitchhiking.

# B'ham Pays Homage To the Old and Young

By KEN WEAVER Managing Editor

Age and youth were honored at the Heritage Day luncheon Friday at The Community House.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew presented certificates of recognition in nine categories of historical significance and Supt. John Blackhall Smith presented 11 awards to youths.

Renfrew told the 244 guests that "we owe it to our ancestors... to not permit our heritage to be destroyed."

Smith commented that it will be up to the "young people to preserve our customs. We must do all we can to encourage their desire to learn."

He pointed out that with the emphasis on math and science in the curriculum "we have de-emphasized our history — our heritage which has become so dear to us."

Speaking of the school award winners, Smith said: "These young people represent our children. There are thousands (See B'HAM, 6-A)



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# Community House Awaits Annual Meeting Monday

Monday is circled on The Community House calendar as the date for its annual dinner meeting. Stockholders head the open invitation list and since they constitute the contributors of this nonprofit community organization, some 4,000 supporters could possibly don their "Sunday best" to attend.

On hand to greet and meet those attending will be President Robert A. Thom as well as current members of The Community House Board of Directors: William B. Bachman, Jr., Mrs. W. R. Forsythe, Mrs. John W. Flaver, Charles T. Hammond, Mrs. Pell Hollingshead, Mrs. Reed Jenkins, Robert Kil-

patrick, Mrs. Robert F. Kohr and Mrs. L. C. Lempe. Additional board members are Edward Lerchen, S. Tenney McGraw, Kenneth D. McGregor, Mrs. W. A. McNamee, Sheldon Moyer, Edmund Steeves and Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr.

BOB BOGAN, executive director, said today: "Our board of directors as well as our staff are looking forward to our annual meeting. We hope to take this opportunity to personally meet and get acquainted with our many supporters and friends."

Bogan might well find this date one to remember since it was exactly one year ago that he assumed the duties of executive director. Highlighting the evening will be a panel discussion on "Whither Birmingham," Ten Years Hence." Panelists are Dr. Lowell Edmund, director of continuing education at Oakland University; Richard Gardner, assistant director of the Oakland County Planning Commission; F. Ward Ouradnik, chairman of the Birmingham Citizens Action Committee; and Linn Smith, chairman of the Birmingham Planning Board.

During the brief business meeting, nominees for the 1964-65 Community House Board of Directors will be presented for approval. Canopies will be served at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7 p.m. Dinner reservations may be requested by calling The Community House, MI 4-8522, by Friday.

# Catalog Ready Of Resources For Teachers

The Birmingham Public Schools' Community Resources Workshop catalog has been completed and is ready for classroom use.

The 190-page manual provides the classroom teacher with a compilation of the many resources available outside of the school.

Daniel A. Neblitt, deputy superintendent in charge of instruction, said the catalog would be used to provide "stimulating and direct learning" experiences for children.

It was developed in the summer of 1963 by a group of local people attending a Community Resources Workshop under the direction of Michigan State University.

The purpose of the project was to make available some of the educational resources of the community to teachers in the Birmingham area.

INCLUDED in the catalog are reports on field trips that may be taken by groups of students, along with information on the recommended age of the group and the educational experiences to be gained.

In addition, the book lists the skills and qualifications of various residents who are able to come into the classroom and speak on various topics.

Frederic Pils was director of the workshop. He was assisted by Daniel Welch and Henry Corbacho.

It's Miss — Not Mrs.

Among the retiring teachers honored at the annual PTA Council dinner Monday at Berkshire Junior High School was Muriel Brusie, counselor at Barnum Junior High. Miss Brusie was incorrectly listed as Mrs. Brusie in a story on this page in last week's Eccentric.

# Deed Restrictions Foul Lathrup Plans

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

Deed restrictions created by the late Louise Lathrup Kelley, founder of Lathrup Village, have put a bugaboo in the City's proposed plans to erect municipal building facilities.

The problems were aired Monday night between council members and City Attorney Everett Hayes.

The City had planned to condemn land on 12 Mile Road between Santa Barbara and the city boundary, but was informed that deed restrictions would force the City to serve and get the approval through court proceedings of all 2,000 families living in Lathrup.

COST OF THIS process was estimated at \$6,000, provided that all residents would approve.

Although the desired land is vacated, the deed restriction termed "heretofore platted" enforces the residential code on all seven subdivisions which comprise Lathrup Village. In order to waive a restriction, it is necessary to win approval of all landowners.

A SUGGESTION was offered by Councilman Vincent Zattell to condemn the property for park purposes, then erect city offices on the first 100 feet platted for business. The rest of the property would be used for recreational facilities, in accordance with the deed.

The feasibility of this plan was later questioned by City Administrator Gerald D. Stone, who felt that City offices could not be erected on only the first 100 feet of property.

"Our Department of Public Works yard cannot be located close to 12 Mile Road within the 100-foot restriction and I doubt if recreation facilities would be termed residential," he said.

(See DEED, 5-A)

# This and That

by George R. Averill

Says LBJ's Policy Plain Socialistic

A Tulsa, Okla., chap (Delmas McClellon) recently wrote to the editors of many American newspapers, revealing his reactions to the drift of the federal government into the Socialist-Welfare State. Here is what he said:

"When President Johnson declared war on poverty, I wanted to enlist. As Napoleon, from the slopes of the Novosibirsk, I was in the rich valley of the Po, I, too, grew hungry to share in the spoils of victory. It will be great to march in the army of Socialism to the tune of his immortal words: 'We are going to take all the money that we think is unnecessarily being spent and take it from the haves and give it to the have-nots that need it so much.'"

"What difference is there in these words and Karl Marx's 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.' Yes, Virginia, President Johnson is a Big Brother Socialist! I can hardly imagine his trying to join his mighty army and vote for perpetuation of his share-the-wealth. Hard work is no way to wealth. So why not support the army of Socialism? In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread. It's all the way with LBJ!"

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