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## Area Residents Assigned Convention Jobs

### Adams-Big Beaver Zoning Is Upheld

By DAVE PHILPO  
Township Editor

A decision by Bloomfield Township two years ago not to rezone the southwest corner of Adams and Big Beaver from residential to commercial has been upheld in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The eight acres of land was subsequently rezoned multiple family and Judge Frederick C. Ziem held Friday that the classification is reasonable for that particular parcel of land.

The Cranbrook Realty Co., owner of the property, instituted the suit on April 11, 1962, after the township planning commission had rejected the rezoning request.

THE FIRM CONTENDED that the property could not be used for multiple dwellings because of the Grand Trunk railroad track along the back 500 feet of the site and heavy volumes of traffic on Adams and Big Beaver roads.

Judge Ziem also ruled that the township's limit of 7.9 multiple units per acre was reasonable.

The plaintiffs had contended that the township's density of units per acre was excessively restrictive and that the firm could not compete with nearby Troy and Birmingham, which permit about two and three times as many units per acre.

Raymond D. Munde, attorney for Cranbrook Realty, said Tuesday that no decision has been made regarding an appeal of the decision to the Michigan Supreme Court.

THE TOWNSHIP INTERVENED in the suit.

Attorney Thomas Dillon said that if the township's decision had been overturned in the court case, the community would have had to "take another look at the entire multiple dwelling classification."

### Hearing Set For Aug. 10 On 1 Parcel

A hearing will be held Aug. 10 by Birmingham city commissioners to establish the zoning on a triangular parcel of property north of the Grand Trunk track and Adams Road.

Due to an Oakland County Circuit Court ruling, the land presently has no zoning classification.

The August hearing will determine whether the land should be zoned multiple family in accordance with abutting land in Bloomfield Township or commercial to allow the property owner, Frank Newell, to build shopping facilities.

MUNDE SAID the developers petitioned for the rezoning to commercial with the view of building a shopping center, which they felt was needed in that area.

Several months after the litigation started the cities of Birmingham and Troy and a group of property owners on nearby Ivy Lane in

### Residents Eye Traffic from New Project

A proposed multi-million dollar development along Coolidge between Maple and Big Beaver in Troy has caused concern among a number of Birmingham residents who live in homes bordering the area.

James McClure, representing the Pembroke Manor Association, told Birmingham city commissioners Monday night that his people were not criticizing the development but were worried about the large volume of traffic that could result from its construction.

The Biltmore Development Co. announced last week plans to construct a 2,000-unit multiple-housing complex and two shopping centers.

"It (the development) could have a good effect on Birmingham," McClure said, "but we want to preserve the residential character of the area."

### Contract Awarded For Sidewalks

A \$39,203 contract was awarded the Century Cement Co. for 1964 sidewalk construction by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The firm's bid was the lowest of three submitted on project. Century also constructed the sidewalks installed in 1963.

City Engineer William T. Killen said the firm will begin work soon and expects to complete the project before the Oct. 17 deadline set by the City.

Killen said the contract covers the entire 1964 sidewalk program which includes sidewalk replacement in seven areas, several sections of sidewalk replacement outside the general areas and new walks being ordered in.

HE ADDED that the large number of cars that would come with the development would "aggravate" traffic conditions in the area.

Norman J. Cohen, representing the Biltmore Co., told commissioners his firm's tentative plans call for a four-lane pavement on Coolidge from Maple north about three blocks and then a boulevard type pavement extending on north to Big Beaver.

Cohen said the boulevard plans tentatively propose two 23-foot lanes with a 22-foot divider strip down the middle.

BECAUSE OF the reduced right-of-way (See RESIDENTS, 4-A)

### Page: A Man Who Enjoys Facing Tough Challenges

Third in a Series  
By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

Bob Page is a man who enjoys a challenge.

Page has had to face all types of challenges whether it be in his role with the Ford Motor Co., the Birmingham City Commission, the U.S. Air Force or at his summer cottage.

A Birmingham resident since 1950, Page almost immediately developed an interest in city government. He was one of the founders and first president of the Pembroke Manor Association.

His first official recognition by the City came in 1961 when he was appointed to the Birmingham Plan Board, a position he held for 10 years. In 1960 he served as chairman of the group.

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CURRENTLY serving as mayor pro tem at the age of 43, Page was appointed to the commission in 1960 and successfully ran for election in 1961 and 1964.

"I felt as a result of my many years of service on the planning board I could assist in the development of certain areas of the city and help to maintain the residential areas in a more direct way as a commissioner," Page said.

A project director in the Automotive Assembly Division of Ford, Page likens his job on the commission to a corporation position.

"The commission is the board of directors and the taxpayers are the stockholders," he said.

"We are elected to operate the corporation (the City) in the best interests of the taxpayers."

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NORTH WOODS CONSTRUCTION MEN  
Three Pages: Greg, Bob and David



Gov. and Mrs. George W. Romney join in celebration on arrival at San Francisco airport Tuesday afternoon. Their son Mitt is at the right, facing camera.

### Dehne Blasts Highway Dept. On Telegraph

By DAVE PHILPO

Charges that the Michigan State Highway Department "renege" on promises to install a metal barrier on Telegraph Road were hurled by Bloomfield Township officials Wednesday.

The news that the state plans only to paint yellow lines on each side of the concrete median and prohibit left turns drew an angry blast from Police Chief Norm Dehne.

"If this is their intention, God help them," he said.

DEHNE SAID state highway officials had reneged on two key promises made in a meeting June 30 to install 1,000 feet of steel guard rail just north of the Maple-Telegraph intersection and to widen the northbound lane from 24 to 28 feet.

He charged that the state had ignored the improvements "to please one or two businessmen" who own commercial interests at the intersection.

"If the time has come when one or two individuals are going to be considered over the welfare of all the people, the state highway department has reached a sorry end," Dehne declared.

Sam Levine, district engineer for the highway department, told The Eccentric Tuesday that he has issued work orders to the county road commission for the yellow line painting and the installation of no left turn signs.

But the widening of the northbound lane of Telegraph at the intersection, he said, will have to be approved by Lansing. The cost of the project is estimated at \$50,000 because the "drainage structures" will have to be changed, and the widened area surfaced with concrete and blacktop.

IN HIS REPORT to Lansing, Levine said he recommended the

### TO COMBAT DIVORCE Courts, Churches Combine Forces

First in a Series  
By MARY BAHN  
Staff Writer

"It's not the adults we're worried about, it's the children."

There lies the motivation behind this three-part marriage counseling program which utilizes the Oakland County circuit court marriage counseling offices and area churches, according to Circuit Court Judge Arthur E. Moore.

The program is aptly called the Religious Assistance and Protective Services.

"This program of child protection through religious involvement has been in the making for a year," said Judge Moore.

"There has been a lot of discussion and criticism about the subject of divorce and the role that the circuit courts should play."



JUDGE MOORE

### Seven Are Appointed To Historical Unit

City commissioners Monday night made appointments to the newly established Birmingham Historical Board.

The seven-member body was set up by the commission to collect and preserve historical material relating to the city of Birmingham.

Selected for three-year terms were James K. Flack, 286 Larche, and J. P. Morgan, 1675 Norfolk. Flack served as chairman of the history and heritage committee during the centennial celebration.

Appointed to two-year terms were Lee Tuttle, 599 W. Brown, and Jervis McMechan, 551 Filbert. One-year terms went to William Reddig, 185 Hawthorne, and Merritt Olsen, 560 Townsend.

### B'field Twp. To Require Curbs, Gutters

The Bloomfield Township Board passed a resolution Monday night to require concrete curbs and gutters in all new subdivisions.

The move was made to alleviate what Supervisor Homer A. Lewis said is "the increasing problem of maintenance as far as open ditches are concerned."

Case said that the Oakland County Road Commission is studying the possibility of requiring enclosed storm drains throughout the county.

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### 'Favorite Son' Romney Heads Michigan Unit

By HENRY M. HOGAN, JR.  
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SAN FRANCISCO—Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents have dominated the 48-man Michigan delegation to the Republican National Convention here.

Though only seven in number, they have been appointed to top convention posts.

Gov. George W. Romney of Bloomfield Hills was elected chairman of the Michigan delegation as well as being its "Favorite Son" candidate.

Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., of Bloomfield Township, state chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, was elected vice chairman of the delegation.

### Food Supply Diminishes for State Group

By DOUGLAS G. ASHLEY  
Special Writer

Michigan delegates to the Republican National Convention had a hectic first day in San Francisco. The "troubles began on the way, though."

The first special charter flight from Detroit ran out of food early in the flight so many of the delegates and families went hungry. It seems there was food for 60 on a flight of 91 passengers, so many of the delegates satisfied their appetites on candy bars, peanuts and hot chocolate.

It might not have been so bad had the plane not arrived at San Francisco International Airport two hours late. The delegation, led by Gov. George W. Romney, arrived to the greeting of over 100 Romney fans as well as various media representatives.

Birmingham residents arriving on that flight were David Elliott (son of Arthur G.) Lynn Keanan and her husband Larry.

AFTER A NOISY greeting and a brief press conference at the airport, they left by caravan for the Jack Tar Hotel where the bulk of the Michigan delegation is staying.

While the first group of delegates, alternates, families and friends began to get settled in preparation for the Saturday night caucus, Gov. Romney began a series of platform briefings.

The second charter flight was equally laborious with problems. For it was delayed for several hours because of plane repairs. It did not arrive until after 10 p.m. The caucus finally got under way well after 11 p.m.

ON SUNDAY, Romney and his family toured Stanford University, where the governor's son Scott is a sophomore. The family attended church there.

The Elliotts and the Allen Stroms toured Carmel and Monterey, while county Republican chairman A. Charles Elliott and his wife, plenipotentiary with relatives at San Mateo.

### Southern Negro Vote Aided by Area Pastor

By MARY BAHN

"For the Negro, to stand before God means, to stand before the voting registrar."

This is how Rev. Carl R. Sayers of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Bloomfield Township, explains why he spent a week in Canton, Miss., to preach, but to educate the Negro so he could register.

"My only contact with the Negroes in a church came at a mass meeting on Sunday. To them, life is a combination of piety and politics, not a separation.

"IN THIS way, their religious life is more sophisticated, more realistic than ours."

To them, freedom means salvation. Their freedom songs are really spirituals, and when they are really praying, they feel they are really praying.

Rev. Sayers actually walked to the courthouse with four Negroes to help them register.

"But I don't explain the hard work—like walking the streets and knocking on doors to meet the

And I never suffered so much because of the heat—it was 110 degrees in the sun," said Rev. Sayers.

REV. SAYERS lived with other Freedom workers in the Negro community.

"I lived with two retired school teachers. We ate their food and used their facilities, an experience many white people will never have."

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