



Await Reopening Of Schools In September

Primary Ballot Jam-Packed With Choices

New Constitution Brought Changes

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham-Bloomfield area voters may find things a bit confusing when they go to the polls in the Sept. 1 primary election.

On the ballot will be positions in new state House of Representatives and Senate districts, a new congressional district and a new state court of appeals—plus the normal county and local races.

The setup for state posts has also been changed under the new constitution with the elimination of the contest for lieutenant governor.

The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general will be nominated by respective party conventions. In the November general election one vote will be cast jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor nominated by the same party.

PRIMARY RACES for the post of governor and U.S. senator remain the same as in previous years.

The new state Senate and House districts have attracted one of the largest fields of candidates ever to file for political office in the state's history.

Three Senate and four House districts make up the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

They are:

Senate District 14—western part of Oakland County including West Bloomfield and Farmington townships; Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Plymouth and Northville.

Senate District 15—part of Southfield, Lathrup Village, Madison Heights, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park, Huntley Woods, Berkley and Royal Oak townships.

Senate District 16—Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Clawson, part of Royal Oak and the townships of Pontiac, Avon, Bloomfield and Southfield.

HOUSE DISTRICTS include:

District 63—southeast corner of Pontiac, Addison, Avon, Oakland, Orion and Oxford townships and city of Troy north of a line from the east city limits west on Long Lake to Livernois, south to Big Beaver and west to the city limits.

District 64—West Bloomfield and Farmington townships; cities of Farmington, Lathrup, Keego Harbor and Southfield south of 12 Mile and west of Lahser.

District 65—Bloomfield and Southfield townships; cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and a section of north central Royal Oak north of 13 Mile and east of Woodward.

District 66—Clawson, Madison Heights, Hazel Park north of Nine Mile and Troy south of a line along Long Lake Road from Duquoin to Edgerolls, south to Big Beaver and west to the city limits.

ON THE national level the count (See CHANGES, 2-A)

Democrats On for First Time in Twp.

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

A spirited campaign for treasurer in Bloomfield Township and the appearance of the Democratic Party in the ballot for the first time in West Bloomfield will highlight the Sept. 1 primary in local township elections.

These candidates are vying for two trustee posts in West Bloomfield and several seats on library boards are up for grabs in both townships.

In Bloomfield, incumbent treasurer Arno L. Hulet, 70, a long-time office holder, is fighting for his political life against challenger Charles M. Frazee, 51, a former commissioner and mayor of Birmingham, now serving on the township planning commission.

HULET HAS had experience as supervisor, treasurer and justice of the peace. Ritchie is presently employed by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Home Case, supervisor; Deloris Little, clerk; Frank Swindell and Samuel J. Reeve, trustee, are unopposed.

Three candidates are seeking two seats on the Bloomfield Township Library Board.

They are Ralph G. Heiler, 43, a public relations man for Chrysler Corp.; Frazier F. Hilder, 51, an attorney for General Motors, both appointed to the board at its inception over a year ago; and Mrs. Ann W. Sheldon, 38, chairman of the Citizens' Club.

(See DEMOCRATS, 4-A)

POLITICAL Releases Not Accepted for Aug. 27 Eccentric

In keeping with established policy, The Birmingham Eccentric will not publish news releases or statements from the Sept. 1 primary candidates in next week's paper.

Policy prevents the printing of such articles in the last issue before an election. Also, letters to the editor concerning candidates cannot be used in that issue.

The Eccentric makes its recommendation for candidates in three editions on Page 1-B, one dealing with those on the state and national level, one on the county scene and one on the local township offices.

71 Candidates Vie for State, National Posts

A field of 71 candidates has entered various state and national contests in Oakland County's Sept. 1 primary election.

Voters will find many new names on the larger-than-usual ballot.

Political observers have attributed the large number of nominees to the newly created congressional and state Court of Appeals districts and the newly-apportioned districts for the state Senate and House of Representatives.

In the governor's race, Bloomfield Hills' George Romney will face Ferndale auto dealer George Higgins for the Republican Party nomination, and on the Democratic side of the ledger Neil Staebler of Ann Arbor is unopposed.

U.S. SEN. Philip A. Hart of Mackinac Island is unopposed for another six-year term.

Ely M. Peterson, of Charlotte, former national GOP committee woman; **James F. O'Neil**, Livonia auto executive; and **Edward A. Meany, Jr.**, Grand Haven businessman, will vie for the Republican nomination for the Senate seat.

ROBERT W. ROBERTS, of the 18th Congressional District race in the southern part of the county, incumbent William S. Bloomfield of Royal Oak will face suburban Robert W. Roberts, 32, of Southfield, Beverly Hills, for the GOP bid. Democrat Frank J. Skerawski of Ferndale, an assistant secretary of state, is unopposed.

THERE IS a three-man race for both the GOP and Democratic nominations in the newly-created 19th Congressional District.

Republican voters will choose from Richard D. Kahn of Pontiac, an attorney; **James P. Dickerson** of Rochester, an attorney from his post as assistant to the chancellor of Oakland University; and **William W. Brashear** of Livonia.

BILLIE FARRAM, present state auditor general, of Drayton Plains; **Paul J. Rabaut**, Union Lake real estate broker, and **John H. Burke** of Farmington are vying for the Democratic bid in the 19th.

ON THE STATE level for the 14th Senate District in the GOP contest are **Paul M. Chandler**, Livonia newspaper publisher; **Paul A. Kern, Jr.**, real estate investor from Orchard Lake; and **George L. Ziem**.

(See POSTS, 7-A)

Circuit Judge Posts Tops Among 7 County Contests

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

Oakland County citizens will nominate candidates for seven county posts in the Sept. 1 primary election.

There are three positions open on the non-partisan circuit court bench in the 6th judicial district. Seven candidates are seeking all the unexpired terms of office which run through Dec. 31, 1965. The prize for the post is \$28,000 yearly.

CANDIDATES ARE:

Incumbent **Arthur E. Moore**, 63, of 1440 Vinsetta, Royal Oak.

Incumbent **Philip Pratt**, 40, of 482 W. Iroquois Road, Pontiac.

Incumbent **James S. Thorburn**, 45, of 2600 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak.

James Clarkson, 39, of 23825 Valley View, Southfield, a partner in a law firm. Clarkson was a state representative in 1959-60 and mayor of Southfield from 1961-64.

Allen C. Fingline, 43, of 29820 Grand River, Farmington, an attorney.

Gordon S. Smith, 37, of 18790 Jeannette, Southfield, a partner in the law firm of Utley, Smith and Kohn of Pontiac.

John E. McGrath, 39, of 1811 Edgegrove, Pontiac, Waterford Township justice of the peace since 1959.

RUNNING UNOPPOSED for the unexpired term of probate judge is **Wm. H. Ruppel**, Des Moines, 31, 1964, is Norman R. Barnard, 50, of Troy. He is also a candidate for a full term, effective on Jan. 1, 1965, at a salary of \$22,000.

Barnard, an attorney, is currently the probate judge on appointment by Gov. Romney in Feb., 1963.

The county clerk-register post, (See COUNTY, 6-A)

Early Makeup Caused Cut-Off Of 'Want Ads'

The classified advertising department of The Birmingham Eccentric wishes to be apologetic to the many people who phoned "want ads" in after 11 a.m. Tuesday of last week and were told that we could not handle them.

The makeup of the paper was set early in the week and only three pages were allocated for classified ads. These three pages were filled by the middle of the morning Tuesday.

We might suggest that during the week the Detroit newspaper strike advertisers get their classified ads in a little earlier to insure space.



IT'S TIME to dust off the school books and pack away the summer equipment for Birmingham area students as schools prepare to open their doors next month to more than 22,000 pupils. Trying to get back into a studious mood are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hamilton's youngsters of 1633 Bowers, Birmingham. They are (from left) Anita, Jack, Martha and Alex.

Proposed Traffic Survey Of Pembroke Area Denied

By LARRY EVOE

A proposal to conduct a survey on the effect of increased traffic in Pembroke Manor subdivision has been rejected by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The administration had recommended a \$5,000 study be made of the traffic volumes to be generated by a proposed \$60 million development along Coolidge between Maple and Big Beaver.

Residents of the area have expressed concern over the large number of cars from the development that might be using Birmingham streets to get to Hunter Blvd.

Set Pre-Trial Conference on School Suit

By DAVE PHILPO

A pre-trial conference in a property owners' suit against the Bloomfield Hills School District has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 1, before Circuit Judge Frederick C. Ziem.

The suit was filed Aug. 7 by Louis J. Cullison, Jr., and several other property owners who live near the proposed site of the school district's second high school, near the southwest corner of Lahser and Hickory Grove.

The complainants contend that the 20-foot-wide strip of Lahser between Long Lake and Hickory Grove is not adequate to carry additional traffic to a high school and seek to determine who is responsible for maintaining and improving the road.

THEY HOPE to obtain a permanent injunction prohibiting the school district from building on the site.

(See SUIT, 2-A)

Gift Snake Starts Boy On Study of Reptiles

By ELLI BLAUMAN
Special Writer

Probably not one person in 10 would be able to tell you what a herpetologist is but John Schultz, a sophomore at Brother Rice High School, not only knows but intends to make the study of reptiles his life's work.

John, who just turned 15 last Saturday, has been interested in snakes for Tuesday, Sept. 1, for approximately one-third of his life.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of 309 E. Southlawn, Birmingham, bought him his first snake five years ago, never dreaming it would be the first of more than 30 species to be housed under their roof.

JOHN CONSIDERS some of his most interesting specimens to have been a corn snake, a canebrake rattler, a massasauga, a glossy snake and an Eastern king snake and he has on occasion even supplied a few specimens to the Detroit Zoo and to Snakes Alive.

He spent his early years in Germany, learning to speak German and to read in English, and revisited Europe last summer where he was very impressed with the reptile set-up at the Frankfurt Zoo.

According to Dr. Alexander S. Rehn, author of "Herpetology of Michigan," whom he met last year when visiting the museum at the University of Michigan, John has the potential for becoming a distinguished scientist.

THE TRIP to Ann Arbor was outstanding in John's mind and he intends to study there, considering it to be "the best school in the world" for the study of reptiles. His ultimate ambition is to become a curator at the university.

In his room there are many evidences of his interests, including the bookshelves containing many books about reptiles and other animals, the snakeskins hanging on the wall, the microscope on the desk and, of course, the cages and terrariums containing several species of snakes, as well as baseball trophies and other usual appurtenances of a boy's room.

IF YOU ASK, he will be glad to show his preserved specimens and blue race eggs which will hatch soon, and answer any question pertaining to his pets.

John works part-time to finance his hobby and this year has arranged to speak to science classes in the Birmingham School District.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m., he will be at the Jungle Jim Pet Shop on Westlawn and 14 Mile Road and the public is invited to learn more about a little known subject.

Gare replied that if time permitted such a survey would be good, "but I guess I've changed my mind."

"I'm sorry it became a part of the agenda," Gare said, "it's just not practical at this time."

Commissioner Robert W. Page said he couldn't see waiting another 30 days for the results of a survey.

HOWEVER, PAGE expressed concern over traffic cutting through the subdivision in both easterly and westerly directions.

"The solution to this problem seems to me to be a boulevard with no cut-through from Maple to Derby," Page said.

This, Gare reasoned, would mean "I can go on somebody else's street but they can't go on mine."

"You would, in effect, be putting in a service drive for Birmingham," Gare said.

Page said he was only interested in prohibiting through traffic from Birmingham.

(See SURVEY, 2-A)

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Expect 22,000 Students from B'ham, B'field

By DICK ZEMMIN
School Editor

The warm carefree summer months that children love and mothers tolerate will come to an end when the school's doors open their doors for the 1964-65 year next month.

More than 22,000 Birmingham-Bloomfield students will return to their studies the second week in September, while a few private schools will reopen a week later.

Approximately 16,100 pupils are expected when the Birmingham Public Schools open this fall. This is an increase of 870 over last year's enrollment of 14,130.

Birmingham schools registered a total of 13,283 during the 1962-63 school year and 12,737 in 1961-62.

CLASSES FOR pupils in grades 1-12 will begin Sept. 10 with a half-day morning session. The first full day of school will be on Sept. 11.

Parents of kindergarten pupils will attend conferences during the first week of school. They will be notified of registration dates.

New and returning secondary students should pick up their class schedules and pay fees between Aug. 31 and Sept. 4 at their respective schools. Pupils who are out of town at that time may register on Sept. 8.

New elementary pupils should contact their schools for registration information.

The professional staff for the Birmingham Public Schools will total 786 for the 1964-65 year, with 143 teachers new to the system this fall.

THE ELEMENTARY school day has been increased 20 minutes over last year's, due to the additional time needed for the foreign language program which will be initiated in the 6th grade.

Groves and Staholin High schools will open their doors at 8 a.m. and close at 3:10 p.m., while Berkshire and Derby Junior highs will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:40 p.m. Barnum will open at 8 a.m. and finish at 3:18 p.m.

The majority of the system's elementary schools will open at 8:45 a.m. and close between 3:20 p.m.

Bloomfield Hills Public Schools (See SCHOOLS, 8-A)

See Sec. BB For TV Listings

Unit to Study Relocation of School Offices

A seven-member committee has been formed to study the possible relocation of the school administration offices in downtown Birmingham.

Robert L. Kilpatrick, head of the Citizens Action Committee, said the new group, a subcommittee of the CAC, will be known as the Cooperative Study Committee.

Francis M. Fisher, manager of the Birmingham office of Manufacturers National Bank, will serve as chairman of the group. It will be made up of representatives of the city commission, board of education, planning board and the CAC.

The purpose of the group will be to study possible sites for the new school administration building.

Kilpatrick said.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS have been considering contracting a new administration building. It has been suggested that the building be located either in the downtown area or on school property near Pierce School.

The CAC is interested in keeping the school offices in the downtown area.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew Monday night appointed Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham and Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning as the City's representatives on the CSC.

Kilpatrick said that George W. Whithead would represent the CAC board on the committee.

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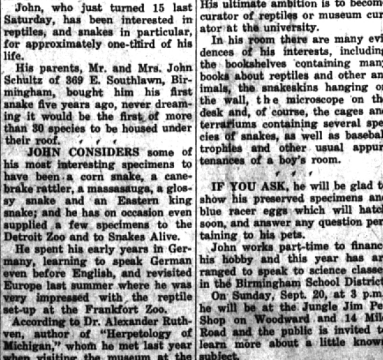
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John Schultz and his pet, a four-foot king snake.

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