



A SHORT CONVERSATION BEFORE LUNCH
Former Mayor Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., (left), Mrs. Genevieve Steiger, past ACB president, and Mrs. Lenore Romney.

Credit Convention Termed a Success

Birmingham's first convention was a success. Officials of the Associated Credit Bureaus of Michigan and the chamber of commerce both termed the group's three-day stay in Birmingham "outstanding."

Kenneth B. Smith, chamber executive director, said the Birmingham meetings set a new attendance record for the statewide credit organization.

Wayne W. Combs, manager of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, was the official host of the ACB group. One of the highlights of the convention was a Monday luncheon talk by Michigan's First Lady, Mrs. Lenore Romney.

C of C Joins Fight Against Shoplifting

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has joined the police department in the fight against shoplifting.

The chamber has scheduled a three-day program Oct. 5-7 for Birmingham area retail owners, managers and sales personnel to combat over-increasing losses.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley and his staff will cooperate with the chamber and its committee, headed by George Couzens, to conduct the study meetings.

The schedule includes sessions for store owners and managers at Birmingham Hotel Towers Room, 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, and for sales personnel at the Community House, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.

THE MEETINGS will last an hour and will feature an educational sound film entitled "Shrinkage—the Shoplifting Problem." Police officials will outline ways to combat the problem in local retail stores.

Part of the program will explain how to detect shoplifters and deliver them to the police department. The total program is designed to enable merchants and the entire com-

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Area Woman Heads State Volunteers for Peterson

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

A Beverly Hills woman who would like to see Ely Peterson become the first woman from Michigan in the U.S. Senate has a job on her hands.

She is Mrs. Roderick H. Spann of 31725 Topper Ct., who has been appointed state chairman of the Volunteers for Peterson. The announcement was made Wednesday from Peterson for U.S. Senate Headquarters in Charlotte.

Mrs. Spann has resigned from the board of directors of the Birmingham-Bloomfield League of Women Voters to accept the appointment.

"I have known Ely Peterson since I came to Michigan and I have been tremendously impressed with her considerable experience. I think she will truly represent all of Michigan in the Senate," said Mrs. Spann.

"Only incidentally would I find tremendous satisfaction in helping to send the first woman from Michigan to the U.S. Senate," she declared.



MRS. RODERICK H. SPANN

WHEN ASKED what she thought were the chances of Mrs. Peterson's defeating Democrat Philip A. Hart, Mrs. Spann replied:

"I think she has an excellent chance. She's in this campaign to win."

However, she conceded that "any time you are seeking to unseat an incumbent, you have a difficult campaign; but I believe we have the candidate with the greater appeal."

What will be key issues in the senatorial campaign?

"The campaign will center on the effectiveness of representing Michigan in the U.S. Senate

"I think that Michigan needs a

Coolidge Paving OK'd Tentatively

By LARRY EVOE

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night gave tentative approval to an agreement with the City of Troy for the paving of Coolidge Road between Maple and Big Beaver.

Final approval is subject to action on the project by the Troy commission.

The agreement calls for a boulevard type pavement with a 22-foot wide median strip the entire length of the roadway.

Troy commissioners Monday night authorized their administration to advertise for bids for the portion of the project between Maple and Derby.

THE DEVELOPERS. Biltmore Development Co., hope to begin construction on the first 1/4 mile of the project next month. Biltmore plans to build a \$50 million apartment-business complex along Coolidge.

Troy commissioners also instructed City Manager Paul York to begin setting up a special assessment district for the paving from Derby north to Big Beaver.

The property on the east side of Coolidge is owned entirely by Biltmore, but the western land is owned by several individuals.

Birmingham's portion of the roadway will also be paid through special assessment proceeds.

A hearing on the spread of the assessment roll will be held Sept. 28.

SEVERAL Birmingham commissioners had expressed concern over the type of roadway to be constructed between Derby and Big Beaver. Preliminary plans showed the boulevard extending only from Maple to Derby.

Norman J. Cohen, representing Biltmore, told commissioners Monday his firm would refund to Birmingham any money spent by them if the boulevard did not extend all the way to Big Beaver.

Cohen and Birmingham city attorney Dean Beier are expected to work out an agreement next week.

Slight Drop In Safety Program Here

Birmingham's traffic safety program is not as good as it was a year ago according to figures released Monday by the National Safety Council.

An analysis of the annual Traffic Safety Inventory was presented to city officials by Norman Olman of the Michigan State Traffic Safety Commission.

Although Birmingham's actual standing in the survey was not revealed, Olman said the city did not fare badly in comparison with the 186 other communities in its population category.

Cities in the 25,000-50,000 group are rated against the top 30 communities which are considered to have achieved the 100-per-cent level.

Birmingham's ratings for 1963 was 95 per cent as compared to 78 per cent the previous year.

True Gold Used In Supplement

Appearing with this week's Birmingham Eccentric is an eight-page, two-color (gold and black) offset tabloid advertising supplement prepared for Chudick's Fine Food & Apparel store, 450 Ann Arbor.

This is a "first-time" project for Birmingham Eccentric.

Printed by The Averill Press, sister company to the newspaper, on a 2-color Harris Offset Press, the tabloid has what is called "true gold." This is a much more complicated and expensive operation than the "fake gold" which normally would be used by most newspapers and printing shops.

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strong voice in Washington and representation by a senator who speaks for all of the people and not just for special interest groups"

THE VOLUNTEERS for Peterson group will concentrate its efforts on reaching all women in the state.

Mrs. Spann's main responsibility will be the organization and direction of volunteer groups throughout the state.

"We already have 70 county chairmen who will set up the organization within their county and we expect to have a chairman in each of the 83 counties in the state," she said.

"We will operate a person-to-person kind of organization where each person assigned to an area is responsible to contact all of the people in her area."

The volunteers' first job will be to conduct a registration 40-vote campaign.

EACH PERSON will be offered an opportunity to serve a specific function in the campaign, Mrs. Spann reported. This may be representing Mrs. Peterson at meetings or serving on a phoning or mailing committee or in a similar capacity.

Mrs. Spann explained that the

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Commissioners, however, are still concerned over possible traffic problems that could be created by the development.

IN THE agreement, Birmingham insists there be no crossover at Derby Road that would allow traffic to head west to Hunter Blvd.

York said Tuesday that the Troy commission did not discuss the Derby crossover portion of the proposed agreement. In a report to the Troy commission, York said it would be, in his opinion, "poor planning" not to have a crossover at Derby.

Commissioner David P. Breck has suggested that in addition to not allowing the crossover, the agreement include a clause that would prohibit right turns for southbound traffic at Derby if the need arose.

This, Breck said, would prevent traffic from using Derby as a short cut regardless of whether the crossover was placed at the intersection or to the north.

ANY SUCH sign would have to be installed by Troy authorities because the northwest portion of the intersection is in that community.

Preliminary plans for the paving between Maple and Derby were also approved by Birmingham commissioners subject to the enactment by the mayor of the entire agreement.

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Renew Battle to Cut School Area Speeds

The board: Requested the Oakland County Road Commission to make a speed survey on Opdyke Road between Square Lake South to the Bloomfield Hills city limits.

Asked the road commission to install signs on Quarton from Telegraph to Franklin roads, reducing the speed from 40 to 25 miles per hour.

There are presently no speed signs on Opdyke Road between Square Lake and the Hills city limits. Case explained that his two major concerns in this area are for children walking to St. Hugo

Twp. Library Budget Set At \$163,500

A budget of \$163,500 for the fiscal year starting April 1, 1965, and ending March 31, 1966, has been approved by the Bloomfield Township Library.

The township board Monday night accepted the budget and placed it on file.

A one-half mill levy for library operation will produce an estimated \$138,000; and other revenue, including state aid and rental fees, will account for an additional \$25,500.

THE BREAK-DOWN of estimated expenditures is \$47,250 for salaries (professional and clerical); \$33,000 for books and processing; \$33,000 for operating expenses (including rent, utilities, supplies, etc.); \$6,400 for furniture and equipment; and \$40,000 for the contract with Birmingham for township residents' use of Baldwin Library.

Although the library will be a separate entity, the township treasurer will keep the books and distribute funds for it.

The new library, located on Telegraph near Long Lake, is expected to open by the middle of October.

She Awaits Peace Corps Assignment in Lima, Peru

By MARION CASKEY
Special Writer

What motivates a girl from a comfortable, apolitical, upper middle class home in a village like Wood Creek Farms to volunteer for Peace Corps duty in Peru?

Marjorie Lam, who just completed her 12 weeks of training at San Diego State College, expressed her reasons in a letter to her parents.

She just finished college at Middlebury, Vt., and thought it was time that she started giving, rather than taking. She wants to what's really going on elsewhere in the world and see if she can't do a little to better it.

BESIDES THIS, she thinks perhaps her experience and practice will help her future as a Spanish teacher. Since she is not yet entangled personally or involved with job or family, the time for doing is now.

As a trainee, Marjorie learned to handle many problems. She was taught some sewing, nutrition, government—even brick laying in her construction course. The last 12 days con-

HER TRAINING was tentatively for the Peru Urban Community Development Program but she could conceivably be sent elsewhere.

Marjorie's college advisor from Middlebury will be in Lima, too, as director of 450 volunteers in Peru.

It was probably this man who most influenced her choice.

If Marjorie is assigned according to her training, she will be going to work in the "barriadas" of a large city. These are settlements of substandard homes where lower class people have clustered.

They don't call them slums, though, because living conditions can be and are worse in many places. However, there is usually no water except when one pipe may be run through a settlement with taps running off at intervals.

THERE IS no refrigeration and cooking is done on kerosene stoves. The people do have a desire to own their own homes and educate their children but don't know how to go about it. Interestingly enough, they reject apartments as they don't want people living over them.

The Peace Corps volunteer's job is to live among these people in the barriadas, get to know their problems and resources

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B'ham Citizens To Vote on Charter Change

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham residents will have a chance at the April election to decide whether a charter amendment should be approved that would provide initiative and referendum (I&R).

City commissioners Monday night approved the placing of such an amendment on the ballot at the spring election. An affirmative vote by a majority would be necessary for passage.

The proposed amendment will not include a key issue in the I&R controversy—zoning.

By a 5-2 vote the commission decided to include zoning matters on a list of items which could not be initiated by or referred to by the electorate.

The proposed ordinance also excludes budget or capital program, emergency ordinances, ordinances relating to appropriation of money or levy of taxes, salaries of city officers and employees, hours of employment and retirement benefits.

IN EXCLUDING the zoning classifications, the commission was acting on a planning board recommendation.

Commissioners David P. Breck and Charles F. Clippert voted in favor of having zoning fall under I&R.

Breck said that if zoning were omitted "there would be little for the residents" to vote for under I&R.

He said in a community such as Birmingham zoning was a key issue and the commission should give credit to the voters to use good judgment in such matters.

"I have not seen any other city charters that exclude zoning," Breck said.

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Crisp Weather Heralds Autumn

Temperatures in Oakland County will average three to four degrees above normal this week end, the last before fall officially begins on Monday. Normal high is 73 degrees; normal low, 55.

A little warmer weather is expected Thursday, but there won't be much change in temperatures through Tuesday.

Precipitation will total 1/4-inch in rain or showers Thursday and again about Saturday.

Nunnelley Is B'ham's New Fire Chief

A 16-year veteran, C. G. (Dick) Nunnelley has been appointed Birmingham's new fire chief.

Nunnelley, 41, replaces George S. Scott, who was killed in a plane crash in Troy on June 7.

Born in Lexington, Ky., the new chief joined the department as a firefighter in 1948. He was named department mechanic in 1951 and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1955.

Nunnelley had held the rank of captain since 1956.

City Manager L. R. Gare said Nunnelley was selected on the basis of a competitive examination with five other firemen and personal interviews.

GARE SAID the performance records kept by Scott and former chief Park Smith were also taken into consideration.

Gare had high praise for Nunnelley, especially in the field of civil defense and rescue work.

A World War II veteran, he served as a flight engineer on B-24 bombers from 1942 to 1945.

A Birmingham resident since 1945, Nunnelley lives at 1137 Hol-

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C. G. NUNNELLEY

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Phone Service Disrupted at The Eccentric

Telephone service to The Birmingham Eccentric was interrupted briefly Tuesday afternoon due to mechanical difficulties with the Eccentric's telephone equipment.

The publishers regret the delay and confusion encountered by a 4-B wishing to contact our personnel.

Some calls meant for our classified advertising department were cut off unintentionally or misdirected to other departments.

Cooperation from the telephone company was unusually good, even though it took a while to effect the necessary repairs.

We are pleased to report that the repairs have been made and our telephone service is now back to normal.