

SIGN POLLUTION

While the returnable bottle issue is debated back and forth, Troy city officials are afraid of pollution of another kind. Political signs began popping up all over the community last weekend after a local judge declared the city's sign ordinance illegal. Municipal Judge William Bolle ruled that the ordinance violates an individual's right of expression by prohibiting political signs on front lawns or industrial property. The ruling came in a case involving James Elman, a Birmingham attorney who was cited by the city for posting political signs on his property while running for the U.S. Senate nomination. But, candidates still must beware. The city has decided to appeal the case and the old ordinance is in effect until a final court decision is reached.

NO SNOW

Owners of five buildings considered unsafe by West Bloomfield Township officials failed to appear at a show-cause hearing Monday to explain why the buildings should not be razed.

The township board then voted unanimously to have the five buildings demolished and all costs charged to the owners' 1977 tax bills. The ordinance stated that any unoccupied building which stands unguarded with open doors or windows is unsafe.

MARCH TO THE MUSIC

Six hundred students from five area high school bands will strut their stuff Saturday at the first Greater Oakland Activities League band festival at West Bloomfield High School.

Bands from Bloomfield Hills Andover, Clarkston, Milford, Waterford Kettering and West Bloomfield high schools will participate. Music begins at 4:30 p.m. The school is on Orchard Lake Road north of Walnut Lake Road.

SAYS NO TO 'C'

Southfield City Council went on record this week as opposing ballot Proposal C, designed to put a lid on state spending. The council resolution urged voters to become educated on the possible consequences of the proposed constitutional amendment and was adopted 6-1 by the council Oct. 18.

The resolution states that amendments as proposed by Proposal C will subject local governments to substantial ambiguity, confusion and uncertainty about authority to increase property taxes even within legal limits.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

Political candidates in Avon and Oakland townships are bringing their platforms and philosophies to the voters this week in soap box statements but in Avon the choices are slim.

Although every candidate in Oakland Township has opposition in the November election, only one office—in Avon—offers more than one name on the ballot. Two open seats for Avon trustee have attracted three candidates, one a Republican

incumbent seeking a second four-year term.

Oakland Township park commission, which has six open seats, has drawn only five political hopefuls on the ballot. The position of constable in Oakland is open, although there are no candidates for the post. The offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees all have two-party selections in Oakland Township's elections.

ACTION ON BURNT BUILDINGS

The Birmingham City Commission has ordered the repair or demolition of a small shopping center at Fourteen Mile and Southfield roads which was damaged by fire more than a year ago.

The commission Monday voted to notify the property owner of the order declaring the site a public nuisance and unsafe. Commissioners ordered compliance within 60 days.

If the notice is not complied with, the city could go to Oakland County Circuit Court to seek a demolition order.

NOT WHERE IT HURTS

Although an increase in population has caused Farmington Hills to be considered separately from Oakland County for community development block grant funds, it will receive less money of its own. Hills administrators were expecting to receive \$200,000, instead they will receive \$150,000.

Help needed

The families of two Lakeside men are asking hunters or trappers to Michigan upper peninsula to keep their eye out for a downed plane, believed to have crashed somewhere between Menominee and Houghton.

The men, Alan Griffin and Jerry Cook, were on the plane when it disappeared several weeks ago.

The plane is a Beechcraft Twin Engine and white with gold trim, number 2000. It was last seen Sept. 20.

The pilot, Griffin, is 51 years old, 63-50 pounds and was wearing blue pants, a white shirt and a brown jacket.

His passenger, Cook, is 35, 6 feet, 180 pounds and was wearing beige pants, white shirt and a green plaid sports coat. If any evidence or debris is found, contact the state police immediately.

Auxiliary hosts show

The Oakland County Dental Auxiliary will present its annual luncheon and fashion show at noon Oct. 27 at the Main Event Restaurant in Pontiac Stadium.

The show will feature the latest tennis and ski fashions presented by Don Thomas Sports Club. Members who will act as models are: Pat Betting, Johanne Elton, Juan Green, Char Petrucci, Bonnie Reilly, Gail Rorer, Fred Rorer, Judy Rorer and Sue Robinson.



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