



## Bands and more bands spark area festival

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Over 700 high-stepping bandmen will be converging on the township July 21 as part of the area's two-day "Festival of the Lakes" celebration.

The "Festival of the Lakes" sponsored by the West Bloomfield Band Boosters, has attracted five touring bands from the Mid-American Band Association.

Those bands, headed by the hostess "Marching Indians" of Chesaning, Mich. will compete in a march-off at 7:30 p.m. at the football field of the West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, between Walnut Lake and Lone Pine roads in West Bloomfield.

Each band is expected to play five or six tunes including both traditional John Philip Sousa-type marches and contemporary dance numbers, according to festival chairmen and high school band director June Harting.

THEY WILL be judged on their quality of tone, personal appearance and execution of march maneuvers within certain time limits, she said.

Meanwhile, local school district band members will be busy directing busloads of musicians to the various school buildings where they will sleep. They will also make breakfast for them the next morning.

Local choirs such as the West Bloomfield High School Lads and Lassies and combos will be entertaining from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 20 at the Pine Lake roads in West Bloomfield.

There will also be a variety of activities, musical and non-musical, at the West Bloomfield High School that day.

These will include community swimming in the new pool, softball and relay contests, a skatmobile and a demonstration of sling shot shooting.

THE FIVE bands will also march in a parade at 1 p.m. on Sunday beginning at Ealy School, 5475 W. Maple Road and heading north on Orchard Lake Road to Pontiac Trail.

Publicity chairman Peg Weikal is hoping that children will decorate their bicycles and join the parade along with Girl-and Boy scout troops and other participants.

"Anybody can be in the parade! It's not an exclusive kind of thing," she commented.

For information on the bleacher, grandstand and patron tickets for the July 21 Calvacade of Bands, contact Mrs. Arnold J. Benes, 6600 Cottonwood Knoll, West Bloomfield.

Community groups interested in participating in the Festival of the Lakes parade or performing in mini-concerts should contact Mrs. Harting at the high school.

## County Democrats urge Kuthy's endorsement

By SUSAN L. SILK  
OAKLAND COUNTY — To avoid the "Republican Party's trash," Oakland County Democratic Party officers Tuesday voted unanimously to urge full party endorsement of Eugene W. Kuthy for county executive in the Democratic primary race.

"We don't care to have the Republican Party's trash dumped in our front lawn," Mrs. Howe said, referring to former Republican Oakland County Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry, who is a Democratic candidate for county executive.

conspiracy and bribery as a result of the 1971 citizens' grand jury investigation.

Barry ran for the drain commissioner post again as an unendorsed Republican in 1972 and was defeated in the primary.

**BARRY SERVED** as a Republican Drain Commissioner for 15 years before he was removed from office on a 1971 conflict of interest charge.

**THE OUSTED** county official will oppose Kuthy in the August 6th primary election. The winner of that race will face the Republican's nominee Daniel T. Murphy, presently the appointed county executive and chairman of the board of auditors.

Although the conflict of interest conviction was overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals last week, Barry still faces felony charges of misuse of public funds.

"The question boils down to whether Barry, by simply declaring himself to be a Democrat, ac-

tually is one — and whether this political party intends to act in a responsible fashion," Mrs. Howe said.

During his tenure as a Republican drain commissioner Barry "was a member not only of the Republican Party but in fact of its most inner and most influential circle. He was probably their best known and most successful fund raiser," Mrs. Howe said.

**THE DEMOCRATIC** Party has "never heard of him," and still considers him a Republican, she said.

"We have an obligation to the voters of this county to see that he

does not win our Democratic primary and we intend to fulfill that obligation," Mrs. Howe added.

"Unfortunately thinking" was Barry's reaction to the "Republican trash" remark when reached at the Pontiac auto dealership which he manages.

**"IT LOOKS LIKE** I have a very tough fight but I think I'm the only qualified candidate," Barry said.

Barry acknowledged that he "does not know what they expect a Democrat to be."

"I don't think anybody can be categorized anymore, but on a national level I know I wouldn't want to be a Republican at all, with the

things that have been going on," Barry said.

**BARRY SAID** he favors expansion of the county hospital facility and the elected county executive form of full-time official — both acknowledged positions of the county Democratic organization.

No matter what the party's position is regarding his candidacy, Barry said he does not expect it to affect his standing with the voters whether they are Republicans or Democrats.

Brotherton said that the Republican party "cannot take offense" at the Democratic Party's remarks or position.

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