

Regional Roundup

CRITIC WANTS NEW SCHOOL BOARD

If a longtime outspoken critic of the Birmingham school board has his way, there will be an entirely new school board after the June 13 election instead of one new trustee. Robert Lytle, chairman of the new Birmingham Schools Action Committee, claims that the quality of education in Birmingham has dropped and as a result, so have property values. The new committee's purpose is to "find and support qualified school board candidates, to advise voters on ballot issues and to solicit funds for these activities."

A SECOND CHANCE

Farmington Hills residents have until March 21 to request an appointment with the city's tax review board and until the end of the month to keep that appointment.

The decision to extend the deadline from March 16 was made by the city council this week after complaints from homeowners who received notification of the hearings last Monday.

LEADER DOG WEEK

Avon Township has joined the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce in proclaiming April 16-24 as Leader Dog Week. Tours of Leader Dog for the Blind's 15-acre site at Rochester and Avon roads will be given the weekends of April 16-17 and April 23-24.

Visitors will be taken through the kennels and shown a movie about how persons are matched with leader dogs and trained in the use of them. The nonprofit school is the largest trainer of leader dogs in the world. The school has trained almost 5,000 leader

dogs for more than 3,000 blind persons.

PLAYING THE NUMBERS

Almost 5,000 West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills telephone customers will have new phone numbers starting Sunday morning, March 27.

West Bloomfield customers with current prefixes of 626, 631 and 635 will get 641 numbers. Farmington Hills customers with 474, 477 and 478 numbers will get 533 numbers.

The changes are being made when Ma Bell switches the two areas into the new Farmington Hills electronic central office.

Scouts help Goodwill

Oakland County residents Saturday will receive clothing bags and information in a clothing and old newspapers drive.

The material will be distributed by cub scouts and explorers of the Clinton Valley Council, covering most of the county.

Collections will be made two weeks later, on Saturday, April 2.

The project is called "Good Turn for the League for the Handicapped—Goodwill Industries." New this year is collection of old newspapers, which League-Goodwill will manufacture into fire-retardant insulation. For convenience in handling, the scouts ask that newspapers be tied in bundles or packaged in grocery shopping bags.

Clothing bags and newspapers should be left on the front porch early on April 2.

Calling all junkies: WLGS wants you!

The World's Largest Garage Sale (WLGS), the annual junk sale that entertained and delighted so many people last year, is set for a return engagement Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Cobo Hall.

Larger than before, with the addition of 10 suburban communities and newly-participating city organizations, WLGS will take place in Halls B and C, covering a total of 300,000 square feet doubling last year's 150,000 square feet.

According to WLGS coordinator Patti Knox, "The first sale was the equivalent of 300 neighborhood sales, this year's will equal 600."

Sale merchandise is being collected every day. Buyers this year will find old street signs, chandeliers, dictaphones, parking meters, five cases of test tubes, cartons of law books, one corn picker (but several manure spreaders), 55½ pairs of skate guards, one baseball batting cage and 11 official pitcher's rubbers, 96 handles for shovels (although, apparently, no shovels), 100 paper blankets (at a nickel apiece), venerable ballot boxes, adding machines and typewriters in varying states of well-being, a great many office chairs, large metal drums from the office of civil defense, furnace filters, an electric meat slicer, a sign from a Detroit Police Field Day, exercise equipment, a water fountain, four-wheeled wooden carts, 86 chin straps and 800 leather finger protectors, chlorinators, parachutes from DeHoCo, a bronze plaque of James Couzens, eight gas masks, live kittens and puppies and a coiled python who will be on hand for entertainment, not buying.

A megaton locomotive, too massive to take into Cobo Hall, will be on sale for the interested purchaser. There will also be old Department of Transportation buses for sale, which are great bargains for do-it-yourselfers.

Buyers will also find a collection of items like sterling silver and jewelry, a grand piano and sauna, and the entire contents of three houses plus a collection of 500 antique postcards, not to mention paving blocks from the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.

Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young hopes to clear \$75,000 from the 1977 WLGS. The money will be used to provide funding for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and 30 free concerts in the Detroit schools as well as six free concerts in Detroit parks.

Admission to the sale will be 50 cents per adult. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Entertainment will be continuous throughout WLGS.

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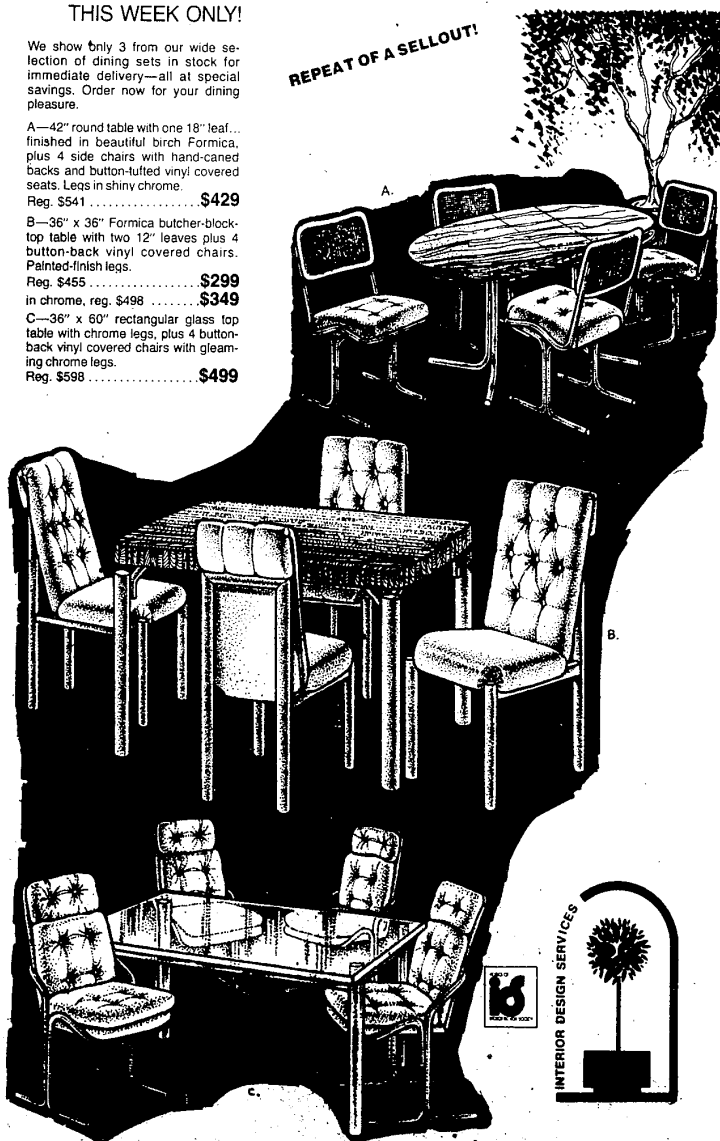
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