

TO ADWARDS CLUB
 George A. Dondoro, congressional representative from Michigan's 17th district, will speak to Birmingham Kiwanians next Tuesday evening on the subject, "Behind the Iron Curtain" while the Community House is closed.

A past president of the Royal Oak Kiwanis club, Dondoro will tell about his experiences in Russia while on various government missions.

Local Kiwanians have been meeting at Adrian Cotten's during the month of August while the Community House is closed.

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 leged and judges gave certificate awards to those children who exhibited novel entries. The second display featured about 300 projects which were the results of various labors in the handicraft field.

Dramatics—Efforts were made to sponsor a beginning type of outdoor game and story telling hour for younger children. Attendance was 144.

Special Events—In addition to the regular scheduled program seven special events were held during the summer. They included the kite day at Pierce field, the swim nights at Barnum pool, the bike day at Pierce, the picnic day at Springdale Park, track and field at Pierce school, the water carnival at Barnum. Approximately 900 youngsters participated in over 100 different events connected with this section of the program.

Music—Again as in the past years every boy and girl in Birmingham was given the privilege to practice a musical instrument daily under the supervision of the director of music for the city schools, Arnold Berndt. Participation was as follows: night band, 23; day band, 39; advanced winds, 15; beginners, 5; and strings, 9. Average daily attendance was 38.

Swimming—As usual the Bar-

Jackie Buck, Robert Joyce, Miss Barbara Bogheimer and Jerry Gates, many opportunities were offered to children and adults. A total of 160 hours of swimming instruction were held and new equipment was added to increase the enjoyment of free play time. Three swimming exhibitions were given during the summer season. Attendance reached the 8831 mark.

Tennis—Six public courts were made available to the followers of this sport. One tournament was held and 1320 persons of all ages participated in the general program.

The program was administered by a staff of ten; kite day activities were greatly handicapped by lack of a sufficient wind; rain caused a postponement of the bike hike; the soap box derby could not be held due to insufficient number of entries; a small fee was charged for swimming and band activities.

The Lion's club sponsored the kite day activities; the Side Line Quarterbacks conducted the track and field Olympics; The American Legion team was equipped by Harold Turner; maintenance was given to six tennis courts, four diamonds, and four playgrounds; rain fell on 20 days. Total recreation attendance of those actively participating in the eight week program was 16,476.

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Two Birmingham boys, Keith McIntire, left, of Wellmley road and Phil Savage of East Maple avenue walked off with a pair of Pontiac's City Junior tennis titles in the tournament at Oakland Park Sunday.

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The elevator space are three crash cables, kept up for each landing—in case the hook misses the cables; these crash cables are lowered for passage of each plane to the elevator, then mechanically raised for the next landing. Every-thing moves with the precision of a fine watch; for the whole business is synchronized for the emergencies of combat fighting.

Landing Signal Officer
 I must not overlook the importance of the landing signal officer, either. Standing on a special platform at the port stern end of the carrier, he uses two scotch-ribbed "paddles" to wave in each pilot; the latter, when a thousand or so feet from the stern apron of the flight deck, depends solely upon the motions of those paddles to guide him safely aboard. The i.s.o. literally takes over; by raising one or both paddles, or lowering them, he brings each ship into an imaginary pattern after the carrier, just as an umpire crosses an area over homeplate to determine whether to call a pitch a ball or a strike.

When big figures a plane is coming in correctly at the proper time he will wave the right paddle in a

sweeping downward motion, which is the signal for the pilot to cut his engine, thus causing the plane to lose altitude and the hook to hit the deck for the nearest take.

It goes without saying that the landing signal officer is a mighty important, and popular, chap on an aircraft carrier.

While I marvelled at the wonderful teamwork revealed aboard this carrier, I was also convinced of this, too: those boys who risk their necks in defense of their country, (which is, after all, you and you and you and a lot of 'em), are entitled to the best our money can buy for them.

The game they are playing isn't drop the handkerchief; and it does cost real taxes to support every phase of the military might of the good old U.S.A. (In this, however, I'm not so considerate of the extravagance of mere military armchair bureaucracy... nor, I take it, are you.)

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thus indicate to that area that they better not start erecting buildings within the 100-foot "right-of-way."

Van Dusen wanted to know, "What's the objection to rezoning at the present time for the city's protection, then 'figuring out how we are going to pay cost of denotation and street widening'?"

Commissioners soon whittled down the area under discussion to that bounded by E. Maple, Hunter, Elm and the Hunter-Elm alley, since it appraised the prime consideration of the commission was the eventual E. Maple widening and the problems accompanying it, plus the idea of having that street limited to retail business establishments.

Real Reason
 "The real reason for zoning, in my opinion, is to control the development and add to the stability of an area." Main stated. "Zoning should only be changed on the basis of a mutual agreement of practically all of the property owners affected, that the change will benefit them. There will be no stability in an area if the commission keeps changing the zoning on it for obscure reasons."

However, the arguments of Van Dusen and Booth did not prevail with the other three commissioners, and the "necessity of the rezoning was not approved."

Commissioner Don Bell declared himself ineligible to vote on the matter, since he is the owner of property abutting the area which was under consideration.

1948 Building Pace Continuing at Rapid Rate, Report Shows

Building construction in Birmingham continued its fast 1948 pace during the month of July when 51 permits were issued, E. S. Clark, acting city building inspector, reported this week.

Included in the total are 21 permits for new single family residences, with an estimated valuation of \$247,000, and 4 new business permits at \$74,000. Valuation of all permits for July was placed at \$841,422, or almost twice as much as the June total.

For the first seven months of this year, 346 permits have been issued for a valuation of \$4,223,100, as compared to the same period in 1947 when 206 permits had been taken out at a valuation of \$1,389,158.

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 need for off-street parking facilities. Your Committee should start with such premises, and by such methods as you may determine, including hearings if you so desire, you are requested to study the financial ability of the City, as well as the financial desirability at this time, for the City to enter upon a program of acquisition, construction and maintenance of public parking areas.

If you come to the conclusion that the City now should exercise its rights to acquire and operate off-street parking facilities, the City Commission deeply will appreciate your advice and recommendations concerning the adoption of a sound financial program.

Lists Three Points

The City Commission specifically should be advised on the following matters:

(a) The extent to which business properties should participate in the cost of acquisition and construction by way of special assessments.

(b) The extent to which the General Fund of the City should contribute to the acquisition and construction;

(c) The extent to and manner in which revenues from the lots and/or the curb-side meters should contribute. Your studies may indicate that a program could and should be financed wholly or in part by the issuance of revenue bonds, and if so your advice concerning the type and term of such will be appreciated.

No Real Precedents

While some municipalities have pioneered off-street parking facilities, there still is little, if any, real body of precedent to guide you. For this reason no limits are placed on your investigations and deliberations.

All City records are available to you, and all City officials will cooperate with you. I also am informed by Mr. Mortensen, Secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, that the Chamber has a committee working on this same problem, and that their advice and the benefits of their surveys will be turned over to you upon request.

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Lions Golfers Win Service Club Meet Third Time in Row

The Birmingham Lions club retained the team championship of the Birmingham service clubs for the third straight year when they won honors in the annual Service Club Golf Tournament at Edgewood Golf Club on Commerce Lake road Wednesday of last week.

However, the margin was narrowed to four strokes by the Exchange club and it was a Kotovian, Jack Calvert, who walked away with individual low medal honors by catching a 77.

Glenn Whitney of the Exchange Club, and Roy Rauch of the Kiwanis, both turned in scores of 82 to tie for second place and to nose out Joe Moery, whose 84 placed him next in the scoring column and made him low medalist for the Lions.

Members of the Lions winning combination were Brad Springer, Roland Reese, Joe Morey, Claude Morrow, Emerson Brown, Hal Burge, Dr. A. L. McNaughton and Dr. George Schaller.

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