

### Mayor Wants Entire Commission to Okay Plan Appointments

Appointment of three city plan commission members will wait until a full city commission is present to approve the appointments, Mayor Bruce G. Booth explained at Monday evening's city commission meeting.

The city plan commission has urged the reappointment of Elliott S. Kinney, Harold F. Klein and Ernest W. Seaborn.

Their terms expire June 30 but under city charter provisions will serve until reappointment or replacement.

Just when the appointments will be made is indefinite because of the vacations planned by the various city commissioners.

### 3 More Protest Using City Park for Parking Lot

Three more residents this week officially protested against any action to convert the city's Municipal park into a parking lot.

Their letters opposing elimination of the park were forwarded by the city commission to the city plan commission for consideration with the original petition on which 409 persons asked the city to "tearfully consider" turning the park into parking space.

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### What Does the Future Hold?

A few of the people who attended the Soroptimist club's ice cream social and dance Friday evening wait patiently outside the fortune teller's tent to learn what the future holds for them.

Members of the club reported a busy evening with many local residents joining for some old-fashioned fun and frolic. Proceeds of the affair will be used to purchase an electro-phrenic respirator for the use of polio patients at the Oakland county hospital.

(Photo by Joe Wheeler)

### Oakland

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tal funds as well as the Bloomfield beds made available for Oakland Hospital.

"A hospital of at least 200 beds is needed in this area," Beach said, "if a high standard of care is to be achieved. Such a hospital, however, cannot be built and equipped unless well over \$4,000,000 is in hand."

"The Greater Detroit Hospital Fund has allocated \$3,200,000 for Oakland Hospital. We are hopeful that Woodward General Hospital will make most profitable use of its funds by transferring them to this project."

"Disposition of money and energy through the construction of a number of small hospital projects in various parts of the county would be a mistake because hospital service of the highest efficiency could not be accomplished in this way."

"A CENTRALLY LOCATED and large hospital is the only answer. We hope the Bloomfield Medical Center, the Woodward General Hospital, Oakland Hospital and the Greater Detroit Hospital fund will find a way to work together to achieve what we are all striving for."

New members of the board of trustees elected at the meeting included John R. MacManus, Thomas E. Wilson, L. C. Good, H. M. Pryde, Stuart A. Cogdell, William D. Downey, Howard L. McGreegan, Jr., Charles M. Houff, O. E. Hunt, and William R. Yaw.

Ross S. Campbell, chairman of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce business committee announced that Monday, July 3, would be regarded as a regular business day in this city.

"Most of the local stores and business places in the city will maintain their regular hours," he said.

### City Postpones Immediate Closing of Two Streets

Although 40 property owners want the immediate closing of Dixie and Yankee streets from Villa south to the 40-acre Oakland hospital site, city commissioners Monday night decided to wait until September 11 before taking definite action on the proposal.

"Most of the commission agreed that should the hospital be erected there, the portions of these two streets should be closed to prevent emergency vehicles from using residential streets as arteries to the hospital," Miller declared.

Mayor Bruce G. Booth and Commissioners Dean Beier and Milton E. Mallender did not believe immediate closing of the streets was advisable at this time.

"IF SOMETHING went wrong and the hospital did not go on this property, it might be subdivided and then there could be a need for north and south access streets," Mallender pointed out.

In the latter event, Beier added, it would be foolish for the city to vacate the land, then have to buy it back for street openings.

"We have no definite assurance of what property may be used for, but we do know the property owners want to beautify those streets. They are nothing but weeds now," Miller declared.

He pointed out that the portions of Yankee and Dixie to the north of Villa have never been opened by the city.

"WE HAVE LIVED here for years and have never had to use them for access, so why are we so concerned with them now?" he asked the commission.

Blocks 2,900 feet in length, he was told, would not be desirable. The commission decided that perhaps the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund, between now and Sept. 11, might make a more definite move toward actual construction of the proposed 200-bed, \$3,200,000 hospital here.

In other hearings Monday night, commissioners approved the vacation of Watford, between Melton and Herford, on request of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit which plans a parochial school development on the blocks north and south of Watford, and the vacation of a dead-end alley north of Southbreen, between Pierce and Henrietta.

CONFIRMATION OF the assessment rolls for the Terry side walk and Derby road improvement will be considered at hearings July 2.

Monday's first hearing on necessity of paving Derby from Eton to Monday, July 3, to give emergency fire traffic was approved by the commission.

### Record

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19. She said there were two young men on the connection waiting to see what it would sound like when the cut-over was made. It took a "lot of persuasion" to make them hang up.

THE CUT-OVER itself was accomplished in 40 seconds, according to Manager Fausner. "This is almost a record," Fausner said. "The time for cut-overs elsewhere has ranged from 45 seconds up to four minutes."

The majority of telephone users in Birmingham seem to prefer the new dial system for many reasons.

One of the major problems for those who make many calls is the re-learning of once familiar numbers.

Mr. Carol Plumsted, assistant director of the Community center, has solved this problem by juggling all the most-used numbers on the front of her phone book.

"THE AUTOMATIC ring is very reassuring. I know that my party is being rung steadily," Mrs. Plumsted added.

Ernest Miller, secretary for City Manager Donald C. Egbert, likes the dial system but was puzzled by the first few days by a noticeable drop in the number of calls coming into the manager's office.

Other offices in the City hall noted the same thing. Since there was such a quantity of calls for the entire city during this same period, it means that most of the first-day calls were, probably neighbor-to-neighbor experiments with the new dial.

Many persons are simplifying their troubles by remembering that "MI 4" only uses two circles in the dial and then concentrating on the last four digits of the new number.

Lt. Delye Service at the police department said that for anyone who had experience with dial phones before, the new system was no trouble.

"FOR THOSE of us who have lived in Birmingham quite a while and use our phones a lot, it will just mean something we will have to get used to," he said.

Lt. Service also commented favorably on the speed with which Detroit calls can now be placed. "Before, it took two operators and some patience," he said. "Now, it's as simple as a local call."

So, stay with it, telephone users. It's just a matter of time and patience. Eventually your telephone book will take on that "thumbed" look, your memory will be working smoother and your dialing finger will grow stronger.

### B'ham Exceeds Nat'l Retail Sales Average

\$23,438,000 Spent In Local Stores Last Year, Survey Shows

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK, June 23—Birmingham stands out as a rich market, with income and spending at a level above that of most other cities in the United States.

This is brought out in a new, copyrighted survey of buying power, prepared by Sales Management.

The high standard of living prevailing in Birmingham is indicated by the volume of retail business done in the past year. Local stores registered a sales total of \$23,438,000, which was well above the city's quota. On the basis of its population it should have accounted for only .0098 per cent of the nation's business. Actually, however, it did .0183 per cent.

ABILITY of local families to spend more was made possible by better incomes. The average families in Birmingham attained a net income, after deduction of personal taxes of \$33,643.00.

Dividing one by the other yields a per family income of \$8,626, which was higher than the \$4,474 national figure and than the \$7,966 earned per family in the East North Central States in Michigan it was \$7,444.

These are annual averages, it is noted, and are substantially higher than the "median" incomes to be obtained in the United States census.

PURCHASING POWER of local families is shown by the fact that they were able to spend 70 cents each dollar of family income in retail purchases, as against the 67 cents that families elsewhere are able to spend. The excess means luxury spending.

Analyzing Birmingham as to purchasing power, sales and other significant factors, the survey assigns to it a "quality of market" index of 115.7, which sets it 65 per cent above the nation as a whole in sales potential.

Arrested Here, Four Royal Oak Township Youths Admit Theft

Birmingham Officers Richard Brown and Howard Hatt arrested a trio of Royal Oak township juveniles and their 19-year old companion, Jack Smith, Monday morning, charged with unlawfully driving away an automobile.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the youths confessed that they had stolen the car from Auburn Heights.

He said that, according to their statements, in Royal Oak township, the boys had stolen the second car and were apparently on their way home at the time of their arrest.

Moxley said the four have been turned over to the Royal Oak township police for prosecution.

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### Put Another Mouse In the Kitty, Men; Creampuff's Hungry

By AL SELBY

Shortly after Begonia and Creampuff were presented to Brownell last fall, they established themselves as the official welcome committee.

Customers at the local garden supply store grew used to the playful pair of three-month-old kittens: one gray-and-white, the other black-and-white. And the two mad mousers grew used to each other.

When they weren't rubbing their backs against customers' arms, the two would gallop out to the huge seed bins and have a field day with the mouse population. It was no field day for the mice.

But it was feline heaven for a pair of enterprising kittens, until one day three weeks ago.

BEGONIA, THE gray-and-white mouse, stepped in the path of a black mouse from the store. She hobbled in, curled up on a heap of straw and died two hours later.

Creampuff was confused. She stopped eating and just sat on the counter regarding the people who came into the store with a sad stare.

It took a lot of petting by friendly customers to snap Creampuff out of it. But last Friday,

### Names Trustee

Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, 1877 Arlington, has been elected as representative of the board of trustees of the Birmingham team and scholarship fund.

### Sideline Quarterbacks To Feed and Frolic at Pine Lake Friday

Tomorrow afternoon, the Birmingham Sideline Quarterbacks Club of Birmingham will hold its annual picnic tournament at Pine Lake Country Club. A dinner will climax the event for more than 40 members and guests.

Golfers will begin teeing off at one o'clock and will continue through three o'clock according to Hal George, chairman of the event.

Reservations can still be made today. Members of prospective members of the Sideline Quarterbacks may make arrangements by phoning any member of the committee.

Direction of tournament play and the awarding of prizes will be in charge of Herman Flebig. Larry Hulbert is also on the committee.

Jonathan Ball, company vice-president, was pinning brooches on a mouse in the seed bins.

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**Community House to Be Closed on Monday**

Officials at the Community House said the building will be closed Monday, July 3, to give employees the advantage of the long holiday weekend.

The official closing for the summer period will be the last Saturday in July.

**THE ASSSESSED valuation of the township is \$26,909,125.**

Members of the tax board will meet with the board of supervisors at 10 a.m., according to Louis Nims, chairman of the state tax board.

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