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"But I'm Just Polishing Them..."

Birmingham YMCA Obtains Lincoln Site for Future Building

Eighteen parcels of property on Lincoln avenue have been acquired by the Birmingham YMCA as the site of a future 'Y' building here, it was announced yesterday.

The area is bounded by Lincoln, Floyd, St. James park, and Edgewood.

The formal statement was made by Harold Kalbfleisch, chairman of the YMCA's committee of management.

Kalbfleisch said the building program will not take place for several years, and until that time, the 'Y' will maintain offices at 144 W. Maple and use the newly acquired property in developing its summer group work program.

NEGOTIATIONS with former owners of the Lincoln site for two years and the final plot was not acquired until last week.

A short time ago, the city commission approved the rezoning of this area from single family to multiple building to permit erection of a 2 1/2 story building.

In his announcement, Kalbfleisch said "Sufficient funds are available from friends of the Birmingham branch of the Detroit Y.M.C.A. to make this acquisition at this time."

"This, and a loan from the parent organization which must be repaid within a year, helped us in completing the purchase of the 245,273 foot tract."

ALTHOUGH THE Birmingham branch serves a territory much larger than Birmingham proper at this time, the Birmingham branch is not the majority against him.

Under Michigan laws, the Commission is required to provide the assurance of a reasonable profit.

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THINGS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Members of the Michigan Legislature hope to be able to adjourn the current special session May 17. It will not be defined as final adjournment, although the Democrats will adjourn "in die," which means they can re-convene at any time.

Why are they doing this? Well, it is an election year and a Democrat is Governor, so that Republicans may hold themselves in readiness for any political maneuvers made against them as the campaign gets under way.

Kim Sigler, former Republican Governor, last week publicly declared himself a candidate for the job he held during 1947-48.

I have known this for a long time, having had many talks with him on the subject. He is, however, an alert observer of Michigan politics and doesn't think the Republicans are making very much "political hay" in this election.

Sigler likes it best when the going is rough, when there is fighting to do. He believes that Governor Williams is merely running a branch office for New Deal and Fair Deal ideologies, and that such are rising in popularity.

Unofficially, though, I believe I can say that Sigler is going to remain in the background, and when to be determined at some future time.

Stuart B. White, Illinois lawyer and member of the Michigan Public Service Commission, has been convinced that Gov. Williams is trying to use that agency for political purposes.

White, former chairman, has been supplanted by Democrat Governor Williams. He generally opposes utility rate increases.

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If you were dangerously ill and in need of a major operation, would you allow an inexperienced medical man, not a specialist, to handle your case? NO? You, reasonably, would say NO.

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Truly, that will be a day of wonders of wonders. What happens if such a "brain" is built over the duties of most of our public officials?

May Fellowship Day To Be Noted by Church Women

Tomorrow will mark May Fellowship Day sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Church Women, built around the theme, "Our Daily Bread."

The observance will be highlighted by a breakfast at the First Presbyterian church.

Declared Mrs. John K. Ormond, council president, "Christian women of the area between St. James and Edgewood are interested in solving economic problems. Our opinions are not being heard in this connection."

The fellowship of Christian women, united in community service, gives inspiration and hope in today's world.

New High School Contract Up for Awarding Tonight

Award of the contract for the new Birmingham high school is expected to be made tonight by the board of education.

At last week's meeting, five bids were received and were evaluated this week by School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland and the architect.

It is expected the contract will be awarded to the estimated cost of \$2,100,000.

Bloomfield Hills City Budget Faces Review

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City Gardener Finds Tiny Turtle Tuesday

According to William Henkel, 1081 West Maple, summer MUST be here. Making in his garden pond this morning he discovered a tiny turtle "you could cover with a twenty-cent piece."

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Spring Housecleaning (Joe Wheeler Photo)



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HOKE, 263 RAVINE, DISCUSS It includes polishing golf clubs, George contends

Several rods and pieces of rolls rest on theavenport, while bits of line hang like the dismal remnants of a hard winter.

They automatically know the time has come for deep concentration over sporting magazines and the arrival of the house of parks.

They make a mental note to examine the labels of all small pieces and carefully before dumping them over the salad.

These are, by no means, the only routes to temporary widowhood, but they rate, about the highest.

Some wives find their husbands again after the last scream at the World Series has faded into the atmosphere and the last daily double ticket has fluttered away on a vagrant breeze.

ASK FRIEND HUSBAND about making this kind of widow out of his wife and you will get a reply like this:

"I may as well play golf, go fishing, watch the races or go to the ball games. If I don't see any more of me, because she'll have me out mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, cleaning the garage and basement or betting rugs!"

Ann Arbor Adopts 3-Point Program to Meet Off-Street Parking Need

Residential tax payers in Ann Arbor today look at their year-old off-street parking center with extreme pleasure.

Residents of Birmingham who have also been trying to decide on a local off-street parking program, may ask, "How come?"

Mayor William E. Brown, Jr. of Ann Arbor gives the answer. "Ann Arbor was faced with the threat of declining property values in the business districts, which provide an important part of the assessed value of the city."

With the costs of most city services increasing rapidly or rising, it appeared likely that a greater proportion of the tax load would fall on residential property owners.

\$830,554 Budget Is Presented to City Commission

A tentative city budget for 1950-51 in the amount of \$830,554.85 was presented Monday night to the city commission by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

It will be considered at a public hearing May 15, the commission decided, and must be approved in final form at the May 22 meeting.

Six Burglaries Cleared by Arrest of Teen-Age Trio

Patrolmen Merlin Holmquist and Robert Schmale arrested three Royal Oak township teenagers here early Monday morning who, they said, admitted six burglaries in three communities during the past two weeks.

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Police said the boys, whose ages range from 13 to 16, admitted breaking into four places in Royal Oak township, one in Clawson and one in Royal Oak.

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THE TAX RATE for 1950-51 would be \$10.664 on an assessed city valuation of \$30,604,020.

The 1949-50 rate was \$10.520 on a valuation of \$27,652,200.

Egbert's proposal calls for increases in practically every department. In the public works department, the welfare which will remain at \$1,000, the park and meter fund received from \$5,530 to \$4,850, the clerk's office cut from \$5,100 to \$3,910.

Major increases are requested for the public police department, \$104,830, up \$12,820; fire, \$101,830, up \$7,950; DPW \$103,800, up \$10,000; building inspection, \$18,790, up \$6,990.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS received lesser increases, as outlined in the table below.

Egbert anticipates the city will receive \$228,740 in various revenues next year. This compares to \$189,000 received this fiscal year.

He estimates various city permits will bring in \$21,070 more from the gas and weight tax and \$114,000 up \$26,500. This last item should include \$24,000 more from the gas and weight tax and \$104,000 up \$26,500.

"Birmingham is now experiencing a period of very rapid growth. The number of homes presently being constructed in this city indicate our population increase will be not less than 2,000, and can possibly reach 3,000.

"THIS RAPID increase places a substantial burden on the city in providing services for the additional population. The cost of expenses incident to such large building activity.

The regular monthly meeting of the 15 members of the Community House Board of Directors will take place next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the House.

Roll Call Fund Still Needs \$6,500

Community House Roll Call contributions reached \$25,000 yesterday it was announced by Harold K. Turner, chairman of the 1950 campaign, which ended March 31.

Turner stated, "I still am hopeful that we will reach our goal of \$32,000. If things go as planned, all Roll Call business should be completed by June 1."

Mrs. Verna Isley, House director, said about 50 solicitors will have to report. She requested that these be turned in as soon as possible.

The manager said the increased operating cost of the building inspection department means no additional cost to the taxpayer, since the cost of this department are self-supporting.

General administration: addition of an assistant to handle more of detail in manager's office.

JUSTICE: larger volume of business, increased clerical cost.

Elections: three elections next year (only one this year).

Assessor: additional office help.

Treasurer: some operational cost increases, regular salary increases.

Engineer: work schedule may require an extra employee.

Police: addition of two patrolmen additional police cap.

Fire: no additional man.

Building inspection: building activity requires more funds for inspection, etc.; offset by building permit revenues.

City Planning: a balance from See CITY BUDGET, Page 2)

Low Water Supply a Local Problem, Geologist Believes

Lowering of municipal ground water supply by a local rather than a country-wide condition, believes Andrew J. Mozola, geology instructor at Wayne University.

In a talk to Birmingham Rotarians Monday, Mozola said lake levels in the country have remained constant, leading to the conclusion that local areas undoubtedly are pumping up supplies too fast.

Correct drilling and power well spacing might remedy this situation, he said, with recharging of water-holding formations as a last resort.

Mozola is presently conducting a survey of ground water supply in this area.

Student Congress Announces Civic Control Day Plans

Baldwin seniors take over the reins of city government on May 8 when they observe their annual Civic Control day.

The seven who will assume the duties of the city commissioners are Edwin Matas, Charles Baker, James Buchanan, Virginia Dure, Robert Ervin, Robert Hardy and Richard Shalberg.

Others who will serve in the various city offices May 8 are Justus of the Peace James Larkin, Constable Larry Miller, City Manager Dean Berry, City Assessor Stewart Peck, City Treasurer Ward Abbott, City Engineer Charles Pomeroy, City Clerk Ruth Johnson and Assistant City Clerk Sue Pomeroy.

JAMES DODDS and Charles Dudo will be chiefs of the police and fire departments, respectively. The building inspector's duties will be taken over by Deibert Keener, with Kenneth MacQueen as DPW head. George Catlin will operate the sewage disposal plant.

Other officers will be taken by Gordon Crawford, captain of the city department, Robert Beach, city attorney; Priscilla Martz, city nurse; Judy Henderson, assistant city nurse.

City forster, Charles Olin; dog warden, Phil Savage; electrical inspector, Howard Liverance; city engineer, Janet Mills; health officer, (See CONTROL DAY, Page 2)

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