

B'ham a Superior Market, Survey Shows

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK, June 21—With Birmingham residents earning more money and spending more freely than in the average community in the country, the city is stamped as a richer market with a higher standard of living than most. The figures are contained in Sales Management's copyrighted buying power survey of the United States and Canada.

Birmingham's 4,300 families recorded net earnings in 1950, after deduction of income taxes, of \$39,279,000, a gain over the \$38,645,000 earned in the previous year.

ON A PER family basis, dividing income by number of families, the average locally was \$9,135.

Test Well for Beverly Hills Area Approved

Definite steps to relieve the water situation in Beverly Hills were taken by the Southfield township board Tuesday evening.

Necessary methods will be taken to drill a six-inch test well in Beverly Hills subdivision. If this action is successful, the second step will be to drill a 12-inch well and make the pump house installation. For some years, this area has had a shortage of water during the hot summer months and township officials felt something should be done immediately.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, Jack Thompson was employed as an assessor for the township.

Glenn C. Bacon, laborer road, a township board member was appointed to replace Arthur L. Jayne on the board of appeals. Jayne's term of the township board expires July 1, and he was the board's representative on the board of appeals.

To insure that areas where building is in progress are left in good condition, builders will now be required to post a \$50 bond upon application for a permit.

ANOTHER AGE-OLD problem faced the board Tuesday as a grant was registered against a 14-acre farm on Indian road. Last fall the board started action against the farm and brought it to justice court in Farmington but the case was dropped.

At that time, township health officer Dr. J. A. Maloney stated he found unsanitary conditions there and that poultry raising should be discontinued.

The matter will be referred to Julius Bern, township attorney, so that appropriate legal action can be taken to abate the nuisance.

The board also decided to advertise for bids for two new fire halls. Bidders were asked to give separate figures for each location and combined figures for both.

Returns Home

Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Estes of Milwaukee, Wis. are dividing a weeks vacation between school terms with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Estes of Riverton and Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas Schooley of Birmingham boulevard.

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This was considerably more than earnings generally in the United States, \$4,241 per family. It was more, also, than was earned in the East North Central States, \$4,910 per family, and than the Michigan average of \$5,027.

The figures are mathematical

Pine Hill Plat Is Rejected by Troy Twp. Board

Application for a plat for Pine Hill subdivision at the northeast corner of Adams and Wattle road was turned down by the Troy township board Monday evening.

The plat, submitted by Robertson brothers of Royal Oak called for 155 lots one-quarter acre in size.

The four man township zoning commission on May 12 recommended the plat as submitted be rejected and adjacent property owners complained that the development wasn't in keeping with the district.

SUPERVISOR NORMAN R. BARNARD said the board considered information it received from the county sanitarian and the state health department concerning the plat didn't feel it could give tentative approval.

Robertson Brothers had requested tentative approval of certain lots in the plat where the ground conditions were considered satisfactory, after the zoning commission's rejection.

In other business, the board granted all regular township employees a 5% wage increase.

Pedestrian Injured In Sunday Accident

Marina Chimes, 54, of 813 Madison, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and head contusions Sunday evening when she was struck by a car while crossing Hunter boulevard at Oakland.

She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Theodore J. Nettleton of Ferndale, told police he was driving south on Hunter when he saw the woman start to cross the street against the light.

He was cited after his statement was verified by three witnesses.

Alley Status

Action is still pending on the improvement of the alley at the rear of the West Maple shopping center north of Maple and west of Chesterfield. City Engineer L. R. Galt says plans will probably be completed when the pressure of current contract work has lessened.

ing the number of people there, the amount they spend and the amount they might have spent.

Such factors were taken into account by arriving at a "quality of market" index for Birmingham. The city is rated in the survey at 170 on such a basis, or 70 percent better than the national average.

Still Plan Appraisal Of City-Owned House

Melvin O. Middle ditch, occupant of the city-owned house at the West 14 Mile-Cranbrook corner, has been granted an extension on his lease on a month-to-month basis.

In the meantime, the city continues its plans to have the property appraised and placed on the market. Dana Whitman, city public relations director, said that although the property came up for commission discussion last April, no definite action had yet been taken.

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