

### City Commissioners Wish to Know What 'Public' Means Before Supporting Bill

If the word "public," as used in Senate Bill 109, means "available for use by any person" rather than "municipally financed and controlled," then Birmingham city commissioners indicate they are ready to support it as a possible means of solving the Woodward General-Oakland hospital impasse.

Mayor Bruce G. Booth read to the city commission Monday night the amendment to the Michigan statute which would permit a hospital authority to "convey its property or any part thereof without monetary consideration to a non-profit corporate organization for the purpose of owning, maintaining and operating a public hospital."

A PROVISION stipulates such action can only be taken if the corporation maintains and operates its hospital "upon any land so conveyed."

Birmingham commissioners have asked City Attorney Forben S. Hascall to investigate the meaning of this word "public" before officially supporting the legislation.

Some time ago commissioners indicated they felt the best interests of Birmingham and the other south Oakland communities would be served if the Oakland Hospital were to build on the 13 Mile and Coolidge site of the South Oakland Hospital Authority.

OAKLAND HOSPITAL owns a 40-acre site on Adams road, south of Maple, on which it said it intends to build a 200-bed, \$3,500,000 facility.

The SOHA group now has more than \$700,000 in cash and pledges for erection of Woodward General hospital at 13 Mile and Coolidge.

The BOHA, of which the city of Birmingham is a member, has offered its site and funds to Oakland hospital if the latter would accept and build on the 13 Mile location.

Senate Bill 109, now in committee for discussion, was introduced by Sen. George Higgins of Ferndale.

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DIRECTOR ROBERT BATES, of the Cranbrook School glee club, gives valuable musical tips to leads Roger Staples, Bea Bard and Fritz Friday for the forthcoming operetta, "The Mikado" to be held at Cranbrook this weekend. Following two performances of the show Friday and Saturday evenings, a benefit show for the Children's Hospital of Michigan will be held Sunday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

### Redding Resurfacing, Sewer Up for Study Again After Five-Year Wait

Resurface Redding road and install a surface water sewer, or close the street off and make it a private drive between Woodward and Lakeside, city commissioners were asked Monday night by Clark H. Stevens, 1286 Lakeside.

"This improvement started about five years ago with an assessment district which has not yet been confirmed. I'd like to know what the status of this project is," he demanded of commissioners.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert admitted the project went through its first hearing, but was postponed when property owners and the city felt the \$19,000 estimated cost for the block-long improvement was excessive.

"THE STATE highway department then agreed to accept about 40 per cent of the cost because of surface water that drained from Woodward onto Redding," Egbert explained.

Commissioner Milton F. Mallerder revealed that the state, without consulting the city, suddenly withdrew its support of the Redding project and participated in a new sewer in connection with the Colonial terrace development on Woodward.

"Well, that hasn't solved the drainage problem," Stevens pointed out.

He asked the city to give high priority to this improvement in spite of Egbert's statement that there were no immediate prospects for putting it in because of many other needed city projects, primarily water mains.

MAYOR Bruce G. Booth asked Egbert for a report on the special assessment district.

Egbert said he would have the complete Redding file before the commission in two weeks, plus the latest state highway department statement concerning its stand on the matter.

### No Information On Atomic Survey Here

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said this week that, so far as he knew, nothing had been done regarding the survey to be conducted in Birmingham on the pace-time survey for atomic energy uses.

The survey was announced last August by the University of Michigan with Birmingham named as one of the 20 communities selected.

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### Cranbrook Students Win Art Awards

Jim Robertson of Birmingham, Cranbrook school freshman, won the highest possible award, a gold key, for work submitted to the Regional Scholastic art awards contest held at a Detroit department store.

He entered five teen-age dress designs and was the youngest boy among the participants to win a gold key.

Three other Cranbrook students also submitted entries to the regional contest, including Leo Busnel of Birmingham. Leo, an eighth-grader, won a gold key for a stainless steel soup ladle. Their work will be submitted in a national contest and the winners announced in May.

### Cranbrook Cagers Lose to Nichols

Cranbrook's varsity basketball team traveled to Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday and absorbed a 68-41 shellacking at the hands of the Nichols School five.

High scorers in the contest for Nichols were Bob Hochreiter and Dave Jones who accounted for 25 and 19 points.

The Godfrey brothers, Ed and Bob, set Cranbrook scoring with 17 and nine points each.

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