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Ask Reservations For Square Dance

Mark Smith will again call for the Birmingham YMCA monthly Square Dance, Saturday, April 18, at the 'Y' House from 8:30 to 12 p.m. Hosts for the occasion are Mr. and Mrs. Les Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. E. Hewitt.

Telephone reservations are now being taken by the 'Y' and are limited to 50 couples. Cost of the activity includes refreshments. Bay riders may be contacted through the 'Y'.

Paving

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willing to give up all parking on the street if it was kept to 20 feet wide.

Commissioners indicated this was a likely possibility if it was kept that narrow.

As the discussion drew to a close, Commissioner Lessee Miller attempted to resolve the opinions of the commission by moving that the best of all possible worlds be left off.

"The feelings of the audience seem to indicate this project is not necessary at this time," he explained. His motion failed for lack of a second.

COMMISSIONER Dean G. Boier, explaining that at least the city could decide to pave Pierce between Lincoln and Southlawn at 20 feet wide and determine later what to do about the twigs streets and the area in front of the school, placed his opinion in a motion.

But Commissioner Charles Renfrew expressed the opinion that the other two streets shouldn't be left off.

"I feel Birmingham already is too much of a patchwork quilt of paving," Commissioner Vincent Watkins stated. "I don't believe we should let it go any farther. I would like to see the school board informed of what it would cost for its portion of the proposed paving in front of the school, then bring the matter up again after we hear from the school officials."

COMMISSIONER Richard Patterson agreed with Watkins and Renfrew.

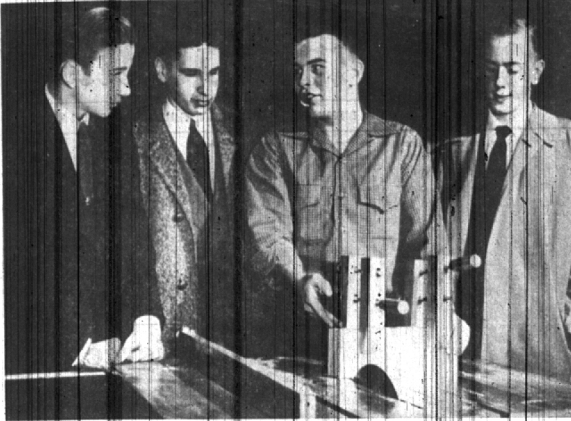
Mayor Ralph A. Main said he'd like to see the entire length of Pierce paved, "but I would like to wait till we hear from the school board."

Watkins suggested the audience attend the school board's regular April 21 meeting and let the board hear the expressions of the Pierce school neighborhood.

Sitting through his first commission meeting since his April 6 election, James Allen said he also believed the Northlawn-Southlawn portions should be a part of the entire project.

PATTERSON THEN seconded Boier's motion to pave the northern two blocks of Pierce at 20 feet, and to decide at the time of the hearing on the confirmation of the assessment roll whether the southern third of the street was to be paved.

Minor moved that this motion be



WITH PLANS FOR Junior Achievement well underway for the Birmingham area, several potential "businessmen" visited the Junior Achievement center in Pontiac. Jack Niggeman of Pontiac explains a production technique to the visitors: left to right Howard Johnson of Birmingham High, Avery Greene of Cranbrook, and Jim Krause, Birmingham High. The local students were very enthusiastic about the activities of J.A. in Pontiac and declared that similar companies in the Birmingham area would be wholeheartedly supported by high school students. Harvey Greene, chairman of the General J.A. Committee for this area, also inspected the Pontiac J.A. with the group.

Assessments

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first indication that central business leaders would accept an assessment for providing parking within the downtown area.

Sam Brown, who holds considerable downtown business property, was the first owner to agree that a special assessment program was most desirable, certain method of obtaining off-street parking facilities in the downtown area.

"The parking problem really is a city problem and I'll be glad to pay my share of that program," he declared.

THE BIRMINGHAM CITY BOARD added that the plan should not assume that the businessmen will get together and solve the parking problem by themselves.

"They all are not ready to build an expense at this time," he said. "They will see what it is like to cooperate. The city should not provide and make a lot of his own. Only the city can do that."

To Fill Appeal Post

Eugene Salem, newly-elected member of the Southlawn Township board, Tuesday night was appointed to the zoning board of appeals to fill vacancy left by the resignation of William Reever.

REMNANT ADDED

That Board chairman Harry Denyes Jr. said the board welcomed the businessmen's suggestion that Birmingham should willingly consider them in trying to work out an equitable, non-discriminatory ordinance that would eliminate or largely reduce the city's parking congestion.

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Crain of Pontiac, who 2 1/2 years ago represented the Brown group regarding their attempts to posit possible condemnation of their properties included in a parking program at that time, expanded his plan.

A local team, "Why would it not be best to forget the idea of drawing up a central business section which would be isolated from having to provide parking, and instead have the central area provided by means of assessments?" Crain said he believed the assessments could finance the cost of providing the municipal parking lots, and the revenue from off-street and off-street parking might pay for the improvement and maintenance of the facilities.

Storm

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He explained away the "technicolor" ballstones by saying they had probably picked up a coating of paint from a roof before striking the side of the house.

FIRST NOTICE of them came to The Eccentric office on Saturday morning when a "Purdy street" resident announced her house was covered with little blue dots. They color, she said, as though someone had thrown ripe black raspberries against the building.

Throughout the city there were a few broken windows and limbs blown from trees.

Neither Detroit Edison nor

Michigan Bell repair crews were called into action in this immediate vicinity. Harold Hatz of the local Edison office said that in surrounding communities about 40 calls were received as trees fell on wires. Light poles were blown down and some ornamental street light destroyed.

Renew Liquor Licenses

Southfield township board members Tuesday night requested renewal of five Class C liquor licenses. They gave the nod to The Twelve Inch Bar, 28670 Northwooden; The Viewways, 29230 Fountain road; Riverbank Golf Course, Rosebush Hills, 30220 Lakeside; and Fashion's, 28705 Northwooden.

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