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Citizens' Group To Finance Study Of Parking Site

A group of property owners in the Rouge Valley will hire "competent authorities" to study the practicability and feasability of the proposed 1,600-car parking lot north of Willets and west of Woodward, the Birmingham city commission was informed Monday night.

Terming itself the Residential Protective Assn. of Birmingham, it has offered at its own expense to have experts survey the proposed site, as well as obtain a sampling of opinion of local residents regarding the proposed Willets-Woodward lot.

Clarence Hatch, Jr., of Tooting lane, representing the group before the city commission Monday, wanted to find out whether the new organization has at least four weeks in which to make the studies.

"We are immediately concerned with the suggested parking lot, and feel expert study should be given the proposal," Hatch said "However, we would like assurance that we have at least four weeks before the commission will take any definite steps regarding any parking problem in the northwest section of the business area."

COMMISSIONERS, in an unofficial poll around the table, all said they could see no definite action forthcoming from them within four weeks.

The new association's chairman, Richard W. Burgis of Warren court, said Wednesday morning, "Our group definitely is interested in the welfare of Birmingham, but we feel expert study should be given this parking problem, particularly the proposed Woodward-Willets site.

"That expert opinion and research we are willing to pay for ourselves. We want to be as certain as possible that the proposal is the best one."

Burgis said that if time permits, the parking consultants might be able to come up with alternate solutions to the city's parking problem should their studies indicate a better approach to the problem could be made.

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Consumers Power Co. Stockholders' Annual Meeting

More than 250 Birmingham and nearby residents who own stock in Consumer's Power Company attended the Company's regional meeting for share owners in the Community House Tuesday night and heard Vice President, James H. Campbell discuss some of the Company's progress and problems.

Mr. Campbell revealed that Consumers, in order to keep apace of the tremendous growth of business, industry and population in its outstate Michigan service area, is spending this year just under $1,250,000 each and every week for new construction of gas and electric facilities. The 1953 construction and improvement budget for Consumers and its subsidiary, the Michigan Gas Storage Company, exceeds $62,000,000, Mr. Campbell said.

He also revealed that since World War II Consumers has increased its electric generation and service facilities 90 per cent, compared to the average of 63 per cent for other utility companies in the U.S.

The increase in Consumer's gas business and facilities is even greater, he said, due particularly to the great demand for gas as a space heating fuel.

He said the Company's building program includes hundreds of projects in the 63 counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula in which Consumers provides service. Several hundred thousand dollars are being spent for service extensions and improvements in Oakland county.

"By the end of 1953," he said, "Consumers Power Company and its subsidiary will have spent more than $375,000,000 on post-war expansion to meet the needs of the people of Outstate Michigan."

Mr. Campbell also revealed that Consumers' residential customers use 490 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year more than the national average.

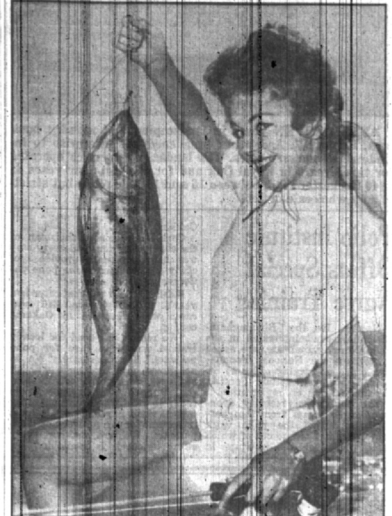
He said the price of electricity to Consumers' customers has gone down 17% since 1939, compared to a general cost-of-living increase of 90% in the same period.

Consumers now has 58,000 share owners, disregarding duplications, of which more than 40,000 own common shares, Mr. Campbell said.

D. L. Brown, of the Company's Southeast Division, was chairman. A. J. Mayotte, Secretary of the company, and Arthur H. Lee, district manager, also participated in the meeting.

To Explain Electricity

Saturday, May 2, the "Physics and You" Wayne University Television series will present Dr. Marshall A. Wheatley, 32255 East Lady Dr., in a discussion of electricity at rest. He'll show when and where to use lightning rods and explain what electricity is. During the show, entitled "Cat's Fur and Amber," Dr. Wheatley will also show how actual charges are created.



LUCKY FISH—Held high by his captor, pretty Mary Timm, this fat fish has a smug look of satisfaction. The curly-haired Long Beach, Calif., girl holds the title of California Tuna Queen. Her main claim to the crown is the 15-pounder dangling from her line. Apparently hooking a poor fish is no problem for Miss Timm.

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Guardian Oil	125	99
Johnston Plbg. & Htg.	124	100
Uptown Service	116	108
14 Mile Inn	116	108
Orr's Drugs	109½	114½
Forbes Printing	108	116
Fisher's Market	105	119
Craig's Sporting Goods	96	128
Keith's Barber Shop	94	130
Sunny Buick	93	131

HOLY NAME LADIES

	Won	Lost
North Chevrolet	67	57
Birm. Comm. Mkt.	67	57
Birm. Movers	66½	57½
Kay Baum	65½	58½
Olsen's Market	64	60
Murphy's Service	63	61
Kingsley Inn	56	68
Uptown Service	47	77

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Precision Products	63	61
Megalo Manor	58½	65½
Dick's Air Cooled Engines	58	66
J. A. Fredman Construction	57½	66½
B'ham Camera Shop	54	70
G. B. Dupont No. 2	52	72
Fuller Tool Co.	47	77
G. B. Dupont No. 3	38	86

Ind. High (1), C. Root—259; C. Baker—246; Ind. High (3), G. Batt—622; H. Anderson—616; Team High (1), Coca Cola—1013; G. B. Dupont No. 1; Team High (3), Coca Cola—2769; Clawson Rec.—2640.

Holy Name Opens Baseball Season

Holy Name school opened its baseball season in the CYO league with St. Hugo of the Hills. Sunday, May 3, Coach Joe Basford's boys will go against St. Mary Magdalene at Holy Name at 2 p.m.

The team will play six games this season in the CYO league. Other teams participating are St. Mary's of Royal Oak, St. Hugo, St. Mary Magdalene.

An intra-mural baseball program also got underway at the school this week with Jim Braun coaching the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

NO STONE UNTURNED—Following the easiest hobby in a rocky, mountainous country is Pfc. Herbert Mandell of Artesia, Calif. Between battles on the Korean front, Mandell, an amateur geologist, scours the ground for rock specimens and adds to his collection. He is seen above examining his prize pieces.

City Overruled in Beauty Parlor Case

Ruling in favor of Mrs. Melvina Collins, 1510 Pierce, Judge Frank L. Doty has overriden the Birmingham board of appeals denial of a request to establish a beauty parlor in her residence.

Judge Doty pointed out that such an enterprise would be no more detrimental to a residential area than a doctor's, lawer's or dentist's office, or similar professional service.

City Attorney Forbes Hascall said the subdivision suit was still pending, however.

He pointed out, too, that Mrs. Collins will be governed by existing restrictions including one which states that not more than 25 per cent of the home area can be used for business.

Plan Road Oiling

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night called for a public hearing on May 18 to determine the necessity of oiling a portion of the streets in the city. The rate of assessment for property owners will be eight cents per front foot for the light oil and 25.8 cents per front foot for the road mix process.

Hills B of E Election Set For June 8

The Bloomfield Hills Board of Education will hold its annual election on Monday, June 8, instead of the second Monday of July.

Two vacancies must be filled on the school board. One vacancy exists for a one-year term, and one for a three-year term.

Bloomfield Hills School District Number two now is a registration district, and all candidates for board membership must be nominated by petition.

Petitions must have the signatures of at least 50 but not more than 75 qualified and registered voters of the school district. Petitions must be returned to secretary of the Board of Education not later than 4 p.m., Saturday, May 9.

ONLY REGISTERED voters may vote at all school district elections. Last day of registration for the annual school election is Friday, May 29, at 5 p.m. Members of the school district may register with the clerk of the city or township in which they reside.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the school office on Vaughan road.

Renew Class C License

Renewal of a class C liquor license was approved for the Country Inn, Northwestern and Twelve Mile road, Tuesday night by township board members. Approval was subject to the suspension of food handling operations at the business.

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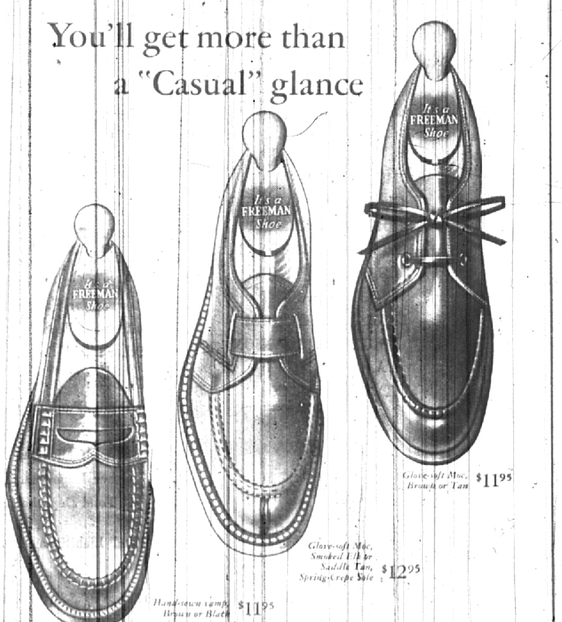

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