

Jaycees Sponsor Home Lighting Contest for '53

Dec. 17 is the opening date of the 1953 Christmas lighting contest for Birmingham residents, Frank W. Mulholland, chairman, announced today.

The contest again will be sponsored by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce and open to residents of the City of Birmingham.

Planned to "spread the spirit of Christmas by means of decorating homes throughout the city," the affair will continue through Jan. 1, 1954. A variety of prizes will be offered.

Mulholland, in announcing the contest stated that "the community will receive a great many benefits from an all-out effort to decorate homes. The contest will provide pleasure for everyone participating. It will help to beautify our city at this season of the year and it will help to foster a friendlier community spirit."

MULHOLLAND said additional entry blanks could be obtained at the Jaycee office and all electrical stores in the city. The blanks should be mailed to the Junior Chamber of

Commerce, Community House, to be received not later than Dec. 24.

Rules for the contest are:

- 1—Entrants must be residents of the City of Birmingham.
- 2—Display must be plainly visible.
- 3—There must be at least 24 lights in the display.

The city will be divided into five districts for judging, with a prize awarded in each district.

Citizen's Show Interest In Children's Playground

A proposal to develop city-owned property bounded by Northlawn, Southlawn, Southfield and Shipman into a children's playground will be studied by the recreation board and City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Twelve citizens in the area involved, led by Mrs. Alice Ball, 1390 Northlawn, told the city commission Monday night that they would be interested in seeing a playground developed in their neighborhood. Mrs. Ball says she understands the city has planned a playground on the location, but so far development of the property has been limited to tree planting.

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ALEX LOTERO, 1423 Bennville, aviation ordnance man 2nd class, and Robert C. Bouse, 532 Wallace, electronic technician 3d class, recently completed active duty training at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, Michigan. The two are attached to the Attack Squadron 733, third ranking squadron in the nation for efficiency.

March of Dimes Committee Plans 1954 Campaign

Again under the chairmanship of John B. Taylor, Birmingham committee members are starting plans for the 1954 March of Dimes for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Taylor will be general campaign chairman, an office he held last year, with Mrs. Howard Rieman chairman in charge of women's activities.

The one-night Mothers' March on Polio will be in charge of Mrs. Ralph Hoxley. This is scheduled for Jan. 28, from 7-8 p.m.

A special event is being planned and executed by members of the Birmingham Youth Council.

Publicity for the 1954 campaign will be handled by Miss Alice E. Morgan.

MRS. RIEMAN said encouraging reports on the new vaccine were received at the dinner meeting in Toledo Monday evening.

"They told us," she said, "that the vaccine would be ready for use early next year. It is hoped that a million second grade children will have received the two 'shots' and the booster before June when Polio begins to make its appearance."

"Additional good news came when it was announced that a way has been found to get more gamma globulin from each pint of blood. It will not lessen the need for whole blood, of course, but will permit the benefits to be passed on to more persons."

Contractor Files Claim Against City

The city of Birmingham this week was named defendant in a suit filed in Oakland county circuit court by the Davis Construction Co., which this past season had been making sidewalk repairs and construction for the city.

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall was directed by the city commission to enter an appearance in the case.

Because a bill of particulars has not yet been entered by the plaintiff, city officials do not know what the claim is against the city.

UNOFFICIALLY, they believe it may have something to do with certain sidewalk work which was ordered not installed by the city commission.

City Engineer L. R. Gare said the original contract with the Davis Construction Co. outlined about \$36,000 worth of work, but about \$8,400 was deleted.

Southfield Kiwanians Plan Yuletide Programs

Southfield's Kiwanis club members will have their dinner meeting at the Methodist church on Dec. 16, after which they will go to the high school to hear the annual Christmas concert by the combined school choruses.

Other holiday plans include the club's Christmas party at Hot Springs Inn on Dec. 22, with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance with Thomas Myers.

Plans are being made for the installation of officers at the Dec. 30 meeting.

Alley Vacation Asked

A petition to vacate an alley which runs parallel to Hazel street, between Hunter Boulevard and Elm street, has been referred by the city commission to the plan board. Signing the petition were Joseph Bessie and Donald Davidson, owners of lots 1, 2 and 3 of Campbell's subdivision, which fronts on Hazel street.

Recreation Board Gets Deputy Clerk

An amendment to the ordinance passed by the city commission to provide for the operation of the recreation board has been approved. Duties of the deputy clerk will be created post.

This work has been handled by the director of the board's secretary who will take over the newly created post.

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