

Warrants OK'd After Outbreak Of Bad Checks

"No more fraudulent checks have been reported in Birmingham the last few days," Police Chief Ralph Moxley said today. "I hope this means the outbreak which started with the holidays has run its course."

Moxley said about \$700 in worthless checks had been passed in Birmingham stores within a few days. He added that just as long as merchants would accept checks whose signers and endorsers were unknown to them this practice would continue.

He stated that several warrants were being prepared against per-

sons who had cashed bad checks in Birmingham, but their names are being withheld until the warrants are served.

"THE MERCHANT is his own sole means of protection," Moxley said. "When the check has been proved worthless and returned from the bank, it is too late. Sometimes the police can make an arrest, sometimes they cannot. Whatever the case, an arrest does not mean the merchant will get his money back."

"The only thing he can do is refuse to cash checks for strangers. There is one successful trick—that of having the thumbprint of the endorser on the back of the check. The addition of the endorser's address has some value, of course, but can easily be falsified."

"There's something about putting his thumbprint on a check that stops a lot of people."

"I'd like to see our Birmingham merchants really get tough. Let this be known as a place where bad checks just don't go."

No Bids Submitted On Water-Bonds

Southfield township board members Tuesday night prepared to open bids on the township's \$47,000 water bond issue but found no takers.

"A representative of the Kenover-MacArthur Company of Detroit, told board members that the market was flooded with good bonds and that the township should revise the proceedings of the sale to make the bonds more inviting to bond buyers."

The township board requested that the Detroit firm submit a bid on the bonds to be received at the next township board meeting.

Library Amendment Officially Placed On April 6 Ballot

Official action to place on the April 6 ballot a city charter amendment permitting 1/2 mills to be levied for support of Baldwin Public Library was approved by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The amendment will not require any additional taxes from residents, but merely permit the city commission to allocate more of its general funds to the support and maintenance of the library.

The charter presently limits such appropriations to a maximum of one mill.

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agreement with the City of Detroit. To offset rising costs in pumping sewage from the east side of the city to the city's disposal plant on Cranbrook, city engineers have been anxious to tie the east part into the Clinton-Bell Run drainage area, where it already geographically is situated.

From an operational standpoint, entry into the South Oakland County district would be a simple one. The move could be made almost overnight by knocking out existing dams in the sewer lines on the

Mayor Wants to Hear From Local Opposition

Birmingham city commissioners, at their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 19, will discuss with any interested citizen the proposed joining of the city with the SOCSDD.

Mayor Dean Beier emphasized: "We want to hear from any citizen who has a logical objection to the city's entry into this authority. We don't want opposition for the mere sake of opposition—we want honest-to-goodness arguments against it."

east side of the city, thus allowing the sewage to flow into the SOC main.

FROM A COST standpoint, Birmingham officials state that such a membership would be the most economical. Estimated figures hold that Birmingham's annual cost to the district would be \$15,000 for the next seven years when the indebtedness of the district is to be paid off.

It will cost the city in the neighborhood of \$28,000 to gain entry into the district in assuming the city's proportionate share into the cost of SOCSDD facilities.

The SOCSDD sewage is pumped into the Detroit system where it can be treated more cheaply in Detroit's disposal plant.

Cost figures of joining the SOCSDD should be compared with those of improving and enlarging the city's present plant to handle an ever-increasing volume of sewage and meeting the demands made by the Water Resources Commission. This would cost \$600,000, according to consultant engineers.

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W. E. ROBERTS

Jaycees Honor William Roberts

William E. Roberts, 1957 Derby, was selected as Birmingham's outstanding young businessman and recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award.

Harry O. Smart, serving on the Jaycee committee appointed to make the selection, said Williams had been chosen on the basis of service to his community, success in business and his activities in civic organizations.

Roberts, associated with Hugh C. White's insurance agency, has been active in the affairs of the Birmingham YMCA, United Foundations Torch Drive, Junior League baseball and is a member of the Birmingham Lions club.

He received a certificate of merit at a dinner given in his honor at Adrian Cotter's Wednesday evening.

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tion to the commission, Egbert reported. "The cost-of-living adjustment has not been altogether satisfactory, and this resulted in a readjustment of the salary and wage schedules in connection with the adoption of the current year's budget."

"The provision for a separate unit of compensation in addition to the regular salary complicates the preparation of the payroll and adds materially to the work involved in preparation of budget estimates, etc."

Therefore, Egbert said his recommendation was "that a three-percent per-hour cost-of-living adjustment be added to the present wages established on the basis of the present basic wage plus the cost-of-living."

"The future adjustments in wages and salaries to be on an annual basis, to conform to the fiscal year of the city."

Erke Reelected President of Credit Bureau

At an annual meeting of stockholders and members of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, Inc., at the Community House Jan. 12, Donald L. Cummings of Wilson Drug Co., James F. Moore, local CPA, and Herman E. Erke of The Birmingham National Bank were re-elected to the board of directors.

Wilbur Mason of Jacobsons, Inc., is the remaining board member. His term has one more year to run.

Following the stockholder meeting, the board of directors re-elected Stewart E. Baynes as manager. He joined the Bureau in May, 1951.

bureau president, Mason as vice president and Cummings as treasurer. Moore was named secretary for the first time.

MEMBERS WERE advised that 89 local businesses are now members, representing a gain of 10 last year.

The bureau's most used service, furnishing credit reports and information, increased substantially during the past year. It was also reported that local businesses and individuals are making increasing use of the bureau's facilities for the collection of delinquent accounts.

Last week the bureau moved to larger quarters in the Field Building on West Maple.

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Dog Obedience Classes To Be Held in Berkley

Don Dasher, 591 Rivedale, member of the Southern Michigan Obedience Training club, said dog training classes will start Jan. 19 at the Oxford school, Berkley.

Dasher will supervise the 10-week course which will be handled by his assistants, Leonard Allen and Frank Schafter, both of Detroit.

Classes are open to anyone in the area wishing to train their dogs.

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