

Lack of Final Budget Gives Recreation Bd. Brief Discussion Meet

A short session with few accomplishments was the lot of the Birmingham recreation board at its May 21 meeting. It was explained that little could be definitely scheduled until such time as the budget for the year had been received from the Birmingham city commissioners. A general discussion of baseball diamonds featured around a suggestion of recreational director Frank Whitney, that a new treatment be used on the playing fields this year. Whitney said an oil-wax combi-

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Final Parking Recommendation Being Drafted

Final drafting of a proposed amendment to the city zoning ordinance which would provide for street parking for all new commercial structures was ordered by the city commission at its last meeting Tuesday night. The proposal also would permit off-street parking lots in residential areas if they are immediately adjacent to business zones. However, such parking districts would be rigidly controlled to make them least objectionable to nearby residential areas.

All new commercial buildings would be required to set aside one square foot of parking space for each square foot of floor space devoted primarily to use by the public. Future expansions exceeding 10 per cent of public floor area or more than 1,000 square feet, whichever is the larger amount, would have to provide parking. Parking would have to be within 500 feet of the business and could be provided either on-site or as part of an area parking program approved by the city commission.

UN Theater Ends Season; Mapping Fall Program Now

Another successful season for the United Nations theater has closed, according to Mrs. Eleanor Gaff, 1154 Westwood, owner and operator of the theater. More commonly known as the "Orange Garden" theater, it was designed and built by Mrs. Gaff five years ago, after the Birmingham League of Women Voters sponsored a UN plan discussion here. As its name implies, it is made from an orange crate, with a large amount of glass. Mrs. Gaff prepared a strip film of paper, and with water colors painted numerous scenes depicting the foundation of UN, its aims and accomplishments and how it functions.

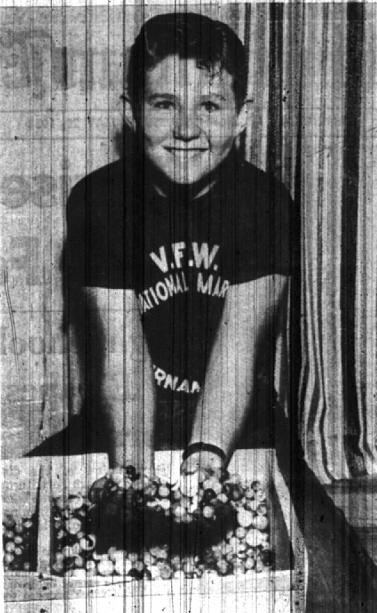
At its start it was shown to all grades in Birmingham's elementary schools, but now is solely for the benefit of third grade groups.

A RUNNING commentary has been prepared, planned to inspire questions, comments and general discussion of the children who see the show. It stresses such things as the Bill of Human Rights and what it means and the fact that the fighting in Korea today is for peace, not the acquisition of additional lands. The type of government of the United States also is emphasized, pointing out that it is not perfect, but that it does represent an ideal if all peoples will work together toward the goal it represents.

"THE REACTIONS of these little children are really wonderful," Mrs. Gaff said in this book. "They are not only interested in the pictures, but those same pictures bring out comments which show they have an excellent knowledge, for their ages, of what goes on in the world today. They discuss our government and its problems, along with those of foreign countries, and from their remarks one knows they are seriously thinking, not just talking. The theater will begin its tours again in the fall, probably visiting schools outside the Birmingham district. Mrs. Gaff said the first appearance would most likely be made at Adams school when youngsters who are entering the fourth grade next fall have asked to see the "film" again.

Becomes Trustee For Cranbrook

John W. Gillette, Jr., 6115 Wing Lake road, president of John W. Gillette and Company, Detroit, has accepted membership in the board of trustees of the Cranbrook Foundation, it is announced by Henry S. Booth, chairman. Gillette's close association with Cranbrook institutions dates back to 1920, when his son John entered Cranbrook school. He is the father of his brother John, a flyer in World War II, who was one of 37 Cranbrook boys who gave their lives in service. Gillette has served as a member of the board of directors of Cranbrook since 1931, and was a vestryman of Christ Church Cranbrook from 1930 to 1933, and from 1934 to 1935. He is also trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and was president of the Michigan Regional board of the National Society for College Work while it was raising a \$100,000 fund to supply scholarships for all Michigan colleges. A Williams college alumna, Gillette came to Michigan from Hudson, N. Y. shortly after World War I, in which he served as an infantry major, commanding the 1st Battalion of the 42nd Central Postal Directory. Other trustees of the Cranbrook Foundation are Henry S. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, founders; Robert H. Datsky, Harold A. Fitzgerald, W. Sedgwick Gilbreath, Jr., Henry S. Hulbert, Neil G. McMath, H. Gray Muzzy, Fred Saunders and Ralph Stone.



A CHAMPION AND his ammunition, David Younkun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Younkun, 1602 Robinwood, last Sunday won the state marble championship in contest sponsored by the YFW at their headquarters there. The 12-year-old student of Jane Addams school earned the right to represent his state in the national contest in Oregon next month. David is shown here with some of the 11,800 marbles he owns and says he has probably given a thousand by now away. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Driving Contest Highlights Approaching PGA Tourney

The National PGA Tournament, averaged 312 yards and 10 inches, July 17 at Birmingham Country Club, will feature the participation of second annual driving contest. It will be held on the final practice day, Tuesday, June 30, with the longest hitters in professional golf swinging from their tees for cash awards and medals. Inaugurated a year ago at Big Spring Club, Louisiana, KJ, the driving championships for accuracy and distance were a double purpose. They provide special thrills for the spectators since every golf fan delights in watching the game's power boys turn the steam and go for distance. And the competition removes all guess work as to how far the experts can propel a golf ball. AS WAS the case a year ago, when slender Max Evans won of accuracy test with three hits that

Narrower Paving Is Approved To Spare Trees

City Engineer L. R. Gare wants to know what to do about trees. His department cannot complete cost estimates on certain proposed streets until the paving width is determined, and that cannot be done until the fate of the trees is decided. In a report to Birmingham city commissioners, Gare pointed out that to follow the standard width of 20 feet, he had to list the removal in some instances mean the removal of established, healthy trees. "Although I dislike to cut down our established width," Gare told commissioners, "I believe we would be subject to severe criticism if we sacrificed a substantial number of trees in order to obtain a pavement of lesser width." On Purity, between Brown and Ann, Gare said that pavement could be installed and preserve nearly all the trees.

ANN, BETWEEN Frank and Landon, and between Landon and Lincoln continues the problem. The first section has 54 trees in the two blocks and can take only 25-foot street without cutting about half of the trees. Gare has recommended this, since there is a light traffic volume. The Landon-Landon section will see three trees removed north of Lincoln and west of Edgewood, if pavement is centered. Gare's recommendations won tentative approval from commissioners. His report also said 27-foot paving would be necessary on Davis and Edgewood, between Grant and Edgewood, if trees were to be saved. Cedar, from Lincoln to Catalpa, also would have this width. Gare recommends 29-foot paving on Edgewood between Lincoln and Southham, because of the adjacent playground and the need for parking. He explained this could be done by constructing the street-off-center, leaving a parkway on the east side of 3.5 feet and on the west of 3.5 feet.

Deny Wrecking Yard

A request of the U.S. Motor Truck Sales company of Detroit to locate a wrecking yard at Eight Mile and Shuman has been denied by the Southfield township board. Members agreed that the surrounding neighborhood would suffer from an operation of this type.

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