

3 Youths Enter Not Guilty Pleas To Break-In Charge

Three Royal Oak teen-agers apparently had a change of mind when they pleaded not guilty to charges of breaking and entering in Oakland County circuit court Monday.

Bloomfield Township Police Chief Clark Green said the youths had pleaded guilty at their arraignment last week in justice court.

The trio and a juvenile were arrested last week in connection with the theft of twelve bottles of liquor from a home at 1152 W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield township.

Held on \$1,000 bond each while awaiting trial are David LeMaster, 17, of 2024 Crooks road, James Owens, 18, of 503 Potter road, and Carl Boudie, 18, of 1355 E. 13 Mile.

Green said juvenile authorities are studying the possibility of waiving jurisdiction over the juvenile so he may be tried as an adult.

Because of his age, the Eccentric withholds the juvenile's name.

Bloomfield Twp. Budget Shows Slight Increase

A budget request totaling \$98,240 will be presented to the Oakland county allocation board this year by Bloomfield township, David Anderson, township supervisor, announced Monday.

The tentative budget is \$3,000 over last year's budget of \$95,240. Most increases in the budget are due to larger payrolls brought on by the need for more policemen and firemen, Anderson said.

The police budget is up by about \$5,000 and the fire budget is up about \$3,000. Other salaries, for clerical personnel, show a \$1,500 increase.

A DECREASE of \$4,000 in general expenses is called for in the budget. Anderson explained that this was accounted for by the fact that last year seven voting machines were purchased out of the general fund. Three voting machines will be bought this year, but no further capital outlays are anticipated, Anderson said.

About \$48,470 of the budget will be raised through taxes in the township. The remainder will be made up of income from licenses and permits, sales tax diversion, and proceeds from the township's gravel pit, Anderson stated.

While the share of taxes in the budget is up by \$13,000, Anderson foresees no increase in taxes this year for operation of the township. He pointed out that the township's assessed valuation is up from \$18,542,090 last year to \$21,281,255 this year. This increase, \$2,739,165, will be plenty to meet the higher share of taxes in the budget, Anderson declared.

Driver's Hand Cut As Car Upsets

When his car upset in the ditch on S. Boulevard between Opdyke and Squirrel roads, John Francisco, 46, of 3077 Lincoln, Auburn Heights, escaped with lacerations and bruises to his left arm and hand.

Francisco told Police Chief Clark Green, Bloomfield township, that he drove into the ditch to avoid striking a car that stopped suddenly in front of him. He was treated by an Auburn Heights doctor.



THESE SIX MEMBERS OF the Bird & Griffith senior house league team will be bound for Syracuse, N.Y., this coming weekend to compete in the National WIBC tournament. The only senior house team to enter the tourney, the team will carry an average of 736 to the WIBC. Pictured at the Birmingham Bowling alleys, from left to right in the back row—Hazel Toussaint, Ruth Downey and Aley Lawson. Front row—Beatrice Lowe, Emma Wedge and Katherine Griffith, team captain. Mrs. Lawson is doubled with the fifth member for the singles and doubles. (Eccentric Photo)

Bad Spot Noted, To Be Repaired

A rough spot in the recently resurfaced Maple-Adams intersection is due for reworking, Birmingham City Engineer L. R. Gare said this week.

"The asphalt paving company has agreed to fix it," Gare told City Commissioner V. B. Watkins, who had inquired about it.

1st Presbyterian Wins Play-Off In Church League

The First Presbyterian church came from behind to defeat First Baptist church 47 to 38 in the final game of the season to give them not only the regulation season pennant but the play-off trophy.

Jerry Wedge and Don Keener with 18 points each paced the scoring for First Presbyterian while Ronnie McCrumb dropped in 13 markers for First Baptist. First Baptist led 11 to 8 at the end of the first quarter but trailed 28 to 14 at half time. The Presbyterian surge in the fourth quarter gave them sufficient number of points that they were able to hold their lead until time ran out.

Fire Department Does Not Endorse Home Fire Detectors

A sales organization, presently selling an electrical detector fire alarm system for homes in the Birmingham area, is not endorsed by the Birmingham fire department, Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith stated this week.

Griffith made the statement in response to many inquiries from residents who say the firm's salesmen are claiming to have fire department approval of the product. Griffith said his department is standing on neutral ground concerning such products, neither endorsing nor disapproving of them.

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West Bloomfield Annual Meeting Is Adjourned

Adjourned immediately after convening at 1 p.m. Monday, the West Bloomfield Township annual meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, at 8 p.m. at township hall, 4400 Orchard Lake road.

The motion to adjourn was made by a member of the Walnut Lake Men's club upon instruction of the club.

The members said a state law requiring the township meeting to be held at 1 p.m. of the first Monday of April is outmoded, and that democratic processes can best be carried out by holding the meeting in the evening.

MEMBERS OF the club said the law was passed in an era when townships largely were farming communities whose citizens could most conveniently meet in the afternoon.

With the change in the nature of the community, the law prevents, rather than enables, the majority of citizens attending the annual meeting at which the township budget is presented and the yearly report made, club members stated.

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Y's Men's To Hear Rev. Robert Dewey

The Birmingham Y's Men's Club will hear The Rev. Robert Dewey of the Congregational Church speak on "This Return to Religion—Why?" Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. Reverend Dewey has made remarkable strides in establishing the Congregational Church in Birmingham and has won a host of friends among the people of the community.

Program Chairman Morgan Barston will give a report from his committee and the annual report of the Club will be presented by President Robert Lotz. The Y's Men are the service club of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A.

Name Road Chairman

Harry Brighton, 17601 Coral Gables, was named chairman of Lathrup Village's road committee Monday night by Mayor William H. Harvie suggested that a chairman be appointed immediately to discuss road drainage problems with Oakland County officials.

Photographic Light

A lecture on lighting, illustrated with models, will highlight the April 10 meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Camera club. The front center section of seats will be reserved for those who wish to take pictures at this public meeting, scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in the Cranbrook Institute of Science building.

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