



AREA LANDMARK IS 115-YEAR-OLD HOUSE ON 13 MILE ROAD
Originally of four rooms, it has been enlarged to 13 rooms

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
Sealed Proposals Requested

Sealed proposals enclosed "Dutch Elm Disease Spray" will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 16, 1934, after which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The proposals will be for approximately 2500 gallons of Dutch Elm Disease Spray containing not less than 25% Dichlorodibenzyl trichloroethane (DDT) by weight, delivered to Birmingham, Michigan.

Detailed specifications for the above may be obtained at the Department of Forestry and Parks, Elm Road at Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan.

All bids shall specify terms, and show delivery dates. The City Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the proposals received, and to accept any proposal it shall deem to be most favorable to the interests of the City.

W. R. LEBOLD
Superintendent
Dept. of Forestry & Parks
(461)

Southfield Landmark Is 115-Year-Old House

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gadd on 13 Mile Road is a fine example of the early American farm house with exterior lines quite as satisfying as its inner charm.

Designed in years gone by, it might have been created especially for its present day owners, so well does it embrace the Old World atmosphere they have established within its walls.

"The size of the rooms and the simplicity of the exterior lines is what sold us on the place," says the owners, former Detroiters as individual as their home. When they found it four years ago, it was in such disrepair that most folk would have passed it up.

THE HOUSE is one of the old landmarks in the area, having been built in 1838 by Ezra Bristol on the site of a farm owned by the United States Government.

Originally a small four-room place, the Bristol family over the years enlarged it to 13 rooms. The seven upstairs rooms include five bedrooms and a sitting room. Downstairs are the parlor, living room, library, game room, dining room and kitchen, all but the latter furnished at least in part with European antiques.

Mrs. Gadd was born in Budapest and came to this country in 1929. Gadd is a collector of first editions and old maps.

Living with them is Mrs. Gadd's mother, Mrs. Louise Loewengard, also born in Budapest.

Mrs. Loewengard came to this country in 1907 bringing with her various family heirlooms including pieces of furniture over two hundred years old, other furniture, china, silver, oil paintings and oriental rugs which originally graced the Castle Count Andrássy in Hungary, all adding now to the rare charm of the house on 13-Mile.



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MRS. LOUISE LOEWENGAARD
Done in early days of her marriage
(Eclectic Staff Photos)

Mercier Property May Be Developed Officials Learn

While the city commission keeps one eye on the State Water Resources Commission and the other on the city's court case seeking prevention of any further sewer tie-ins in Bloomfield township adjacent to the city's borders, it is being rumored that the Mercier farm has been resold for development. The property supposedly is to be served by septic tanks.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the commission Monday night that the Mercier farm on the southwest corner of Maple and Cranbrook road in Bloomfield township is reported to have been resold, and that a Dearborn developer is contemplating building single family homes on the acreage.

Louis Savage, representative of the Cranbrook Construction company, most recent owner of the property, could not be reached for comment.

MEANWHILE, court action still is pending on a suit in Oakland County circuit court sought by the city to halt the joining of any more new homes to the so-called "illegal" Bloomfield drain that flows into the Cranbrook road sewer and eventually into the city's sewage disposal plant.

The city brought the suit against developers in the Cranbrook area of the township to protect the city's plant from further burden and subsequent clogging from the Water Resources Commission on pollution of the Rouge river.

The city is attempting to bring its plant up to state standards and to abate whatever pollution now results from the plant. City officials agree that unless substantial additions are made to the present plant, it cannot handle any larger amount of sewage.

BLOOMFIELD township has been added as a defendant in the court suit and will have to abide by the rulings of the court. It could mean the end of any more home building in the Rouge drainage district unless sewage disposal plants are authorized.

Egbert stated that he believed the state would not approve any more sanitary sewers in the area until its sewage disposal problem is settled.

Egbert advised that the city is nearly ready to advertise for bids on aeration equipment to improve sewer treatment at the plant.

"Then we will be ready to analyze whether to enlarge our present plant to take care of the city's sewer system, the Acadia drain in Southfield," and the Bloomfield drains—or whether to go ahead and join in the construction of an interceptor sewer into the City of Detroit."

UNDER PRESENT legislation covering township assessment procedure, neither Bloomfield nor Southfield could finance the construction of the additions and the city would be obliged to pay for one half the improvements under a revenue bond issue, said the city manager.

Egbert added that such a procedure would be unfair to the city whose disposal plant is adequate to handle sewage for the city proper.

Legislation is being sought at the state level to enable the township to assess residents affected by such improvements at a higher rate than is now possible, according to Egbert.

Troy Bd. Approves Bldg. Permits, IF . . .

Building permits for the construction of two model homes in the area north of Derby and east of Eton in Troy township were approved for two developers Monday night by Troy board members, but the approval was subject to many restrictions.

Board members agreed that no occupancy permits would be issued for the homes to be constructed by the Frank Gobel corporation and the Komer corporation until water and sewage services were installed in the property recently proposed for development through agreements with the City of Birmingham. Troy, two developers and the Birmingham school district.

They further contended that the occupancy permits should be withheld until Derby road is paved.

FINAL QUESTIONS the builders must answer concern conformance to the township's building code. The home the Gobel corporation seeks to build would not have the required side lot yard lines if the home is placed on the lot as the submitted sketch indicated.

Board members agreed that the developer would either have to change the plan of the house or apply for a variance permit with the township board of appeals.

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In Legal Battle Costs \$2,373.39

City commissioners Monday night picked up the tab in the city's losing fight in county circuit court regarding the Merrill street cutoff through Baldwin park.

It was for \$2,373.39 and included attorney's fees and printing of the court record.

The printed record will be used in the city's appeal to the state supreme court, which it is estimated will cost about \$2,000 more.

Abutting property owners have enjoined the city from putting the Merrill extension through the park, claiming the project would have a depreciating effect on the value of their properties.

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Combs To Manage Credit Bureau

Wayne L. Combs of Flint has been named manager of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, Inc., 139 W. Maple.

Selected by the Bureau's board of directors recently, Combs replaces Stewart L. Baynes, 1410 Cole, who took a position with a Detroit firm last month after being employed here for 2 1/2 years.

Combs has been employed with the Retailers' Credit Bureau, Inc. in Flint for the past five years. He is experienced in credit reporting and has also handled the Flint bureau's public relations and customer contacts.

He has been active in many civic activities there including the Red Feather drives and the American Red Cross. He served with the U. S. Army during World War II, is married and the father of two daughters.

He expects to move his family here soon.

Seek \$10,000 Credit

Lathrop Village council Monday night voted to seek a credit totaling \$10,000 from the Birmingham National bank to finance city expenditures until the city receives its first tax returns this summer.

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Air Pollution Ordinance Soon To Be Submitted

An air pollution ordinance is about ready for the city commission's consideration, City Manager D. C. Egbert disclosed Monday.

"It has been drawn up by City Administrative Assistant Jack Walker, and now is on my desk for review," Egbert said.

The new ordinance would replace a smoke abatement measure which the city commission repeatedly has termed "antiquated."

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