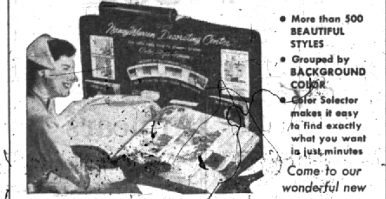


### Troy Bd., City Joint Meeting May Be Called

City commissioners Monday night stated their willingness to meet again jointly with Troy township board members in an attempt to clarify any questions Troy officials may have concerning annexation problems or city services to township land.

plained that only tentative agreements had been discussed with the Birmingham Development company and a gentlemen's agreement made with the W. E. Reid Development company subject to the city's annexation of the Porritt property on Adams road.

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### Future Expansion Seen For Hills Grade Schools

Need for future expansion of elementary schools in the Bloomfield Hills school district was emphasized at the Monday night meeting of the district's board of education.

The fact that population growth will soon take up the slack provided by the district's approval of a new high school, was borne out by a report of home building in the district's Pine Lake area.

On hand for the meeting were Paul VanCleve of David Geer Associates, planning consultants, Bloomfield Hills, and James Bell of Burt L. Smoker & Company, Detroit, land developers, who outlined for the board their plans for housing developments near Pine Lake.

BELL TOLD the board his company was planning a development of 350 homes just north of the intersection of Middlebelt and Lone Pine roads, and asked the board what the plans were for building schools in that area.

Board President Edward Proctor said the board was just beginning to plan for future elementary sites and has not yet arrived at any decisions. He added, however, that the board was thinking in terms of building a 10-acre site in the Pine Lake area with the ultimate objective of building a school that would accommodate 2,000 children.

Proctor asked Bell if his company had any suggestions as to a possible school site in the area it planned to develop. Bell answered that his company had no definite ideas along that line, but added that his company wished to tell the board its plans so that, if the board wished a school site in the area, it could be provided for before over-all plans were finalized.

VANCLEVE SAID a study by Geer Associates reveals the 10-acre area north of the intersection of Middlebelt and Lone Pine roads could ultimately accommodate 2,000 families.

On the basis of 6 children per family, 1,500 school children may eventually live in the area.

The board deferred decision on the choice of any school site in the area until further studies are made.

Mrs. Irving MacKenzie, board trustee, said that before school fees are actively sought the board should conduct a study to determine a comprehensive plan for expansion of elementary schools.

"We should know whether we are going to build seven-room elementary schools or 12-room schools before we look for sites. We also must determine our census of elementary population," Mrs. MacKenzie said.

She suggested that a citizens' committee could possibly undertake such a study.

Holy Name School Addition Debt Paid. Parishioners of Holy Name church learned Sunday that the \$400,000 debt incurred for the construction of the school addition has been liquidated.

A drive for pledges and immediate funds that began a year ago erased the remaining \$120,000 debt and church officials hope to begin preparations for a new church soon.

### PEOPLE'S COLUMN Urges City Action On Street Repairs

To the Editor: The following is a copy of a letter which this week I sent to the Birmingham city commission; because the subject matter is of personal concern to me and a number of my neighbors.

I understand that the commission may consider it next Monday night (Jan. 11). Therefore other residents in the Quanton Lakes Estate area may like to attend this meeting to see what the commission's action will be.

Publication of this as a "Letter to the Editor" may enlist or re-interest my neighbors in a problem which has not been settled for seven years.

BIRMINGHAM City Commission Birmingham, Michigan Dear Sirs: I would like to bring a hot potato back to City Commission—one that has been tossed by way of an interested taxpayer to the Engineer's Office and is now back to the Commission.

BOTH DEPARTMENTS think the other should have first try at bettering the hot potato, namely the road condition in Quanton Lakes Estates and namely Pilgrim Road, an important thorough street that is considered a through street by

The Police Department when an interested resident asked that stop sign be changed at Pine and Pilgrim changed so school children would have preferred safety in crossing.

Important enough that it was used as bus, truck and traffic drive while the Maple Bridge was put in, diverted occasionally to other streets but 90% on Pilgrim.

IMPORTANT ENOUGH that it was on the paving and improvement agenda seven years ago on a then ten year street program.

Important enough street that it is first thru street between Lincoln and Quanton Roads west of Woodward.

Important enough street that it has a house built on every lot except one.

COMMISSIONERS James Allen, Charles Renfrew and Vincent B. Watkins voted against awarding the contract.

Renfrew contended that the city department of public work will be in the refuse pickup picture sooner or later and added that this seemed a good time to start the city service.

Free parking space is provided at the high school and no admission will be charged for the meetings.

Troy Republicans Present Meetings About Local Gov. The first in a series of Town Hall Meetings, sponsored by the Troy Township Republican Club will be held at the Troy High school on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

The message will be panel discussions conducted by local officials and followed by open forum sessions for the citizens to present their views.

### Work To Start Soon On Branch Of National Bank

A branch of the Birmingham National Bank, located on the west side of Woodward Avenue in the first block north of Fourteen Mile road, is being established to meet the pressing banking needs in that area.

Construction will start shortly. There will be seven tellers' cages inside, with two designated for savings accounts, the others for commercial accounts.

Drive-in facilities consisting of two teller units at the outset can be expanded to five, as business requirements develop, making a total of twelve teller's spaces.

There will also be safety deposit box facilities comparable to those in the main bank. Adequate space for officers and clerical staff and a conference room is provided.

The Engineer's Office has no concrete answer (no plan intended) today, seven years after a then ten year program was planned.

They still do not know how they intend to hook up a sewer system for drainage, even though we paid a major storm sewer assessment in 1947.

They still do not know what method of road improvement they will use, if when—and when it was nine months ago that I first approached the Engineer's Office.

EVEN IF, and it is not desired or preferred by most residents, the streets were widened and finished with a roll curb, such assessments would require up to three years to obtain the necessary 75% of monies to start such a program.

Three more years of continued negligence is impossible to put up with, even if it is for such eventual improvement.

There is accumulated gravel, dirt and road surfacing materials built up on each side of the city strip to now make the road bed below sea level! The Engineer's Office seems to think there is no way to make a crown on the existing pavement without putting ditches and culverts down each side of the street.

Personally, I think that it is to scare interested residents put of temporary or improved road surfacing.

A commissioner, now resigned, two or three years ago called Quanton Lakes Subdivision streets such names as Buckboard Lane and Corrugated Avenue. No change for the better has been made since.

SINCE I HAVE inquired as to the "how come" of stop signs on Lincoln, west of Southfield, placed there with no encouragement and fast traffic, I find that the commission has top authority over city departments, that I have waited time these past years promoting safety and improvements.

I now dump the potato in the January 1954 commission plan to consider the past and present negligence of the long standing and much used streets in Quanton Lakes Estates and particularly Pilgrim road.

FLORENCE WILLETT 655 Pilgrim

### City's Stray Dogs To Be Housed at Animal Hospital

For at least 30 days, Birmingham's dog pound will be located at the Gasow Veterinarian hospital at 1521 N. Woodward, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley announced this week.

Moxley said that Gasow, owner of the hospital, has agreed to a 30-day trial during which he will act as warden for the city's delinquent canines.

According to Moxley, the plan was sought to give better service to the city's dog owners, and better facilities to impounded animals.

If things work out satisfactorily, Gasow will consider continuing the arrangement after the 30 days.

"Several advantages are to be gained by the new system," said Chief Moxley.

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Adequate space for officers and clerical staff and a conference room is provided. The bookkeeping department and staff facilities are located at the rear of the building, on the mezzanine.

The building will be air-conditioned and modern in every respect.

For quick-stop convenience, the drive-in facilities is expected to be an advantage to present as well as future customers, who may transact their business either at this branch, or at the main office.

Entrance to the bank premises and parking lot will be possible from Fourteen Mile road, Woodward Avenue, and Bird Street. Parking space for sixty cars is provided.

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Reduce Clerk's Bond. Lathrop councilman Monday night agreed to reduce the Clerk-treasurer's bond from \$25,000 to \$5,000.

Councilman John G. Campbell last week questioned the expense in carrying the larger bond.

### THE HOSPITAL is more centrally located than the old pound at the destination of work yard on Eton.

The hospital will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., giving dog owners the opportunity of retrieving dogs without great inconvenience.

Under the system, a dog owner whose animal has been picked up will pay his fine at the police station where he will receive a receipt he will present when he picks up his dog.

The same schedule of fines for dogs picked up will remain in effect although the cost to the city of housing the dogs will increase, according to Moxley.

Moxley stressed that Gasow has agreed to the arrangement as a service to the city upon the city's request.

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