

### Police Officers Capture Two in Break-in Attempts

A 17-year-old Pontiac youth must have thought the entire Birmingham police department had descended on him when he was arrested early Wednesday morning, March 17, in an alleged attempted break-in.

Police received a call at 6 a.m. from a resident at 1934 Derby that someone was trying to get into their house. The call was put out on the police radio and two squad cars rushed to the scene.

Two officers of one car, Sgt. Leo Stiers and Patrolman Ronald Pinkham, deployed to the rear of the house.

They saw a young man standing on the back porch. The youth fled around the house and over a board fence straight into the arms of Patrolman Don Moon, who had just arrived with his partner, Patrolman Joseph Buckles.

THE YOUTH, John L. Koenig, 1163 Boston, Pontiac, admitted he had tried to enter the house, Detroit. He was arrested at the house.

Holmquist said the youth also confessed he had entered the same house several times in the last three years and had taken sizeable amounts of money.

Koenig, arraigned in Birmingham justice court last Thursday, pleaded guilty in circuit court Monday to breaking and entering in the daytime.

He is free on \$2,000 cash bond and awaiting sentence April 5.

IN ANOTHER case involving an attempted break-in, Buckles and Patrolman Arthur Birkholz captured a suspect coaching in and doorway of the Quorton Market on West Maple.

Arrested was Anthony J. Lewis, 22, of 20051 Cardoni, Detroit. Arraigned Monday before Associate Birmingham Justice John C. Emery, Lewis waived examination and is being held under \$5,000 bond for appearance in circuit court on a charge of attempted breaking and entering in the night.

Holmquist said windows had been broken in the market before police arrived on a routine check. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said, "The officers involved in these two captures should be commended for the alert manner in which they handled the cases."

### High School Faculty To Meet Parents of Next Fall Freshmen

Parents of school children entering Birmingham high school as freshmen next fall have been invited to meet with representatives of the high school faculty tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at Barnum school.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss scheduling of courses for the first year high school students.

Larned Goodrich, assistant high school principal will talk on the importance of proper class scheduling.

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### There Now Will Be A Two-Month Pause For Street Survey

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

"Will streets in the Quorton Lake Estates area be improved? ... going to pay the bill, if and when the streets are fixed—the city or the property owners?"

"Tune in two months from now when the city engineering department reports its recommended solution..."

This concluded Monday night the latest installment of the current drama which Quorton property owners call, "We Don't Want Sewers or Gutters" which city officials prefer to refer to as "Concrete, 29 Feet Wide, with Curbs and Gutters—Nothing."

Begun more than seven years ago and brought up at infrequent and intermittent intervals, since then, city officials and property owners spent 95 minutes Monday night in an audience-packed room discussing what the city wouldn't do, and what it would do, and ditto for the Quorton area residents.

JUST BEFORE the latest session ended, both sides agreed to await the results of the basic engineering studies of the five-subdivision streets.

But City Manager D. C. Egbert predicted: "I don't believe anyone will argue over the basic studies—but we may have different conclusions as to what should be done."

What the city commission wants to do to improve the streets was restated 2 1/2 months ago—when Mrs. G. Howard Willet, Jr., 655 Pilgrim, approached commissioners with a request for street improvement.

COMMISSIONERS said then—and repeated it Monday night—that the city was interested only in assessing for proper street drainage that necessarily would have to include curbs and gutters.

The streets—Lake Park, Puritan, Pilgrim, Fairfax and Safford, all between Maple and Oak—have neither at the present time.

And Monday evening, during the only improvement they desired was blacktopping of present badly deteriorated street surfaces, and sweeping away of accumulated dirt and gravel along the street edges.

However, the city is not against giving the Quorton area what it desires—but it will not come at city expense, they made it plain.

CITIZENS was a city charter provision which requires the city to maintain, to the extent of its original cost, any improvement made through special assessment.

Commissioners held tentatively to their stand that if a special assessment method was used to obtain better street conditions, that such improvements would have to be at present city standards.

Although the subdivision streets were installed about 30 years ago by the subdivider, the area has never stood an assessment for them. Thus property owners are eligible for an assessment now... although if one were instituted, there never could be another for the same type of improvement.

EGBERT IS confident, he said, that the present sanitary, sewers at the rear lot lines could be main-

### 1st Presbyterian Wins Cage Crown

The Birmingham YMCA Church basketball team won the 1st Presbyterian cage crown when they defeated Christ Church Cranbrook 46 to 29.

Except for the last four minutes of play, the game was fairly close with the leading hands five times. At half time the score was 20 to 19 in favor of the victors.

Don Keener and Jerry Wedge scored 38 points between them to lead the scoring for the 1st Presbyterians. It was Keener's accuracy from the foul line in the closing minutes of play, in which he scored six consecutive free throws, that threw Christ church off balance.

Jerry Kraus, the season's leading scorer from Christ church, was held to one point by Jim Serguson.

IN FIRST round play-off games, Congregational church defeated St. James 39 to 28 as Jim Flack, Tom Beck and Jerry Flack scored 39 points between them. The win put Congregational in the upper bracket for further play. Jim Kelly and Dick DeLoria scored 14 points for St. James.

First Baptist church came from behind to defeat Kirk-in-the-Hills 39 to 21 with a second-half spurt. Bob Owens, Ronnie McCrumb and Jack Schell tallied 32 points for First Baptist.

Games Thursday, March 25 at the First Baptist church pit Church of the Redeemer against First Presbyterian at 7 p.m.; and St. James opposes Christ church at 9 p.m. The public is invited to see these games.

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RESIDENTS brought out during the meeting that a \$22,000 assessment spread on the area in 1947 for a new sewer on Pine street had never been constructed.

Egbert admitted this fact, but explained, "That sewer has not been installed because the area to the west and north also benefits in the Pine sewer."

Commissioners expressed astonishment at learning this fact, and directed Egbert to report back on the Pine sewer matter at the same time Egbert submits his engineering study.

The Freedoms Foundation has awarded the George Washington Honor Medal to the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Company, for its motion picture, "The Hope of Tomorrow."

Freedoms Foundation, in its award announcement to the Tractor and Implement Division, describes "The Hope of Tomorrow" as, "An outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life during 1953."

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### Will How Paintings Tells Be Researched

The intensive research which underlies the painting of an important moment in history was outlined to the Birmingham Rotary club this week by Robert A. Thom, 6150 W. Surrey, Bloomfield township.

Commissioned by a well-known Detroit pharmaceutical firm to paint 40 important events in this history of pharmacy, Thom illustrated his remarks with color slides taken of himself and several of the paintings as they were being planned and developed.

He has finished about 25 of the series, Thom said. Last year he spent five months in Europe researching material which went into six of the paintings.

"The big problem is to keep everything as accurate and authentic as possible, and I am going to great lengths to keep the series that way," he told Rotarians.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

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### Absentee Ballots Ready for Voters

Registered voters of the city of Birmingham who will be away during the April 5 election still will be able to vote, Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, announced Tuesday that absentee ballots are ready. Voters must apply for the ballots in writing.

Each voter must make his own application; one person may not apply for his whole family. Applications will be received until the deadline at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Miss Hanley said.

A request to rezone 200 feet of frontage on Ten Mile road near the intersection of Beech from residential to business was referred to the Southfield township planning commission Monday night by township board members.

Philip Barth, owner of the property, said that property adjoining his land had a business zoning, and his property of little residential value.

Southfield Refers Zoning Request

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