

Roll Call Draws Near 1955 Goal

Collections in the 1955 Community House Roll Call stood Tuesday at \$41,752, or \$10,648 below the established goal.

In releasing the figure at the board meeting Monday, night, House directors still expressed hopes that the entire amount would be received as call-backs are made on prospective donors and vacationers, return home.

Roll Call officials again urged all who have not yet made their contributions, to mail checks at their earliest convenience.

"Remember, Roll Call contributions are tax deductible," one official commented.

Mrs. Warren E. Sumner, publicity chairman for the drive, released her report showing that Detroit stations contributed radio and television time which would have cost \$9,986.

In addition, she said, there is the amount donated by Jam Handy Organizations in preparing the film which was shown without charge in both Birmingham theaters.

These, with contributions from local merchants in the form of special window displays and The Birmingham Eccentric for the space it allowed us, would have been an overwhelming expense had these firms not been so generous.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

WELCOME NEWS to area motorists who like to spend nice Sunday summer afternoons looking over the adjacent countryside is the state highway department's announcement this week that a grade separation is to be constructed at Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads in Pontiac.

For many years a late Sunday nightmarer, Telegraph is to be partially depressed at that point, with ramps to provide interchange of traffic. The project also will include a mile of widening and dividing the traffic lanes between Orchard Lake and James K roads.

BY THE TIME he had fulfilled his "special project", Birmingham City Commissioner V. B. Watkins found his colleagues also had completed their regular weekly assignment. Monday night, Watkins appeared at the annual meeting of the Friends of Baldwin Library, gave the reasons why the city wants to relocate Shain park one block south, thus obtain parking immediately adjacent to an important business area.

At 8:48 p.m., he walked into the commission room at the municipal building, only to find the commission had gone through a light agenda, and was about to adjourn. However, Watkins was in plenty of time for the five-minute closed committee session at which it was agreed the city definitely would acquire the block bounded by Merrill, Bates, Townsend and Henrietta, regardless of the outcome of the advisory vote on April 4. Commission hopes the electorate will approve the transfer of the park. Should that not be, then the city would use the block for off-street parking.

THAT AMERICANS USUALLY ARE WILLING to take a chance was demonstrated again last weekend in Southfield township. Eleven Mile road was closed between Evergreen and Lahser roads because muddy conditions made it impassable. Yet wrecking trucks did a land office business hauling out cars, estimated at between 50 and 75 altogether, during the two-day period. One home owner, this Wanderer understands, was up until after 2 a.m. Saturday, let disgruntled motorists use his phone to call for wrecker service.

IF YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW SOMETHING on the roof of the Baldwin Public Library Tuesday morning, don't rush to an optometrist. It wasn't pink elephants, only a sleepy falcon, according to Henry Johns, Birmingham health officer, whose sharp eyes picked out the furry roof walker. "He (or she) got up there by itself," Johns figured, "and it can get down by itself. That's not my life."

THERE ARE TWO WOMEN in Southfield township who think that last week Birmingham entertained a thief who had more than the usual amount of nerve it takes to take. While the two women, Mrs. George L. Wright of 20760 Kenoyak Circle, and Mrs. Paul E. Wright of 26179 13 1/2 Mile road, were preparing supper for the church's trustees, the thief took their pillfolds, personal papers and a total of 90 dollars, during daylight hours from the clock room next to the church's kitchen, where the women were working.

CITY CLERK IRENE HANLEY is going to play it safe on April 4 and have all precinct one voters' ballot at their regular booth—in the Redeemer Lutheran church. It's a touch-and-go situation with the new fire station at Maple and Chesterfield, which I had hoped would be ready for our annual election," Miss Hanley explained.

"However, it now appears the construction will not be far enough along to insure trouble-free use as a voting booth. So for this coming election, at least, the Lutheran church still will be used."

NO "TENEMENT BUILDINGS" are scheduled for those streets south of Maple and dead-ending into Eton road. Alarmed at the rumor that tenements were slated for these lots, neighbors last week circulated petitions asking that such plans be stopped. A check at the city hall revealed that this Wanderer that plans called for income-type bungalows on the lots.

LOCAL VISITORS to the American Soo return home with stories and photographs of bewhiskered males, reminiscent of olden days. And that is just the point—later this year the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the world-famous Soo Locks. And as has happened in other communities from time to time, the Soo's male citizens must have a face full of whiskers—or else. This week Birmingham got a one-man preview while Jay Kirby visited his uncle, George Marin, 713 Pierce.

IT'S OPEN HOUSE Friday evening for the boys and girls of the Church of the Nazarene, W. Lincoln. Youngsters will be hosts to parents and friends when displays of the work they have done in the crafts classes are open for inspection. The church has worked out a unique program for the younger members, combining an evening of devotions and craft work each week. Leadea report attendance has been increasing steadily since the combination of the two features was inaugurated.

Overload Penalty Hiked to \$500

Overloaded trucks will bring much more serious penalties to their drivers, under an ordinance amendment enacted this week by Birmingham city commissioners.

They increased to \$500 the fine which can be imposed for vehicles which violated the city's weight restrictions on streets.

Previous maximum was \$100, which City Manager C. Egbert said many truck operators seemed to prefer to pay and keep on driving, over restricted streets and streets.

Overloads would result in more than a \$500 city penalty, commissioners may have the violation presented under state law, under which fines amounting to several thousand dollars can be imposed.

Suspect Juveniles In School Breakin

Burglars entered Baldwin School on Chester Monday night and took a desk pen, candy bars and 20 cents after ransacking students' desks, according to Detective Richard Chambers.

Entry was gained, Chambers said, by opening two outside iron doors to a freight elevator in the school's basement. Juveniles are suspected.

Life Is Selling Brandt Tells Club

"Why People Buy and Agree" was the theme of Bert Brandt, 310 Southfield, when he addressed Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday night luncheon.

In charge of Michigan Bell relations with independent phone companies, Brandt called upon his selling experience to illustrate his remarks.

"I think of life as a constant selling job—from the moment we utter our first cry for food, right on to the time we die," Brandt said. "All of us constantly are selling ourselves, our product or our service."

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Supreme Court Denies Rehearing

The Michigan Supreme court Monday denied the city of Birmingham a rehearing of court action involving proposed use of a portion of Balowin park.

The action was instituted five years ago by abutting property owners who claimed the city's plan for cutting Merrill street through the park to meet W. Maple was contrary to the provisions under which the park was acquired.

Oakland County Circuit Judge H. Russell Holland agreed with the plaintiffs. The city appealed this decision to the Supreme court, which upheld the lower court.

Sanity Hearing For Diamond

A sanitary hearing for the confessed killer of 9-year-old Kathy McLaughlin will be held March 22, according to County Circuit Judge George B. Hartick last week ordered the hearing for Floyd Diamond, 16, to determine whether Diamond will be tried as an adult, or if found insane, be committed to Ionia State Hospital for the criminally insane.

Drs. J. Jerome Fink and Ivan A. Laskov have been appointed to conduct the examination of Diamond in his Oakland county jail cell, according to County Prosecutor Fred C. Ziem.

Car Entered

Thieves entered the car of Richard Dutton, 1241 Ruffner, Tuesday night, while it was parked in the Birmingham-Bowling Alley lot, and took two floor mats and a cigarette lighter, according to Birmingham Police.

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