

Masonic Temple Seeking a New Building Site

"We are going to seek another location," Masonic Temple building committee member Raymond E. Cecil told The Eccentric after a special plan board meeting again denied the rezoning of a proposed building site.

The special session last week Wednesday was held to give Cecil an opportunity to present the Masonic Temple's case in their request for rezoning of property at Maple and Arlington roads owned by Ralph L. and Grace G. Corvill.

Abutting property owners objected to the proposal to rezone the property from single family to multiple family residence, necessary before local Masons can go ahead with their plans to build a new temple on the site.

"Masonry being what it is, we don't want to create a rumpus," Cecil said. "We will just have to seek a new site."

Meanwhile, Cecil said, Corvill is taking steps to see what can be done legally to obtain relief on the property. He said Corvill has been unable to sell the lot after ten years' effort because "nobody wants to put up an expensive home on a corner where there is so much traffic."

Multiple Zoning For Twining Lot

Multiple zoning will do for the meantime on a large piece of recently annexed Troy township property, the Birmingham city commission has decided.

They approved Monday night this zoning for the Twining property at Adams and Hovers streets on a plan board determination on a proposed zoning amendment.

The suggested ground area requirements would permit one-bedroom apartments to be built economically, so that the owner of another large parcel just east of Twining also will accept multiple zoning. He now has business A, and wants to hold it until the amendment is adopted.

The Commission Took This Interim Action After Commissioners' Florence Willett Said It Might Be a Mistake to Zone It Business C Now, Then Change It Later On.

Adjoining residents have pushed for single family residential use, but indicated they will compromise on multiple family, or business C if nothing else can be done.

Fox & Hounds Inn Robbery Suspect Returned for Trial

Another arrest in connection with a \$5000 robbery of the Fox and Hounds restaurant in Bloomfield Hills was made this week. Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Keven sent two officers to Chicago Wednesday to pick up Andrew Thompson, 34, who is to be the accomplice of three persons already convicted in the robbery. Thompson has been held by Chicago police.

Thompson, formerly of Flint, will be held in Oakland County jail and will be charged with robbery armed.

Ted Sullivan, one of three men now serving prison terms for the crime and who turned state's evidence, is to be brought from Marquette prison to testify against Thompson.

Police Warn Hit and Run Motorists

A number of "hit and run" accidents last week in which parked cars were struck by motorists who drove on without identifying themselves led Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to warn motorists that such action is in violation of a city ordinance.

"We have had a rather serious increase in the amount of these hit-and-run accidents," Moxley said. "The police department is investigating that type of case and will prosecute offenders upon establishing their identity."

Moxley said that any driver whose car accidentally damages a parked car is required by ordinance to report it to the police department immediately.

When identification of the negligent motorist is not known, the owner is forced to pay for minor repairs, Moxley said. On the other hand, most auto insurance covers cost of repairs for damage inflicted by an insured motorist.

Manager Moves To Second Floor

Birmingham City Manager Harold K. Schone and City Finance Director James Purkin now are installed in their new offices at the west end of the municipal building on second floor.

With Schone went Asst. City Manager Robert Kenning, Administrative Assistant James Juhl and secretaries Marjory Hale and Marilyn Begg.

Purkin took with him his secretary, Grace Harold, purchasing agent Nancy Stockwell, bookkeeper Genevieve Wahl and Dorothy Dronken, and water department clerks Phyllis Lovelace, Evelyn Nettie and Pat Wallace.

Edison Offices Have New Hours
Effective December 7, 1956, the Edison customer office, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, will remain open until 8 o'clock Friday evening. These new evening hours are especially arranged for the convenience of those who are unable to visit one of their offices during the day. On other work days closing time will be 5 p.m. Edison offices except at Northland Center are not open Saturdays.



A CERTAIN SIGN that Christmas is just around the corner is the arrival of trees for the annual YMCA Christmas tree sale, sponsored by the Y's men. Inspecting the trees are (from left) Sam Whittlesey, Al Madsen and Don Gibbins. Sale begins tomorrow evening, and continues through Dec. 23 at the Birmingham YMCA grounds, 400 E. Lincoln.

Santa

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Christmas stocking and small ornamental Christmas trees will be on sale.

And, Junior or Six, if you can't get up there to see Santa Claus, you can talk to him over the telephone any day from five o'clock in the afternoon to eight o'clock in the evening by calling this number: MI 6-7222.

If the line is busy, be sure to call back. Santa undoubtedly is talking to another Birmingham boy or girl.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A TENSE DRAMA of a race against time to save the life of a tiny french poodle unfolded last week at Quanton Lake. Many spectators gathered as three youngsters stood on shore watching the efforts of firemen to free their dog, "Duchess", from her imprisonment in the ice onto which she'd gone after some ducks. By the time the men got a boat in the water with one of them breaking a path through the ice with an oar, the helpless animal had just about given up. While the crowd groaned each time the poodle went under and shouted encouragement when he appeared again, his little owners anxiously awaited the outcome. Finally the exhausted firemen and the bedraggled pup wended their way to shore, where one of the boys offered his parka for protection. "Duchess" died the next day... but three young children never will forget the moral support given by the bystanders and the quick response of the fire department.

This & That

(Continued From Page 1, Sec. 1) and atmospheres, and transformed into commodities needed and wanted by the human family.

Without oil, for example, our modern industries cannot be maintained. Neither can a nation's modern military machine. That's why the Suez Canal means so much to the western, free world.

Russia well knows this, and has and will continue to try to prevent oil from the Middle East to reach England, France and Germany.

The current tenor of a fad among some of the country's masculine youth to look like Elvis Presley will run its foolish course, and then youngsters will take up another foolish custom, perhaps related to the clothes they wear.

Many an adult of today, critical of this Presley haircut craze, did equally foolish things in his own youth... "there ever thus, and thus, and just like this-a-way."

Harlan School Drain

TROY — Harlan school officials were granted the right to connect the school's storm sewer to a drain running through school property located on Adams road north of Wattle road, in return for easements to the drain, by Troy City Commissioners Monday night. The drain was put in by George Glover, subdivider.

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To Make Third Try on Solving Alley Dilemma

Before city commissioners finally drop plans for a proposed alley to serve the southeast block at Bates and Maple, City Planner Herbert Herzberg will make a third attempt to gain property owners' agreement.

A dead-end alley east of Bates would cost an estimated \$55,275, while an L-shaped one that goes south to Martin street would require an additional \$14,100.

Property owners agree on the need for an alley, but not on how it is to be designed nor financed.

To Check on Powers Of Appeal Board

Birmingham's latest proposed church expansion may be permitted even though it will be "borrowing" parking facilities.

City commissioners Monday night asked City Attorney Richard Adams to double check zoning ordinance provisions which permit the zoning board of appeals to grant exceptions in hardship cases.

Several weeks ago, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, petitioned for an exception to off-street parking requirements when it enlarges its auditorium.

The exemption was denied by the board, which claimed it did not have authority in this instance. The church claims it cannot obtain its own parking lot, and that three large parking lots in the next blocks are not used Sundays except for parking by congregations of the four nearby churches.

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