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**Commission, Not Rek Board, OKs Quarton Skating**

In a story in last week's issue, The Birmingham Eccestric reported the city recreation board had changed its mind and had approved ice skating on Quarton lake.

This is not correct, the Birmingham city commission voted out Monday night. It is the city commission itself which has agreed to clear snow from Quarton ice, check its thickness, and install an emergency phone on the shore.

Commissioner Benfrew said the identification of the recreation board with the program probably was due to a "misinterpretation," because the commission had not officially acted upon this matter.

**MONDAY THE** commission adopted a formal resolution endorsing the Quarton lake snow removal, clearly stating the recreation board was not identified with the project, and reminded residents that there still is some hazard involved in skating on Quarton.

The recreation board for some years has refused to accept any responsibility for use of Quarton for skating, claiming it was too much of a hazard.

**Policy Slip Holder Goes to Jail**

Arrested by Birmingham police for investigation of larceny at the Community House, a Pontiac man was found to be in possession of policy slips. Willie Bryant, Jr., 27, was fined \$10 and \$5 costs when arraigned last week before Judge John J. Caffill.

Bryant served five days in Oakland county jail when he was unable to pay the fine. Police cleared him in the larceny case.

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**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

This Wanderer isn't the only motorist who has backed into the fireplug in front of Alban's, Fire Chief Park H. Smith reports. Fact is, City Manager L. R. Gare is the one responsible for the hydrant's noticeable slant. The fire chief says he has had a request into the DPW for removal of the fire plug for some time and chances are the problem will be remedied next year when business parking lot access to Hunter is changed.

When Fire Marshal George Scott, making inspections of Birmingham business establishments, suggests repairs and gets arguments such as: "Why that wiring has been up there 10 years and hasn't caused any trouble," he has a retaliation ready, and it's a mighty good one. Says Scotty: "A few years ago a woman burned to death in a home here in Birmingham, and it was the first time it ever happened to her."

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**BHAM CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare** hopes by next week to have ready for the city commission his report on how the city can have more field work done on property valuations. This was one of the main recommendations of the special tax assessment investigation committee which recently reported its findings after two years of study.

**THERE'S ONE CHRISTMAS TREE** in Birmingham that's good enough to eat. Employees at McClellan & Ball's feed and seed store on S. Woodward took home cranberries and popcorn and made them into strings. These, together with lollipops and candy canes and other edibles, were festooned on an 11-foot tree in the store. "One little boy asked me when we were going to take it down," commented owner Jack Ball. "He said he wanted to be here to start eating the decorations."

**A CHRISTMAS CUSTOM** was continued this year in Bloomfield Hills elementary schools as 65 trees were set up for pupils to decorate in classrooms at Vaughan, Wing Lake, Eastover and Hickory Grove schools. Decorations mostly were made by youngsters themselves under teachers' directions. Every tree received original and lavish attention. To continue the holiday atmosphere, children brought donations to buy trees for the school corridors and auditoriums. The classroom trees, as was traditional when the district had only Vaughan and Wing Lake schools, were purchased by the board.

**WHEN THE BIRMINGHAM Village Players** were rehearsing their recent presentation, "Ways and Means" from Noel Coward's "Tonight at 8:30," director Mary Hammond and a player portraying the part of "Olive" disagreed on the interpretation of the character. "Make her likeable," stressed director Hammond from her chair in the darkened pit. "Can't be done—she's horrid," countered the actor, who is the character. A letter asking for help winged its way to the Belasco theatre in New York City where the play's author is directing and starring in his latest vehicle. "Do as your director tells you to do," advised the master showman, whose return letter shows he has little patience with actresses who take issue with stage direction.

**DRIVE BY AND SEE IT**, if you're out looking at the pretty Christmas lights and decorations in the area, Bloomfield Hills high school art students have set up a huge stained glass window effect with colored paper. The panorama extends across the entire second floor front of the big school. They've arranged to keep the lights on inside the second-floor rooms from 7 to 9 p.m. each night until New Year's eve. Donald Dennis, art teacher who directed the assembling of the window display, assigned three to five students to prepare each window.

**Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club Granted Charter**

EVANSTON, ILL.—The newly-organized Rotary club of Bloomfield Hills has been granted a charter by the board of directors of Rotary International. It was announced today at Rotary house quarters here.

President of the Bloomfield Hills Rotary club, which has 24 charter members, is Henry A. Houston, owner of a fire insurance agency in Birmingham. George B. Hasset, Bloomfield manager of the Equitable Life assurance society, is club secretary.

Weekly meetings of the club will be held Wednesday at 12 noon in the Fox and Hounds restaurant.

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**More West Maple Widening Desired**

Birmingham's going to ask the county road commission to help widen more of W. Maple next year, and in the meantime try to find the estimated \$15,000 city share of the cost.

City commissioners Monday night instructed L. R. Gare to ask the county to include widening Maple from Glenhurst the rest of the distance west to Cranbrook road.

Then Finance Director James Purvis will recommend to the commission where the money will come from.

**MAPLE WAS** widened within Birmingham several years ago from Southfield to Glenhurst. It stopped at this point because it had not been figured out how Bloomfield township would pay its cost west from Glenhurst. Birmingham commissioners are relying on the county to help with the answer to the township's cost problem.

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