

Merrill Bates To Again Head Hills Board

Merrill O. Bates was re-elected president of Bloomfield Hills board of education Tuesday. Also re-elected were Douglas L. Jocelyn, secretary, and Robert H. Hoffman, treasurer.

Bates and Jocelyn were re-elected to the board without opposition June 10.

The board moved to proceed with plans for acquisition of a fifth school site for future expansion, as provided for in the 1948 bond issue. Bates reported that he had conferred with Dr. Donald Lea of the bureau of research and service, college of education, Michigan State University, who outlined the long-term development plan for the district. He advised, Bates said, to acquire the site as soon as possible.

THE BOARD also voted to have appraisals made of the former Hickory Grove elementary school and site. Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson reported that a church group and a medical group were showing interest in purchasing the building, which was acquired by the Bloomfield Hills district in the Hickory Grove annexation formally completed last month.

Johnson suggested that the building might in the future be used for special classes or for administrative purposes, if retained by the district. It is on a five-acre site. After erection of its new elementary school, the Hickory Grove district used the building for storage purposes.

IT IS GOING to be necessary to use the "old stone room" in the original section of Wing Lake school for a classroom to accommodate the growing enrollment, Johnson reported. To improve the septic operation at Wing Lake, he said, the drain field is being enlarged and gravel added.

A request to tap onto the 12-inch sewer to be built by the school district along Quarton road to service the new junior high school was referred to the Bloomfield township board and the North Evergreen Authority.

Protest

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SINCE LEGALIZED licensing of 14-year-olds, Birmingham police said a large number of local teenagers had been issued licenses. They were unable to give an exact figure.

Mrs. Willett said parents contacting her refuse to allow their youngsters to obtain the vehicles, but object to the tremendous pressure their children now utilize because "all their friends have them."

When City Manager Harold Scheue suggested referring the problem to the Michigan Municipal League for state legislative action, commissioners said they would welcome citizens' petitions backing up the move.

Real Estate Board Votes To Close Offices Sundays

No business will be conducted Sundays by broker members of the Birmingham real estate board, starting this week, in accordance with a measure voted by the brokers Tuesday.

G. Gordon Walker, vice president of Max Brooks Inc. and a member of the board, said all real estate board members' offices will be closed Sundays. For the time being, he said houses will be kept open Sundays where there are existing contracts with builders.

He said the board was seeking legal implementation of the measure through a city ordinance making Sunday operation illegal. Laws already in existence ban auto dealers' opening Sundays.

Cancellation of the seven-day real estate operation, he said, was in cooperation with the Detroit and Birmingham Council of Churches, who have sought the closing of all business on Sundays.

Rector

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city organizations in Ohio and Minnesota.

With their daughter, Patricia, 13, the Rev. and Mrs. Gass will move to Birmingham in early September.

Interim services are being conducted at St. James by the Rev. A. Fletcher Plant, the Rev. W. E. Snouell and Dr. D. W. Thornberry.

B'ham B of E Gives Go-Ahead To Sewer Work

The Birmingham board of education Tuesday night gave the green light to construction of a sanitary sewer from the new Valley Woods school at Fourteen Mile and Lahser to the Evergreen disposal plant.

The board, which felt that it had no alternative since further delay in the sewer would result in delay in construction of the school, admitted that building the sewer was in reality, building a sewer for Bloomfield township free of charge.

The board said it was apparently powerless to stop Bloomfield residents from tying into the school's 18-inch sewer-to travel just north of Fourteen Mile road—without charge once it was completed.

DISCUSSION with representatives of two groups started on the board's long agenda an hour and a half. The board heard complaints concerning both water runoff from school property and bus transportation.

A large group of more than 17 from Birmingham Estates subdivision near Derby school protested the runoff from the school area which was flooding yards during heavy rainfall periods.

It was explained by the school architect, Eberle Smith, that the school was not allowed to use the 12-inch drain because of a bottleneck south of the school, although adequate drains have been constructed at the school but not connected because of that bottleneck.

THE BOARD promised residents at least a temporary solution. A dike is being built on the property line to hold back the water and a ditch may be dug to carry water in another direction, Smith reported.

Representatives of families living in the area of the school, Fifteen Mile between Pierce and Southfield discussed the problem of bus transportation for the students of that area. It is within a few blocks of Pierce school but recent restrictions of the area in the Beverly school zone.

THE STATE'S recent change in bus transportation rules has raised question as to whether this area should be included in the Beverly school zone.

The resolution accepting the low bid, pending approval of the architect, for construction of an athletic track at Midvale school was approved.

Low bid of \$24,397.50 was submitted by L. J. Scarpace of McVintie and was one of seven bids entered.

AN OPERATING BUDGET of \$4,886,386.07 for the 1957-58 school year was approved. The board also adopted a debt service budget of \$1,553,288.70 for the same year.

At the meeting, the board approved for Bloomfield, Quarton, Pierce, Birmingham high, Barnum Junior high and Troy schools were approved.

Rupert W. Wells, Jr. was appointed principal of the new elementary school. Stanley Ely of Walled Lake was named assistant principal of Derby Junior high.

THE BOARD AGREED on Birmingham schools cooperating with Detroit metropolitan schools in sponsoring 24 telecasts on channel 58. Local schools would pay a per pupil amount as their proportionate share of the total cost of \$840 for the Discovery series of programs.

Pine, Redding Relief Sewers Up for Hearing

Ten years of indecision may end this fall when Birmingham city officials meet with Quanton Lakes Estates residents Aug. 6 to see how two relief sewers are to be paid for.

One will extend down Pine street. This was scheduled for construction in 1947 at the time a new sewer was put down West Maple. But the contractor ran into some quicksand, and costs went up. Enough wasn't left for the Pine sewer.

The then city commission hesitated to return to the area for a deficiency assessment.

THE AREA west of Chesterfield was discovered to need sewer relief, and so did the Redding road area. The city decided the Pine sewer should be enlarged, and the Redding sewer installed.

This resulted in some concern over how the special assessments should be spread on the three areas and more years slipped by.

At the hearing three weeks from now, the commission will attempt to figure out how the particular benefits are to be charged to residents.

On condition that he leave the city of Birmingham, jail sentence was suspended Friday in the case of a man charged with vagrancy and begging on a public street.

Several residents reported 51-year-old Ivory B. Huff, of Logan, W. Va., was going from house to house on Bradford and Mellon streets, asking for food and handouts.

When arrested late Thursday, the man told police his occupation was coal mining. Police said he had 42 cents in his pockets. Associate judge John C. Emery gave a 30-day sentence of \$25 fine or 30 days in jail, with sentence suspended on condition that he leave town.

Huff was last seen heading north.



His Model Sports Car Is Tops

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD David Koto, 1231 Foxchase, Birmingham, is the top model car designer and builder in Michigan and Ohio. David has been named state and regional winner in the 1957 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition. He receives \$150 in cash as his state award and his maroon model sports car convertible is now being judged

with other regional winners for one of the university scholarships given national winners. National awards will be made July 30 at a Guild banquet in Detroit. David won a \$1000 styling award in the competition last year. He will be a sophomore in the University of Michigan this fall.

Troy Post Office Request Referred To Postal Dept.

TROY—In answer to a request from Troy planning consultants that a Troy post office be established to correspond with the city boundaries, Congressman William S. Bloomfield announced this week that he was referring the matter to the U.S. Post Office department.

Bloomfield said he was "urging that steps be taken to give the City of Troy favorable consideration in this matter."

George Vilcan of Vilcan-Leman and Associates, Troy's planning consultants, in his letter to Bloomfield said, "The residences, the businesses and industries should carry Troy as their address on their letterheads. It becomes extremely difficult to point to the fact that Troy is a good place to live and do business when the post office is that of a neighboring community."

Suit

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in both directions before making a stop.

Papers were served on Greyhound lines July 3. No date has been set for the case in Oakland county court.

This may be a test case for the new school bus law. In discussing it, Bloomfield Hills Superintendent of Schools Eugene L. Johnson pointed out that it may force the district to pick up and discharge youngsters on main roads rather than on less traveled but winding roads in the area's suburbs.

Under Influence

Found guilty of driving in Birmingham city limits under the influence of liquor, Earl Smith, 45, of Flint, paid a fine of \$70 and \$5 costs Wednesday. He appeared before Associate Judge John C. Emery in Birmingham municipal court.

Leaves Retirement To Become Court Officer, Deputy

Former Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Kevern has accepted the post of circuit court officer to Judge H. Russell Holland effective Aug. 1. In his new capacity Kevern also will serve as deputy sheriff.

Kevern retired from the Hills force May 15 after serving for 28 years, the last three as chief.

He and Mrs. Kevern vacationed briefly in Florida but felt "it doesn't compare with Michigan."

They returned in time to attend the graduation of their son, Donald H. Kevern, from Central Michigan college. Donald will teach in Bloomfield Hills high school in September.

Reduce Siren Song To Once a Month

By MARY WILDE

Another Birmingham custom has succumbed to the streamlining of today's times.

When the city commission met Monday night, the old siren, which has been used to alert off-duty and volunteer firemen for many years, had fire sirens and the two air sirens will be hooked together to give greater emergency coverage to the city.

The air raid sirens have been found to be weak in the downtown area and the new resolution will save purchasing more expensive equipment.

'Blue Sky' Case Charges Dismissed

Charges have been dismissed against Mrs. Beata Lisa Harter on a motion by the defense attorney, David Pence, that the case be dismissed. The motion was granted recently by Oakland county Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty.

Mrs. Harter, 45, of 18065 Locherrie, Southfield township, had been charged with violation of the Michigan Blue Sky laws requiring licensing of persons selling securities.

At a hearing last November in Birmingham municipal court, Mrs. Harter, who had brought the charges, testified she had paid Mrs. Harter, a physical therapist, \$8500 for stock in a company. She said she had been over to circuit court.

This and That

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when you offer a five or more dollar bill for a purchase, you'll get back each dollar in change in the form of a silver dollar. It's a western state custom. Weighs down one's pockets, too.

Oh yes, I told you at the beginning that Dud and I were on a fishing trip... and I've written nothing about it this week but I solemnly promise to do so in next week's Eccentric...

MSU Music Program

Four Birmingham students participated in the 12th annual Youth Music Program at Michigan State University. Those attending the conference are Martha Heister, Gary Johnson, Sue Mally and Don Ritter.

Carpenter Resigns

TROY — Election commission member Robert D. Carpenter, 961 Brooklawn, submitted his resignation to city commission Monday.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES	
(In Oakland County)	
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