



'Here's How the Money Goes'

THAT MOST important of a city manager's duties, the annual budget, is explained to Dave Parnie by Birmingham City Manager Harold Schone. Dave acted as city manager during Birmingham high school students' annual Civic Control day Monday. The senior class elected as commissioners Pat Berry, Mary Burleson, Dave Cook, Ken Hogan, Fred Finkenauer and Sally Hanson, with Steve Pew elected mayor. Commissioners appointed other city officials, heard reports from many of them at a mock commission meeting Monday night.

Mary Horton Is Latest Student To Get AFS Bid

As the American Field Service student exchange program lined up 40 Michigan students to spend the summer with families abroad, several Birmingham area high school students have been chosen as "goodwill ambassadors". Last week 17-year-old Mary Horton of Bloomfield Hills was notified that she has been chosen to spend the summer with a family in Vuks, third largest city in Norway. Mary, a junior at Kingswood School Cranbrook, is the daughter of the Dexter Hortons of Country Club drive. Previously announced by the AFS headquarters was the selection of Pete Brink of Birmingham high school and Betsy Svatka, of Southfield high school.

\$244,686 Budget Recommended for Bloomfield Hills

Bloomfield Hills city commission set May 28 for a public hearing on the proposed operating budget of \$244,686.78 for the 1957-58 year. The proposed budget as presented to the commission Tuesday night by City Manager Elmer Kephart, will increase the city tax rate from the present \$17.80 per thousand assessed valuation to \$20 per thousand. Kephart pointed out that this is in line with similar surrounding communities. Assessed valuations for the new budget are figured at \$9,244,500. This year's total valuation is \$8,184,200. The 1957-58 budget is up \$16,417 over this year's actual operating cost, Kephart said, to allow a four per cent pay increase for all salaried employees and to continue the road paving and maintenance program. LAST YEAR'S estimated budget of \$193,000 was under the actual expenditure of \$228,269, Kephart explained, because the road repair costs were higher than anticipated and Bloomfield Hills' share of the Birmingham area treatment plant amounting to \$18,413 paid to date was not in the budget. Kephart also presented a two-year road building program for the commission's approval. Work for the first year was slated for North Opdyke road; Cranbrook road from Woodward avenue to the school which will have to be concrete because of the hill; Cranbrook south; Orchard Ridge

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

People called Alice and the high school last week when teenagers went from door to door in Birmingham asking for money for Avondale high school's American Field Service student exchange program. Some families were led to believe the canvassers were from Birmingham high school. Mrs. Carol Darling, student counselor at Birmingham high school, emphasized that no Birmingham high students participated. "We have never gone out in the neighborhoods and asked for a dime," said Mrs. Darling. "The kids themselves have raised the money for the school's participation in the AFS program through activities within the school."

They say he's a handsome bachelor, and we know he's good-hearted. Last week James Woodhouse, 28, of 1618 Birmingham boulevard, did a good turn. It made a story so interesting that press wires relayed it from Florida to newspapers all over the nation. He passed 59-year-old Mrs. Eva Lambert, a multiple sclerosis victim who was propelling her wheelchair along a deserted stretch of highway near Jacksonville. Jim stopped to see if he could help, heard her amazing intention of traveling thus to Arlington, Va. With Mrs. Lambert were her two dogs and a cat, and only \$10 in cash. Jim returned the recently-widowed invalid to Jacksonville. He later gave her a train ticket to Vermilion and a suitcase. He took her and the pets to the train, gave her a corsage, and another benefactor supplied extra funds for her trip.

Hills to Hear Zoning Requests

Three zoning changes recommended by the Bloomfield Hills planning board were scheduled for a public hearing by the city commission at its next regular meeting on June 11. William B. Hartman, city attorney, presented the proposed changes to the commission Tuesday. They included re-zoning of the terrace apartments at Woodward avenue and Long Lake road beyond Kingsley Inn from multiple dwelling to commercial office buildings with parking area. Hartman expressed the opinion that the area now was better suited to commercial purposes. Second proposed change was a re-wording of zoning code section D permitting operation of a private club if "not operating for profit and not injurious to the surrounding neighborhood."

THIRD SUGGESTED change was the elimination of the permission to have accessory buildings in connection with multiple dwelling units. This, said Hartman, was a technicality and against the intention of city planners. The commission referred to the planning board a request from Arthur B. Landry to have property owned by him near Woodward avenue and Opdyke roads zoned to multiple dwelling.

Boys Inflict \$500 Damages

Damages estimated at approximately \$500 were inflicted on the incomplete Midvale school structure at Maplewood and Midvale streets Sunday. A member of the building firm told Birmingham police he saw two boys inside when he stopped to check progress around 5:30 p.m. Later arrested by police, the 13- and 14-year-old Birmingham youths admitted throwing a cement block on a pile of plate glass and breaking off copper pipes at fittings in the wall. The boys have been released to the custody of their parents, and will appear later before Sgt. Robert Schaeuble, police juvenile officer.

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Cranbrook Marks Founders Day This Sunday

CRANBROOK-Sunday has been designated as Founders Day at Cranbrook. Founders Day is an annual Cranbrook custom commemorating establishment of the six institutions and the memory of their founders, George and Ellen Booth. A special service of re-dedication will be held at 11:15 a.m. in Christ Church Cranbrook, followed by a luncheon at Kingswood for officers and board members of the several institutions. The graduating classes of the Academies of Art, Cranbrook, Kingswood, and Brooksidge schools will be honored at a tea in Cranbrook House from 4 to 7 p.m. Rounding out the holiday will be a huge fireworks display just after dark in the gardens of Cranbrook House.

Tulip Time Tours Begin at Cranbrook

It's tulip time at Cranbrook! Over 3,000 of the stately flowers are now blooming in the gardens and Park of Cranbrook House. Visitors may tour the gardens daily, except Mondays from 2 until 5 p.m. A small admission charge benefits the scholarship fund of Kingswood School Cranbrook. The tulip-filled area is part of the 40 acres surrounding Cranbrook House.

June 3 Hearing On Access Drive

Necessity hearing on a proposed \$5,400 access drive on 14 Mile west of Pierce has been set for June 3 at the Birmingham city commission.



Counting Their Wares

Checking in their pots for their coming "lawn sale" of ceramic wares are Cranbrook Academy of Art students Richard DeVorg, New Jersey, left, Nancy Wong of Texas and Walter Drahanchuck of Canada. Opening tomorrow, the student sale will be held outdoors in the Academy's ceramic courtyard, just off Lone Pine road. It will be open during daylight hours through May 30.

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