

Businessmen Raise No Objections To New Zone Law

A special session to discuss the city's proposed zoning ordinance ended early last Thursday night with no objections voiced against the measure.

City Planner Herbert Herzberg, who briefed the audience of about 25 people on the new law's contents, said, "I got the feeling that it was the time to adopt this ordinance."

The measure is slated for formal public hearing and possible adoption at the city commission's March 3 meeting.

The new law modernizes the city's zoning regulations. It will not include a special semi-industrial district, the B-4 district, nor

Manor Road Sewer Being Considered

A storm sewer to serve the small triangle of Troy north of Derby and east of Adams road is being drawn up by the Birmingham city engineering department.

City commission this week agreed to provide sewer and water to the triangle if construction money is placed in escrow.

A separate report will be made on a proposed Manor road storm sewer, which would involve assessments against most properties in Forest Hills subdivision. The triangle also would contribute to this second sewer.

Originally proposed, Plan board members decided to delete the B-4 classification for the one-block "contractors' row" between Haynes, Bowers, Adams and Poppleton.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A BUNCH OF FATHERS went to school Saturday, though the school was hardly ready to receive them. The dads were members of the Fathers' club of Sacred Heart academy on Lawrence avenue, Detroit. The school was the new Sacred Heart academy now under construction on Kensington road in Bloomfield Hills. Rev. Mother Wonsboro of the school and several of her assistants conducted the tour for the fathers' club's 12-man board of directors. Don E. Ahrens, 540 Haverhill, Bloomfield Hills, is in charge of the fund drive now underway. The school is expected to be ready for classes next September.

THERE WAS SOME small effort by publicity-minded members of the Community House board of directors at their last meeting to persuade Ed Kurth of Wilson drug to shiny up the light pole on the Kurth corner. This was so an occasion might be made of raising the annual Roll Call drive thermometer. Something that might make it worth inviting citizens to a formal Thermometer-Raising. However, dignity prevailed; Mr. Kurth will remain on the ground. The thermometer will be put up as usual by a Detroit Edison crew. Efficiently, but without fanfare.

YOU WANDER INTO SOME interesting things when you're a Wanderer. Like when City Planner Herbert Herzberg played for us a tape recording of a recording of the other day. It was a barbershop quartet readying their number for the Birmingham annual city banquet tonight. Quartet consists of: Richard L. Gare, city manager; Robert S. Kenning, assistant city manager; Herzberg; and parks and forestry department foreman Harvey Rasch. When Herzberg first played the song for us, we told him it sounded just like a planning board meeting. When we stopped the kidding, we had to admit they were terrific!

IT TAKES REAL GENIUS for an elementary school student to come up with a poem such as this one, printed in the latest issue of "The Students' Pen", Holy Name school's newspaper:

Most people smoke modern, die modern,
And are buried in a flip-top box.
By Jim Voss

ONE OF THE MORE UNUSUAL parties of the season was held last week in the darkened offices of Torrence Oil Company on Holland street. Hostess was Mrs. Robert Watt. Guests included mostly men: Norman Weston and son John, Donald Parry, Douglas Livi, Edward Kurth, Gilbert Schrock, T. Bishop and Bill Torrence. Other ladies present were Mrs. Ewald Schaeffer and Mrs. Omega Erridge. The entertainment was the feeding of a hungry monster rather than the guests—a machine which licked, then sealed, then turned, then stamped envelopes. Guests circulated constantly, in fact they hardly sat down a moment. But they accomplished something. They finished off the mailing for the Community House Roll Call Drive and put in the mail 16,348 letters to residents of this larger and larger Birmingham area.

BIRMINGHAM'S CITY CLERK Irene Hanley and Dog Warden Al Sundell received puts on the back this week from County Veterinarian T. M. Barr. The vet praised the city for having 65 per cent (or 1565 animals) of its dog population licensed and rabies inoculated in 1957. Miss Hanley and Sundell comprise the city's dog enforcement group.

NORMALLY, local legislative bodies don't have much to do in the licensing of the state liquor control commission's specially designated merchants or distributors. Custom is for a license to be issued if the city does not indicate disapproval within 20 days after notification from the state. So on a pending license issuance, the Birmingham city commission decided this time it would neither approve nor disapprove the license. But the LCC notified the commission this week that a definite answer is desired. So commissioners may ask for a look at LCC files. But really, the commission believes it is in a political squeeze because too many Lansing promises have been made about who is to get the license. City commissioners plan to duck a decision on the local level, if possible.

Taxi Company Gets 60 Days To Find Buyer
Birmingham city commission is expected Monday night to set March 3 as the formal hearing date for modernizing the city's zoning ordinance. Several new classifications are to be added, and certain miscellaneous ordinances to be made part of the zoning code.

COMMISSIONERS demanded weekly inspection of the company's five cabs, with subsequent unroad for the balance of the 60 days. If a bona fide purchaser is not found, the company's operating license and its cab bond plates will be revoked, the commission ordered.

The city council board had previously ordered an immediate license revocation.

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They Have a Date

Selected as the outstanding cadets from five area Civil Air Patrol squadrons, Jeff Berno and Ellen Coutlee, both of Birmingham, will go to CAP wing headquarters in Detroit Tuesday to compete with cadets from all over the state for special scholarships and CAP cadet exchange programs. Both Jeff and Ellen are students at Wayne state university and belong to the Birmingham CAP squadron. At Tuesday's screening in Detroit, Jeff will try for a two-week jet orientation course offered each year to one outstanding cadet from each state, and for a chance to participate in next summer's international CAP exchange. Ellen may win a chance to participate in a national summer cadet exchange program, and a nationwide all-girl cadet encampment at an Air Force base next summer.



WILLIAM WHITNEY
Receives Degree

CRANBROOK—William Whitney, of the Whitney galleries, 208 Park street, Birmingham, is one of 13 students who received a mid-year's degree at Cranbrook Academy of Art last week. His bachelor of fine arts degree was awarded in painting and metalworking. He intends to continue as a candidate for the master of fine arts degree at Cranbrook, where he presently studies painting with Zoltan Sepeshy and metalworking with Richard Thomas.

School District Sells Bond Issue

First of Michigan corporation bonded an account which last Tuesday night bought \$2,000,000 in bonds issued by the Birmingham school district for school site, construction, and equipment purposes. The bonds, maturing in from one to 25 years, are the first of a series totaling \$5,000,000 approved by voters of the district last June. The bonds were awarded on a bid of 3.246 per cent, against second place bid of 3.2515 per cent, and third place bid of 3.3477 per cent.

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LAND SALE

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1500 feet of commercially zoned frontage on Telegraph and Square Lake Roads, directly opposite the multi-million dollar MICHIGAN'S MIRACLE MILE, a regional shopping center. Sell, build or lease.

270 acres of picturesque, rolling land located at the junction of two good roads and near the proposed Northwestern Highway extension. It is approximately 16 miles west of Pontiac. Included is a 7 room modernized farm house, garages and barns. The price is only \$380 per acre on easy terms. We know of no comparable land in this area being offered at less than \$600 per acre. Consider some trade.

10 acres on paved Milford Rd. near M-59. Truly beautiful. Ideal for future home, garden, chickens, even a horse. Excellent investment. Only \$7,500. \$750 down, 10 years to pay.

Northville, on 6 mile at Northville Rd. opposite Cass-Benton Park. 80 acres contains 40 acre lake, has sewer. Dixie Hwy., Waterford. Suitable for motel or other commercial use. 3 large lots. \$13,500, \$1500 Down.

Owner: Bernard Edelman Associates.
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