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## OK City Taxes For 42 Taxus

Around the new mall in Shain park will go 42 taxus cuspidata densa and three betula pendula alba. But having to wait till other funds are available are about a \$1,000 worth of plain ol' taxus cuspidata, some pyracantha coccinea lalind, and six small flowering trees (how did this get through in English?). Translation: the downtown park area, now under renovation between the city hall and public library, are going to have some dense spreading yews and birch trees around the center mall.

BUT THE CITY commission is holding up on planting of plain yews, some fire thorn shrubs, and those small flowering trees.

Parks and forestry crews for two weeks have been opening up the park by cutting down unnecessary trees, including the old dying pine in the park's center. Walks will be rebuilt and area leveled and re-seeded.

### Dr. Mohler To Make Return Visit to Russia

Leaving Aug. 8 for the tenth general assembly of the international astronomical union, Dr. Orren Mohler will be making his second visit to Russia in two years. Dr. Mohler, of 536 Southfield, Birmingham, is assistant director at the McMath-Hulbert observatory of the University of Michigan's department of astronomy.

During his month-long stay in Russia, he will visit a number of astronomical observatories there. The assembly of 880 astronomers from 38 nations is meeting in Moscow on the invitation of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The local astronomer, who has gained worldwide prominence in his field for his solar research, traveled in Russia and lectured on the invitation of astronomers there two years ago.

### Hospitalized

Melville C. Stewart, 51, of 16176 Marguerite, Westwood, was hospitalized with jaw, hand and facial injuries after an accident on Wednesday of last week in Royal Oak. A hospital spokesman said Stewart was discharged Monday.



### Training in Chicago

Postmaster Wayne Mortimer of Bloomfield Hills (at left) was one of five Michigan fledgling postal administrators to go to "school" in Chicago recently. The school for new Postmasters is part of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield's training program to help all postal employees get a better understanding of their positions. (From left) Mr. Mortimer, acting postmaster, Bloomfield Hills; Robert C. Miller, acting postmaster, Pontiac; (seated) Walter B. Steele, Muskegon, a veteran postmaster who for days sat in on classes and helped teach the newcomers; and Robert R. Justus, regional operations director at Chicago.

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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Spotty is grateful. His owner is grateful. And the Birmingham Humane society is grateful. And we're glad. Spotty was lost last week, and the humane society was having a hard time finding his owner. Even a "Lost and Found" ad didn't help the stray. So a Birmingham Eccentric news story published a description of Spotty, stating that he was waiting for his owner to come find him. The owner, an elderly woman who had been operated on for cataracts, got the message. Now Spotty is happily released from the veterinary hospital where the humane society was boarding him. Meanwhile, back at the humane society, local director Mrs. Karl Koehler has another problem. A lost dog who spends most of his time in a garage evades capture because, the humane society says, "a man stoned him." Mrs. Koehler got up at 5 a.m. one day to try to make friends with the dog. But even the early bird didn't get the canine worm to turn.

When the family stopped in to congratulate the Paul Kurths on their 25th anniversary, it wasn't really their anniversary, but it was a large-sized celebration. Six brothers and sisters of Kurth, along with their spouses, descended upon Casa Kurth at 734 Rivenoak, Birmingham, on Wednesday of last week. Kurth is the tall, hard-working owner of Ruston hardware, Birmingham. The brothers and sisters are part of a family of 12, most of whom live in the Birmingham area. (They are the sons of Otto and Amelia Kurth, and grew up on a 13-acre farm which once stood just south of Christ Church (Cranbrook).) The anniversary couple was presented with a glass tray, between layers of which they placed 25 silver dollars. The presentation and congratulations would have been on the actual anniversary Tuesday night. But the "surprise" party backfired the first evening when the "bride and groom" stepped out alone to celebrate.

Miss Vida R. McGiffin, of 595 S. Bates, Birmingham, is the recent recipient of a \$100 check from Reader's Digest for an anecdote submitted to the magazine's department "Life In These United States." Her contribution appears in the August issue.

It's encouraging to see a public official's family present when he (in rarer cases it's she) is sworn into office. It evidences the family's togetherness in accepting the additional frictions the public job will bring. Latest family delegation to attend a swearing-in is that of new Birmingham City Commissioner William H. Burgum. Mrs. Burgum and son Tom were accompanied to Monday night's ceremony by neighbor Mrs. Carl Marr, David Marr, and young friends Bill Richards, Lee Stoll, and John Marshall.

A man whose wife died in 1923, leaving him to care for seven children, aged six weeks to 11 years, died July 10 in Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island, N. Y. He was Charles Schauls, 75, the father of Lt. Robert Schauls of the Birmingham police. Returning last week from funeral services in the East, Lt. Schauls recalled how his father had devoted his life to being both mother and father to his large family. "He never remarried," Lt. Schauls said, "and he did everything for us. He used to bake bread, sew our clothes, and even

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