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12 Town to Appeal Decision Against It
Months of delay are foreseen on the Twelve Town drain's construction since the recent announcement that drain officials will appeal a recent court decision.
Judge William John Beer has ruled there is no evidence that benefits accruing to Madison Heights and its contribution to the big drain's need were considered by the Twelve Town board in assessing costs.
However, Twelve Towns Legal Counsel Claude Stevens said this week that the records do not have to show that accruing benefits and Madison Heights' contribution to the need for the drain were considered by the Twelve Town board. "There's nothing to show they didn't," said Stevens. "That's a useless thing to do anyway."
"It doesn't have to be shown," he continued. "There are Michigan court cases to prove it."
Stevens said the Twelve Town board felt they could not make any change in the apportionment. A lot of the municipalities involved indicated they would object to any apportionment that was not made on the present basis of area.
Consequently, if the apportionment was changed, he said, "where the board had one objection now

(from Madison Heights) they might have six or eight objections."
Madison Heights claimed its share of the cost of the \$47 million drain should be cut from \$2.8 million to \$600,000.
DRAIN commissioner Daniel W. Barry announced the decision to appeal following a drain board meeting. If the Madison Heights assessment is changed, drain officials said, complete reassessment of the drain's costs would be necessary. In his decision, Judge Beer ordered that the assessment for Madison Heights should be reviewed.
Fourteen South Oakland municipalities are included in the big project designed to relieve seasonal flooding.
The DRAIN board had hoped to begin Twelve Town construction on Jan. 1. It is appealing the court decision against it on the basis that legal questions involved had been decided by the state supreme court in an earlier case. Madison Heights was included as a plaintiff in the earlier suit.
As legal delays have held up the drain's construction, estimated costs have risen steadily.

Birmingham Wants Some Relief For Constable Trouble
There'll be two—and possibly three—Birmingham city charter amendments voted on at next April's annual election.
City commissioners have approved a proposition which, if passed, would enable them to appoint a constable. No one seems ready to run for the office, past elections have proved.
The constitutional amendment also applies to the charter provisions regarding constables.
HOWEVER, city officials are studying legality of combining the two in one amendment for voting purposes.
Another charter change being readied moves the library board. The charter presently does not spell out residence requirements nor who should make the appointments to library board vacancies.

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Half of Alley May Be Closed
Closing half an alley is better than none, one abutting property owner has told the Birmingham city commission.
But before taking final action, the city will write to a Florida vacationing couple for their opinion, too.
Commissioners have tabled the hearing, which concerns the second alley east of Southfield, between Merrill and Towson.
One property owner wants his north half of the alley kept open so clients can reach his proposed parking lot.
60-Day Test Wins 365-Day Contract
Because it can be obtained at lower cost, Birmingham will have a private contractor clean the rooms and hallways of the city municipal building.
A contract for 1960 has been awarded the Standard Service Co., which submitted a low bid of \$10,200 for a year's service. The company has been doing the work on a 60-day trial basis, and won administration praise.
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His wife clipped the notice from The Birmingham Eccentric, and that started something. Attorney Ramon A. VonDrehele, 1656 Washington, Birmingham, read the clipping his wife put on his desk and decided to attend the recent Citizens for Michigan meeting in Pontiac. That night he was elected chairman of the Birmingham chapter of CPM.
Each year Kingsley owner Nick Takis receives an extra-special Christmas present from his more than 100 employees. And, of course, the gift selection committee had the problem of finding a "for-the-man-who-has-everything" type of gift. This year's hunt also was successful: the afternoon before Christmas he was given a 3-year-old Shetland-Palomino pony. He then presented it to a delegation of boys from Camp Oakland, one of which has Takis' special interests.

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