

**Mortensen Succeeds Kibbert as Head Of E'ham Rotary**

Charles E. Mortensen was installed Monday noon as Birmingham Rotary club's new president. Chamber of commerce executive

secretary, Mortensen succeeds Edwin P. Kibbert, who now goes on the board of directors. Other officers are Vice-President Clarence Keefe, Secretary Forbes S. Hascall, Treasurer James Moore and directors Mathew Cammareri, Jack Kershenbaum, William Re-strick and Stuart Schell.

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**Old TB San's Use Gets Ingraham's Criticism**

Oakland county board of supervisors' decision last week to use its vacant contagious hospital for interim county office space brought criticism from Birmingham City Commissioner and County Supervisor Carl F. Ingraham that it was merely "the best answer they could come up with."

ham. "It is my considered opinion that it is the best answer they could come up with. At least it has been adopted by the board of supervisors—but not with MY concurrence."

OTHER COMMISSIONERS agreed that at a forthcoming meeting with Birmingham's supervisors, some of the commission questions would relate to this recommendation by Mrs. Lewis' committee. The Birmingham Eccentric tried to contact Mrs. Lewis for further explanation. She is at her summer cottage in the northern part of the peninsula.

However, another Birmingham supervisor—Mrs. Levinson, who served on Mrs. Lewis' committee, and together with Luther Heacock supported the resolution—did tell The Eccentric:

"When that first unit of the new courthouse-county building goes up, it will have room for only the courts and those departments immediately allied to it, like the prosecutor's office, etc."

"THERE ARE other offices related to the courts, such as the friend of the court, which should be located nearby. The old hospital would be an excellent interim location. It'll save us having to pay rent elsewhere, too."

Some months ago, the city commission in a resolution recommended that it would be advisable for the county to establish emergency mental care. The resolution urged that the hospital be considered for that purpose.

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**A Few More Steps Take Plan Closer to Reality**

Birmingham's long-sought comprehensive plan took some of its first baby steps out of the realm of the abstract this week, according to several of its commissioners. The step was the plan board's decision to hire two college students to help make some preliminary surveys and the plan. It was subsequently approved by the city commission.

THE RECOMMENDATION was made by Herbert Herzberg, city planner, at a joint meeting of the two groups last week. The meeting, mainly informational, covered possible costs and methods of operation in drawing up the plan, the planning board hopes for future action, its thinking in the past.

**U.S. Gov't May Pay 90 Per Cent Of 'Big Mac'**

LANSING—Michigan stands to gain \$195 million, including the cost of construction of the Mackinac Bridge. The House of Representatives recently reported out by the House Public Works Committee passage during this session of Congress, Michigan Turnpike Authority Chairman George N. Higgins said recently.

"An analysis of the bill introduced by the Committee Chairman, C. E. Buckley of New York, indicates Michigan has completed \$287 million in toll and toll-free road and bridge work on the Interstate System," Higgins said. "Some federal aid payments have been made but 90 per cent federal participation would require an additional \$195 million."

"Michigan ranks seventh among the states in eligibility for reimbursement under the bill based on work completed without 90 per cent federal aid which is now available for new construction on the system. We are a 'have' state."

"THE BILL provides a total reimbursement of \$42 billion for all states for toll and toll-free expressway and bridge construction on the Interstate System, to be paid from the general treasury over a period of 15 years starting in fiscal 1962."

The money would not come from the hard-pressed highway trust fund created to finance future construction on the Interstate System. The state would be required to use the reimbursement for construction of other toll-free roads."

Higgins said the bill provides for \$73.8 million for the Mackinac Bridge.

"THERE IS LITTLE question that progressive states which have financed toll and toll-free highways without 90 per cent federal aid which have been incorporated into the Interstate System have a just and equitable claim to reimbursement."

"I think the people of Michigan should be proud of the bill and that they should urge Michigan's congressional delegation to seek approval of the bill," Higgins said.

**Police Searching For Burglar and Young Bystanders**

Birmingham police today are looking for a burglar who's all set to be entertained, and two unidentified youths who might be able to spot him in a line-up. The culprit broke into the Birmingham Television Company's store, 1842 S. Woodward, about midnight Tuesday, and carted off an estimated \$500 in home-entertainment merchandise.

THE TWO boys saw the man, whom they described as a stockily built negro, break out the front window of the store.

They reported the incident to the Berkeley department, but failed to leave their names.

The burglar now has three transistor radios, a portable television set and a stereo phonograph. The store has been hit three times in the past year. Detective lieutenant, Merlin L. Holmquist said.

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