

# Will Determine Merit Of Sale Restrictions

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Like several previous joint meetings, Birmingham city commissioners and plan board members last week had more of a social hour and 20 minutes than a work session.

They had three agenda items which could have led to long and penetrating discussions. But it soon was evident further information should be obtained before proceeding into a shirt-sleeve work session.

Following discussion of selling six city lots on Maple west of Coolidge, Plan Board Chairman Robert Page asked that his group be given a chance to go further into one aspect.

**THE CITY INTENDS** to sell the lots—following an approving public vote at next April's city election.

The city commission would restrict three Yorkshire lots to one house per lot.

Page suggested perhaps the city should restrict the three Maple lots to multiple family. This, Page felt, would remove any purchaser's doubt as to these lots' use.

**OWNERS OF SEVERAL** adjoining Maple lots went to court to get their residential zoning changed to business. The case was dropped several months ago.

Commissioners and planners agreed the present B-1 (non-retail) business zone should get intensive examination.

Commissioners suggest perhaps the city needs additional B-1 zoning for dental, medical and other professional clinics.

**THERE IS VERY** little of it

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

In the next few weeks—when ground conditions are drier and colder, Birmingham's new municipal tree will be planted, Parks & Forestry Superintendent Charles Gale informed this Wanderer. The original and dying tree was taken down when the park was moved recently. The first replacement tree (dedicated to former City Manager Donald C. Egbert) never caught hold, and was taken out late this summer.

Several non-resident student users of Birmingham's public library have inquired why the library isn't open Sundays. Librarian Jeanne Lloyd explains why it is closed: lack of money and personnel. She says it would cost \$93.36 plus utility costs each Sunday the building is open. The additional \$2,227.09 for the nine-month school year is not available in Birmingham's municipal budget, she says. Finding library personnel who also would work Sundays is well nigh impossible, she emphasizes.

**Birmingham Rotary club** is the organization which will underwrite costs of 120 new 50-star flags for holiday display along downtown streets. The flags will be on display at last week's meeting, club members approved the club director's plan to purchase the flags.

There hasn't been a new building in Birmingham that has caused as much commotion—pro and con—as the new sports store going up at the northwest corner of Martin and Pierce. Its roof seems to come up to me and exclaims, "Better call the police!" or the fire department! The roof on the new building around the corner has fallen down! So I told the lady that the roof was supposed to be that way. Something new in architecture, I told her.

We've got a wonderful—repeat wonderful—reply in verse to last week's "The Women Drivers of Birmingham." But our policy is not to publish anonymous material. So the woman, writer of "Ode to the Men Drivers of Birmingham" will come in and identify herself, or we'll be so happy to print her verse in next week's Eclectic.

**Birmingham's central business district** got a pat on the back in one of its neighborhood planning sessions. Wallace J. Reynolds named Birmingham's central business district as the one to pick for the selection of business centers. "Compare Royal Oak to Birmingham (it's got a look at the business area). Birmingham is a city of only one-third of the population of Royal Oak, but the difference in appearance is overwhelming. There you see a city dressed in windows, eye-compelling displays—even the sidewalks and awnings have charm," Reynolds, a Ford Motor company employee, was defeated in Tuesday's election.

The trick-or-treaters were out-tricked this Halloween when they got to the home of Rodkey Craighead, 412 S. Adams, Birmingham. The youngsters had to enter the house through a back door, and make their way through darkened rooms rigged with chamber pots. Craighead used the idea last year and found it had more fun than the children threatened never to come back. For the story of another area resident who had the same idea see the picture in this section of The Eclectic.

**Mrs. Sarah Christiansen, 5535 Sunnyside**, drive Westchase, called us this week to say just how much she enjoyed the recent, installation and dedication services at the new Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King. "I think the people there deserve a good rest after all that hard work," she commented. Mrs. Christiansen in her wheelchair and a budding Lutheran in his high chair were dinner partners. Both agreed that the food was tops.

**Things are Starting To Go at Groves HS**

The steering committee of the Willie E. Groves high school, Evergreen and 13 Mile road is ready to nominate officers for the PTA-like group's first year operation. Nominating will be done at the group's Nov. 5 meeting.

The new school is scheduling an open house at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12. Principal Kenneth Nagley announced this week.

**It Was 'Trick For Treatment'**

The "trick" was on Rod Smith, Jr., 1407 Cole, Birmingham, a few nights before Halloween, when he treated a pair of young tricksters wrong.

Smith apprehended two brothers, 10 and 12 years of age, snoring his livingroom windows.

He grabbed the boys by the shoulders and took them in the house to get their names. He then let them go.

A few minutes after the Birmingham police received a call from the boys' mother—changing Smith with assault.

No formal complaint would be signed, Birmingham police said.



## Democrats Gather at Roosevelt Home

Hostess to a group of Birmingham Democrats Friday afternoon was Mrs. Dorothy K. Roosevelt (right), who entertained prior to the county Democrats' banquet at which Minnesota Hubert Humphrey spoke. Greeting guests along with Mrs. Roosevelt were Mrs. John H. McVay, 1678 Yosemite, who is president of the Birmingham Democratic club. Edwin P. Dowd, 588 Larchlea, and Mrs. Edward J. Vanderlan, 4901 Valley Vista, were among the guests who went on to the \$10-a-plate 15th Congressional district affair in Pontiac attended by 750 county Democrats.

## Ed Week Slate Set for B'ham School District

The National Education association has set the theme for American Education week, Nov. 8 to 14, and suggested activities that might be suitable at local levels. This year the theme is, "Praise and Appreciate Your Schools."

In Birmingham open houses at the schools will be the high light of the week. All start at 8 p.m. on the dates are:

Adams—Nov. 11, Beverly—Nov. 9 and 12, Bloomfield—Nov. 11, Franklin—Nov. 9, Greenfield—Nov. 11, Highlands—Nov. 11, Pennington—Nov. 9 and 11, Plover—Nov. 12, Quarters—Nov. 9 for fathers, mothers are invited during the week. All start at 8 p.m. at the schools.

Nov. 9, Valley Woods—Nov. 18, Walnut Lake—Nov. 9.

Junior and senior high schools: Martin—Nov. 12, Derby—Nov. 12, Groves—Nov. 12, Seaholm—Nov. 10.

Educational displays will be placed in the windows of Birmingham stores and establishments. Displays are arranged by the Art Department with Mr. Phillip Livingston in charge. Mr. Henry Corbacho, director of the Instructional Materials center is making available to all civic organizations films on educational subjects which will be suitable for programs. Projection machines and operators will be available anytime during the week. The Instructional Materials center can be reached through the Birmingham board of education.

## Blucher Talks Cities Growth

Dr. Walter Blucher, Executive Director of the Southeastern Michigan Community Research Organization will be the featured speaker at the Altrusa club dinner-meeting at Birmingham Community house, 6230 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10. Subject: Oakland County's participation in this project (Community Research).

## Afternoon Was 'Accidental'

Two persons were injured Monday afternoon in Birmingham—on the street, another on the job.

Virginia Palks, 54, of 205 N. Eton, was hit by a car driven by Mary J. Thompson, 16, of 735 Ardmore. Bloomfield Village on East Brown at the entrance to city parking lot number one.

THE VICTIM was crossing the street at the 1st entrance sidewalk, when struck by the car at 25 miles-per-hour.

She was taken to Beaumont hospital with a fractured right hip.

Construction worker Clarence Strickland, 37, of Detroit, was injured in a project on Bloomfield road. Strickland was taken to Beaumont hospital with compound fracture of the left ankle.

He was later transferred to Detroit Memorial hospital.

## Willman Heads City Managers

Elected president of the International City Managers' association last week was Pontiac City Manager W. K. Willman, 65. The election was held at the association's 45th annual convention in St. Louis.

Willman, a native of Nequauee, Mich., is a Michigan State university graduate. He has been Pontiac city manager since 1950.

## Harold K. Schone To Be Manager In California

The man who got two big, sorely-needed Oakland county projects underway, DPW Director Harold K. Schone, is resigning his post to become city manager of Arcadia, Calif.

Schone, of 613 N. Woodward, Birmingham, was Birmingham's city manager before moving on to Oakland county's top job in the department of public works, and appointed him its \$17,500-a-year director. Since then the DPW has gotten construction under way on the Evergreen and Farmington interceptors.

Schone leaves Dec. 1 to take over the \$18,000-a-year job in the 40,000-population suburb of Los Angeles.

In his letter of resignation, Schone said he had intended to leave the county job over the DPW was organized. He indicated that he wants to get back into general public administration.

## New Post Office Dedication Set In Southfield

Southfield's new post office will be dedicated at 3 p.m. Saturday, Postmaster Charles Curtis announced Wednesday. An open house and refreshments will follow the ceremonies at the building, 10 Mile and Telegraph.

Speaker will be Niles Jackson, executive assistant to the postmaster general. Congressman William S. Brownfield (R.) will present a flag to the post office. Southfield Boy Scouts will perform the flag-raising.

## For Christmas: Mail Now

To insure delivery of parcels to foreign countries by Christmas, the Birmingham post has urged patrons to mail now.

After Nov. 15 there is no assurance that all deliveries can be completed, postmaster Roland Reese said.

FOR SURE delivery he made the following suggestions:

- 1) Pack in a substantial carton.
- 2) Wrap in a heavy paper or cloth.
- 3) Secure with substantial cord or rope, tie well.
- 4) Address completely and legibly.
- 5) Be sure to attach necessary declaration and other tags.
- 6) Be careful not to ship prohibitive material.
- 7) Perishables should not be shipped.

Additional information may be obtained at the Post Office.

## LEGAL HOLIDAY

Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 1959

## K'wood Srs. Stage 'Ladies—a Mystery'

CRANBROOK—Rehearsals are in session for "Ladies in Retirement," a mystery play by Edward Peverly and Reginald Denham which will be presented Nov. 14 by the senior class of Kingswood school, Cranbrook. The performance will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

The eerie plot involves an elderly woman's scheme to keep herself and sisters in a comfortable home. Taking the leading role of Ellen Creed is Juli Krueger of Mexico City.

## LYN TROMBLA, Wichita, Kans., plays Louisa Creel, and Suzanne Hanke, Pacific Palisades, Calif., Sister Theresa.

Directors are Mrs. Robert Porter, Kingswood faculty member; Assistant Director Ann Foster of Springfield, Ohio. Assistant stage director is Raymond G. Gross of Grosse Pointe Farms. Barbara Bowen, Bay City, is producer.

crew heads include Barbara Cripps, Birmingham, stage manager; Jane Lomason, Detroit, and Marjorie Meyer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., properties co-chairman; Patricia Kelley, Birmingham, costumes; Sam Barklow, Birmingham, lighting; Edith Munford, Detroit, scenery; and Stephanie Bennett, Midland, make-up.

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## U of D Alums Elect Local Men Officers

State officials won't admit how much they owe Birmingham in liquor sales, and gas monies, city commissioners learned this week.

City Finance Director James Purkiss had written the auditor general's office, asking for the latest tally on Birmingham's share.

The auditor general's office merely said it "would be difficult to predict when . . . monies will be distributed . . ."

**Middleton Out West**

Charles Middleton, fire control technician second class, USN, son of the K. H. Middletons of Paritan street, Birmingham, serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard, is taking part in a fleet training exercise off the coast of Southern California.

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