

# Mayor, Judge to Meet On Teenage Court

Birmingham city officials are taking new steps to save the Birmingham teen-age traffic court.

Armed with a two-page report prepared by Lt. Robert Schaulke, head of the city's police juvenile division and organizer of the court, Mayor Florence Willett and Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham will visit Probate Judge Arthur E. Moor and discuss the teen-age tribunal.

Moore said, in a recent letter to Schaulke, due to an inadequate staff "we will be unable to have the Birmingham teen-age traffic court this coming school year."

Moore also said that he did not feel justified in assigning a court referee unless approximately 100 youths are participating in the program.

SCHAULKE'S REPORT, which Mayor Willett and Commissioner Ingraham will present to the Judge, is a brief review of the success of the court.

It states that more than 850 students have worked with the court since its beginning in late 1957. Schaulke said there have been "approximately 56 people in attendance at each session." Judge Moore feels that only 100 or more at each session would justify sending a referee.

THE REPORT then discusses the effectiveness of the court. "Out of the 229 total cases that were handled by the teen-age traf-

fic court, there were 11 repeaters still under the age of 17 or less than 6 per cent, and 28 repeaters after attaining the age of 17 years or 12 per cent of the total," Schaulke said.

THE PENALTIES IMPOSED by the court range from writing themes on traffic safety to suspension of driving privileges for as long as 29 days.

"We believe," Schaulke said, "that young violators will become more mindful of their errors if they are tried by their peers. We also believe this plan . . . will help to educate them (the teen-agers) on the necessity for laws and courts, and assist them in becoming better citizens of the future."

The juvenile officer said that in view of the cost of the teen-age court, he was doing the job it was created to do, bringing the problems of traffic safety to the attention of the violator by the educational process.

"We also feel," Schaulke added, "the amount of people being reached through this teen-age court justifies its being."

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

The 466 students at Harlan elementary school on N. Adams road must have paid utmost attention to their teachers, and did every bit of their homework. In the recent Birmingham promotion report on Birmingham's 14 schools, ALL 466 Harlan students advanced to the next grade. In runnerup position was Pembroke school, where one student out of a 672 enrollment failed (for 99.8%). What elementary school had the greatest percentage of failures? It was Baldwin, with 26.5% (out of a 149 total membership, 140 students were not promoted). Still a remarkable school system promotion record!

Meet Birmingham Rotary club's new and first intra-club golf champion, William Cutler. He came through with a 77 last week when the club staged a golf outing at Rochester C.C. Runnersup were Dick Ernst and Bill Restrick, each with an 80. Cutler now has a fine gold trophy he can keep for a year. Then it's up for grabs in another club tournament.

**Forest Sewer Is Necessary, City Determines**

Necessity was found Monday night for a 170-foot reconstruction of a sewer on Forest, east from Elm. Birmingham commissioners will consider objections to assessments at a subsequent hearing, probably in four weeks. Some owners, whose properties are served by the Elm street sewer, protest their inclusion in costs.



## Jazz Enthusiasts

Junior Mance and Art Davies listen to a tape recording of the jazz night held during the recent third annual Birmingham Arts Festival. Dr. Richard Galpin, the chairman of the geodesic dome activities, plays back the evening's music. Negotia-

tions in process to cut a long-playing record from the tape recording. Junior Mance, who performed at the piano during the festival, and his companion are both with Dizzie Gillespie.

## Waterskier Dies Of Heart Attack

A heart attack while waterskiing had ever been waterskiing. He was being towed behind a 15-foot fiberglass boat by Dr. William C. Noshay, 2672 Long Lake road, Orchard Lake.

Michael Geary, 39, of 32035 Washington, Livonia, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Douglas Haddock. This was the second time Geary

tempt fell overboard and lay in the water. Dr. Noshay jumped in and held Geary's head above the surface until another boat picked them up and carried them to shore. A coroner's report said a heart attack was the cause of death. The incident occurred on the south shore of the lake approximately 150 yds. from shore.

## Flooded Ruffner Basements Get City Attention

Twenty-eight residents in the 630 to 967 block of Ruffner have petitioned the city of Birmingham for relief from periodic flooding of their basements.

Their petition has been referred to the city staff for investigation and report.

The petition was headed with the signature of Leo Abbott, 863 Ruffner. He will be notified when the report is up for commission discussion, so he can pass the word to his neighbors.

"We all have expensive appliances . . . which are being damaged by these floods," the petition read in part.

## Won't Extend Business Zone On Oakland Ave.

Birmingham city commission has accepted a recommendation from the plan board that no rezoning be made on a lot on the south side of Oakland, between Park and Fergdale streets.

Unless property owner Mrs. Helen Cherry, 272 Oakland, desires a public hearing, the city will consider the matter closed.

Mrs. Cherry's lot backs up to the city's municipal parking lot #2. She had asked the lot be rezoned to B-1 non-retail business. It is zoned R-2 single family.

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