

Now's Time to Mail Overseas Parcels

Planning to mail a parcel to someone across the ocean? Birmingham Postmaster Rolfe Reese recommends that persons desiring to mail packages overseas, to either domestic or military relatives or friends, do so before Nov. 15.

Except by way of air mail, it is impossible to guarantee delivery to foreign countries after Nov. 15, Reese stated.

The additional volume of Christmas parcels taxes available transportation and could cause delay if mailed later than that date, he emphasized.

Gloves, Change Stolen from Home

A pair of women's white gloves and 35 cents from a piggy bank were taken by burglars who entered a Birmingham home.

Tom Maents, 451 Westchester, reported the break-in Tuesday. Police suspect the home was entered last Thursday.

Burglars forced open a screen door and broke a door window to gain entrance. Drawers were open but no valuables were reported taken.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.



Police to Hold Auction

"Oh, this looks great for you," Birmingham Det. Lt. Merlin Holmquist tells Dorothy Shaw, drivers' license examiner, as she models some of the coats that will be auctioned Saturday at the municipal building garage. Police Chief Ralph Moxley holds more of the suit and coat selection. Other items which include clothing, appliances, bikes, jewelry, automotive accessories and perfume. The sale, which begins at 9 a.m., will be held to dispose of unclaimed property turned in to the police department and collected from theft cases where owners are unable to be identified.

Apartment Building, Street Extension Top Plan Board Discussion

A 10-story close-in apartment development and the extension of Ann street were the main points of discussion Tuesday night at the Birmingham planning board meeting.

Plan officials made no definite recommendation but decided to investigate the proposal for the high-rise apartments requested by George H. Glover, 314 N. Adams, Birmingham.

ON THE QUESTION of extending Ann street through to Daines, planners deferred action until the completion of the comprehensive city plan.

Because Ann street is close to the central business area, officials said it would be an important factor in the future picture of downtown Birmingham.

City Planner Herbert Herzberg said, "I don't feel the need for opening the street is immediate."

IN THE DISCUSSION of the 10-story apartments, Glover stated he felt there is a definite need in Birmingham for a close-in apartment, one that is within walking distance from the center of town.

He indicated that the proposed structure would contain studio, one, two and three-bedroom apartments, each renting at a "reasonable figure."

The rent range, he said, would be \$50 to \$175.

GLOVER LISTED several reasons in favor of such a structure. He said an increased number of persons are coming into the Birmingham area because of automotive and affiliated industrial expansion.

Glover stated that many people who work in the north Woodward-Birmingham-Bloomfield area would like to live within walking distance to transportation and to their employment.

"Such an apartment would lay the ground work for additional large stores and office buildings to relocate in the Birmingham area," he said.

"It would also enhance and increase the value of all property in the vicinity of the building, thereby protecting and increasing the property taxes in that area."

He said it would be ideal for career, professional, widowed or retired and young married persons.

HERZBERG SAID he felt the

most important consideration with this request is the fact that Birmingham must decide upon the continuation of its present character or decide upon a demarcation from this pattern. Should the city decide that the multi-rise apartment structure of 10 or 12 stories is reasonable and practical, this undoubtedly would change the overall character."

Herzberg also pointed out that height limitations were seriously considered at the adoption of the

present zoning ordinance, based on the city's fire-fighting equipment and its ability to fight fire in buildings that are no higher than 70 feet.

"If a 10 to 12 story apartment structure were to be developed in Birmingham," he stated, "the fire-fighting equipment would have to be augmented by sufficient equipment to handle possible fires at this height around 100 feet."

Following questioning by city planners, Glover agreed to compile research on the proposal and meet again with the plan board.

Glover stated that he does not have a specific piece of property in mind for the apartment but merely wanted to determine the sentiment of planners and city commissioners before looking into the purchase of land.

He said the structure would need an estimated three to four acres of ground.

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