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Poppy, Toothbrush Sales OK'd in B'ham

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night granted permission for public sales by two local organizations.

The Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion will conduct a Buddy Poppy sale May 25, and the Birmingham Exchange Club will have its toothbrush sale June 3.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE State Liquor Control Commission—for informational purposes—the commission approved a request for transfer of liquor licenses from Thomas G. and Leonida W. Alban to Alban's of Birmingham, Inc. Transfer was needed since ownership has changed from a personal to a corporation basis.

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'Wonderful World'
 Looking over Baldwin Library's poster of travel brochures publicizing its April 25 showing of "Wonderful World" are Mrs. James L. Cameron, Jr., 710 Saffield, Birmingham, wife of the president of the Friends of the Library, and George Finch, 1280 Latham, Birmingham, vice president of Lam Handy, producers of the film. The color film depicting life in 31 different countries will be shown at 8:15 p.m. by the Friends of the Library to climax their meetings for the season and National Library Week. The showing is open to the public. Ticketing may be obtained at the main desk at the library.

Oust Colbert, Says Newberg

Former Chrysler Corp. President W. C. Newberg, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has called for the ouster of fellow townsman L. L. Colbert as president and chairman of the board of the corporation.

In a prepared statement read Tuesday at a Chrysler stockholders' meeting in Center Line, Newberg called for an end to "czarist rule" at the auto corporation.

"The record of Mr. Colbert's 10 years as Chrysler's chief executive—exercising to the fullest the prerogatives of that high station—calls for a critical examination of the wisdom of retaining him in office," said Newberg.

NEWBERG DID NOT attend the meeting; his statement was read by Frank A. Alter, Grosse Pointe Park, former Chrysler dealer who was reported to be authorized to vote Newberg's 8,000 shares.

Newberg said he has no desire to return to the firm.

He said he spoke "solely as a Chrysler shareholder intensely interested in the company's future."

From 1958 to 1960, he claimed, the firm lost about seven million dollars on nearly eight billions in sales. Under Colbert, he said, Chrysler's share of the car market dropped from 21.5 per cent in 1949 to 12.5 per cent in 1959. He said the firm lost \$20 million in the first quarter of 1961.

NEWBERG SAID a "major deficiency" of the Colbert's management could be traced to lack of defined policy.

He said Colbert's plans for reorganization "inflict deep personal scars and weaken the system."

Newberg said Colbert could make "a wise and warrantable move—step down from the presidency of Chrysler in order that the air may be cleared and the company may move forward once again."

He said in the 60 days he was president—April 28 to June 30, 1960—he was "unable to operate in a manner that I felt necessary to the proper and effective conduct of the office."

"I quote an oft-repeated statement: 'We had to let Newberg go. He was beginning to make noises like a president.'"

NEWBERG SAID, "It behooves us to examine critically Mr. Colbert's record in office, then act accordingly. If we do not, we may open ourselves to the charge that we have rewarded incompetence in office. That is something no shareholder should ever do."

Newberg's comments came to naught, as shareholders voted overwhelmingly to retain the entire slate of 18 directors.

Colbert, in a plea for support, said charges against him and other officials had been investigated by non-management directors and two law firms.

They found, he said, that "there was no basis in fact or in law for any claims."

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Rec Board Proposes Improvements

A four-year Capital Improvement plan was proposed by Don Martin, Birmingham recreation director, at last Thursday's monthly recreation board meeting.

The plan was accepted and will be presented to the city commission's next time next month, Martin said.

Included in the proposed development of the year is construction of four tennis courts which may be located as part of the development of the Sewage Treatment Plant Property.

Other locations suggested were Lincoln and Pleasant, Linton Park and Crestview Park on Southfield.

CONSTRUCTION of a parking area for approximately 22 cars next to the courts is included in the first year plan.

If the plan is accepted, construction of a ball diamond of Little League dimensions and a set of bleachers will begin the second year.

Third and fourth years are proposed exclusively for development of the Sewage Treatment Plant Property.

In the plan is development of a picnic area with nine tables and three fire units and development of a play area adjacent to the picnic site to provide play apparatus and informal ball diamond.

Part of the proposed improvement plan for the third and fourth years are construction of a shelter building to include restrooms, storage areas, covered patio and fire place, and installation of sewage and water lines. And a drinking fountain adjacent to the building.

Estimated cost of the program is \$34,225.

Schools Ask Jump in Rate From County

"I hope we can get at least 10 mills from the County Tax Allocation Board," School Superintendent Rex B. Smith said as the school board adopted its 1962 preliminary budget last week.

The board would have to levy 18.8 mills—\$8 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation—to meet the \$1,544,000 proposed budget. Present rate is 17.52 mills, eight of which was voted and 9.52 of which is allocated.

The county board of supervisors intends to hold the line at the present rate of \$6.48 per \$1,000 equalized valuation. The preliminary Troy school budget is about \$193,000 more than the 1960-61 budget.

INSTRUCTION COST estimates of \$1,135,070 account for a \$980,729 increase over last year, with annual salary increases and about 12 new teachers costing \$84,000.

Operating costs increased to \$204,351 as opposed to \$165,751 in 1960-61 because of new classroom construction.

Local property taxes would yield \$762,113, based on a levy of 18.8 mills and an estimated valuation of \$40.5 million. State aid will amount to \$621,000 figuring on an enrollment of 3,880.

Pvt. DeRosier Named Trainee of the Day

Pvt. Phillip A. DeRosier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. DeRosier, 18553 Bedford, Beverly Hills, has been selected "Trainee of the Day" at the Third Training Regiment, the Army Training Center, Armor (USATC) Fort Knox, Ky.

Pvt. DeRosier's selection, on April 10, was based on his outstanding appearance, soldierly bearing, and knowledge of various military subjects.

A 1960 graduate of University of Detroit High School, Pvt. DeRosier entered the Army Feb. 13, 1961. He is assigned to "B" Company, 5th Battalion, Third Regiment.

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Lassiter Trial Underway With Selection of Jury

Two days of juror selection in the Lassiter murder trial concluded Tuesday with the selection of 11 women and three men who will sit in judgment of Mrs. Nelle Lassiter of Beverly Hills and Gordon Watson of Culver City, Calif.

Mrs. Lassiter, 39, 19690 Beverly Road, and Watson, 45, her alleged ex-lover, are charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the slaying of Mrs. Lassiter's husband, Parvin (Bill), a former Royal Oak car dealer.

Lassiter was beaten, shot to death and robbed near Willow Run Airport on April 6, 1959.

Louisell continues to represent Mrs. Lassiter. Goldsmith dropped the case on his doctor's advice that he shouldn't undertake what might be a long and strenuous trial.

"I am confident of acquittal," said Watson, upon entering the overcrowded courtroom Monday.

Acting Oakland County Probate Court Referee Walter R. Dennison Sunday approved a claim by Watson for 30 per cent of Lassiter's business. This represents about \$17,000 of the profits gained from the sale of the firm in which he and Lassiter were partners.

LASSITER WAS reported to have left most of his estate to his

Municipal Court In Birmingham

Before Judge Edward B. Emery Wednesday

Charles Webb, 50, of Pontiac, fined \$100 for driving under the influence of liquor.

Donald H. Harman, 39, of Pontiac, fined \$100 for reckless driving.

Frances E. Nelson, 67, of Pontiac, fined \$6 for violation of traffic signal and no vehicle registration.

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