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## Commission Achieves Harmony On Island View Parking Lot

Harmony prevails. That's the situation today insofar as Birmingham city commissioners are concerned in the matter of the Island View parking lot behind the Reid building on N. Woodward.

It took an unprecedented recess during a public hearing Monday night for commissioners to achieve that harmony, however.

And their decision left some of the property owners involved in the assessment district for the 1st Municipal Parking lot No. 6 still dissatisfied.

THAT DECISION was made in a caucus during the recess. At the request of Commissioner Charles Reese, Mayor Florence Whitsett called for a 10-minute recess during

the public hearing on confirmation of the assessment roll based on a rate property owners paying 85 per cent of the cost and the City 15 per cent. A motion to adopt that ratio had lost in a 4-3 vote (with five votes needed to pass).

That 10-minute recess proved to be more like a half hour.

In that time, the commissioners decided to return the roll to the city assessor with instructions to spread it on the basis of 92.5 per cent participation by the property owners and 7.5 per cent by the City.

THIS RATIO was for the entire \$177,000 estimated cost of the lot. When commissioners returned to the official meeting, they adopted the necessary motions to make

this decision official, then adjourned the hearing on confirmation until next Monday night.

In previous sessions, commissioners and property owners clashed over the question of City participation. Commissioners contended that from the beginning their consideration of the lot was based on 100 per cent participation by the land owners.

Then, in an effort to conciliate the property owners, they decided

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## Ski Photographer To Narrate Film For AFS Benefit

John Jay's "Olympic Holiday", a 100-minute color film of the Olympic Winter games at Squaw Valley, will be sponsored by the American Field Service Feb. 26 at the Birmingham Town Hall speakers last year.

Jay, the internationally famous photographer of skiing and a member of the official Olympic camera crew, will narrate the film which starts at 7 p.m. Jay was one of the Birmingham Town Hall speakers last year.

In addition to the Winter Olympic games, the movie will cover skiing activities in Switzerland, Alaska, Colorado and the Pacific Northwest.

THE PROCEEDS of the event will be contributed to the American Field Service to help advance the foreign exchange program for high school students.

Tickets are available at the Alpine Ski Shop, the Sportman and the Variety Shop, Mrs. M. J. Deeb, 1533 Grotton, Bloomfield Hills, is also handling ticket sales.

## Credit Union Holds Meeting

The Birmingham Teachers Credit Union had a record turnout for its annual meeting last week with 88 members attending. Howard Malwitz, president, opened the meeting with a report on credit union savings.

With the 15 per cent interest rate approved by the board of directors in 1960, Malwitz explained that loans had cost about \$5.50 per \$100 per year.

Treasurer Joseph Duris reviewed the financial progress of the Credit Union. Compared to the last fiscal year, the net income increased 53 per cent while shares increased 23 per cent.

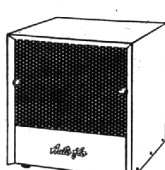
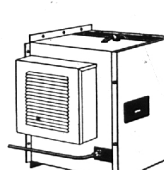
## 3 Developments Bring Award to Birmingham Firm

Frankel Brothers, builders and designers, Birmingham, have won the Saturday Evening Post's 1961 Blue Ribbon Award in the Greater Detroit Area for superior achievement in community planning, architectural design and use of quality materials in residential construction. It has been announced by John Pontius, building products marketing manager for the Post.

Specifically, the award is being given in recognition of three communities which Frankel Brothers have designed and built during the last 10 years. These include Woodley Colony, Birmingham; Franklin in Bloomfield Township; and Franklin Valley, in West Bloomfield Township.

In the opinion of our survey staff," said Pontius, "these areas offer factual evidence of community planning in depth. We were deeply impressed with the care in which each home was architecturally varied. The overall objective of creating a better looking, a more livable community is an accomplished fact."

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