



Opening the Arts Festival

Television cameraman Art Mazer (right) photographed the Birmingham Arts Festival's opening ceremonies Saturday. Sunday night WXYZ-TV audiences saw participants in the ceremony (from left), 1961 Festival Chairman Robert R. Owen, Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett and last year's

Chairman Robert VanderKloot, on the late newscast. Mayor Willett declared the festival open after brief talks by VanderKloot, Owen and Bloomfield Art Association President Robert Bender in the geodesic dome at Shain Park.

Dollars Needed For Olympic Fund

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Don Morris, 5690 Inkster, Birmingham, has been selected to attend the "Olympics for the Deaf" in Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 6-10. Morris, who attends Seeholm High School, will represent Birmingham on the U.S.A. Swimming Team. However, each participant in the International Games for the deaf must raise \$1,300 for the trip expenses. No special fund is available for the deaf youngsters. Persons wishing to contribute to the fund for Morris may send donations to Corey VanPleet, swimming coach, Seeholm High School, Birmingham.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham City Commissioner Ralph A. Main is a man with a long memory. His colleagues often find this helpful. Monday night, commissioners were debating whether to repair or replace the foot bridge on Maple over River Rouge when the question of the structure's age arose. "When was it built?" asked Commissioner William E. Roberts. His reply, was, about 40 years ago.

Visitors to the Geodesic Dome during the Birmingham Arts Festival this week need have no qualms about the sudden change in the weather, thanks to the thoughtfulness of William Torrence, local business man. He loaned and installed a jet heating unit in the dome Tuesday afternoon and, just to make sure everyone is happy, also put one in the ticket booth to keep staff members warm too.

Ask Vacating Of 3 Alleys In Birmingham

Public hearing has been set for July 17 for objections to vacating three alleys in the Watkins-Wallace-Hanna area in Birmingham. Property owners requested vacation of a 16-foot alley extending west from Watkins in the Smith Addition. City Engineer William T. Killen has advised vacating two other alleys in the same block along with this one.

PROPERTY OWNERS have agreed to the vacating, but one of them must depend on one of the alleys for a driveway to his garage. Negotiations are under way to reach an agreement for him to purchase a wider access he needs from the other owners. This agreement is expected to be completed by the date of public hearing before the city commission.

Students Present B'ham Piano Recital

Piano students of Ebel Lewis presented a recital Tuesday at Smiley Bros., Birmingham. Students participating were: Victor Bonmarito, Dianne Jagodzinski, Cheryl Lewis, Shirley Gehler, Cheryl McGill, Judy Hughesian, Margaret Bonmarito, Barbara Beck, Lorraine Larne, Margaret Ann Vibbert, Jimmy Hughesian, Bill Muma, Sue Omelanioff, Carol Bowden, Ronnie Gehler, and Carol Anderson.

West Point Cadet Wins Debate Crown

West Point Cadet John P. Weber is son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul Weber, 2484 Worcester, Orchard Lake, was recently awarded the Walker Cup for the brigade championship in intra-mural debating. Weber graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School last year and entered West Point in July.

Optimists Sponsor Hole-in-One Contest

A hole-in-one contest, sponsored by the Southfield Optimist Club, will be held 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at Northland Golf Driving Range, Northwestern. All proceeds from the event go for boys work. Cash prizes will be offered participants.

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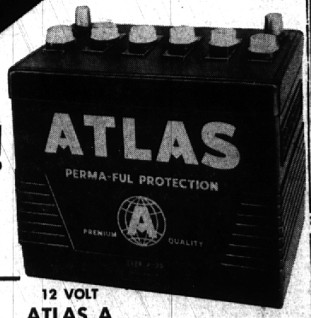
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Compromise Reached For Newell Property

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night agreed to a proposed amendment to the court decree affecting the Frank Newell property. The amendment would: Reflect provisions similar to the City's present B-5 zoning classification for that portion now developed as multiple family units. Provide R-7 zoning for the northerly 154 feet of the property, with a restriction of two

Car Hits Tree; 2 Youths Hurt

Two Lake Orion youths were injured in an accident on Woodward Avenue, near Lincoln, Tuesday morning, when the driver of the car fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a tree. Larry I. Allen, 20, is in satisfactory condition in William Beaumont Hospital. He suffered multiple cuts of the face and scalp and a possible brain concussion. Edgley Boatright, 13, was treated for facial cuts and discharged.

THE TWO WERE traveling north on Woodward at about 45 miles per hour, according to police, when their car left the road and entered the parkway about 250 feet south of Lincoln. The car traveled 106 feet through the parkway before striking the tree, police said. The accident occurred at 4:10 a.m. A ticket was issued by police for not having the car under control. The vehicle was owned by the Riggers Building Association of Detroit.

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Foot Bridge Repairs OK'd

The foot bridge across River Rouge on Maple will be repaired. Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night. They approved plans for repairs that would extend life of the bridge an estimated five years, at a cost of \$225.

Commissioners also directed the manager's office and engineering department to investigate and report on eventual replacement of the structure, which recently was barred due to its unsafe condition. COMMISSIONERS Robert Page and Ralph A. Main pressed for study now for possible permanent replacement and voted no on the motion for temporary repairs. Commissioners Charles Renfrew and William E. Roberts, wishing to avoid expenditure of monies not provided for in the recently adopted city budget, voted against the motion to investigate for eventual replacement.

Reject Bids For Parking Lot Equipment

Birmingham city commissioners are getting tough on bid procedure. Monday night they rejected all bids for automatic equipment for Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 in downtown Birmingham. The low bidder had failed to sign a bid bond at time of submitting the bid. Commissioners served warning a couple weeks ago that they would crack down on "sloppy bidding" by contractors. The low bid for the parking lot equipment was submitted by Park-O-Meter Service, Jackson, in the amount of \$5,885.40.

SPECIFICATIONS required that a 5 per cent bid bond be submitted with each proposal. The low bidder did not sign his bid bond, the third low bidder this spring, failing to fulfill this requirement. Commissioners decided to reject all bids and to readvertise. It is expected that bids will be taken June 28.

Extend Sidewalk Replacement Plans

Extension of the 1961 sidewalk construction project was approved Monday night by Birmingham city commissioners. They appropriated \$1,800 for the extra work. City Engineer William T. Killen explained that a need for more sidewalk replacement had developed than had been anticipated when the program was approved earlier this spring. THE CONTRACTOR engaged for the work has agreed to extension at the contract unit price. Included is general replacement of faulty sidewalk in an area bounded by 14 Mile, Woodward, Emmons and Grant and in other scattered areas in the city.

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