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Thursday, May 4, 1961

Mayor Proclaims Nat'l Music Week

Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett has proclaimed May 7-14 National Music Week.

This will be the 38th annual observance of the week.

Mrs. Willett said the occasion affords an incentive to use music as a vital community force throughout the year.

The local observance, she said, affords an opportunity in our community for the dissemination of wider general public enjoyment and appreciation of good music by means of special programs.

Romney to Address Detroit CFM Rally

George Romney, Beverly Hills resident, will discuss the forthcoming Constitutional Convention at a Citizens for Michigan rally at the Veterans Memorial Building, Detroit, at 7:30 p.m. May 31.

Howard J. Stoddard, chairman of CFM's tax committee, will discuss the tax reform program.

ROMNEY WILL emphasize selection of proper delegates for Con-Con.

Romney, president of American Motors Corp., is a candidate for Con-Con delegate from Oakland County.

Birmingham city commissioners this week received a letter from Detroit committee chairman David R. Calhoun inviting local officials and citizens to the rally.

Credit Women Name 'Boss of the Year'

Harvey Rattner, owner of the RB Shops in Birmingham, was named "Boss of the Year" at the annual bosses' dinner of the International Credit Women's Breakfast Club.

Speaker for the event, held at Devon Gardens, was Irene Meyer, formerly with General Electric.

Group to 'Step Up' Placement of Pets

In celebration of the national observance of Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7-13, the Birmingham Humane Society will emphasize the placing of animals in area homes.

The society is located at 275 E. Maple and 619 W. Frank. Mrs. M. K. Kistner is secretary of the local organization.

Testify Against Nelle, Watson

Defense attorneys failed to shake the damaging testimony of an amateur airplane pilot and a Georgia waitress in the Nelle Lassiter trial.

William Folgmann of Detroit, who claims he is a close friend of co-defendant Gordon Watson, testified Wednesday that Watson asked him to tell State Police he and Watson shared a room in Oklahoma City the night before the Lassiter slaying on April 8, 1959.

Folgmann said that he could not say where Watson spent the night.

Mrs. Lassiter told police earlier that Watson was with her. Folgmann flew Lassiter, his wife and Watson on a business trip just before Lassiter was slain near Willow Run Airport.

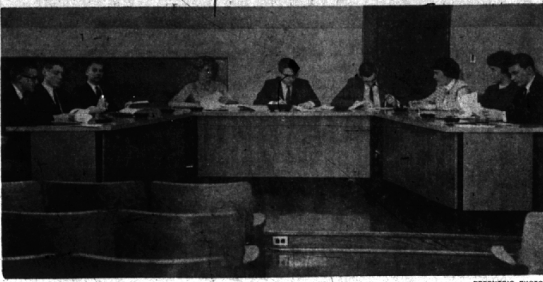
WATRESS MRS. SHIRLEY Kendrick, of Chickasha, Okla., said Tuesday she overheard a conversation between two of the three convicted slayers of Parvin (Bill).

Burglars Ransack Appliance Firm, Take Portable TV

Two safes were ransacked and a portable television taken early Wednesday when thieves broke into Milk's Appliance, 1483 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

Burglars gained entrance to the building by smashing a front door, according to police.

THE OFFICERS were ransacked and desk drawers dumped in a hasty search. No money was taken. An estimated \$40 in change was overlooked, police said.



City 'Substitutes'

Seasholm High School students staged a mock city commission meeting during last Monday's Civic Control Day. Filling in for Birmingham's officials are (from left) Bob Fox, assistant city manager; Mike Emery, commissioner; Bill Collins, assistant mayor;

Lynne Roberts, city clerk; Mike Morden, mayor; Steve Willis, city manager; and Jeanne Maurer, Donna Schwab and Bill Purdy, commissioners. Twenty-six students toured the city administrative offices during the day-long event.

OK Plans for Lot 5; Set Zoning Hearing

Birmingham city commissioners have set June 12 for a public hearing on rezoning of Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 and approved construction plans.

Parts of the property recently acquired for the lot are now zoned P-parking, B-3 community business and R-8 multiple family. The hearing will be for rezoning the entire lot to public property.

Based on city engineering department drawings, construction is estimated at \$87,000, about \$40,000 more than estimated with preliminary plans.

Total cost of the lot, including acquisition of property, is estimated at \$590,000. Original estimate was \$550,000.

THE STALL plan for the lot provides spaces for 296 cars. This would mean a per car space cost of \$1,490 as compared to \$1,392 in Lot No. 1; \$1,463; Lot 2; and \$1,695.16; average in all city-owned lots.

Commissioners were concerned Monday night with establishing a lighting system that would not prove troublesome to residential areas bordering the lot.

They agreed on use of 6,000

lumen lights or 18-foot posts. It was proposed that a timing device be installed so the lights could be turned off at a pre-determined time each night.

PLANS CALL for construction of walls and for several planting areas to help beautify the lot.

City Manager L. E. Gary was asked to report in 30 days on feasibility of a suggestion by Mayor Florence H. Willett to place tree-islands in the lot.

Gary said lack of construction drawings with preliminary plans is the reason for the higher construction cost estimate.

It is hoped construction can be completed by August or early fall.

Huron Plastics' Machines Smashed

Thieves broke into the Huron Plastics Products Company, 1083 South Eton, Birmingham, early Wednesday and took cigarettes and an undetermined amount of money from vending machines.

Entrance was gained by scaling a utility guy wire to the roof of the building and opening an unlocked ventilator door.

The burglars forced open soft drink and cigarette vending machines with a wide-blade ax from the company work room. They left one dollar in the coin return of the soft drink machine and sixty-five cents on the floor.

THOR JOHNSON of Royal Oak, plant manager, reported the burglary.

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