

## Troy Approves '61-62 Budget

Troy City Commission last week approved its 1961-62 fiscal budget. Presented by City Manager David E. Firestone, the budget calls for a spending of \$771,000. The figure is about \$60,000 more than last year.

A \$4.8 MILLION increase in assessed valuation will supply the additional funds. More state tax revenues due to an increase in population will also help build the fund.

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## CORRECTION

In the Stewart-Glenn advertisement on Page 3-D, it was erroneously stated that the store would be open until 9 P.M. on Saturday. The store hours should have read as follows "Open Thursday, Friday and MONDAY 'til 9 P.M."



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## 'Volunteer of the Year' Award

Mrs. John K. Ormond, 31060 Marlin Court, Beverly Hills, accepts an award for Mrs. Roy E. Robinson of Pleasant Ridge who was recently named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Mrs. Robinson has worked with United Community Services and the YWCA for over 30 years. She is vacationing in California. In making the presentation, Paul N. Averill of Birmingham, last year's "Volunteer of the Year," said Mrs. Robinson was being honored for an interest in social work and community activities that goes back at least three decades. "Also honored during the chapter's annual meeting at Kingsley Inn were Mrs. Elsie Carter, Waterford Township High School teacher, and Merrill G. Miller, Sealhorn High School counselor, for their work in launching "Future Social Workers" programs in their respective schools.

## Seek Organizing Committee Delegates for Arts Council

Representatives of nine Birmingham area organizations agreed last week to ask their groups' membership to appoint a delegate to an organizing committee for the new Birmingham Arts Council.

The step was taken Thursday when 58 persons, many of them members of the boards of cultural and artistic groups, gathered to hear a discussion of a possible arts council.

The dinner meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills.

Though the session bogged down in a detailed discussion of membership dues and voting powers, the group as a whole indicated approval of the arts council principle.

THEY AGREED on another meeting in late September. Interested organizations were asked to send representatives to the fall meeting who would be authorized to speak for them on dues and voting strength of council participants.

Temporary co-chairmen of the arts council committee are artist Robert A. Thom and Baldwin Public Library Head Librarian Jeanne Lloyd.

E. X. Tuttle Jr., 30801 Northgate, Southfield, led last week's discussion.

MRS. D. K. ROOSEVELT spoke briefly on principles by which the Michigan Cultural Commission, of which she is a member, is conducted. Mrs. Roosevelt, a well-known pianist, said the arts council movement in American communities indicated the nation's growing enthusiasm for the arts.

The state cultural commission's 48 members, she said, have been divided into eight committees, each representing one of the fine arts—such as music, dance, drama. The groups are now at work determining the resources and needs in each of the state-wide. She suggested that a Birmingham arts council consider such a step on a local basis.

"The Michigan Cultural Commission would like very much to see this kind of an arts council established in as many communities as possible," she said.

THOM SPOKE ON THE serv-

ices an arts council could perform, and the present state of the arts in Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

"All of the arts here are pretty well organized in separate clubs," he said. "We have what I would think is the proper climate for doing great things in the arts."

He said staging of an arts festival such as Birmingham's has been one of the functions of a number of American arts councils.

Called arts festivals a means for bringing culture into focus and giving the community an opportunity to manifest itself artistically.

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He said one of the purposes of an arts council could be "with unified interest to bolster these weaker spots." Other potential services outlined by Thom were the establishment of a master calendar (the kind of one arts council formed after the newspaper's reporter found he had three events to attend in one night), and production of a master roster. The roster would avoid duplication in mailings to memberships of various clubs, by sending only one item to persons belonging to four or five organizations.

AS TIME GOES on, Thom said, and if an arts council operates successfully, "many other projects will develop." He listed as possibilities ticket-selling, publicity work, shows and fund-raising.

He urged his audience to "see the strength and potential of working in cooperation, of speaking with a unified voice . . . we want you, after having presented this to your hearts, to come back and support this thing by participation."

He said, "let's make this arts council work."

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED to last week's session were those voluntary groups whose specific purpose is one of the arts. A number of other community organizations, such as the Junior League and the A.A.W., were suggested as potential members of an arts council.

Among the organizations represented at the dinner were the Village, Sealhorn High School, Birmingham Musicale, Bloomfield Art Association, St. Dunstan's Guild, Bloomfield Hills Camera Club, Cranbrook Music Guild, Birmingham Women Painters and the Terra Cotta Sculptors.

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## Hospital Council Elects 4 to Posts

Two Birmingham area residents were recently elected vice presidents and two elected hospital trustees of the Greater Detroit Area Hospital Council.

Max M. Fisher, 27751 Fairway Hills, Farmington Township, and Walter C. Laidlaw, 704 Tottenham, Birmingham, remain vice presidents of the organization. Fisher is chairman of the board of Aurora Gasoline Co. and Laidlaw is executive vice president of United Foundation.

Ray E. Eppert, 295 Lone Pine Court, Bloomfield Hills, was elected Harper Hospital trustee and Raymond T. Ferring, 545 Yarbrough, Bloomfield Hills, was named Grace Hospital trustee.

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