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Ferrante and Teicher 'Flip Their Lids'

Birmingham area residents packed Groves High School auditorium Monday night for Ferrante and Teicher's Birmingham performance "Ferrante and Teicher Flip Their Lids". The piano duo opened the Birmingham Lions Club's sixth concert season with classics, show tunes and their own arrangements of Gershwin, Rodgers, Kern and Porter.

Mayor Addresses Architects; Calls for Blend of New, Old

"What we dream for tomorrow will contain much of what is here today."

These were the words of Mayor Florence H. Willett in her address to the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects last night.

Speaking before some 100 architects and planners on "The Suburb of Tomorrow" at Northwood Inn in Berkley, Mrs. Willett called for a new approach in the architectural design of suburbs—one that will embrace the heritage and tradition upon which communities were built.

SHE EXPRESSED worries to the men charged with design of tomorrow.

"Are we, in our enthusiasm to be new and to improve, thrusting ourselves into the future in such a way that we are pulling up the very roots upon which we depend so much for stability and depth?"

"Are we sacrificing the heritage of age old beauty on the basis that it is clutter and out-dated rather than confess that much of the simplicity we use is based on cost and cost alone?"

"Do we recognize . . . that people have always had and always will have need for freedom of space?"

SCANNING THE area communities, Mrs. Willett pointed to Franklin and the zealous way residents guard his esthetic charm. She mentioned Bloomfield Hills for maintaining the English Tudor atmosphere in its shopping center.

Then she turned to some of the suburbs around us "that began as a multiplication of diverse subdivisions. Their only common bond is a need for self government."

ANSWERING HER first question, Mrs. Willett told the architects, "We must recognize that this mature suburb grew out of a heritage begun by the preceding generation and this heritage has been the attracting quality to its residents."

"It is here," she stated, "that I feel we need a very real sense of responsibility to the future development of such a suburb—to keep its roots deeply entrenched and not to be swayed by prevailing winds."

TYING IN THE answer to her second question, Mrs. Willett added, "Are we sacrificing the age old beauty on the basis that it is clutter or outdated? Or will we be willing to confess that much of what we praise as the beauty and simplicity is in reality a dodge to avoid saying, 'This is a means of saving cost!' The mushrooming growth of the 1940's and '50's has brought some alarming changes," she said.

"With the rise of costs in all pro-

duction, we began to justify the removal of ornamentation and atmosphere as too expensive to maintain."

"In these suburbs of tomorrow, let us reflect the character of the existing community into all new development. Let our imaginations be stirred into creating new concepts that reflect some of the suburbs' histories."

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Want to learn about a very wonderful nearby automobile trip? Then read GLEA's comment about his recent trip over Ontario's newly opened King's Highway 17, from the Canadian Soo to Port Arthur and Ft. William. He verily "turns scenic flip-flops" in his narration of the trip . . . and when as widely travelled a reporter as he resorts to such written callisthenics . . . well, read his comment, starting in his This & That column on Page One, Section A.

The agenda was short; the meeting was long. Thus there was a kind of inverse logic to Lathrup councilman John Kohl's poker-faced request after Monday evening's council meeting. His suggestion was simple: "Let's have a long agenda next time so we can get home early."

One Birmingham father of four youngsters suggested a method of satisfying the hunger for sweets of other youngsters when they ring your doorbell for "trick or treat." Halloween night: "Just have about two quarts of ice cream available at your door and, as the kiddos stretch forth their open bags, scoop up a portion of the toothsome ice cream and allow it to drop into the open bag. Chances are that few of your offerings will travel fast, and instead of open bags the youngsters may show up with spoon and dish . . . unless, of course, they do not show up at all."

If you live on a street whose surface has been oiled, and if you turn leaves along your gutter line this fall, know what will happen? The oil will disappear, leaving just gravel and/or mud—nice stuff to pick up via your shoes, too. Local officials always suggest that you find other places to burn your leaves . . . unless you like to spend money for road oil.

Several local citizens who like to walk have suggested that this column remind some property owners that their hedges and bushes often overhang sidewalks. Several have received scratched countenances, and one said that his glasses were brushed off and one lens broke. Nuf sed!

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Commission Tells Man to Take His Case to Court

Go to court, Mr. Stacy. That is what Birmingham city commissioners told John P. Stacy Monday night.

Stacy, a Dearborn resident doing business in Birmingham as a mover of houses, has appeared at the last several commission meetings to claim that there have been violations of the city zoning ordinance.

He claims some variances granted to zoning requirements are illegal.

Stacy has been denied a zoning request and has refused to follow the legal procedure of taking his case to the board of zoning appeals.

The City has denied him a permit for a house that is bigger than the square footage required on a corner lot—if it does not meet the required 25-foot setback.

STACY WAS on the agenda Monday night with three communications to the commission.

In one of them he referred to a "willful neglect of duty."

City Manager L. R. Gare replied that to his knowledge there had been no such neglect and that he has found no violations.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham informed Stacy that if he believed there had been a violation he could file a complaint with any municipal judge. If that judge decided the complaint was valid, he would then issue any necessary warrants.

Mr. Stacy persisted in his accusations. Commissioner William H. Burgum declared: "You have your recourse through the courts. Take it!"

And commissioners went on to the next item on the agenda.

LATER, STACY rose to speak of the city charter, referring to "a serious matter," and was ruled out of order because he had had a chance to speak when his items came up on the agenda.

He went on talking, however, and commissioners adjourned the meeting as he was speaking.

Potter Receives Army Commission

Richard W. Potter Jr., 23, son of Richard W. Potter, 1553 Sodon Lake, Bloomfield Hills, recently was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army upon completion of the officer candidate course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Mr. Potter received 23 weeks of intensive training in tactics, leadership, logistics and administration in addition to undergoing a strenuous physical conditioning program.

He is a 1956 graduate of Southeastern High School in Detroit and a 1960 graduate of Wayne State University.

Area Coin Collectors To View 'Coinarama'

Birmingham coin collectors will have an opportunity to visit the Dearborn Coin Club's "Coinarama" at the Youth Center Building in Dearborn Oct. 28-29.

Among the coin and currency exhibits will be the noted gold and platinum coin collection of Irving Moskowitz which is valued at over \$250,000 and has won the best of public between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. Oct. 28 and from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

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