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## 2 Residential Projects Get City Attention

### 8-Unit Town House, 4-Story Apartment Building Planned

Two modern residential developments totaling between two and two-and-a-half million dollars are being considered for Birmingham. One, a four-story, 85-unit apartment building, would be located on a six-acre tract known as the Newton property. The parcel, fronting onto Woodward and south of Colonial Court, is bordered by residential units on the north and south, Woodward on the east and the Rouge River on the west.

The other, a town house development of eight units valued between \$200,000 and \$500,000, would be located on a 2 1/2-acre parcel known as the Allen property. This land falls between Willis on the south, a city park area on the north, the Rouge River on the west and Baldwin on the east.

**BOTH DEVELOPMENTS**, each of which has several years history before the Birmingham Planning Board, would require zoning changes which are being opposed by residents in the respective areas.

The Garnet Co. Inc. of Detroit, headed by Wallace Newton, is seeking rezoning of the Newton property from a multiple family (R-2) to an R-7 classification for a four-story development.

James C. Allen, 1108 W. Maple, Birmingham, a former city commissioner and mayor, is seeking rezoning of his property from single family (R-2) to a multiple family (R-5) classification.

**FOLLOWING** A public hearing on each of the proposals last week, the plan board concluded several years of consideration by voting to recommend to the city commission approval of the Newton property and a deadlocking on the Allen property.

While the Newton rezoning proposal received the board's unanimous approval, the Allen rezoning proposal drew a 3-3 vote with Charles Kass abstaining on the grounds that he had friends among both the objectors and supporters.

However, it is rumored that Kass since has decided to vote in favor of the Allen rezoning and is preparing a letter in his decision for the city commission.

**THE CITY COMMISSION** Monday night set a public hearing on the Newton proposal for April 23. It did not discuss the proposal itself.

City Planner William Brownfield, who has heard of the "Kass rumor," is preparing a report of the deadlocked vote on the Allen property for the commission.

If the rumor is true, said Brownfield, the Allen proposal will probably have to go before the plan board for a new vote before a recommendation is submitted to the commission.

While only about a half-dozen objecting residents turned out for the plan board's hearing on the Newton property, some 60 property owners were on hand to oppose the Allen rezoning.

**OBJECTORS** to the Allen proposal are concerned that any (See **PROJECTS**, 7-A)

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**Behind Our Front Page**



**Mrs. Roosevelt Visits Here**

**BIRMINGHAM FARMS**—Residents may have thought they were suffering from illusions last Thursday if they spotted, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. They were not "seeing things." Here, the 77-year-old U. S. diplomat and writer leaves the Birmingham Farms home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Halsted, 32766 Birmingham Lane, to attend Wayne State University ceremonies honoring her as the 1962 recipient of the university's annual education citation.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who has progressed from "First Lady of America" as the wife of the late president to "First Lady of the World" as a traveling diplomat, worked a two-day visit with the Halsted in her Detroit trip.

## Judge Cracks Down On Dragstrip Racers

**BY LARRY EVOE**  
Staff Writer

Teenage "hot - rodders" who might intend to turn Woodward into a dragstrip for the summer months will find themselves in trouble with the law.

Last week Municipal Judge John C. Emery fined nine such violators a total of \$280.

None of the youngsters were from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

**PHILIP NEWPORT**, 17, 9748 Hayes, Detroit, was sentenced to three days in jail when he failed to pay his \$30 fine.

Other violators included Stephen K. Wilson, 17, 416 Detroit, Royal Oak, \$15; Adriano Lott, 21, 4001 Florence, Detroit, \$18; Frank C. Hill, 19, 3984 Robina, Frank, \$48; Alexander G. Bollis, 19, 3903 Mark Cir., Royal Oak, \$18; Terrence J. Borkhardt, 17, 30814 Whittier, Madison Heights, \$21; and Paul Lahr, 22, 18546 St. Aubin, Detroit, \$15.

**TWO PONTIAC** brothers were also found guilty of racing. Gary Springer, 20, 447 E. Montclair, Pontiac and his brother, James, 17, each paid fines of \$45 and \$15 respectively.

Emery also warned the youth if they were brought before him again they would face "much stiffer penalties."

## Teacher to Attend White House Study On Children, Youth

Mrs. Rheba B. Cope, a teacher with the Birmingham Schools' special services staff, has been invited to participate in the 1962 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Mrs. Cope of Berkeley, who has spent some 10 years in the school system helping children with learning problems, will attend the annual conference April 16-12 in Washington, D.C.

This year's conference theme is "Creative Experience Opportunities for Youth to Achieve a More Responsible Role in Our Society; for Self and Social Identity and for Realizing American Goals."

**Object to Tax**

**BEVERLY HILLS** — Village council Monday voted to object to Detroit's proposed municipal income tax.

# B'ham, Hills, Lathrup Hold Elections

## Last-Minute Campaign Irks Commissioner

Although Monday's election results were as expected—all incumbents winning—a controversy erupted over the weekend in what was otherwise a complacent campaign in Birmingham.

Last-minute tactics became so virulent that City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham was prompted to issue a statement at Monday night's city commission meeting.

He pointedly made his remarks before the election returns were announced.

"I think it's shameful and incredible that the things that have been said in this campaign would come up in the city of Birmingham," Ingraham declared.

**HE CREDITED** the campaign to a group that opposed the commission's approval a week ago of fluoridation of the local water supply. No names were mentioned, however.

The group's campaign, he said, was "based on falsities, falsehoods, lies and misrepresentation."

One allegation was that Ingraham was "a leader in the John Birch Society." He denied emphatically that he was even a member or admirer.

Ingraham said that through misrepresentations some of his neighbors were persuaded to believe that he favored certain zoning changes which have not yet come before the commission for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem William H. Burgum and Commissioners Charles Hender and William E. Roberts also condemned the weekend political developments.

**IN MONDAY'S** election, Ingraham was re-elected to a three-year term with 923 votes. Renfrew won the other commission seat with 1,050.

A write-in candidate, A. Jesse Hart of 172 Bonnie Drive, apparently drew 162 votes—actual count will depend on the board of canvassers' report tonight on variations in the spelling of his name.

Incumbent library board members Daniel Nesbitt, with 1,011 votes; Carolyn Vogt, with 978; also won re-election to three-year terms.

Birmingham residents approved a city charter amendment by 693 to 184. It will make possible the posting in a public place of codification of laws as an alternative to publishing in a newspaper.

## Zatell, Kohl, Mrs. Mitchell Win in Lathrup

**LATHRUP**—Less than half the registered voters turned out Monday in Lathrup to return three incumbent council members to office.

Re-elected were Vincent Zatell and Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Mitchell with 581 and John R. Kohl with 545 votes. Zatell and Mrs. Mitchell won two-year terms; Kohl, a one-year term.

Defeated were Mrs. Melvin H. Humphrey and Arley Van Meer who racked up 579 and 426 votes, respectively.

**THE NEWLY RE-ELECTED** council members will be sworn in Monday evening at council meeting. The five councilmen will elect the mayor and mayor pro tem for the coming year at the meeting.

Of the 2148 registered voters, only 951 turned out for this year's election.

## 3 Incumbents Win in B'field Hills

Commissioners James A. Beresford and Henry L. Woolfenden won re-election to two-year posts in Monday's election in Bloomfield Hills.

Beresford drew 244 votes; Woolfenden, 238 votes.

A write-in candidate for city commissioner, Edward Schirmer, gained 78 votes.

# Hills' Board of Ed to Ask For Millage Boost

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — Hills school district voters will be asked June 11 to decide a proposal to increase millage.

The Board of Education will ask for long-term renewal of all present voting millage—totaling 3 mills—and for an additional 3 mills.

The proposed 3.6 mills would start with the tax levy for 1963, payable on Dec. 10 of this year.

**AT A SPECIAL** meeting Friday,

## 'Money Talks' on Jet 'Airport'

**Fifth in a Series**  
**By LES LANGLOIS**  
City Editor

How would Oakland County finance its proposed international jet airport? Can the county afford such a project?

How would the county finance the site and subsequent requirements for the airport? What facilities for the airport make finance the most nebulous question of the proposal.

And it seems this uncertainty, dependent upon the Federal Aviation Agency's approval of the site and subsequent requirements for the airport, will remain a mystery for the next several months while FAA studies the proposal.

Thus, even county officials, whose estimates range from a minimum of \$25,000,000 to as much as \$100,000,000, are unable to pinpoint the probable cost.

**AS DELOS** Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland Board of Supervisors, authors of the airport proposal, puts it, "You can't estimate the cost until you know what the total project will include and this depends on FAA requirements."

Whatever the cost of the project, Oakland's share would amount to 50 per cent of the land acquisition and 25 per cent of the airport development costs.

Under the National Airport Program, the Federal Government would finance 50 per cent of the land acquisition and air-

**Supt. Eugene E. Johnson** presented a schedule of economies should the issue be defeated.

He indicated fewer new teachers would be hired, not replacing some teachers leaving in June, and an increase in class sizes to 35 to 40 instead of the 25 now in effect.

Bus transportation would be reduced, Johnson stated, and there would be some "unavoidable compromises" in teaching standards throughout the system.

**THE DISTRICT'S DEBT** retirement is scheduled to drop from 6.59 mills to 6.01. The decrease is due in the 1962-63 school year.

Hickory Groves area taxpayers, however, are under special debt agreements and will pay 8.52 mills in 1962-63 instead of 9.44 mills as in 1961-62.

**APPROVAL** To renew and add millage would boost school taxes throughout the district.

That operating and debt retirement millage would 24.73 mills for 1962-63 as compared with the present rate of 22.54 mills.

**THE NET INCREASE** would be 2.19 mills or \$2.19 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation throughout the district.

For taxpayers in the Hickory Grove section of the district, the total levy would be 27.24 mills for the 1962-63 year compared to a levy of 25.39 mills for the current school year.

**A NEW TEACHERS** salary schedule to compete with nearby districts is a major reason of the need for increased operating funds, school officials say.

The board is preparing to mail all registered voters a brochure presenting information and details on the need for increased operating millage.

**FINANCING** Of Oakland's share, according to John Austin, chairman of the county board of auditors, could take one of a combination of three possible routes: (1) available non-tax revenue or surplus funds; (2) county lands or various service department fees (registrars of deeds, etc.); (3) general obligation bonds; or (3) revenue bonds.

In addition, there is one other possible means of finance involving a sharing in the development. (See AIRPORT, 5-A)

## Area Towns Face Plague Of Grass Fire

**BY LES LANGLOIS**  
City Editor

The seasonal grass fire is off and smoldering again in area communities.

Southfield firemen in the last two weeks have answered 119 calls—all but nine were grass fires.

Fanned by high winds, 20 acres in the last week, Bloomfield Hills had three over the weekend and Birmingham had its first grass fire since the late 1950's.

Public safety officers in Beverly Hills spotted two field fires last week but were able to put them out with equipment in the police car.

**IN BLOOMFIELD** Township, firefighters put out 15 grass fires in the last week. Bloomfield Hills had three over the weekend and Birmingham had its first grass fire since the late 1950's.

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**ACCORDING** to Southfield Fire Sgt. Alva Barnes, careless burning of rubbish is a predominant cause for the grass fires. Careless smoking and children with matches are also high on the ignition list.

## Walled Lake Chief Dies After Fire

**WALLED LAKE**—Fire Chief Earl R. Howie suffered a fatal heart attack early Tuesday morning while fighting a house fire for almost five hours.

Howie, 53, of 932 Ladd, suffered the attack at his home shortly after being relieved from duty.

A veteran city employee, Howie had been fire chief since 1960. He had previously served on the Walled Lake police force.

**Township Mother Stands Mute On Embezzling Count**

A plea of innocent was entered on behalf of Mrs. Marion Dandinger, Bloomfield Township mother, in Circuit Court Tuesday on charges of embezzling funds from the Birmingham YMCA.

## Area Youths Stuck On Sweet Project

**BY LES LANGLOIS**  
City Editor

A RUSTIC lean-to, made of logs and marked with a hand-made cross, provides shelters for the youth tending the boiling sap overnight. The process must be continued by periodically adding sap so it doesn't turn to sugar and burn.

A fireproof makes an ideal stove for preparing food as well as boiling the sap.

The slow, tedious process produces one gallon of syrup from every 40 gallons of sap. As the sap is boiled, more is added to the pot until several gallons of syrup have been accumulated. The youths facilities have a capacity to boil off about 30 gallons of sap per hour.

At it day and night, the high school boys and girls alike are busily engaged in their new enterprise on a heavily wooded lot at Telegraph and Northwestern.

**DRAWING** alternating shifts, the teenage work crews tap the maple trees, boil the sap, separate the syrup and can the finished product.

Older youths of the group, accompanied by an adult, pull the overnight nursing duties and daytime shifts during school hours. The high school students take over after school and on weekends.

While the boys handle the heavier tasks of the operation, the girls collect the sap, prepare meals and offer moral support.

**TEMPERATURES** above of about 218 degrees Fahrenheit, or about 6 degrees above the boiling point of water, are required before the concentrated liquid can be tapped.

Once the 100-tree "sugar bush" (name given a group of trees being tapped) was located, work crews were organized under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, 251 Baldwin, church youth advisors.

From there, it was just a matter of acquiring the necessary equipment. (See **YOUTHS**, 2-A)

## Eccentric Introduces 'New Look'; Features Added; Redesigned

A recent scientifically conducted readership survey by The Eccentric has revealed that our subscribers are, by and large, enthusiastic in their approval of the professional level of Eccentric reporting, its range of coverage, quality of printing and excellence of photographic reproduction. Our readers' attitudes of approval testify to the high recognition which The Eccentric has attained nationally and state-wide; over 20 awards have been received for excellence during the past 10 years, including Two First Place Awards for the Nation's outstanding suburban weekly (1957 and 1959).

However, The Eccentric at all times is alert to the changes which are taking place in our area's growth and the reading habits of its subscribers. The survey revealed a number of interesting ideas and suggestions for changes within our pages. As a result, this week's issue reflects, along with our own ideas, some of the survey findings.

**NO RADICAL** change is taking place but rather a process of improvement and expansion of coverage. As an example, you will find the majority of "general" news (See **NEW LOOK**, 7-A)

## Four Local Men Get Major Posts At Ford Tractor

Four area men have been named to major offices within the new Ford Motor Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.) headquartered at the former Tractor and Implement Division, 2500 East Maple Road, Birmingham.

**R. C. IRWIN**, 5925 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield Township, has been named general sales manager.

David Meeker, 1157 W. Glenview Circle, B.S., has been named in the new parts, service and training manager.

R. H. Walker, 29970 Wildbrook, Southfield, has been named programming and distribution manager.

R. L. Owen, 554 Fairfax, Birmingham, is the new product planning manager.

**THE NEW** organizational structure for the marketing of the Ford and Fordson tractors and farm industrial equipment in the United States was announced by L. Emery

## Groves Receives Accreditation as Six-Year School

Groves Junior-Senior High School last week received official accreditation as a six-year school.

Accreditation was given at the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Chicago March 27-30.

Presentation of the rating committee's exhaustive study and self-evaluation by Groves professional staff which began in 1960, during the past year, 24 teacher committees and a steering committee studied and evaluated the school on the basis of criteria for a quality set forth by the North Central Association.

**BOTH ACADEMIC** and non-academic areas of the educational program were studied including curricula, instructional materials, libraries, administration and special services. In addition, the credentials of each member of Groves professional staff were reviewed and evaluated.

In November, 1961, a 14-member North Central committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Lester Anderson, University of Michigan, inspected Groves' facilities, visited classrooms and conferred with teachers.

Recommendations of the inspection team were reviewed and approved during North Central's Chicago meeting.

## Fire Destroys Auto, Boat, Motors

**SOUTHFIELD**—A small boat and two outboard motors were destroyed by fire Tuesday in a garage owned by Edward Arbutnot, 16281 Pennington. A 1961 automobile was also destroyed. Fire officials said the cause of the blaze was still undetermined.