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## Hearing Set For Franklin Fiscal Budget

By NITA HARD  
Special Writer

FRANKLIN—May 14 has been set for the public hearing on Franklin's proposed fiscal budget for general funds and roads.

At a special meeting Monday night to finalize details on both, the council discussed plans for the widening 8-mile road construction project and policy towards its new tenant, the Franklin Library, which shares village quarters.

Participating approximately \$24,378 from sales and intangibles taxes, liquor license fees, interest income and building fees, the council finally decided the library, Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin Cemetery would continue to receive token contributions from the village.

DISCUSSION WAS focused primarily on the \$250 for the library. The new landlords debated whether to continue the money inasmuch as the library receives free rent and site light.

(See HEARING, 5-A)

## Jaycees to Hold Easter Egg Hunt

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. 10 a.m. at the Birmingham Public Library.

Over 1,000 youngsters from the Birmingham area are expected to take part in the annual Egg Hunt affair. Prizes will be awarded to children in each of the three age brackets, 3-5, 6-7 and 7-9 for finding the golden eggs.

## June Election to Fill Two B of E Vacancies

The Board of Education Tuesday night approved the calendar for the annual school election to be held June 11.

Two vacancies are to be filled on the board. Petitions have already

## Lovell Decides Not to Run Again For B of E Post

Malcolm Lovell, vice president of the Birmingham Board of Education, has announced that he will not seek re-election in June since he and his family have decided to live permanently in Metamora.

Lovell was first elected to the board in 1958 and served the last two years as vice president.

Lovell said, "I have never had an experience which has proved so interesting and rewarding. It is with the deepest regret that I am giving up both my residence in the Birmingham community and my place on the board of education.

"I can think of no better way for a citizen to participate more constructively in serving both national and community interests than in working for the continued improvement of our educational system."

## First Town Hall: Prelude to Future

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

Posters in the lobby of the Birmingham Theatre announced that Cornelia Otis Skinner would lecture, Tuesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. on September morning in 1954.

Two women stood alone in the lobby, nervously arranging programs. Suddenly Mrs. Charles B. Kass looked up, dropped her programs and clutched her companion's arm. "Elise," she gasped, "look!"

Converging on the theatre from every direction was a huge and formidable crowd of Birmingham women, fur capes, smartly hatted and coiffed, dressed to the teeth.

"...," cried Mrs. T. Norville Hubbard, "what have we done?"

What they had done, of course, with several other women from St. Anne's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church, was start Birmingham Town Hall.

"I still smile when I think of that morning," Mrs. Hubbard

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These developments "require a good communications medium. We must have direct, sustained contact between the two."

This need for communication, Renfrew stated, was recognized four years ago when the commissioners "drafted" Ingraham to represent them on the board. "The other supervisors have been reappointed every year until now."

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"Let the Light So Shine"

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in 14:1-30. Thousands of Christians will fill churches God... In my Father's house are many mansions: Sunday to help celebrate the most joyous of God's if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to holidays. Local spiritual leaders will convey the prepare a place for you... Gospel of St. John message of His Ascension.

## Beverly Eyes Tax Reduction In New Budget

BEVERLY HILLS—"Taxes to be reduced" is the happy note sounded by Finance Administration Committee chairman Chester F. Guilmet.

The village council set a public hearing for May 22 on the proposed budget, all were confident that the tax reduction from \$4.80 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$4.80 would stand.

Although Councilman Guilmet describes the reduction as "slight," it still means that Beverly Hills residents will have to pay only a little less in the tax dollar department.

## "EXPANSION of the village is (SEE REDUCTION, 6-A)

## Suburbanite Devoted To the Inner City

By JULIE CANDLER  
Special Writer

In a big study, where he looks out onto a rolling suburban lawn in Bloomfield Township, works a man whose life is dedicated to the Inner City.

He is the Very Rev. John Jacob Weaver, dean of the cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit. He writes his sermons amidst bountiful bookshelves, Oriental rugs and comfortable chairs in his home at 870 Helston Court.

He set his horn-rimmed glasses beside the sermon on his huge desk and rose to greet this recent Saturday morning visitor.

## Franklin Gets \$3 Million Sewer Plan

FRANKLIN—The master plan for a \$3 million sewer program was submitted to the council Monday by a brief report by Paul Robertson, chairman of the sanitation and health committee.

The council-ordered comprehensive preliminary study reflects changes from earlier concepts because of decisions by Bloomfield Township, the City of Southfield and Bingham Farms.

BECAUSE SOUTHFIELD is still studying the program, Franklin will have more time to consider it, Robertson said a special election might not be necessary in May.

Residents may study the survey, prepared by Giffels and Webster Engineers, in the village offices. The survey includes large, detailed maps of village streets, indicating main lines and trunks.

Robertson, in charge of a corps of leaders, will lead village "outreach" conferences aimed at informing all residents before an election is held. He urged councilmen to study the survey and the committee report submitted in February.

Cost to Franklin would be about \$28,000 per year with tap-in collections probably eliminating need for a tax levy—although four mills would handle the cost, he said. Laterals and tie-ins would be covered by special assessment districts.

## B'ham Commission Tables Resolution Asking Opposition

By KEN WEAVER  
Managing Editor

Birmingham city commissioners declined to take a stand against the proposed Oakland County jet airport Monday night.

In a 4-3 vote, they tabled indefinitely a resolution offered by Commissioner William H. Burgum. Burgum contended that there is no "demonstrated need" for such an airport, that the airlines have not indicated they would use the facility and that it "would lead to large expenditures of money with resulting burdensome taxes on the already over-burdened people of Oakland County."

HE SUGGESTED that the commission "go on record as opposed to the purchase of the property for and to the development of such an airport."

Voting against Commissioner Robert Page's motion to table the resolution besides Burgum were Commissioners Charles Renfrew and Mayor Florence H. Willett.

"Noting for it besides Page were Commissioners Carl F. Ingraham, Ralph A. Main and William E. Roberts."

## ALTHOUGH HE supported Burgum's resolution, Renfrew said he "would hope you would feel you could defer this for a little while. Bill."

Renfrew pointed out that the commission had made its position clear several weeks ago in a letter to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

"That letter, he said, "indicated we questioned the wisdom" of the airport.

The board had moved "in a rather precipitous manner" with out many facts, the letter stated. "I feel we could wait for more facts before taking a stand, Renfrew said.

## HOWEVER, HE commented "I'm in favor of the resolution. I don't think additional facts will change my thinking. I don't think the facts will change in a reasonable time."

"The report shows they (the supervisors) did not contact us by written or consultation—that is a fact."

"It also is a fact that it would clear several weeks ago in a letter to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors."

IN REPLY, Burgum said there is "no assurance that the supervisors want additional facts." Most

## Could Pontiac Airport Be Expanded for Jets?

Seventh in a Series  
By LES LANGLOIS

Develop Pontiac Municipal as Oakland County's major jet airport.

Here lies one of the most common questions bewildering county residents in their thoughts on the proposed 3,000-acre, \$25,000,000 to \$100,000,000 airport.

Like George Scott, Birmingham fire marshal and a Berz Airport flying instructor, "who wonders, 'Why can't that beautiful Pontiac airport be expanded to do what the county wants?'"

And although Pontiac Airport Manager Homer Hoskins takes a non-committal stand on the proposed airport, he has his own ideas about the possibilities at Pontiac.

"I'm not opposing or supporting

of them he claimed, "don't mangle" the airport proposal.

The county, he said, is near the limit of bond indebtedness.

AGREEING WITH Renfrew, Ingraham said he felt "the commission has expressed itself sufficiently in that letter," which, he added, was turned over to the supervisors' Aviation Committee.

Now, he said, the commission was being asked "to act without any more information than it is for the supervisors had in picking up options on the Allen Airport" (See RESOLUTION, 2-A)

## Drops Request For Campaign Investigation

Bloomfield Hills City Commission Henry Woolfenden said Tuesday he will not pursue personal prosecution action against Alfred C. Girard, president and chairman of the Pontiac Community National Bank.

Contacted by telephone at the Commission Tuesday, Woolfenden said he would not pursue personal prosecution action against Girard, a write-in candidate for City Commission.

"Woolfenden said that three days before the election Mayor James A. Beresford had received in the mail a copy of a letter from the National Bank stationery signed by Girard urging a vote for Beresford and a "write-in" vote for Schirmer.

WOOLFENDEN contended that corporations are prohibited from participating in political campaigns by the Corrupt Practices Act of the State of Michigan. In addition, the Federal Criminal Code prohibits National banks from actively supporting any candidate in an election.

"The commission defeated the resolution by a 3-2 vote.

Woolfenden said Tuesday he will not pursue the matter any further.

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