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North Adams Group Backs Zoning Stand

Seeks to Assist Township in Big Beaver-Adams Suit

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Thirty representatives and residents of subdivisions in the North Adams area met Monday night to discuss plans to back the township and institute in a court suit brought by the Cranbrook Realty Co. to set aside township zoning of property immediately southeast of Big Beaver and Adams Roads.

The suit was served on the township on April 11. No trial date has been set, but the township plans to file its answer within a few days, according to Township Attorney Thomas Dillon.

The really firm has indicated that it wants to build a shopping center at the corner property which extends 750 feet from the intersection on Adams and 700 feet on Big Beaver. A railroad track bounds the back 900 feet of the site.

THE FIRM'S request for a change from residential to commercial zoning was turned down by the township planning commission on Feb. 5 week later, the township board upheld the plan commission.

Cranbrook Realty, at the latter meeting, claimed there was a lack of neighborhood shopping facilities in the area. The township, however, claimed there was not enough land for the site, and the site was surrounded on all sides by residential property.

C. Allen Harlan is president of the Cranbrook Realty Co.

Spokesman for the 30 residents Monday was L. C. Cox Jr. of Ivy Lane.

THE GROUP NAMED two interim committees, one to look into retaining of counsel, the second to arrange another meeting of authorized representatives in the 14 subdivisions in the area.

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Members of the Birmingham Michigan Week Committee and the Bloomfield Art Association show Oakland County product and achievement chairman Robert J. Huber the winning county entry for the Achievement award. (From left) F. Ward Ouradnik, Birmingham Michigan Week chairman; Robert B. Bender, BAA president; and Paul N. Averill, BAA building fund chairman.

BAA Wins County Achievement Title

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The organization that took a sewage disposal plant and converted it into the arts center of the area has been named Oakland County winner in the Michigan Week Achievement of the Year competition by a committee headed by Troy Mayor Robert J. Huber.

BAA created the Birmingham Arts Center at the old sewage plant, 14 Mile and Cranbrook.

BRYANT COMPUTER Products at Wall Lake, a division of Excello Corp., was named the county winner in the Product of the Year competition. The firm was chosen for its electronic measuring system for fast reproduction of records and data.

Both entries will compete against similar groups from Wayne and Macomb counties for a regional winner to be announced early next month.

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4 Mill Tax Hike Proposed Gare to Recommend \$1.8 Million Budget

Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare will recommend a \$1,820,000 city budget for 1962 to the city council Monday night.

The amount is an increase of \$54,184 over the current \$1,765,816. Gare said the proposed budget would require a rate of 18.4 mills which is 4 mills above the present rate.

THE 18.4 MILL levy was also proposed for the 1961-62 budget but the commission approved the lower figure by making a salary adjustment for city employees.

Gare said he hoped the commission would be able to complete its study of the budget by May 19 so a public hearing can be held May 28.

The city assessed valuation, \$70,900,000 compares to \$69,007,000 for 1961-62.

Departmental budget items total \$1,528,856, up \$93,726 from the current figure. Debt service and capital improvements amount to \$305,880.

In the proposed budget \$1,306,229 would come from taxes and an additional \$523,007 is anticipated from non-tax revenue.

GARE SAID the proposed increase in departmental budget items includes \$70,000 for an adjustment in wages and benefits announced.

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Commission: 'No Forum' on Airport Issue

Birmingham's city commission meeting next week is not to be a "forum for the pros and cons" of the airport, the commission said Monday night in discussing the planned appearance next week of Phillip Rowston, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors' Aviation Committee.

In tabling a resolution last week to oppose the jet airport, commissioners decided to invite Rowston to the April 30 meeting to explain the county's proposal.

They have consistently asked for more information since the airport plan was first announced in February.

LEARNING OF the Rowston invitation, the Oakland County Homeowners and Taxpayers Association asked to also be invited to next week's meeting.

The association was formed to oppose the airport. Its membership consists primarily of residents from Orion and Pontiac townships, where the proposed air field would be built.

In a letter to the commission, Mrs. John R. Fortier, association secretary, said the Aviation Committee gave a report to a meeting of northern Oakland County last winter.

She said the committee "gave the audience vague figures on cost and conflicting facts, and generally left many of us in a quandary."

SINCE THEN, she said, "several hundred residents of Oakland County have organized and are researching this very important airport project. We find our facts and the facts of the Airport Committee don't always agree, especially where the tax dollar is concerned."

She said her group "would like to be able to present our views as to the cost" and requested an invitation similar to Rowston's.

"THIS IS NOT the place for a forum on the pros and cons of the airport to the public," Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham said. "We are trying to get some answers for our own use."

Commissioner Charles Renfrew insisted, however, that although next week's meeting is not to be an open debate "it should be held open to the public."

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Two Children Die; Parents Former Twp. Residents

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Funeral services for two children of former township residents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Drummond, were held Tuesday in Boca Raton, Fla.

The children died of lead arsenate poisoning after drinking a liquid stored in the refrigerator with the family milk supply.

DEBRA ANN, 9, and James Randall, 3, died in a hospital. A maid in the household, who drank some of the liquid in tea, was reported Tuesday in satisfactory condition.

Another Drummond child and a small friend, who ate Easter cake containing the poison, were saved from illness when their stomachs were pumped.

Samples of the liquid are being tested in the FBI laboratory and police are checking to find why the liquid was in the refrigerator. Miami laboratory tests showed the poison in the cake.

Noted Educator To Speak at B'ham CC Fete

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce stages its annual dinner party at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at Devon Gables, Telegraph at Long Lake Road.

Dr. James W. Bushong, Grosse Pointe superintendent of schools, is the main speaker. Last year, Dr. Bushong traveled widely in central and eastern Europe, including Denmark, Finland, Poland and Russia.

Heading the agenda is an activities report and the results of the election of directors will be announced.

More than 150 persons are expected to attend. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, which is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plan Library The

FRANKLIN — The fourth annual Franklin Friends Forum program May 1 will feature pianist Mrs. Teruko Yamasaki and soloist Mrs. Clark Gables, who is opening at 1 p.m. in the Franklin Community Church sanctuary with an informal tea in the library following the program.

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Wood Creek Farms Sets Clean-Up Dates

WOOD CREEK FARMS — Clean-up time is from April 29 to May 5 in Wood Creek Farms village.

The fourth annual campaign is headed by co-chairman Wallace Burrell and Eric Jackson, Deereed by the village council and conducted by the Wood Creek Farms Civic Association, the all-common-city project will be climaxed by a big bonfire.

All one-day of inner spring maintenance required. Open spring ROYAL MATTE. Dial "0" and ask for Enterprise 6310.

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Swim Pool Bond Issue On Ballot

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — A proposal to bond the construction of a swimming pool at a \$500,000 bond issue will be placed on the June 11 school election ballot in Bloomfield Hills School District.

A resolution to that effect was adopted by the school board Tuesday night.

The decision came after the board received a petition signed by more than 200 residents of the district asking that the proposal appear on the ballot. The board is legally bound to honor the petition.

A similar proposal was defeated in 1960. At present, there is no school swimming pool in the Bloomfield Hills district.

TWO OTHER separate proposals on school millage will be on the ballot. School Board President David Lee is up for re-election, with no other petitions filed against him as yet.

The school board is asking for a 15-cent bond issue for the operating millage, previously voted-approved. Portions of the millage expire in the next two years but the total renewal is being asked to hold separate elections.

The proposition calls for no increase in present school taxes.

A second proposal seeks a three-mill increase over and above the 7.6 mills. It would finance a proposed \$1,000 of equalized assessed valuation. This would be \$2.19 mills or \$2.19 per \$1,000 of equalized assessed valuation.

All registered voters in the school district are eligible to vote on the millage proposal, but only property owners in the district may vote on the bond issue for the swimming pool.

Filing deadlines are being asked to May 7 with a May 14 deadline set for voter registration.

TeleVision

As a public service this week's Eccentric contains the complete television listings (4-A) of the four metropolitan area stations.

Programs are subject to change without notice.