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## Water Main Project Set In Beverly

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—It's official. Detroit water for many different parts of the village will become a reality this fall, following action taken after a public hearing Monday. The special council meeting was called for the purpose of hearing objections to the assessments. The \$272,010.60 water main project will be underway as soon as the bond issue is drawn up and presented to the council next Monday and the request to issue bonds is sent to the Municipal Finance Commission in Lansing and approved. Approval should come about Sept. 1.

IF THIS tentative timetable is maintained, and all the assessments are used, advertising and sold on schedule, work can be started about Oct. 1 and could possibly be finished as early as Nov. 10.

Council President Marvin B. Cline noted, however, that the schedule is tentative and that the project is the earliest possible completion date.

About 25 residents showed up at the public hearing, most with questions regarding method of assessment and payment and tap-in fees.

JOHN GRADY, village assessor, explained that the assessment is set at \$368 per lot unit, plus \$2.00 a front foot, unless the lot is irregular in shape, when an average of the front and back line is taken. The payments can be spread over a 15-year period, the first assessment due Feb. 1, 1963, and annually after that, at 6 per cent interest. The first interest payment, however, is actually due Sept. 1, 1962, since the village must pay interest on the bonds, letters after that to be paid on due date.

The bill can be pre-paid in full within the next 30 days and no interest will be charged. The tap-in fee is \$312. This includes meter, pipe and connection.

GRADY further explained that the assessment is for 8-inch mains, although many 12-inch and 16-inch mains will be put in. The water department of the village will assume the cost for the larger mains, \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Three cases were heard where the residents objected to their assessments. Those were: 1. Beverly, 2110 S. Shroder, 2100 S. Cranbrook, objected on five counts to the assessment on her properties in the vicinity of Eversgreen and Beverly roads.

Eugene Magnoli, 30220 Lahser, and David R. Lawrence, 32160 Evergreen, also objected to the assessment.

## City Approves 2 Signs for Intersection

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night appropriated \$485 for two overhead signs to be installed at Woodward and London.

The signs will direct right turn and through traffic for the Woodward-London intersection. They were requested by Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, to clarify the regulation requiring southbound Woodward traffic using the right lane to turn right.

THE POLICE department has been issuing a rash of tickets due to motorists missing the present signing at the intersection and proceeding straight ahead on Woodward instead of turning right from the right lane.

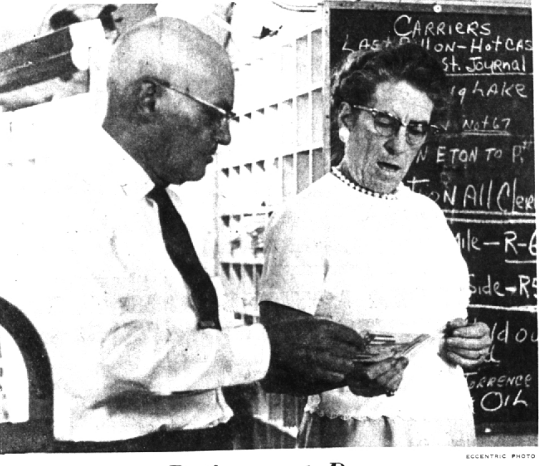
Moxley said the legend on the new signs will consist of an arrow pointing in the direction of traffic flow (right and straight ahead) with the word "ONLY" appearing in minuscule letters below the arrows.

## C-C Seeks CBDD Speed-Up, Forms New Committee

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has formed a committee to help speed the institution of its Central Business District Development Plan.

The committee was established because the Chamber of Commerce feared the plan would become obsolete before it was put into effect.

SINCE BEING submitted to the city commission last Nov. and approved in principle then, action has been taken on only two of its points, committee chairman Harold Kolbfeisch said.



Retirement Day  
Receiving a savings bond from E. C. Beers, assistant postmaster at the Birmingham Post Office, is Mrs. Josephine C. Dunn, who retired Tuesday after 20 years of service.

She was the first female rural carrier in the county and for the past 10 years has been working as a postal clerk.

## Keep City Clean Goal of DPW

First of two articles  
By LARRY EYOE  
City Editor

BIRMINGHAM annually spends over \$250,000 to keep itself clean and attractive.

About 15 per cent of the tax dollar goes to the Department of Public Works.

The City's DPW is staffed by 28 full-time employees plus six additional part-time workers.

It is the job of this group to keep the 84 miles of Birmingham's paved and unpaved streets clean—free from trash—and in good repair. Last year the DPW swept 2,182 miles of streets. Street cleaning cost the city nearly \$23,000 last year and the pickup of waste disposal cost another \$129,000.

CURRENTLY the downtown area is cleaned three times during the week and every on Sunday morning. Residential streets are cleaned anywhere from once a week to monthly depending on the condition of the streets.

Rubbish pickups in the city have been increased for the last summer months. Re-identified area pickups are now twice-weekly and downtown commercial pickups are daily.

Residential pickups are made by contract and the downtown area is maintained by city crews.

IN SPITE OF the city's efforts to keep Birmingham clean many residents have expressed concern over the increasing amount of trash and rubbish that has been accumulating on city streets.

Waste disposal is covered by city ordinance, which is very clear in stating the do's and don'ts in the handling of trash.

It is unlawful in Birmingham to throw any refuse material such as paper, lawn cutting or rakes, leaves, weeds or ashes into any street, gutter, intake, alley, vacant lot, lake or other property either public or private. An exception to this rule is the placing of leaves in the fall into a gutter on paved streets with a curb.

THE HANDLING of rubbish fall into two categories, rear door collection and curb collections.

Rear door collection is for large quantities of refuse which must be placed in a 40- or 20-gallon covered metal container having handles on top. The city charges \$10.76 per year (about 20 cents per week) to make rear door collections, providing the container is not more than 25 feet from the rear door.

Curb collections, which are made at no charge to residents, are divided into two types: incinerated material and non-incinerated material.

INCINERATOR MATERIAL includes wrapped garbage, paper, rags, rubber, tin cans, glass and bottles and other household combustibles.

Also included in this grouping are tied bundles of newspapers and magazines and brush and tree branches less than one inch in dia-

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## Annexation Move Comes As Surprise

By NITA HARD  
Special Writer

BIRMINGHAM FARMS—Village officials have been invited to discuss a petition to have a nine-acre tract annexed by Beverly Hills.

Coming as a complete surprise to council members meeting Monday night, the proposition for annexation set Aug. 9 as a preliminary discussion date with the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Birmingham Farms Village President Haskell Wright, 14114 14th St., said, "Frankly, I don't know what's involved," but he urged colleagues to attend the meeting.

ANDREWS AND Briggs Co., developers of Nottingham Forest Subdivision which extends to the western border of Beverly Hills, wants to extend the subdivision boundary into Birmingham Farms.

The board of supervisors must decide if it wants to call for a vote of residents of both villages on the annexation petition on day 11.

Lacking complete information, the village council agreed that no formal action could be taken without a vote of the electors of both Beverly Hills and Birmingham Farms villages.

VILLAGE CLERK Evelyn Whybrew was subpoenaed to appear in court Tuesday with Birmingham Farms zoning ordinance and official map of village boundaries for a rehearing of the zoning suit brought against the village by four property owners along Telegraph Road.

The case testing the village's residential zoning restrictions has been pending several years. (See ANNEXATION, 8-A)

## They Are Physically Fit!

Said Bergum: "Don't have worked hard to instill interest in and to make this physical fitness program worthwhile." As Craig and Chris, wearing suits and ties, approached the commission.

Two physically fit young men appeared before Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Winners in an all-city physical fitness meet, they had won third place in their respective events in metropolitan competition last year. They are: Craig Sutherland, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutherland, 17340 Locherie, who placed third in the softball throw.

Chris Johnson, 9, son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman L. Johnson, 2841 Lamplighter, who won third place in the chin ups.

There were 42 districts and cities competing in the metropolitan event.

The boys were introduced to the commissioners by Mayor Florence H. Willett.

COMMISSIONER William H. Bergum, member of the city recreation board, presented a certificate of merit from the city administration to Recreation Director Don Martin.

Mr. Lamon Blankett, Birmingham

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# Candidates Awaiting Wednesday's Primary

## Tax Renewal On Ballot in West B'field

By SAVILLA SLOAN  
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A local issue, vital to township finances, will be up for decision by West Bloomfield Township residents in Tuesday's primary election.

They are being asked to renew a special one-half mill tax, for which expires this year for general operation of township government.

Proposed extension is for a five year period—1963 through 1967.

Since it would be renewal of a tax voted by the people in 1960, it would mean no increase in present township taxes.

ON PRESENT township property valuation, the one mill furnishes the township with \$55,000 of its general operating fund (Not all of the \$55,000 collected in a given year as delinquent taxes reduces the actual sum collected by approximately 10 per cent).

Township revenues for the 1961-62 fiscal year totalled \$29,182. The special one-half mill raised approximately 20 percent of the total.

The other 80 percent was derived from the township's 1.5 mill allocation from the 15-mill property tax, state tax rebates based on proportion of population and local township fees.

Even with the income from the one-half mill, say township officials, revenue to the township did not quite meet its 1961-62 expenditures of \$301,524.

The township government during the year operated on a stringent budget of \$296,308. It forewent improvement of township roads on a matching fund basis with the state, and several other services board members would have liked to have offered township residents.

However, other expenses entered into the township's financial picture and raised actual expenditures to over \$300,000.

They included payments totaling \$49,000 to the township library. The payments were \$24,000 for the library's 1961-62 expenses and a prepayment of \$25,000 toward its 1962-63 operations.

The prepayment was necessary, township officials explained, in order that the library could enter into a contract with Wayne County library for additional services.

Another expense was \$17,000 to meet a deficit in the Farmington Interceptor account. The money went to pay off bonded indebtedness. A deficit estimated at \$60,000 will have to be met next spring.

## Berwyn Rd. News War Ends; Staffs Merge

Re-lettered newstands, a new format and a consolidation of editorial staffs are under way on Birmingham's Berwyn Road as the month-old newspaper war ended.

The newspaper war ended last week with the merging of Berwyn's "oldest newspaper" the Berwyn Street News and "two print serious news" Your Neighborhood And Mine.

Berwyn's "oldest newspaper" was formed last summer by Julie Hutchins, 12, and Linda Bryant, 12.

This spring, Randy Bryant, 9, deciding that The Berwyn Street News was too slow in reuniting publication for the summer, got together a staff, Billy Hutchins, 10, and formed Your Neighborhood And Mine.

FOR A FEW weeks it looked as though a full-scale circulation war would erupt. Tempers flared and news became more valuable than ice cream or tandem bicycles. Reporters made almost daily trips down the street, to get exclusives.

Your Neighborhood and Mine, hoping to scoop its rival dashed off a letter to President Kennedy asking for his opinion of the two-newspaper street. In a reply received two weeks ago, a presidential aide said that the President appreciated the newspaper's interest, but neglected to give the young reporters any advice on the war.

Following this Your Neighborhood and Mine related its five cent subscription fee. Reactions for the rebate were described as a move to help the local taxpayer payers meet the rise in income tax.

Countering this, the Berwyn Street News charged that Your Neighborhood and Mine was printing lies and was making up news.

A full fell when Randy Bryant left for camp. During his two-week absence negotiations began for a merger. Young Bryant approved of the merger on his return providing that he retain editorial rights.

THE EMPHASIS on serious news expanded by Your Neighborhood and Mine is continuing, but a joke page, retained from the Berwyn Street News, is included in the new paper.

The Berwyn Weekly "has print weekly, not weekly," was, in its first two issues explained to the neighborhood the possible origin of the name Berwyn (from England) through a letter written to the Berwyn Chamber of Commerce.

Lee Hills, executive editor of the Detroit Free Press, has promised the paper an article upon his return from Russia.

In addition to editorials, jokes and serious neighborhood news, The Berwyn Weekly is soliciting advertising from local merchants.

Editors and neighbors help in the publication of the paper but editing is left solely to the editors.

Publication will continue until school starts according to the editors.

## Court Clears Way for State Senate Posts

Democrats and Republicans will go to the polls Tuesday to nominate candidates for the Nov. 6 general election. Polls will be open 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The primary will include nomination of state senate hopefuls. A decision last week by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart overruled an earlier decision by the Michigan Supreme Court to call off the senatorial race.

State senators will be nominated and elected in the normal procedure, and the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to review the state reapportionment issue this fall.

THIS MEANS that local residents now have the opportunity to select nominees in their party for general, lieutenant governor, congressman-at-large, 16th district congressman, state senator, state representative and county prosecutor, clerk-register of deeds, sheriff, treasurer, drain commissioner, surveyor and delegate to county convention.

The decision to set aside the Aug. 20 reapportionment deadline saved Oakland County more than \$80,000, said County Clerk Daniel T. Murphy, Jr.

It would have cost that much to set up a special Sept. 11 primary for senatorial candidates, Murphy said.

POLITICAL EXPERTS across the state will be watching the returns for gubernatorial candidates George Romney of Bloomfield Hills and Gov. John B. Swainson. Both Romney, a Republican, and Swainson, a Democrat, are unopposed; but the primary will be observed for signs of a popularity race between the two.

Republicans unopposed for national office are Alvin Bentley for Congressman-at-large and William S. Bromfield for congressman from the 18th congressional district (Oakland County).

THREE REPUBLICANS seek the nomination for lieutenant governor, Rockwell T. Gust, Jr., Clarence B. Swainson and...

## Driver Changes Plea On 'Misunderstanding'

A jury trial in September now awaits a Royal Oak man involved in a 1961 Bloomfield Township collision in which a Berkeley man lost his life.

LeRoy F. Edgerly, 48, was sentenced to a term of from one-to-two years in the state prison at Jackson by Judge William J. Beer in circuit court Tuesday.

However, when Edgerly heard his sentence, he asked the court's permission for him to change his plea from guilty to not guilty.

Edgerly claimed he had misunderstood his attorney and did not realize the consequences of his plea Friday. He said he hadn't known it could mean a state prison term. He then asked for a trial by jury.

## 'Candy Man' Wins Honor

Robert J. Baldwin, Birmingham manufacturer's representative serving the confectionery industry, was honored in New York Monday at the annual convention of the National Candy Wholesalers Association.

It seems that Baldwin is one of 25 confectionery salesmen selected from several thousand throughout the country to be designated as "Candy Ambassadors."

HE WAS chosen for his "long and distinguished service to the industry, which he has served for the past 25 years."

Baldwin, who lives at 755 N. Woodward, is a representative for Wayne Candies, Inc., a Fort Wayne, Ind., candy maker. He is active in the Michigan Candy Club.

After wishing "Santa! a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, they asked him to bring a ball; some books; ice skates; "a bike, red" and "a bike, blue."

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## Santa Gets Early Request for Toys

Delivered with The Birmingham Eccentric's mail Wednesday morning was a letter to "Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole," from Marti and Deb.

After wishing "Santa! a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, they asked him to bring a ball; some books; ice skates; "a bike, red" and "a bike, blue."

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MARTIN SAID Craig and Chris were among 30 Birmingham boys and girls entered in the fifth annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet on Belle Isle last week.

They were winners in the earlier all-city meet at Pierce Field, which attracted 205 competitors.

That meet, said Martin, was a phase of the city summer play ground program.

## Absentee Voter Ballot Deadline Is Saturday

The deadline to file application for, and to pick up, an absentee ballot is Saturday, Aug. 4, Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley said today.

She said absentee voters must either pick up their ballot themselves or request to have it mailed. Her office cannot give a ballot to one person for use by another.

"We urge people who plan to be out of town for the primary to get their ballots just as soon as possible," Miss Hanley declared.

SHE REMINDED voters that they cannot split their ticket in a primary election; they must vote either Republican or Democrat. If they try to vote for candidates in both parties they will gain the machines and thus lose their own vote.

Miss Hanley also reminded voters that they may vote for more than one person for use by another. She said election board workers will give instructions to EVERY ONE going to the polls Tuesday.

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