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The first heavy snowfall of the season last Thursday meant an extra busy day for Birmingham police. On hand to catch the activities of Patrolman Douglas Marble was Eccentric photographer Bill Thom. Here, Marble rushes into the home at 1641 Birmingham Blvd. to which he was summoned after a telephone call had been suddenly disrupted. There was no emergency, though.



Patrolman Marble removes snow from a "no parking" sign on Brown St. at Chester. The driver of the truck was not ticketed inasmuch as he could not be expected to read the sign, which prohibits parking at this school crossing between 8 and 9 a.m. and between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Another motorist was ticketed, though, for making an illegal left turn from Hunter onto Bowers.



"It can't be done on Woodward, mister; let alone when it's snowing." Marble issues a violation ticket to a trucker for making a U-turn on Woodward near Bowers. Another incident the officer was called to investigate involved a car that was dented by a skidding school bus at Merrill and Bates. Yes, the snow fell Thursday—and it was a long day.

Window-Smashing Spree Lands Three Teens in Jail

B'ham Police Put Damage at Over \$3,200

By LARRY EVOE
 City Editor

Three area youths were arrested early this week after a window-breaking spree that police estimate will total more than \$3,200 in damage.

The trio were arraigned Wednesday morning in Birmingham Municipal Court on charges of malicious destruction of property.

The boys stood mute at their arraignment and all were released to their attorneys on \$100 bond. An examination has been set for Jan. 11.

Arrested were David A. Staudt, 20, of 5339 Kellen Lane, Bloomfield Township; Walter H. Riley, 19, of 573 Westchester, Birmingham; and Robert K. Ross, 19, of 559 Merritt Lane, Birmingham.

THE BOYS WERE arrested by Bloomfield Hills police Monday night at Lahser and Quorton for speeding. Police had been alerted to look for a 1959 station wagon earlier in the evening after Bloomfield Township police had observed the boys leaving a home on Burning Bush Road after breaking several windows.

The boys had admitted 20 instances of window breaking Monday night, according to Birmingham detectives Merlin Holmquist and Richard Chambers.

Lieutenant Holmquist said the boys could give no reason for their actions and none had a previous criminal record.

Although there were 12 empty beer bottles found in the car and an unopened one, the boys were not drunk, police said.



THESE THREE Birmingham area youths went on a window breaking spree Monday night that police estimate will cost more than \$3,200 to replace. Standing are (right) Robert K. Ross, 19, and David A. Staudt, 20. With his back to the camera is Walter H. Riley, 19. The trio were arrested by Bloomfield Hills police for speeding at Lahser and Quorton roads. They had been sought earlier in the evening by both Bloomfield Township and Birmingham authorities.

Youth Program Wins Approval In Birmingham

City commissioners Monday night passed a resolution to set up a Youth Assistance Program for Birmingham.

On the recommendation of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley and Lt. Robert Schaele of the Juvenile Division, commissioners authorized the establishment of a program to help reduce juvenile appearances in court.

The program, to be set up in cooperation with the Oakland County Probate Court, will be tried in Birmingham for a year.

CITY COMMISSIONERS will submit a list of names of citizens to be appointed by the probate judge as members of the Youth Assistance Committee.

The adoption of the program also means that a caseworker of the Oakland Juvenile Court will be assigned to Birmingham two days a week.

The cost to the City for running the program will be relatively small, according to City Manager L. R. Gare.

"I imagine it will run between \$1,200 and \$1,500 a year," Gare said.

Birmingham will provide office space for the caseworker, a filing cabinet for records, a telephone and a part-time secretary.

THE PROGRAM already has been adopted by 15 other communities in Oakland County and statistics indicate a decrease in the number of court cases since the programs were started.

Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore had proposed two years ago that Birmingham establish a youth protective program under guidance of his court.

At the time, Birmingham's youth offenders were placed on probation to the juvenile officer; but Judge Moore stopped the practice, terming it "unauthoritative."



Patrolman Douglas Marble
 A 9-year veteran

Republicans 'New Party' in West B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD—For the first time in West Bloomfield Township, the Republican Party will have a slate of candidates running under its banner for local township offices.

The party presented a petition to the township clerk's office last week to have the Republican Party listed on the ballot in the primary election in February. The petition was signed with more than the requisite 100 signatures necessary to place a "new" party on the ballot.

JIM McNEALY, speaking for the Oakland County Democratic Party, was unable to state, at present, whether the Democrats would also petition to present a slate of candidates.

In past years, candidates for local West Bloomfield Township offices have not run under national party labels, but have run as either Citizens or Peoples Party candidates. In more recent years, all candidates have run as members of the Citizens party.

With Dec. 31 the last day for candidates to file, the West Bloomfield League of Women Voters is issuing a reminder that the deadline for running for office in the township is near at hand.

In a statement to The Birmingham Eccentric, league president Mrs. Merle Schneider said: "In the interest of good government the league urges interested, qualified citizens to run for public office." Mrs. Schneider said that the (See REPUBLICANS, 6-A)

Hills Planners, Not Commissioners Favored Project

It was erroneously reported in last week's Eccentric that Bloomfield Hills city commissioners had given a favorable recommendation on a proposed town house development on E. Long Lake Road.

Actually, the city commission had not yet acted on the request for a rezoning for the proposed \$8 million, three-story luxury apartment project.

The story should have read that the planning commission—not the city commission—had recommended approval of the request.

Compromise Expected Hills Zoning Law Nears Reality

By DAVE PHILPO
 Staff Writer

The City of Bloomfield Hills seemed a little closer to getting a new zoning ordinance following a meeting of the city commission Tuesday night.

Although there was not a complete "meeting of minds" among the governing body, there appeared a chance that the commissioners will be able to reach a compromise agreement before the January meeting.

Favoring the ordinance, which has been in the works for the last 10 months, were Mayor John S. Bugas and Commissioner James J. Beresford.

OPPOSING THE ordinance, on the grounds that residential buildings should be limited to two-story

structures with three families per acre, were Commissioners Lyman J. Craig, Robert A. Frye and Henry L. Woolfenden.

The proposed document, as now drawn up, would allow for three-story residences.

Bugas said that if the ordinance were "on the table tonight, I would vote in favor of it."

"I have made an objective and conscientious canvass of many residents," he said. "These people are definitely in favor of retaining our present zoning restrictions."

THE VOTE by the commission at the January meeting would not pass the zoning ordinance, but would put the commission on record as backing or opposing it. A public hearing then would be required.

Bugas feels that the commission should take the ordinance to a public hearing "with a unanimous meeting of minds, if possible."

He said that the commissioners

City Commission Changes Meeting Date to Dec. 27

Birmingham's city commission will not meet on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

Commissioners voted Monday night to reschedule the meeting for 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27.

By conducting the meeting on Dec. 27, the commission complies with the city charter provision that says, "Meetings shall be held at such times as may be prescribed by resolution, provided that it (the commission) shall meet regularly not less than once a week."

The change in date was made to allow citizens, city employees and officials to remain at home with their families on Christmas Eve. The Birmingham Municipal Building will be closed at noon on both Monday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 31.

ALL THREE COME from good homes and have good backgrounds, according to police. Ross is a student at Western Michigan University and was awaiting the start of the new semester. Riley is employed by an oil company and Staudt is unemployed at the present time.

Police said the boys used bricks and a pellet gun to break the windows.

The gray bricks the boys used were taken from a home under construction in Birmingham, police said.

THE TRIO ADMITTED damaging six cars, three homes and 11 business places in Birmingham alone. They destroyed huge plate glass windows in stores along S. Woodward and W. Maple. They also admitted breaking five windows at St. James Church and another at Barmum Junior High School.

Among the stores struck were Jacobson's Women's Shop, Wrigley's, The Sportsman, Michigan (See DAMAGE, 2-A)

Re-evaluation Study In Bloomfield Hills

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission has authorized Associated Surveys, Inc. to re-evaluate all residential and commercial properties in the city.

Cost of the project, to be completed by Mar. 1, 1968, is \$6,400. The survey is being undertaken for assessment purposes and the results will be passed on to City Manager Elmer Kephart.

DAR Chapter Honors Three Area Residents

Three Birmingham residents were honored Tuesday by the Piety Hill chapter DAR of Birmingham.

Earnest W. Seaholm, Peter C. Kallinke and Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom were named by the DAR for assisting several people in getting their U. S. citizenship papers and for her service to several organizations.

Specifically mentioned among these were her work for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Grand Opera Association and the Altrusa Club of Greater Birmingham. A native of Sweden, she became a naturalized citizen in 1941.

KALINKE, 968 Purdy, was naturalized in 1960 and is a native of Germany. As a Fulbright scholar, he studied at the U. of M. and the university's extension service now sends him on lecture tours.

He served in West Germany as a director of work with displaced (See HONORS, 6-A)

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Call Santa, Kids!

Good news, kids, you may talk to Santa Claus by telephone. Through a service provided by the Birmingham Recreation Board, the Community House and the Senior Men's Club, you may call Santa at MI 6-7222 or MI 6-7223 on weekday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30, beginning today.

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