

Crash Victim Is Improving, Hospital Says

Fourteen-year old Dean Gebro, injured Dec. 1 in an automobile accident that claimed the lives of two other Birmingham boys, was reported improving Wednesday morning at William Beaumont Hospital. He remains on the critical list, however.

The accident occurred in the early evening at Lincoln and E. Bradford. John C. Krauss, 15, of 1800 W. Lincoln, and Paul H. Dreyer, 14, of 1509 Fairfax, were killed in the accident when their car crashed into a tree in Bloomfield Township.

THE CAR which belonged to John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Krauss was taken without permission. None of the boys was old enough to have a driver's license. Police are still investigating the accident but as yet have been unable to determine who was driving.

Hills Eyes Action For Detroit Water

By DAVE PHILPO Staff Writer

Bloomfield Hills is considering the purchase of a "water insurance policy." Commissioners decided Tuesday night that rather than be left with the alternative of providing water from wells, the city should be in a position to buy water from Detroit sometime in the near future. Thus, they authorized City Manager Elmer Kephart to negotiate with Bloomfield Township and the Oakland County Department of Public Works in regard to enlarging a water transmission main that is scheduled to come to the township.

IN ORDER for Bloomfield Hills to hook on to the township line, the main would have to be enlarged from 20 inches to 24 inches, at an estimated cost of \$26,000. Mayor John S. Bugas said he feels that \$26,000 is a small price to pay for insurance to get Detroit

water." "I think this commission would be very roundly criticized if it didn't take advantage of this opportunity," he added.

CITY ENGINEER Frank Webster explained that the overall cost of obtaining Detroit water and providing wells would be about the same, but there would be more problems involved with the wells. Some commissioners expressed the fear that the city's water table is going down and that an adequate water supply from wells might be questionable in the future.

The city engineer estimated that a 24-inch main would supply Bloomfield Hills with three-fourths of its water needs and with two storage tanks the whole municipality could be satisfied. If Kephart reaches a decision with the township and the Oakland DPW before January, a special meeting of the commission will be called, Bugas said.

Humane Society Starts 1963 Drive for Funds

The Birmingham Humane Society launched its annual Fund drive this month with an appeal for \$7,500 to finance its 1963 budget. Incorporated in 1966, the society serves the cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, as well as Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships.

Because it is area-wide, the society is not eligible for city or county funds nor has it been successful in obtaining support from the United Foundation. For years, the Birmingham Humane Society was operated by a small group whose sole motivation was the love of animals—lost, unwanted, ill-fed and suffering from illness.

With the increase in population and the resultant increase of pets, the burden of time and money became too heavy to carry. The incorporation followed in the hope of receiving outside aid.

DURING THE past 11 months, the society has found and returned

541 dogs to their original owners; has found homes for 840 unwanted dogs and puppies; has found and returned 72 cats to their owners; and found homes for 488 cats and kittens. There were 14 cases of cruelty to animals.

Animals in distress are often referred to the society by the police and by interested parties. Of the many pets restored to their homes, too many owners blindly promise financial aid and promptly forget their promises, the board points out.

OFFICERS of the society realize the area has just gone through a United Foundation drive and an election. But Christmas with its age-old spirit of giving is approaching, and they are hopeful that this spirit will add to the measure of generosity toward an "eminently worthy cause."

So, in that spirit, they ask that contributions—which are tax deductible—be sent to the Birmingham Humane Society, 275 E. Maple, Birmingham.

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