

# Communities Outline Proposed New Year's Resolutions

The traditional New Year's resolutions are not only made by individuals—but by communities as well.

Unlike the personal commitments which are sometimes detoured en route, the projected goals of the municipalities usually become realities.

When they are realized through the installation of sewers, rezoning ordinances, passage of laws, construction of buildings and dozen other actions, here is what the surrounding communities plan to do in '62.

### Birmingham

Although Birmingham city officials are in the process of developing projects for the new year, no definite plans have been approved.

When they are working on a program of projects, said City Manager L. R. Gare, "I will submit a report to the city commission about the first of February."

### Bloomfield Hills

Bloomfield Hills projects are set-up by the fiscal year, according to city clerk Robert Stadler. The next budget comes up in May, when the road building program will probably be reinitiated.

The construction of black-topping and paving of roads has been held up due to the sewer construction work being done throughout the city.

"The city is up to its neck in sewers," said Stadler. "Construction work is right on schedule and work should be completed by July 5. Two sections are pretty well completed and the other three have about 40 or 50 per cent to go. The weather doesn't stop the workmen at all. They're still building."

### Bloomfield Township

According to Supervisor Arno Hulet, completion of the township's master plan and rejuvenation of rezoning ordinance will be the main items of consideration in '62. The master plan will have three aspects. It is a series of studies of projected trends in the growth and development of the township which will assist the planning commission in making specific decisions in the future. The trends will be compiled in a 70-page report.

The report will also contain changes in present property zoning ordinances in the township and foreseen in the studies. A new zoning map will record the changes.

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### West Bloomfield

"Our major project, of course, will be the continued development of our sewer system," Supervisor John C. Rabard stated.

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## Suburbia Weathers First Winter Storm

Birmingham and neighboring communities weathered the weekend's snow, ice, sleet, hail and rain storm with surprising resistance.

Despite an accumulation of almost 1 1/2 inches of snow and well over half an inch of water equivalent during the three-day weekend, the area survived its first winter storm with few difficulties.

Schools were closed, school buses were cancelled, shoppers stayed home and motorists avoided driving as mother nature went on the rampage.

By Monday morning, city and commercial work crews had combated the treacherous combination of precipitation and freezing temperatures, which began cutting communities with a sleek blanket of ice early Friday morning.

IN BIRMINGHAM the storm required the use of all of the Department of Public Works' equipment, including trucks, snowplows, two salting trucks, two graders, two snow plows, eight hauling trucks, a front end loader and a street sweeper.

"It was the worst storm we've had since January of 1956," said Tom Brian, superintendent of the DPW.

The Department had 150 tons of salt on hand on the eve of the storm. Over the weekend, another 100 tons had to be hauled in from Detroit. By Monday morning, when the cleanup squad went into action with snow-clearing equipment, the salt stock had dwindled to about 25 tons.

ON THE AVERAGE, a storm requires about 50 tons of salt, according to Brian. The recent one went through almost five times as much.

"At one point, we had so little salt left that we had to start rationing, keeping only hills and main streets clear," said Brian.

However, main roads were kept fairly clear with side streets remaining slippery.

"This storm was a continuous one," said Brian, "and just wouldn't let up."

THE ONLY REAL problem the DPW ran into was an accumulation of about 100 gallons of water in the department's 10,000-gallon underground gas tank Sunday morning. Although many of the department's trucks were tied up for an hour or two while various vehicles' gas tanks were drained and refilled, they were soon on their way.

The department's gas supply was available when the water had had settled in the bottom of the main tank was pumped out.

Although the DPW handled the bulk of the work, Charles Gale's Forestry and Parks Department assisted with tractors, equipped with rotary brooms, small snow plows and small sanding trucks.

ACCORDING TO Gale, Saturday was the worst day of the storm for his department's fleet, said Gale. (See STORM, 2-A)

## Lerchen New 'Skipper' Of DB&T Area Banks

By JOE CADARIU Business Editor

A man who was the skipper of a World War II mine-sweeper is the new "skipper" of the Birmingham area branches of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co.

Edward H. Lerchen, of Bloomfield Hills, recently named vice president of the DB&T, takes over the desk formerly occupied by the late, recently deceased Herbert H. Gardner.

Lerchen was formerly president, treasurer and a director of Technical Service Inc. and TSI Leasing Inc. of Livonia and Farmington Hills.

Combining a great interest in finance and fun, the young-looking "IT USED TO BE" that a banker presented the former image, said Lerchen. "With the times, that's changing. I have the same problems as the customers do; we have a lot in common."

As vice president of the bank, Lerchen will make his office in the Woodward-Hamilton branch and coordinate all activities in this area.

When he's not involved in loans and banking, he is the father of four fine kids for skiing, fishing and hunting.

Lerchen is the son of the late William G. Lerchen, co-founder of Watling, Lerchen & Co. investment brokers in Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac, has been a resident of the Birmingham area since 1928, when his parents moved here from Detroit.

HE IS A GRADUATE of Cranbrook School, has a bachelor's in economics from Amherst, and a masters in finance from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration.

As a lieutenant he was skipper of a Navy mine sweeper, operating through the straits of the eight departments of Cranbrook Academy of Art, the Academy of Art Library, the Galleries and the Young People's Art Center.

COMMENTING ON Lerchen's Name 2 from Area To Family Service Board of Directors

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick C. Ziem and Arthur Scheffe, director of public relations at the McManus, John & Adams has been elected to the board of directors of Family Service of Oakland County.

During Scheffe's seven-year residence in the local area, he has been active in Civil Defense, YMCA, and other public activities. He has also served in the United Fund in both the Pontiac area and Michigan's Detroit area.

Ziem, a Circuit Judge for two years, and formerly prosecuting attorney for seven years, has participated in many civic activities, including the past presidency of the county bar association and past chairmanship of the Jimmy Day Amvet Post.

## Charter Proposal To Be Reworded

By KEN WEAVER Managing Editor

Birmingham will continue to publish all ordinances except ordering ordinances in a public place of the city charter, which they intend to submit to the voters in the spring election.

Wordings of the proposed revision will be made to limit the posting of ordinances to codification of laws.

Last week, commissioners considered a proposal to establish alternative methods of either posting ordinances in a public place of publishing them in a newspaper.

Purpose of the amendment is to save the city the cost of printing in the newspaper the lengthy codification, which is a simplified listing of all ordinances.

AFTER DISCUSSING the proposed amendment and ballot question last week, commissioners voted to reword the purpose of the amendment, to show the intent to save the city money.

Mayor Florence H. Willett and Commissioner Robert Page, opposed to the suggested charter revision, voted against last week's action.

Mayor Willett was unable to attend last week's meeting, but he said the public would not be "real pleased" that the commission decided on the new charter.

She said the question of charter amendment arose originally over the codification plan and it "got away from me on the original purpose."

Although the commissioners' intentions were proper and honorable, the public could read all kinds of things into the proposal to make either public posting or publishing in a newspaper possible, the mayor stated.

AS WORDED last week, the amendment would "cause every ordinance to be published by printing in a newspaper circulating within the city or by posting . . . in a public place within the city."

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## BAA Exhibits Art Students' Work Sunday

(See Photo, 2-A)

The fresh approach and individuality of young art students will be displayed in a "Talented Young People's Art Exhibit" opening Sunday at the Birmingham Arts Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road.

The Bloomfield Art Association sponsors the exhibition of work by young artists and young students of pupils of Betty Conn, the Young People's Art Center at Cranbrook, and the Birmingham Gifted Children and the art department at Cass Technical High School in Detroit.

The approach is specifically to gather together the work of young people who are especially talented in the minds of their own teachers, and to exhibit it to the public.

GLEN MICHAELS, director of the Young People's Art Center, said young artists and craftsmen should be given the opportunity to show their work to the public.

He said the exhibition would be the first in which the Young People's Art Center had singled out and featured the work of individual artists.

The ceramics, paintings, constructions, glass, sculpture and drawings of children as young as six will be displayed. Most of the artists are from 12 through high school age.

MICHAELS and Betty Conn, sculptor, are co-chairmen of the show, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except Monday, and 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

During the reception, a number of young people will demonstrate their weaving, ceramics, sculpting, drawing and painting skills.

It will be the Birmingham-Bloomfield area young people whose work will be featured in the exhibit, 225 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, which is a branch of his in-house handling of college materials.

ISAAC BODER of 32133 Bingham Road, Bingham Farms; Maureen Benson, 4743 Burnley, Bloomfield Township; and Paul Hewlett, 951 Twin Oaks Lane, Birmingham, were chosen for their drawing and painting.

WEAVING BY Judy Linn, 1522 Kirkwood, Bloomfield Township, will also be displayed.

Prof. Frederic Hayes, of the University of Detroit, will be host for the show.

## Town Hall Audience To See Holbrook's 'Mark Twin Night'

Hal Holbrook will bring to Birmingham Town Hall audiences the cracking wit of one of the world's most beloved humorists on Jan. 18 and 19 when he presents his famed one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight!" at the Birmingham Theater.

STAGE COMMITTEE members Norm Norman, James Paul Reed and Mrs. Arthur Chandler have spent days searching for Victorian chairs, tables, podium, draperies, rugs, even glassware of the early 1900's in order to place the grand old fellow in a proper setting.

Because of tedious make-up problems involved in transforming the 34-year-old Holbrook into the 70-year-old Twain and back again, no celebrity luncheon will be held following the performances.

## Leo A. Hillebrand MJ&A Executive Named Chairman of JA Campaign

Leo A. Hillebrand, vice president, secretary and treasurer of MacManus, John Adams, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, has been named chairman of Birmingham's 1962 Junior Achievement Fund Campaign.

Announcement of Hillebrand's appointment was made by Ben D. Mills, 780 Vaughan, Bloomfield Hills, campaign general chairman.

The goal of the local campaign, which runs Jan. 28 to Feb. 21, is \$25,000, according to Hillebrand. The funds will be used for local JA operations in 1962-63.

LOCALLY, 120 two-acre ranges in age from 15 to 19 are managing the affairs of eight miniature JA business concerns.

Mills said that the 1962 campaign goal for southeastern Michigan—the largest JA area in the nation—is \$250,000. Some 8,000 two-acre and 345 junior size business firms are currently active in the JA program throughout southeastern Michigan's six-county area.

## Proposes Tax Relief

U.S. Congressman William S. Obeyesekere has introduced a bill to provide local special assessment improvements. See Page 3-A.

Back to Congo

Dr. D. and Mrs. Robert White and their family of First Methodist Church are going back to missionary life in Congo. Photo and story are on Page 6-B.

Sponsor Blood Bank

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is sponsoring blood bank. Story and photo are on Page 1-C.

Teachers Win Meats

C. Seaborn Groves splash to victory. See photo and stories on Page 8-E.

## TV Will Feature C'brook Institution

The six Cranbrook Institutions will be featured on WXYZ-TV during January and February.

The shows on "Expedition Detroit" can be seen this Monday, and on Feb. 5 and Feb. 26 over Channel 7 at 7 p.m.

The first show will take viewers through the studios of the eight departments of Cranbrook Academy of Art, the Academy of Art Library, the Galleries and the Young People's Art Center.

Cranbrook's Institute of Science, its exhibits, planetarium, observatory, preparation room and progress on the new Skillman wing will be the subject of the second show.

A comprehensive viewing of Brookside School, the elementary school, and Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools, college preparatory schools for boys and girls, respectively, and Cranbrook Christian Church Cranbrook will be presented on the third show.

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