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Bugle 'Blockbuster'

Bright and early risers, these Birmingham residents prepare to raise the neighborhood with reveille on the Fourth. Their ritualistic block party—long-time labeled the Crabgrass Festival—began at 6 a.m. with a flag-raising ceremony for homeowners and near Northlawn. Among the originators of the annual barbecue funfest were Mrs. Ogie D. Scott and Art Miller, who sleepily staid by as young Mark Kratzer makes with the bugle. Smully giving an assist (from left), Peggy Sheehan, Greg Convery, we Russ Ford, Ingmar Kratzer and flag-raiser Fred Miller.

Reciprocal Taxes B of E Elects Unlikely in Area Mrs. Loomis To 5th Term

Officials of the area's communities have generally adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward the court ruling on Detroit's one per cent income tax on non-residents.

None of the local communities have indicated they would enact their own income tax if the Detroit tax sticks.

Several cities, including Dearborn, Hamtramck and Warren, have indicated they will enact their own income tax if the Detroit move is upheld. All, however, are eagerly awaiting possible further action on Monday's Wayne County Circuit Court decision that the Detroit tax is legal.

BIRMINGHAM'S MAYOR Florence H. Willett said the city "hasn't considered any reciprocal taxes."

She said that she believed the city commission would continue to support the Vigilance Tax Committee but that Birmingham would not become a member of the group.

Bloomfield Hills City Clerk Robert Stadler said that community "would not have enough residents working in Detroit to try a reciprocal tax."

He said the Hills commission was neither for or against the tax but felt it should be tested in the courts. Although Bloomfield is not a member of the VTC, Stadler said the city would continue to support it.

S. JAMES CLARNSON, mayor of Southfield, termed the court verdict a "bombing" to his city.

"Southfield is only about 30 per cent developed," he said. "The ruling will force many businesses to relocate and we will welcome them to Southfield."

Beverly Hills' Marvin Kline and Lathrup's Richard Coger were unavailable for comment.

MAYOR GEORGE W. KUHN of Eastlake, chairman of the VTC, was "shocked" at the Wayne court ruling.

Kuhn wouldn't commit the VTC to a higher court fight of the tax until the group meets Saturday morning in the Pleasant Ridge City Hall.

Richard D. Dumm, one of the VTC attorneys, said it would take him several days to study the 38-page opinion of Judge Neil Fitzgerald.

He said he will make his recommendation of action to the VTC at Saturday's meeting.

The VTC has raised about \$90,000 to fight the tax through various fund drives.

Council Opposes Move to Combine Police, Fire

SOUTHFIELD—The city council displayed opposition Saturday to Mayor S. James Clarkson's plan to partially integrate the city's police and fire departments.

The council agreed, in a closed meeting, that more police are needed for the city but said they doubted that money could be saved by reducing the firemen's duty week. A reduction from 63 hours to 40 hours, to make them available for police duty, has been suggested by Clarkson.

The council said that the city budget could not stand an increase for either department. Clarkson's plan did not seem a solution to the problem, they said.

There are 33 policemen and 23 firemen in Southfield.

MANY LEGAL difficulties stand in the way of Clarkson's plan, according to Patrick C. Flannery. (See COUNCIL, 2-A)

Council Appoints New Officers To Plan Board

BEVERLY HILLS—It was a night of appointments Monday when the council named officers of the planning board and made three reappointments of the zoning board of appeals.

Reappointing Oliver C. Little as chairman of the planning board will be Edward F. Dolan, John Seerist is the new vice chairman; Herman Brattek is secretary. Other members are Maynard Bohema, Leonard Keil, George Wright, James E. Waltham and Lindsay Gay. Little will remain on the board until July 20.

THREE MEMBERS of the zoning board of appeals have been reappointed for three years. They are Daniel Adams, 31550 Eastlake; John J. Smith, 31055 Pearce; and Paul E. McGarity, 30155 Woodhaven.

Councilman Claude A. Shepard was named official representative to the annual September business meeting of the Michigan Municipal League. Village Manager Robert E. Murphy was named alternate.

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It Was a Short Meeting—No Quorum

Delay Action on Park Dedication One Week

By KEN WEAVER
 Managing Editor

Monday night's Birmingham City Commission meeting lasted about one minute.

And only two official actions were taken: roll call and adjournment.

It was one of those rare occasions when there are not enough commissioners present to constitute a quorum. Therefore, no official action could be taken on the items on the agenda.

It takes four of the seven members for a quorum, and only three were in attendance.

Dr. Norman L. Barr is head of the department.

Carl E. Ingraham and William E. Roberts.

"For lack of a quorum, we will have to adjourn the meeting," said the mayor.

"I move we adjourn," Page responded.

And that was that.

THE THREE commissioners present and City Manager L. R. Gare then briefly discussed some of the agenda topics, for the benefit of people in the audience who had submitted requests.

Their discussion could not be part of the minutes of the official meeting, however.

Main item up for consideration was dedication of Eton, Poppleton and Springdale parks as public parks.

THE SHEFFIELD Estates Civic Association has long pressed for dedication of the parks, with the goal in mind of perpetuating their use for that purpose.

They are now designated as parks and the property could be used for other purposes, or sold, if the commission decided there was need for such other action.

As Gare explained in a written report on the proposal, some commissioners in the past "have been hesitant to formally dedicate City properties to the public because it was felt that there was merit in keeping some flexibility in the ability of the City to meet the needs of the times in the use" of such property.

SOME COMMISSIONERS, thus, have been reluctant "to irrevocably commit the use of City-owned property."

However, other commissioners have contended that parks that are already well established should be dedicated to the public.

The City's legal counsel reported that once the commission did dedicate City-owned property to a specific purpose that action could not be changed by the commission, the voters or the courts.

ONE OF THE problems posed by dedication, said Gare, was that of making the usage available to people other than taxpayers of Birmingham.

In other words, property that has been dedicated to the public cannot be restricted to local residents only.

Springdale Park already is overcrowded, explained Gare. If its golf course were to be opened to nonresidents, the situation would be compounded.

Anticipating requests for taps from the Greenview Green subdivision in the near future, and more requests later from Westwood Estates and Riverside subs, Village Manager Robert E. Murphy came up with a potential of 433 taps.

The actual investment will be \$80,000.

A public hearing has been set for July 9 on the proposed extension. The subdivided acreage includes 45 lots in Greenview Green, 61 in Westwood Estates and 18 in Riverside, plus a small amount of acreage which is not yet subdivided.

Discussions were also held on building a 10-inch water main along Southfield, from 13 Mile to Beverly roads. No special assessment district has as yet been set up for this area, but a new Wrigley Supermarket is now under construction and at least 10 more stores of other types are planned. The main would be dead-ended.

Building of the main now would reduce the fire hazard. The council directed Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon and Village Manager Robert E. Murphy to meet with the contractors involved to discuss the main.

Space Project Under Way in B'ham Lab

A General Motors space research project will be carried out in Birmingham, it was announced Tuesday.

Seeking new information on a dayman's ability to withstand "G" forces upon re-entering the earth's atmosphere, GM Defense Research Laboratories has started experiments with small primates riding on a Space Flight Acceleration Profile Simulator of G3 design.

The project is being carried out by the Biological Sciences Department of the research laboratories, located in the Geanor Building at 1400 N. Woodward.

Dr. Norman L. Barr is head of the department.

THE RESEARCH project may help solve the critically important problem of providing an emergency escape capability for manned spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere, according to Dr. L. R. Hafstad, vice president of General Motors in charge of Research.

The Space Flight Acceleration Profile Simulator whirls, like a centrifuge and can accelerate from zero to 500 G's in only 12 seconds, a unique capability of simulating extreme re-entry acceleration conditions, he said. A modification under way will permit acceleration to 500 G's in only two seconds.

"A CONSIDERABLE body of influential evidence exists to indicate that many may be able to withstand extremely high accelerations," he said. (See PROJECT, 5-A)



Proud Citizens

Mr. and Mrs. Erich Tamm display an American flag presented to them recently by the Piety Hill chapter DAR. The couple, former residents of Esthonia, became U.S. citizens in the summer of 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Tamm, 1409 Cedar, have lived in Birmingham for 10 years.

Primary Voters Must Register By Monday Night

By KAY SMITH
 Special Writer

Deadline for voter registration for the Aug. 7 primary election will be Monday at 8 p.m., Oakland County election clerk Mabel M. Child reminded residents of the area this week.

Up for nomination on the various party tickets will be candidates for the office of congressman from the 18th district and one congressional-at-large, on the national level.

PARTY VOTERS will name their candidates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor, as well as one senator and six representatives at the state level.

County candidates will vie for the posts of prosecutor, sheriff, clerk and register of deeds, treasurer, supervisor and drain commissioner.

Water Tap-Ins Given Tentative Council OK

BEVERLY HILLS—Tentative approval of a tap-in fee of \$412 for water connections in the proposed South Berkshire water extension system was voted Monday.

In the present system, charges for connections include \$64.61 for meters and \$147.39 for material and labor, plus an additional 100 privilege fee. At the maximum of 433 connections, this total would return to the village \$183,000.

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Longer Postponement Of Hearing Asked

Birmingham city commissioners have been asked to postpone the public hearing on the Chester-Walface relief sewers until next fall.

The hearing had been adjourned until July 9, but some residents of the area have requested postponement until autumn because some of the property owners involved are now on vacation.

Commissioners are expected to approve the delay at their meeting next week.

Cite No Need For Change In Taxi Law

No change is needed in Birmingham's taxicab ordinance, the city taxicab board has informed city commissioners.

The board recommended that no action be taken at this time to change the city ordinance. It acted following a request from Ferndale to ask Detroit to change its law which prohibits suburban taxis from picking up passengers in Detroit.

Detroit's law has had little effect on Birmingham cabs, the board reported.

BIRMINGHAM'S ordinance prohibits the picking up of passengers within the city by cabs licensed outside of the city.

Local taxicab owners requested that no change be made in the local ordinance at this time.

Suburbs Facing Big Change, Says 'Suburbia' Story

The suburbs are in for a big change, as you'll learn when the July 12 edition of your Birmingham Eccentric brings you the July issue of SUBURBIA TODAY.

In the "Suburbia Today Round Table" newspaper men from all over the country discuss the recent Supreme Court decision which has made it possible for suburban counties to revise the kind of representation they have been getting in relation to their exploding population (and exploding taxes).

Decision Expected Soon on Proposal For Golf Course

When will use of the old sewage plant property be up for consideration? Birmingham city commissioners were asked Monday night.

"Shortly, we hope," said City Manager L. R. Gare.

The City is working out financing of a proposed golf course on the site, explained Mayor Florence H. Willett.

The question was asked by John W. McGill, representative of the Sheffield Estates Civic Association.

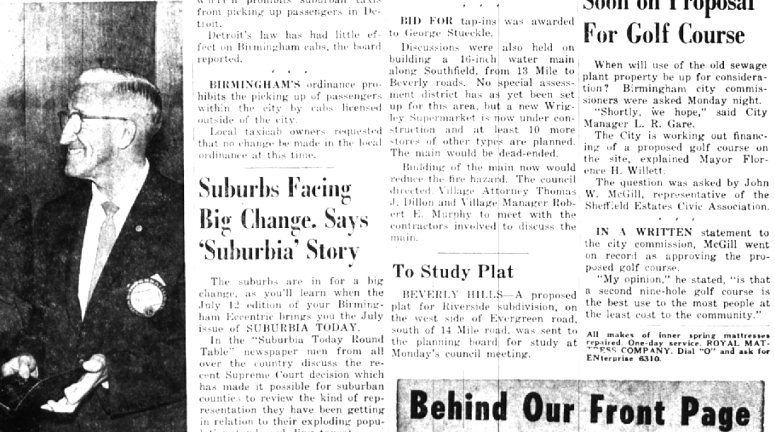
IN A WRITTEN statement to the city commission, McGill went on record as approving the proposed golf course.

"My opinion," he stated, "is that a second nine-hole golf course is the best use to the most people at the least cost to the community."

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. Derby style. ROYAL MAT. "SIX COMPACT". Dual "O" and ask for ETERNASE 6310.



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