

New Picnic Shelter Ready at City Park

Construction of a 50-seat picnic shelter has been completed at Springdale Park. Art Fitch, manager of the park and Springdale Golf Course, said the shelter, a rustic structure, may be reserved by Birmingham residents for large family picnics, birthday parties, reunions and other events.

Stfield Firemen Test Their Skill

SOUTHFIELD—Now and then a fire department must have a fire-just for practice. The Southfield Fire Department practiced Tuesday and Wednesday on a farm at 30250 Southfield Road. The buildings had been condemned and were burned with the permission of the owner. On Tuesday, between 1 and 4:30 p.m., they burned a barn and on Wednesday afternoon, a house. The property is located just north of a trailer court.

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John L. Tracy, of 859 Merrill (center), Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. agent in Birmingham for 33 years is presented a scroll from the company upon his retirement. Making the presentation is Humphrey Marshall, retired manager of the Wolverine Branch of Metropolitan, Frank Killea (left), manager of Metropolitan's Royal Oak branch, looks on.

Plan Aug. 13 Hearing Set for Chester Area Sealcoating

Plans for the widening of Chester to four lanes from MARTIN to Brown. However, they made no mention of the CRHD at that time. Mayor Florence H. Willett said that in their discussion of the Capital Improvement Program during budget sessions the commissioners agreed that Chester would be the first step in development of a peripheral route. Ingram said the person discussing the subject with him was "concerned that we may be dragging our feet."

ACCORDING TO Commissioner William E. Roberts, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is appointing a committee to follow up on this... to see if the chamber is in support of the entire program.

Ingram said his question was "most unkind," pointing out that several years ago the commission turned down a multi-lane parking lot project... only to approve one later at greater cost. He said "the same danger" exists now. Letting the cost escalate then may be eventually going ahead with the CRHD project.

SAID ROBERTS: "I don't think we know that we're going to do this." He said he wanted an opinion from the chamber's study group first. "If there's to be a stimulant to the project, he said, it should come from the committee. "And I think that committee has got to do some work first." Ingram replied, "In my opinion, we already have seen some evidence of dry rot in this town. We've got to keep on our toes to prevent any more of it." No action was taken on the subject.

IN NOVEMBER last year, commissioners accepted a recommendation from the plan board to "improve in principle" the CRHD plan, which is designed to modernize and revitalize the downtown area by anticipating its future needs.

The plan was prepared by a committee formed and financed by downtown merchants. Goals of the plan are to separate vehicular and pedestrian movements, increase vehicular access to the business area, provide adequate parking, compact commercial development, divert non-business traffic and landscape the area to preserve the tradition of the community. "The peripheral route would be

Obituary Notices

Heart Attack Fatal To Former Mayor

Frank Costello, first mayor of Troy, died of a heart attack Saturday at the family farm near Chesaning. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Troy Methodist Church, with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Costello, 59, had lived in Troy 23 years. He served on the charter commission and as mayor from 1956 to 1959. From 1949 to 1956 he was a member of the Troy Board of Education and was a charter member of the Troy Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 2. At the time of his death he was chairman of the New City Hall Committee of Troy and a member of its Youth Protection Committee. He was vice president of the Detroit Crane Co. and a member of Gummer Lodge No. 252, F. & A. M. of Fayette City, Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; mother, Mrs. Mary Costello, four sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. Charles Dugan

Mrs. Charles A. (Mary) Dugan died July 20 in Nashville, Tenn., following a prolonged illness. She had lived in Birmingham for over 25 years preceding her move to Nashville two years ago. Mr. Dugan passed away April 22.

Funeral services and burial took place July 21 in Pulaski, Tenn. Mrs. Dugan is survived by two brothers.

D. Hastings McAdam

Funeral services were held July 21 in the Mantley Bailey Funeral home for D. Hastings McAdam, former Detroit News editorial writer,

who died July 18 in William Beaumont Hospital. Mr. McAdam, 83, of 1783 Northlawn, Birmingham, was also an artist and for 10 years was postmaster of Honolulu. As a News editorialist, he specialized in politics and national affairs until his retirement in 1949.

Survivors include his son, David H., and three grandchildren.

David E. F. Thomas

Following a long illness, David E. F. Thomas of Detroit died July 22 in Detroit Memorial Hospital. Mr. Thomas, who was born in Bridgend, Wales, had lived in Detroit for 10 years. He retired last October as an employee in the Engineering Research Dept. of the Detroit Edison Co., where he had worked for 30 years.

He was a graduate of the University of Sheffield in England, a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy M.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Thomsen of Birmingham; a grandchild; two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will take place this morning at 11 a.m. in the Northwest Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. in Detroit. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Overdose of Aspirin

Southfield police answered a resuscitator call Tuesday morning when a 15-year-old Southfield girl took an overdose of aspirin. She was taken to William Beaumont Hospital where she was treated and released.

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