



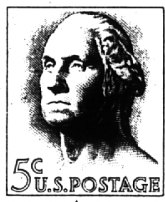
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Joint Meeting Scheduled on CBDD Plan

Five-Cent Stamp Can't Lick B'ham

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer
Well, what do you know—they're using good old George again...

he does on the one-centers, though. As with most other Birmingham Post Office customers on Monday...



OSA Awards To Be Made By Jaycees

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce will announce the winner of its Distinguished Service Award at its annual banquet Jan. 23.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the key award to the outstanding chamber member. The 1961 winner was Patrick Delghan...

A COMMITTEE headed by James S. Willoughby is canvassing churches, businesses, clubs and organizations to determine which young man between 21 and 35 has contributed the most to the community during the year.

Entry blanks are available from the Chamber of Commerce and the Community House. The deadline for the contest is Jan. 16.

Featured speaker at the banquet will be Mervyn G. Gaskin of Taylor and Gaskin, Inc. He is also president of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

IN HONOR of the event Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett has proclaimed the week of Jan. 20-26 as Jaycee Week.

Defense Plans To Appeal in Thorson Case

By LARRY EVOE City Editor
Defense attorney For Robert M. Thorson says today he would appeal a Detroit Recorder's Court judge's ruling on the admission of evidence...

Thorson, 2352 Buckingham, Birmingham, was bound over for trial Monday on a charge of first degree murder in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy M. Thomas.

Recorder's Judge Arthur J. Kosciński handed down his decision Monday, ordering Thorson to be held in the Wayne County Jail without bail.

He estimated that it would be a month before presiding Judge in Recorder's Court could hear the motions.

Thorson, 31, visibly shaken when Judge Kosciński announced his decision, had to be helped from the courtroom by police.

Earlier Monday, the judge ruled that clothing taken from Thorson's car by a Detroit policeman could be admitted as evidence.

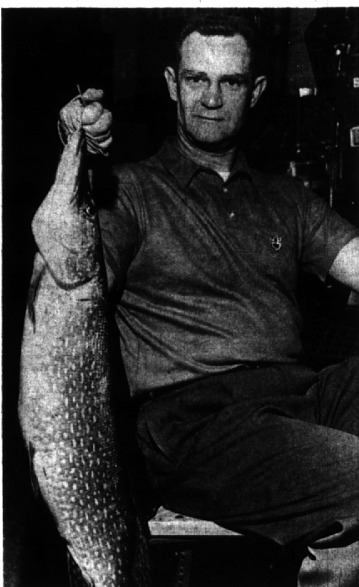
IN ANNOUNCING his decision to allow the prosecution to introduce the clothing as evidence Judge Kosciński said:

"It may be plausibly argued that the officer would have been derelict in his duty had he failed to impound the bloodstained clothing for analysis."

"The impounding was certainly a valid exercise of police power and not a violation of the defendant's constitutional rights."

"The motion to suppress the evidence is therefore denied."

AFTER THE judge's ruling, a Detroit Police Scientific Laboratory technician, Patrolman Harold Alfultis, testified that the coat contained two types of blood, both A and O. Thorson told police he had type O. Police said Mrs. Thomas had type A.



Fishing Printer

Don Neilsen, an employee of The Birmingham Eccentric the past eight years, speared this Great Northern pike Tuesday afternoon from his shanty on Sugden Lake near Commerce, where he lives.

More than 50 residents who own the triangular shaped lots along the alley attended the meeting to protest the proposal.

B'ham Planners OK Rezoning to Parking

The Birmingham Plan Board recommended Tuesday night that a petition to rezone a piece of property near Ruffner and Woodward from R-4 (two-family) to parking be approved.

At the same time the board decided that as a matter of policy it would recommend any rezoning of the property on the west side of Woodward bordering the alley only when petitioned to do so.

A CHANGE from R-4 to parking would almost triple the taxes on the property, according to the residents. They contended that although the property's land value would go up, the saleability of house on the property would go down.

The petition to rezone the property on Ruffner had been brought in by John Krasnick, owner of the Birmingham Drug Store at the corner of Ruffner and Woodward.

The planning board's recommendation will be passed on to the city commission for further action.

BROWNFIELD had listed several reasons why he felt the proposal bordering the alley should be rezoned.

He said the lots were of minimum size for two family and that because of their triangular shape a good percentage of the area is unusable for living space.

He said that excessive traffic on Woodward creates a hazard to the rear of properties zoned commercial developments that are presently constructed and those that would be constructed in the future," he said.

Commission, Nine Boards to Ponder Proposed Project

By LARRY EVOE City Editor
Action may soon be forthcoming on Birmingham's CBDD plan!

In an effort to further implement the Central Business District Study and Proposed Plan, the Birmingham City Commission has called for a joint meeting with nine other organizations.

The meeting has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 14. The location has not yet been decided.

The proposed CBDD plan was first presented to the commission in 1961 but no major action has been taken on the project. The plan would prepare for the modernization of the downtown business section.

A LETTER from the Birmingham Plan Board to the commission was partially responsible for the calling of the meeting.

The letter, dated Nov. 29, 1962, said that "the members of the planning board have become concerned over the seeming lack of progress on the first stage of the CBDD plan."

"The extension of the Jacobson's main store and the projected plans of Peabody's indicate that some of the merchants assume that the peripheral route stage of the plan will not be completed, or at least that they are not waiting for it."

THE PLAN board members said that they had considered at length the plans that they recommended to the commission and hoped that they would be implemented.

Because many of the proposals in the CBDD plan are of concern to many different organizations, the commission felt that a joint meeting was in order.

THOSE INVITED to attend are the plan board, library board, board of education, Community House board, Council of Churches, real estate board, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens Committee.

The Citizens Committee is an unofficial group of about 15 citizens who have been attempting to determine what are the traditional values and characteristics of Birmingham.

MAJOR FLORENCE H. WILLETT said she hoped the city would be able to develop a priority list of projects in the CBDD plan as a result of the joint meeting.

Not recommended are pieces having a ratio of height to length of less than 1 to 1.414 and pieces which are not sealed or secured on all four edges so that they may be handled by machines.

Seek Joint Meeting on Zoning Law

By DAVE PHILPO Staff Writer
The future of a new zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Hills remained in doubt today, pending the outcome of a joint meeting of the city commission and the planning commission.

Commissioners agreed Tuesday night to request the planning commission to forestall any definitive action to a proposed master plan until the two groups could get together.

Should the plan commission adopt the master plan, which was aired before a public hearing Jan. 2, the city commission, through the zoning ordinance, will determine if the plan is to be implemented.

THE MEETING between the two bodies will give the city commission an opportunity to present recent revisions of the zoning ordinance by three of the city commissioners.

The three—Lyman J. Craig, Robert A. Frye and Henry L. Wood—were asked by Mayor John Bugas at the December meeting to come up with revisions to the zoning ordinance "they could live with" and present them at the January meeting.

The commissioners, referred to by Bugas as "a three-man task force," submitted their recommendations in a caucus of the commission prior to the regular meeting. The proposed revisions were not made public.

BUGAS SAID he would ask the planning commission not to act on the master plan until he had a chance to study the proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance.

The mayor said the revisions were not made public at the meeting because "two members of the commission have not had adequate time to study them."

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RESIDENTS AT the meeting voiced opposition to the master plan on the grounds that, if adopted, it might lead to a substantial increase in the average density.

PEOPLE WERE full of questions.

Do the five-cent stamps come in books? How much are air mail stamps now? What about the postal cards?

"They're higher today," was one man's answer and it hit the nail pretty well on the head.

Monday's customers were mainly in agreement that they shouldn't have waited until the 7th to buy stamps, and one housewife commented to a friend that she had been busy "all last week catching up on correspondence but just didn't finish in time."

"Eight cents," she replied, "I could fly there for that," he objected but bought a good supply of them anyway.

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Accelerated programs, attention to more research work and curriculum changes will increase the demands, Wezeman believes.

HE CITES the attendance on evenings and Saturdays in the reference room of the Baldwin Library and particularly calls attention to some of the conclusions of a subcommittee of the Citizens Library Study Council of the Birmingham area who studied the relationship of school to public libraries.

The committee concluded that the two types of libraries can only supplement the other. The school library facility creates the "library habit"; parochial schools seldom can afford adequate libraries; teenagers are among the heaviest users of public libraries—these factors were among committee conclusions.

THE COMMITTEE also states that evening or Saturday hours for school libraries pose the problem of prohibitive costs and the lack of supervision outside the library room.

School Libraries Are Good, But Not Answer to Problem

Second in a Series By IRMA N. DAVIS Township Editor

Baldwin Public Library is a superior public library serving an area that rates high in its education level and annual family income, says Frederick Wezeman, assistant professor of library science at the University of Minnesota.

In a report recently completed at the request of the Baldwin Library Board and the Bloomfield Township Board, Wezeman notes the heavy demands made upon the library by residents, nonresidents and students.

A suggested solution, by many a professor says, is often the development of effective and improved school libraries to relieve the burden on the public library.

LOCALLY, HE says, the pressure on Baldwin cannot thus be

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Franklin Sets Election for Gas Service

NITA HARD Special Writer

FRANKLIN—A special election Feb. 20 will give Franklin voters an opportunity to decide if Consumers Power Co. gas service will be made available.

The question of extending a franchise to the company, which has been hanging fire since 1957, was brought to a head Monday night when the council approved an ordinance to be submitted for a vote.

All costs of the special election will be borne by the company. If voters approve gas service, it may be available by summer, the company representatives said.

Voters will cast ballots at polls set up at Franklin School.

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Richard Rush To Speak at Town Hall

Richard H. Rush, art collector and author, will be the speaker at Birmingham Town Hall at 11 a.m. Jan. 17 and 18. His subject will be "Art as an Investment."

Luncheon will be held following the lecture on both days at Kingsley Inn.

Rush will be the fourth speaker of the current Town Hall season. He will be introduced by Marshall Fredericks on the 17th and by Robert A. Thom on the following day.

THE LECTURE will be concerned with methods of evaluating a painting, how one should put together a collection, how to "discover" paintings and will include other information designed to help the layman who would like to own at least a few quality paintings.

Collecting paintings is a hobby with Rush who is an investment banker and consulting economist. His own collection has been displayed by many art galleries throughout the country.

'Dry' Topic Approved by City Fathers

Birmingham City Commissioners went on record again Monday night as "not approving" the sale of liquor by the glass in Birmingham.

The liquor commission is currently in the process of renewing licenses throughout the state. Birmingham at the present time does not allow the sale of liquor by the glass.

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