

## Truck Driver Hospitalized By Boys' Prank

A 25-year-old Drayton Plains driver awaits plastic surgery in a hospital today as a result of a dangerous prank by two Farmington Township youngsters.

Thomas Tippett, a truck driver for Holcomb Sod Farms, Troy, was driving along the I-66 freeway early Sunday morning, when at the 41st overpass, he was struck in the face by broken pieces of glass from his shattered windshield.

POLICE SAID two 14-year-old boys were throwing pumpkins at passing cars beneath the overpass. Tippett's truck was the only vehicle hit before police arrived and nabbed the youngsters.

Hospital officials indicated that Tippett will require plastic surgery to repair damage to his face, caused by severe cuts.

The boys have been turned over to juvenile authorities.

## 7th Member Is Voted for Zone Board

Birmingham's board of zoning appeals will be increased to seven members.

City commissioners voted to approve the change at a public hearing Monday night. No one objected to the increase from six to seven members on the board.

The city administration had sought the additional member because in recent months it had been difficult to obtain a quorum for a meeting of the board.

THE BOARD of zoning appeals convenes only when a zoning ruling is appealed. At least four members of the board must be present to constitute a quorum.

No appointment to the board has been announced as yet by commissioners.

## Rehearsals Slated By Franklin Band

The Franklin Village Band, under the direction of Dr. Conrad H. Lam, will commence rehearsals on Monday evening and continue each Monday for the balance of the fall and winter.

Rehearsals are held in the basement of the Franklin Community Church at 8:30 p.m. New musical numbers added to the library recently include concert band arrangements of "Seventy-six Trombones," "American Patriot," "Princess of India," "Gates of Kiev," and others.

AN APPEARANCE of the band is tentatively scheduled for the Pontiac State Hospital in November. All area musicians who read written scores and play brass, woodwind or percussion instruments are invited to attend rehearsals.

Further information may be obtained by calling Bill Ellison, secretary, at MA 6-2386.

## Birmingham 'Y' Hosts School Administrators

The Birmingham YMCA board of management played host to 34 school administrators from Cranbrook, Riverwood, and the Birmingham and Bloomfield school districts at a noon luncheon at the Y last Wednesday.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the school people of the various programs the Y has to offer. After an slide presentation explaining the YMCA, Bill Beck, executive secretary of the Y, Con Ekens and Chet McLemore, program secretaries, spoke of the many activities offered by the Y.

THESE INCLUDE a family camping club, youth skiing, judo as a sport, Camp Obeyes, the two-week residency camp, Camp Nissakone, the one-month residence camp, and Birmingham's Indian Guide program, the largest in Michigan.

The guides will also handle the Christmas tree sale in Dec. with proceeds going toward the reduction of the Y's debt and to help finance the Y World Service Program.

Also brought to the group's attention were the summer day camp facilities for boys and girls, a year-round swimming program at school pools during the school year and back yard pools during the summer, bowling for 4th through 6th grade children, the Saturday classes in

archery and leatherscraft and the supervised game room activities.

THEY ALSO learned the Birmingham YMCA is looking for other staff person to help with programming for adults in the 18-30 age group and is already planning Hi-Y and Junior Hi-Y groups for teens.

During the question and answer period it was pointed out that more volunteer high school boys and girls are needed to assist with the swimming and Saturday programs.

This would give excellent experience for prospective teachers and those who are considering a career in the Y. Beck said. There is also a need for young men and women in the Y, and periodically students are invited to visit the George Williams College in Chicago, where the career training program is offered.

It was reported to the group that capital fund efforts have raised \$283,720, donated by 508 persons. While the United Foundation Campaign is in progress, the Y campaign has stopped openly soliciting for funds, but will resume after Nov. 11.



THE BIRMINGHAM YMCA played host to 34 school administrators from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area last week to explain the various programs offered by the Y. From left are: Mrs. John Cowen of the YMCA board, Fritz Pini, Adams School principal, Richard Thomas, George Booth School principal and Bill Beck, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA.

## No New Clues In Bombing Case

No new clues have been uncovered in the Oct. 18 bombing of Bedell's Restaurant, 2395 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Township.

Police are still awaiting an arson report from the Michigan State Police laboratory on the four bags of debris collected at the scene of the explosion.

JACK L. BEDELL, 3010 E. Bradford, Birmingham, co-owner of the restaurant, last week discounted a theory that the bombing was a result of his testimony before a minimum wage hearing Aug. 7 in Pontiac.

An estimated \$8,000 in damages was caused by the blast, which ripped the front of the eating place. The restaurant re-opened the following day and business is now back to normal.

## Fire Destroys Garage on Harmon

A fire completely destroyed a two-and-one-half-car garage at 788 Harmon, Birmingham, last Thursday night. The garage belonged to Ernest Savovic.

Fire Chief George Scott said he suspected the blaze was started by youngsters with gasoline. He estimated damage at about \$3,000.

## Assessment Planned for Alley Paving

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night declared the necessity of paving the alley on the south side of Woodward from Lincoln to Bird.

A hearing on the assessment district will be set in about three weeks after the city assessor has prepared the assessment role.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the engineering department in 1961 when the project first arose set the cost at \$47,000.

The project was delayed in 1961 because of opposition to it from abutting property owners.

Later in September of this year the City was petitioned by five different property owners in the area to have the alley paved under special assessment procedure.

WHEN THE project is finally approved, the cost will be split 85 per cent against the abutting business property owners and 15 per cent against the City.

A similar project in an alley on the east side of Woodward was completed in 1961 with no assessment against abutting residential property owners.

## Commission Okays Parking On E. Maple

Parking will be restored on E. Maple Road.

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night instructed the administration to take down the signs between Eton and Eton and on the north side of Maple between Eton and Coolidge that prohibited parking at any time.

The signs were installed while E. Maple was in the process of being widened. Although the county has jurisdiction over the road, the City retains the right to set parking regulations and speed limits.

THERE WAS NO clause in the agreement on the project with the County to prohibit the parking. This clause is normally in such agreements between the County and a municipality.

The former regulations of prohibiting parking on the south side of Maple between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and on the north side between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. will be continued.

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