

Berkley Corp. Goes Ahead On \$20 Million Center

A five-story pyramid-like structure will be at the core of a \$20 million shopping, office and civic center to be built in Berkley. The project received approval from the Berkley City Council Monday. A 30-member group, the Berkley Center Corp., has proposed and will construct the new complex.

Location of the center will be a 30-acre tract west of Coolidge to

Mortensen

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garded as one of the finest residential suburbs in the United States with an excellent shopping area serving the needs not only of Birmingham but of the entire area around the city.

"That this development has been both orderly and healthy is due in large measure to the fact that you have one of the best city governments I have ever known and because you and the other members of the Chamber have cooperated loyally and unselfishly over the years for the good of the community."

"I think you have elected an excellent Board of Directors and I am sure the future of the Chamber is in good hands."

ALSO IN that member bulletin Roberts said:

"The resignation of Charles Mortensen as manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has been accepted by your Board of Directors with deep and sincere regret.

"This community is a better place to live and to work because of Charlie and the Chamber over the past 16 years. His contribution and service to this community can never be measured or forgotten. Through many trying periods in the growth and development of our community, Charlie's leadership, knowledge and devotion to Birmingham have always been apparent."

"During Mortensen's tenure the chamber has grown from no members and no dues in 1948 to 322 members and a budget of \$17,500 today."

MORTENSEN, 55, lives with his wife Irene at Lake Angelus north of Pontiac.

He came to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce in April, 1948, as its first manager. He was selected for the post by the chamber founders: Jack Ball, Gen. Florio, Dr. Robert Mason, Ralph Wilson, Hollie Reese and Paul N. Averill.

The chamber has had four different locations. The first office, opened April 1, 1948, was at 772 S. Woodward. A year later, it was transferred to 350 E. Maple.

In 1956, the chamber was moved to 124 S. Woodward. Two years later, it was moved to its present location at 55 W. Maple.

IN ITS first year, the chamber sold license plates for the Michigan secretary of state office, building up to a profit of \$7,000 in its last year.

The chamber lost its franchise, however, with the election of James Hare, when a Democrat received the appointment.

Mortensen, born Sept. 19, 1908, in Black River Falls, Wis., is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

From 1930 to 1939, he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. After a year as a civilian employee of the Army, he was commissioned in 1940 as an officer in the Army Ordnance Dept.

HE LEFT the Army in 1946 with the rank of captain and the

Army Commendation Medal. His next position was as chief of the organization and methods division of the War Assets Administration.

He has been a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club since 1948, serving as president in 1959. He also has served as treasurer of the Birmingham Arts Festival and as secretary-treasurer of the Central Business District Development Committee.

Mortensen is a member of the Reserve Officers Association and the University of Michigan Alumni Club.

Grant Request For Water Connection

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The township board granted a request for the Franklin Corner subdivision addition to connect to the Knollwood Heights water system at its meeting last week.

However, the board split on the amount that the township should charge developer Herman Frankel for use of the Knollwood Heights well system, which is owned and operated by the township.

BASED ON original cost of the well system, Frankel's pro rata share of the cost was figured at \$7,000. In order to accommodate the additional 41 home sites that will be added to the system, the township will have to spend from \$2,000 to \$2,500 to increase the water output of the well.

Township board members Walter Whitmer and Charles Forbes felt that the cost of increasing well capacity should be borne by Frankel and should be in addition to his pro rata share.

They were voted down by board members John Warren, John Richard, Dorothy Chamberlain and Sue Warner. Member Emmet DeConick remained undecided on the issue.

RESIDENTS of Berkley, other parts of Oakland County and Wayne County will be given an opportunity to purchase stock in the Twelve Mile-Coolidge Center, it was reported by Ralph F. Finley, Berkley municipal judge and attorney for the Berkley Center Corp.

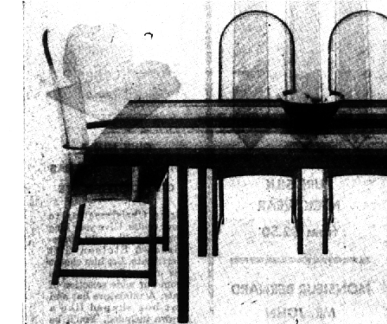
Berkley Mayor George W. Kuhn said he hoped to receive public cooperation in locating the center in the redevelopment area.

He said the city can condemn buildings for construction of municipal facilities.

Judge Finley said condemnation can be enforced for municipal parking.

THE SHOPPING complex is expected to mean \$200,000 a year to the city's income tax. A \$7,500 economic survey recently revealed a shopping potential of at least \$75 million a year.

Graham said there are 73,223 homes in the trading area and that



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Games

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to a period of normalcy, according to Public Safety Director Robert Stadler.

"We always have more incidents of vandalism during the summer months when the kids are out of school," he said. "They seem to have more time on their hands then."

IN BLOOMFIELD Hills, a city of 2,500 persons, the most serious problem concerning juveniles is with speeding and dragging within the city limits.

"We've found that most of those involved are from Birmingham, Royal Oak and cities south of us," Stadler said. "Most of the kids who normally live in Bloomfield Hills are away at school."

Not too long ago, a favorite sport of visiting teen-agers was painting a bridge located in the Hills.

However, this fad soon passed after police furnished the offenders with paint remover, brushes and rags and supervised the cleanup work.

A RECENT incident in Beverly Hills pointed up the fact that the village, too, has its problems with the younger set.

A resident complained that youngsters were placing large stones in the middle of his street, making it virtually impossible for traffic to use the street.

Beverly Hills Police also have had many reports of malicious destruction of property by teens. One example is driving across lawns with cars.

Breaking and entering is also a problem.

AS CHAIRMAN of the AAA National Highway Committee and during his nine-year term as a board member of the Michigan Club, Walters has devoted much of his time to fighting for more highways. He has appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington as the representative of AAA's members, urging that the Federal Highway Act be amended and extended.

"Auto Club will be watching vigilantly during my term of office to see that motorist funds are spent wisely," Walters said. "Michigan's voters spoke overwhelmingly in 1938 when they decreed that motorist taxes can be used only for highway purposes. Auto Club will fight with all its resources to maintain that policy."

WALTERS believes motorists are doing more than their share for the economy with the entire federal highway program being financed by user taxes, and with highway construction and use so essential to the country's welfare.

The U. S. government general fund is also enriched by motorist taxes, he points out.

"We must finish the federal system of interstate highways sooner than 1971," Walters says. Many of them are becoming inadequate soon after opening, he points out.

Born in Cass City, Walters worked his way through Detroit College of Law on the then Cadillac Motor Car Co. assembly line in 1923.

A MEMBER of the Detroit, Michigan and American Bar associations, Walters is also secretary of S.S. Kresge Co. Ltd. of Canada, and a director of the American Retail Federation, Michigan Retail Association, Macabees Mutual Life Insurance Co., Mt. Clemens Pottery Co. and Detroit Central Business District Association.

He is a trustee and secretary of Arnold Home and trustee of Brighton Hospital, a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar, Noonide Club, Delta Theta Phi, professional law fraternity and the Detroit Golf Club.

He was in the U.S. armed services in 1916-18.

He was born Aug. 7, 1899. Walters and his wife, the former Jean Ramsey of Detroit, have a daughter Margaret Jan, and son Thomas J., who is a student at Western Michigan University.



AS SMOKE billows out the windows, a fireman rushes up the ladder to help combat a fire that destroyed the third-floor apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Groves at 511 S. Bates.

Tragedy

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four pieces of equipment to the scene.

FIRE CHIEF George Scott said that the cause of the blaze is still unknown but that the fire started

in a storage space behind a wall in the third-floor apartment.

The fire spread into the attic and gutted the apartment, according to Chief Scott. No one was injured in the blaze.

The couple had been living in the apartment for approximately the last two months, after moving from Cleveland.

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