

Church Slates Two Reasons For Celebration

Christmas Sunday, 1963, will be a doubly joyous occasion for the Birmingham area members of University Presbyterian Church, Rochester. Worship services on Dec. 22 will be held in the recently completed chapel for the first time. It will also mark the first performance of the new Alfred G. Wilson Memorial Organ, made possible through a bequest of Mr. Wilson and a gift from Mrs. Wilson.

Services are scheduled for 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

AT 7 P.M. on Christmas Eve,

the chapel will echo with carols in the traditional observance of the Nativity. An original dramatic script entitled, "For God So Loved the World," has been written for the service. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allured and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albyn are directing the pageant.

Participating in the service will be the chancel choir, the junior choir and the junior high choir. The junior high bellringers will use the new set of handmade bells recently arrived from Holland.

BABIES AND young children will be cared for in the church nurseries located in adjacent Lawnridge Hall.

The chapel will be formally dedicated at a service at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19.

An organ recital will mark dedication of the organ and other memorials on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m.

Fire Accidental, Cause Unknown At B'field Plaza

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Arson has been ruled out—at least temporarily—as the cause of a \$385,000 fire Dec. 8 in the Bloomfield Plaza shopping center at Maple and Telegraph.

"We've had several federal and state investigators out here and the arson squad from Detroit and for now the fire has been ruled accidental and cause undetermined," said Bloomfield Township Fire Chief Volly V. Yanuzeski.

He said the investigation would continue as the rubble is cleared away.

The blaze, a second largest in township history, destroyed the Sav-On Drug store and damaged three adjoining shops before fire-

men brought it under control.

THE ARGYLE Shop, Jacqueline Shop and the American Savings and Loan Association suffered smoke and fire damage.

Yanuzeski said that plans are underway to rebuild the section destroyed by the fire. The shopping center is owned by Irwin Cohn of Detroit and is leased to the various shops.

The Jacqueline Shop will be closed temporarily because of smoke damage. Customers are invited to visit another shop at 9 Mile and Coolidge, Oak Park, until repairs are made, the owner said.

Business is being conducted as usual at American Savings and Loan Association. The office was open for business the day after the fire.

igan Chandelier, also located on the plaza.

Lack of a good water supply handicapped firemen in their efforts, according to Yanuzeski. The township is in the process of receiving water from Detroit.

Four additional hydrants have been installed at the shopping center and a tap-in to the transmission main that serves Birmingham Farms subdivision has been made within the last week, Yanuzeski said.

THE FIRE chief praised his men. "They were excellent. I feel our department did as good a job as could be expected under the circumstances."

He also expressed his thanks to the Bloomfield Village department who aided at the fire and the West Bloomfield firefighters who stood by in case of other fires in the township.

The chief added that increased fire wall protection would be asked for when the rebuilding job starts.

Council Denies Gas Line Linkage Across City Land

A request by a property owner to run a gas service line across City-owned land at Maple and Baldwin was denied by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Robert F. Irwin, who is building a home on the east side of Baldwin north of Maple, had sought permission to cross the city property with the gas line rather than to connect with the Baldwin service. He estimated the cost to him would be about \$200 greater for hooking into the Baldwin gas line.

CONSUMERS Power Co. had told City Manager L. R. Gare it could install the service from either Maple or Baldwin but would prefer to provide the service from Baldwin.

If the commission had approved the request, Consumers would have been forced to cut under Maple Avenue and the Rouge River and remove vines and bushes from the City property.

Wall Splits Residents, Cemetery Association

BEVERLY HILLS.—A permit requested by the Acacia Park Cemetery Association to tap into the 13 Mile Road arm of the Evergreen interconnector has been held up pending agreement between representatives of the cemetery and residents of the abutting property on the appearance of a 420-foot wall the cemetery association is erecting.

At the regular council meeting Monday, Councilman Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., reported that a meeting had been held with representatives of the cemetery and the residents of West Rutland. Residents had complained that previous agreements over the appearance of the wall had been ignored.

When the residents are satisfied with the "Berlin Wall" as they call

it, the tap-in permit will be issued.

IN OTHER business, Roger Parrish, 3025 Woodhaven, was refunded \$8.93 on his tax assessment, this being the difference between the tax on the village's assessment of \$10,700 and the final assessment of \$14,800 made by the Municipal Tax Commission on an appeal by Parrish.

Councilman Chester A. Guilmet reported that at a drawing made by Michigan Gov. George Romney, Beverly Hills will be paired with Vassar, a town of approximately 15,000 about 100 miles north of Detroit, for Mayor Exchange Day next May 18.

Guilmet also reported that \$7,000 will be paid the Baldwin Library of Birmingham as Beverly Hills' part of the agreement to use the library's facilities through June 30, 1964. The annual cost is \$14,000.

Councilman Edward F. Dolan reported that he had been in touch with both Paul Van Roekel and his assistant, Norman Knapp, of the Oakland County Road Commission relative to the county's plan for widening Greenfield and Southfield and improving 14 Mile Road and that he hoped to have a full report by the next council meeting.

Problems

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Of 17 juvenile cases last month, seven were turned over to probate court and 10 were handled locally by the Youth Protective Service.

The court-assigned official in Troy is John Luak. He is at the police station one day a week.

According to Hoffman, Luak visits "seem to bring the police department and the court closer together" in dealing with teen-agers' problems.

SGT. HOFFMAN feels that the first contact with police by a teen has a decided influence on the future of his or her life.

"You can't take the attitude that they all are a bunch of punks. They must be treated with consideration. Most are only trying to get attention, which they don't seem to receive at home."

In Southfield, larceny ranks as the No. 1 crime committed by teens.

Shoplifting becomes more and more serious as the population increases in this building-boom community, although police are receiving excellent cooperation from the merchants.

The situation seems just too tempting to the teen who wants to "learn how to drive" or who wants to "try her life."

Sgt. Richard Overmyer, youth officer in Southfield, says there are sometimes reports of impending gang fights.

"We immediately call the parents of the boys involved and tell them to keep the boys home. In this way, we can squelch such incidents before they ever get started."

TEENS ALSO figure in many instances of disorderly conduct such as creating disturbances in public places, Overmyer said.

Teen-agers blow up mailboxes in Southfield, too.

Even if they have to drive to Toledo to buy the freetrackers.

Jan. 6 Hearing Set for 3 Lots

A Jan. 6 public hearing has been set by Birmingham city commissioners for the rezoning of the three remaining parcels of land in the block south of Shain Park from multiple family to public property.

The three lots were acquired last week by the City through condemnation proceedings in Oakland

County Circuit Court. Total cost of the three lots was set at \$98,000.

The block, bounded by Merrill, Bates, Townsend and Henrietta, will be used for the new Municipal Parking Lot No. 7.

Commissioners rezoned the other eight parcels of land on the block to public property last week.

This & That

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more willing to accept available protection—for even the Secret Service admit that they cannot guarantee 100 per cent protection to a President, especially if he allows himself to be openly presented to masses of admiring people. One Lee Harvey Oswald among hundreds of thousands at Dallas was enough to prove the point.



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