

Charges

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property and for handling technical problems in understanding and meeting township zoning requirements. Freeman, who said that he was unfamiliar with the actual details other than what he had been briefed on his way from the airport, made his statement after conferring with another salesman for the bowling company, Richard L. White, 2915 Greenfield, Southfield. It was to White that the alleged offers of influence for a fee had been made.

MEMBERS OF the planning commission pressed Freeman to name the person who had made the offer.

Freeman consistently refused to reveal the party's identity. He did, however, reveal that he was a real estate broker.

"He does not live in your township nor have an office in the township," Freeman told the board. Claude Wilmer, commission board chairman, said he felt that the broker would want to clear up the inference Lawrence made before the township board.

"By inferring that township zoning cases can be influenced, Lawrence has reflected on the seven members of the township board and the nine members of the planning commission, since we are the officials involved in township zoning," Whitmer told Freeman.

LAWRENCE did not appear at the planning commission meeting Tuesday night.

Freeman told the commission that "in view of what has happened" he requested Lawrence not to appear.

When commission members sought to elicit details from Whitmer about what he had said, Freeman asked that all questions be directed to himself.

"This is not a court of law," he said, "there are to be no cross-examinations." Freeman told the board that Lawrence had informed him that he had not meant to infer any wrongdoing on the part of township officials when he made his charges at the township board.

AT THE board meeting last week, Lawrence also refused to name the person who had made the offer to obtain township cooperation.

"I will name no names," he said, "but in a public meeting under oath, I will name names."

Lawrence told the township board "it is not anyone sitting at this table who made the offer."

Lawrence told the township board that a rezoning decision was now forthwith because the bowling company's option on the property expires in March.

"If we're to get the building built in the fall bowling season, it must be started by April 15. We'll miss the season if the building isn't ready by August, as bowling leagues are formed and signed up then," he said.

Lawrence said that fees mentioned by the unnamed party in two telephone calls to White were for \$600 one time and \$1,000 another time.

"Perhaps this is why we're getting nowhere," he angrily charged.

THE TOWNSHIP planning commission reviewed details of steps taken so far by its members in the rezoning of the Orchard Lake property.

"The request came to us either in late November or early December . . . our minutes will reveal the exact date," chairman Whitmer recapitulated.

He said that almost immediately, on a cold Sunday morning in December, seven of the commission members had met at the site of the property with Lawrence.

"As I recall, Lawrence himself was in doubt as to whether the property was large enough and showed some interest in a larger piece on the southeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake roads."

"The property in question is on the east side of Orchard Lake Road just north of the Maple intersection."

Whitmer said he expected Lawrence to appear two nights later at the December meeting of the planning commission to further discuss the property rezoning but that he failed to appear then and also at a subsequent meeting in January.

"He did attend the Jan. 22 commission meeting," Whitmer continued.

He said that the question was

whether a 100-foot buffer strip that the commission wanted left between the parking area and an adjoining building would leave the amount of parking space the bowling company felt it needed. The bowling company wanted only a 50-foot strip left.

Whitmer said that the meeting ended with Lawrence saying that he would submit the proposed layout of the bowling establishment to the township building department to see if the parking area with a 100-foot buffer strip would comply with township zoning regulations for every one foot of usable building space.

"I am informed that he never went to the township building department," Whitmer added.

THE PROPERTY in question has 176 feet of frontage on Orchard Lake road and is approximately 600 feet deep. It is presently zoned commercial for a depth of 260 feet. The rezoning request was to add another 60 feet to the commercial zoning and to rezone the remainder for parking, except for a buffer zone between the property and Doherty Estates subdivision.

Minutes of the Jan. 22 meeting, read Tuesday night, indicated that the planning commission members looked favorably on the rezoning request—except the question of the size of the buffer strip.

RIPLEY Bowling Co. is engaged in the manufacture of bowling supplies and equipment. It is a part of a complex of companies with factories in other countries as well as in the United States. It has a branch office in Detroit.

The \$600,000 to \$750,000 bowling establishment proposed to be located on the West Bloomfield property is to be sold to a Detroit syndicate of which George Penick, Detroit Lion's coach, is a member.

It was Wilson who first made an offer to the West Bloomfield Township officials about a suitable location for a bowling establishment in the township, Whitmer told The Birmingham Eccentric.

ATTORNEY Freeman told the planning commission that the rezoning application is still anxious to get the rezoning matter settled as its customers for the bowling establishment want to go ahead with the investment.

The board members, in discussion, said that the impasse would exist so long as the real estate broker went unnamed.

Freeman left the meeting without contacting himself as to his next move, after the board said they would be satisfied with his offer to furnish a notarized letter from Lawrence absolving all township officials from the "influence-peddling" allegation.

The board agreed with Freeman's summation that he "was in a difficult position," but refused to judge from its own position.

Snipers

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field was discovered in a drainage ditch on Squirrel Road, Orion Township. An army mine detector was used to find it.

DOUGLAS IS BEING held in the Children's County Jail Center until it is decided whether or not he will be turned over to Taylor for trial on a first-degree murder charge.

Since an informal hearing Feb. 6 in the chambers of Oakland County Probate Judge Donald Adams the boy has been studied by a senior county child welfare worker, Wallace C. Crane, and John A. McFadden. The latter is a clinical psychologist for the court.

The two men were to report at the Feb. 13 hearing.

AT THE INFORMAL hearing, Taylor said he believes Douglas sufficient to have criminal intent and, because of his outstanding intelligence and educational background, to be aware of the consequences of his deed.

Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke filed a formal complaint that the boy had violated a state law which makes murder a capital crime.

If the boy is kept within juvenile court jurisdiction, he could be committed to Pontiac State Hospital, referred to a private child welfare agency or placed in the children's center as a juvenile offender. Judge Adams also could free the boy.

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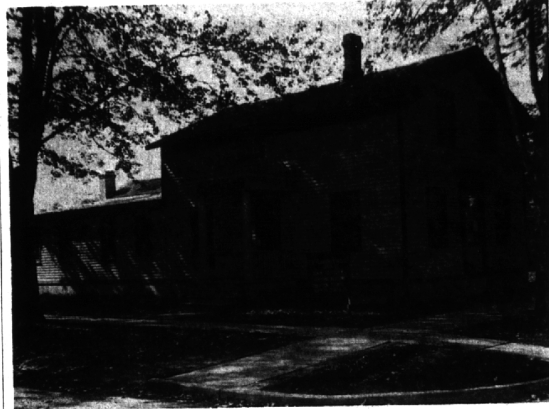
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Thorson Problem

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One of the biggest factors in making the long hours in jail a little easier, Thorson said, was reading. "I found a great interest and help in reading. Walt Denison brought me one of Elbert Schweitzer's books, 'Out of My Life and Thought' and I enjoyed it very much."

He said he also read Leon Urli's "Mila 18" and a book titled "A Child Is Waiting."

THORSON SAID that while waiting for his next court appearance he decided that there must be something worthwhile he could do for his fellow prisoners.

He said that he met one 28-year-old man who had been in trouble most of his life. The two became friends and Thorson offered to teach the man some of the principles of accounting.

"I think by the time we finished he could keep a set of books for a small company," Thorson smiled.

"I said, Bill, when you get out of here I think you should go back to school and graduate." He told the man to be sure to write him and let him know how things were going.

"So many are in trouble because of their environment," Thorson said.

THE LOW point of the whole affair, Thorson said, was at the examination when the judge refused the motions of Kohl to suppress the evidence and to set bond.

"I got a hold of myself the next day and decided to make the maximum use of my time and try to help other people," he said.

The most depressing part of his stay in jail, Thorson said, was the feeling of "being caged."

"I told Walt and Konrad that they should be thankful they were able to walk up to a door, turn the knob and have it open," he said.

THORSON HAD only nine days to say about his guards.

"Many of them were very kind to me and it seemed several of them went out of their way to be especially nice."

"One who dispensed medicine to us always stopped and talked to me a few minutes."

The twice weekly visits of Joan also did much to boost Thorson's morale.

"The only tough part was that we had to talk through a double screen," he said.

"I'm thankful that Judge (Paul E.) Krause gave us a few minutes alone at the arraignment."

JOAN THORSON said she was

Police

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and repair and dog complaints are handled by this division.

In 1962 the department handled 8,056 complaints or occurrences. Of these 6,711 required immediate police action. Non-emergency assignments included bank and funeral escort details, doors and windows left open and missing persons reports.

Traffic accidents are the biggest problem of the department; last year, there were 844 accidents within the city limits. Of these 614 were property damage only but 230 involved an injured person or persons.

THE ONE bright spot in the traffic picture was the fact that Birmingham completed its second full year without a fatal traffic accident.

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No Contest In Wood Creek Council Race

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Voting is expected to be light at the March 11 village election with no contest for the two council posts being vacated by Mrs. Marion Lam and Arthur Busch.

Unopposed for the two year terms are Mrs. Robert Swift, 2949 Westbrook and Ben DeCook, 23195 Spring.

Although a petition had been filed for Arthur Busch, who served as village clerk for several terms and councilman one term, Busch withdrew his name from the running last week.

THE COUNCIL may have to appoint a successor to councilman Carl Ambrose, who still has a year to serve. Ambrose has been ill and unable to attend monthly meetings. However, he has not formally tendered his intention to resign.

Voters will cast ballots at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fisher, 28393 Wellington road.

School Crossing, City Hall to Be Meeting Topics

LATHROP—Study meetings on the 12 Mile Road school crossing problem and on the municipal office building project will be held Monday night.

Members of St. Bede's school committee will confer with city officials on the progress made toward providing adequate protection for school children who must cross the busy road. Also under discussion will be the crossing at Southfield and 12 Mile roads.

AT PRESENT, Lathrop provides protection in front of the school by overlapping shifts of two policemen during the morning rush period.

The council also will meet with a land appraiser and the architect to evaluate the situation in respect to possible construction of a city hall.

The hours of the two separate meetings have not yet been set.

Township Police National Magazine

The Feb. 18 issue of Newsweek magazine contains an article on the work that Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke and his police on the trail of the youth.

men did in the solving of the sniper case. The article traces the hours of police work that led to the arrest of 15-year-old Douglas Godfrey for the slaying of his mother.

Newsweek tells of a "glimmer of intuition" so appalling it chilled Dehnke to think about it that put Dehnke on the trail of the youth.

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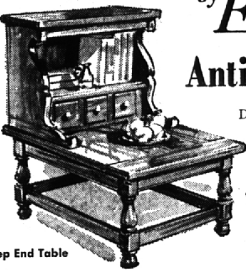
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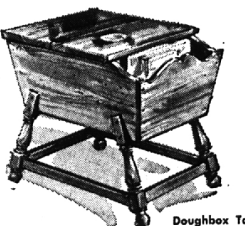
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Additional parking and adequate traffic flow are major concerns of the Community House board and they are expected to go on record favoring immediate steps to solve these problems.

THE BOARD feels that the Community House's future plans will only mature "with the total cooperation of all our individual citizens plus the many boards and organizations in the community."

It also recommended that property along Elm from Forest to Hazel be rezoned to the nonretail business classification.

Roberts' motion to continue Monday's public hearing until reports could be submitted by the attorney and plan board carried unanimously. They are expected within a month.

certainly relieved and was happy to have her husband home. "I'm sorry the charges weren't dropped but I'm very grateful to Judge Gillis for setting bond."

Joan and Bob said they would both work as much as possible in the next few months to prove his innocence and find the slayer of Mrs. Thomas.

Joan said that her immediate project, however, was to "put about 20 pounds back on Bob."

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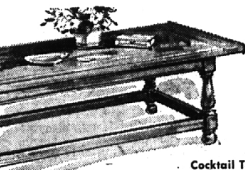
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