

## Road Repair Hearing Set

A public hearing will be held on May 20 before the Birmingham City Commission on the City's 1963 road oil program.

Last week the department of public works checked all the unimproved streets in Birmingham to determine which streets should be included in the light oil and seal coat programs.

DPW Supt. T. C. Brien recommended to the commission that no oil mat and seal coat program be done this year, since there are no

streets broken up enough to require tearing up and reworking.

BRIEN ESTIMATED the total cost of the necessary repair program at \$22,000. The city will pay 15 per cent of the cost of the project and the remaining 85 per cent will be paid through a special assessment.

A hearing on the confirmation of the assessment roll is scheduled for June 3.



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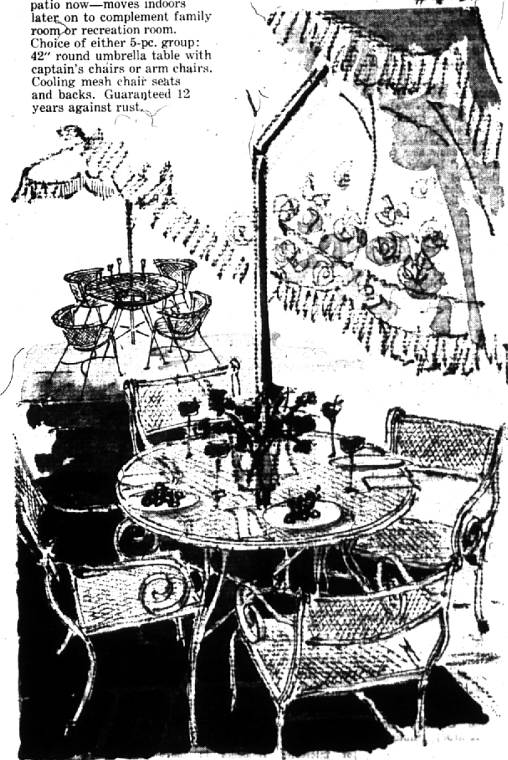
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## Bobby's Parents Say Thanks to Police, Citizens

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—The following is a letter from Joseph E. Grinnan, 5515 Parklawn, Bloomfield Township, to Township Supervisor Homer Case thanking township officials for their help while the Grinnans waited out the long hours for reports on their missing son.

Dear Mr. Case,  
Mrs. Grinnan and I have just returned to our home in Bloomfield from our trip to Philadelphia for the burial of our son, Bobby. Ever since Bobby disappeared, over a month ago, we have both wanted to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the public officials and township departments that played such an important part in the search for our missing son and our thanks, of course, go particularly to the Bloomfield Township police department, the fire department, and the water department, all of whom worked so earnestly and so diligently at a time when we needed them most.

Our thanks also must go equally to the various organizations that participated—the Boy Scouts, the Sheriff's Mounted Posse, the County police force and the state police and the surrounding townships that participated, they were all tremendous.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS must go to Bloomfield Township's Police Chief Norman Dehke who was the one that coordinated the search efforts. I have commented over and over again on the tremendous job that was done in organizing all of the forces that participated, and one would have to see it in order to believe the efficiency in which this was handled.

Needless to say, in the very early stages of the search for Bobby, closely watched Mr. Dehke as I felt that he would be the key man and I did not have to observe the way he conducted himself for very long before I came to the conclusion that the search for Bobby could not have been in better hands.

There was a point in time when that generated our utmost confidence in his ability and my mind I could only liken the manner in which he

handled himself to that of a competent general directing his forces. Our community is obviously composed of many people new to the area and great numbers of them have approached me with the thought that until this incident came up doubts ran through their minds as to how efficient a police organization the township could be of.

To a person, they now feel that Bloomfield Township has a law enforcement body that ranks with the best. They have, of course, come to this conclusion after seeing it in operation in the search for our son.

THE FINAL OUTCOME of the affair was not the one that we hoped for, however, Mrs. Grinnan and myself are firmly reconciled to the fact that nothing more could have been done in any way to have changed it.

We can only feel that it was

the will of Almighty God that it

turned out as it did and we are not the one to question that. We are convinced that Bobby did not get into that pond himself—we do feel that he was put there and naturally it is our hope that if this is the case, the person responsible be apprehended so that another child may not be exposed to a similar fate.

Again our sincerest thanks for the efforts put forth by everyone and for the expressions of sympathy that came to us from all directions.

We are deeply appreciative of the way our neighbors rallied around us at such a trying time and for the wonderful way they went about making our burden lighter in those most difficult days. Many of these fine folks we had never even had the opportunity of knowing beforehand.

Every one was simply marvelous.

## Board of Supervisors Realigns Committees

Appointments were made Thursday by Oakland County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Delos Hamilton in a realignment of the Board's committees.

Three new committee chairmen from South Oakland were named. They are Carl F. Ingraham of Birmingham, Legislative Committee; James L. Carey of Troy, Cooperative Extension Service; and L. Curtis Potter of Royal Oak, Drain Committee.

Appointees to the Board of Public Works are John C. Rehner of Southfield, Chairman; Elmer Kephart of Bloomfield Hills, Vice Chairman; and Curtis H. Knowles of Oak Park, Secretary.

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West Bloomfield Township, Charles B. Edwards, Jr., of Madison Heights and David R. Calhoun, Hamtramck Woods mayor.

ON THE Drain Committee is S. James Clarkson, Southfield mayor, who was replaced on the Local Taxes Committee by LeRoy Davis, Hazel Park councilman.

Appointed to the Salaries Committee were Clarence A. Durbin of Southfield, William A. Hudson of Troy and A. Taylor Menzies of Clawson.

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## Proclaims Law Day

Birmingham Mayor William H. Burgum (left) has proclaimed Wednesday as Law Day U.S.A. George J. Fulkerson, a Birmingham attorney who lives at 3160 Middlebury Lane, Bloomfield Township, was appointed Law Day chairman for the area by the Oakland County Bar Association. The observance focuses public attention on the important role law has played in the spiritual and material growth of the United States and in world leadership.

## Judge Rashid Upholds Law On Closing

Circuit Judge Joseph G. Rashid held Tuesday that the Sunday closing law is constitutional. At the same time, he reinstated an order barring enforcement of the law for 20 days in Oakland and 10 for other counties.

He granted the stay-to enable attorneys Alan E. Schwartz and George E. Raskin, who represent 61 discount stores and 50 independent merchants, to petition for an injunction prohibiting the law's enforcement.

Judge Rashid said he upheld the law not as a religious issue but primarily to insure that stores have one day to spend together.

The law requires stores that are opened Saturday to close on Sunday. Stores closed Saturday may operate on Sunday. Some 90 types of merchandise are forbidden for sale on successive Saturdays and Sundays under the law.

Most retail stores occupying 4,000 square feet or less are exempt from the law.

County boards of supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, may exclude their counties from the act.

In Oakland County on Thursday the Board of Supervisors voted 20-18 to uphold the Sunday closing law. To exempt Oakland, 57 supervisors would have been required to vote "yes."

MORE THAN 200 persons attended the two-hour open meeting which preceded the Board of Supervisors vote. Religious groups were represented, as were representatives from businesses.

Among supervisors voting against the law were Wallace B. Hudson, James F. Carey and Robert J. Huber, Troy's three supervisors, and vice chairman Carl F. Ingraham of Birmingham who said they considered the law unenforceable.

Most voting "no" were Frank F. Webber of Addison Township, Elmer Kephart of Bloomfield Hills and John Carey of Springfield Township.

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## Birmingham Buys Two Voting Machines From New York Firm

Birmingham voters will have the use of two new machines in the next election.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the purchase of the machines from New York firm for \$3,355 including delivery charges.

City Clerk Irene Hanley said the new machines will be used for the April 1 election and were forced to call a factory repair man. She said the machines were repaired in time for the election but her office could not be sure they would work satisfactorily.

The annual school election calendar was approved by the Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night.

Two members will be elected to the board at the June 10 election.

Mrs. Kathryn Loomis, president of the board, has announced she would not seek another term so there will be at least one new face on the seven-member board.

GEORGE W. COOMBE, Jr., vice president of the board, will seek another four-year term.

As of Wednesday morning no one else had filed nominating petitions, according to school officials. Petitions must be filed not later than 4 p.m., Saturday, May 11.

The board also approved the 1963-64 Birmingham Recreation Board budget of \$117,552, of which \$40,988 is to be the board of education's share. In Birmingham, the schools and the city share the cost of the recreation program.

BOARD MEMBER E. Ross Hanson complimented Recreation Director Donald Martin on his department's "fine program" and for the increased participation in the program.

Thirty-four enumerators for the 1963 school census in the district were appointed by the board.

Approval was given to the director of finance to borrow \$150,000 against the 1964 school taxes.

William Saunders, president of the Baldwin PTA, asked the board to consider petitioning the Birmingham City Commission on finding an alternate peripheral route for the downtown area.

The board took the request under advisement.

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## Husband Held In Slaying of Wife in S'field

**SOUTHFIELD**—James Butler, 31, was arraigned Saturday morning before Municipal Judge Clarence Reid, Jr. on a charge of murder in the death of his estranged wife, Virginia, 23. The murder took place earlier Saturday.

He was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court and is being held in the county jail. No bond was set.

Butler, an ex-convict, surrendered to police on the porch of his wife's home at 28453 Brentwood at 3 a.m. Saturday. He took them into the living room of the house, showed them the body of his wife on the floor and told them he had carried her inside the house after beating her on the street nearby.

HE TOLD POLICE he clubbed his wife with a 22 rifle after she ran screaming out of the front door after he had broken into the home carrying the rifle. Police said he beat his wife until she was splintered in his hands. Butler told police he only wanted to stop her from screaming.

Police were called by a neighbor, Paul Kline, 28466 Brentwood. The couple had been separated for about two weeks. Butler said he went to his wife's home to kill himself in front of her, according to police. She had just returned from her job as a waitress in a Berkeley bar.

DEBORAH, The Butlers' 22-month old child, slept through the next election.

Mrs. Butler was dead on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital.

Police said Butler was committed to a private mental hospital after threatening his wife with a gun on Feb. 27. He was released after several days. Mrs. Butler told police that she did not want to press charges against him.

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5 Law Students  
For Achievements

Among the University of Michigan law school students to receive special recognition at Ann Arbor last week were five from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Charles R. Frederickson, 515 Puritan, Birmingham, a senior, was honored for work on the Law Review. D. Michael Kratchman, senior, 1818 Charrington, Birmingham, was honored as a newly elected member of the Order of Coif and assistant editor, Law Review.

Joseph P. Martin, senior, 1297 Maple East, Birmingham, assistant editor, Law Review.

William R. Nicholas, 911 Madison, Birmingham, 1962 law school graduate, was honored for his contribution to Law Review as associate editor.

Richard F. Gerber, 17153 Westhampton, Southfield, editorial board of Law Review.

March of Dimes  
To Hold Annual  
Dinner Meeting

Annual dinner meeting of the Oakland County Chapter to be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Tuesday. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The accomplishments of the chapter during the past year will be reviewed. Election of officers to direct the chapter during 1963 will be held.

Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to the news media for their cooperation during the 1963 March of Dimes campaign.

HERBERT T. Wagner, M.D., will be guest speaker. Dr. Wagner is a program consultant for The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

He serves as advisor in establishing and financing special treatment centers and evaluation clinics for birth defects and arthritis.