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Seek Action on Maple Parking Problem

City to Develop Old Sewage Site For Golf Course

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham will soon have a second municipal golf course. City Commissioner Monday night authorized City Manager L. R. Gare to take the action necessary to proceed with the development of a nine-hole course at the site of the old sewage treatment plant at Cranbrook and Lincoln roads.

The move ended almost two years of discussion between the commission, recreation and planning board as to what should be done with the 66-acre tract of city-owned property.

Some construction on the course is expected to get underway almost immediately. It is hoped the 2,000-yard-long course will be ready for play in 1964.

TOTAL COST of the project...

4 Sidewalk Projects Get City Approval

Special assessment districts will be set up for four sidewalk construction projects in Birmingham. City Commissioners Monday night decided a necessity for the projects:

- On the west side of Coolidge from Yorkshire to one-half block north.
- St. Andrews, east side, from Dorchester to one-half block north.
- The other side of St. Andrews from Dorchester to one-half block south.
- Torry, west side, from one-half block south of Lincoln to Bannaville.

All the hearings had been adjourned from last week's commission meeting. Only four commissioners were able to attend them and there was some feeling the whole group should vote on the matter.

'63-64 Budget OK'd in B'ham

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night officially adopted a \$1,809,263 budget for the city to operate on in 1963-64.

The budget will allow Birmingham's tax rate to remain at 18 mills for another year. This will mean a rate of 18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Mayor William H. Burgum said this was the third straight year the tax rate had remained level.

"We should be able to provide services at the same level and also go ahead with most of the capital improvement projects," Burgum said.

Taxes will bring in \$1,812,055 of (See BUDGET, 5-A)

Find Mixed Reactions To City Parking Lot

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How do people who live near Birmingham's Municipal Parking Lot at Brown and Pierce feel about looking out over a sea of automobiles and concrete?

Generally speaking, it doesn't bother them much.

Mrs. Duane Bondy, 138 E. Brown, has lived on the corner of Brown and Pierce for eight months.

"The lot doesn't bother me," she said. "We moved in here for the convenience of being close to the downtown area."

MRS. BONDY said her four small children have instructions not to cross the street so the lot poses no safety problem for her.

The bright lights from the lot shine in the Bondy home in the evening, but Mrs. Bondy said they posed no problem, either.

"We had to anticipate certain disadvantages because of the convenience of living near the downtown area when we moved in," she said.

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Road Program Criticized by Homer Case

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Calling present county government a "headache for the government" and characterizing the Oakland County Road Commission as "always back passing saying there are no funds available," Township Supervisor Homer Case lashed out Monday night at the lack of control of township roads at the local level.

New Director For Community House Chosen

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

A new executive director has been chosen for The Community House.

He is Robert A. Bogan, Jr., 35, customer service officer and assistant vice president of Metropolitan.

Community House calls annual meeting — story, 3-A

Federal Savings and Loan Association, Detroit

Announcement of the choice was made today by Robert Thom, president of The Community House Board of Directors.

Bogan, the outgoing president of the Detroit Junior Board of Commerce, will assume his Community House duties in Birmingham on July 1.

He is succeeding F. Ward Ouradnik, who is accepting an administrative role with the American Fress and Birmingham Eccentric.

BOGAN WAS chosen for The Community House position by its personnel committee, under the chairmanship of S. T. Tenney McGraw.

"Mr. Bogan brings to us the managerial experience and public relations know-how that will enhance the effect of The Community House on our community," said McGraw.

"We are very pleased to be able to get a man of his caliber," McGraw said. The Community House intends to continue the programs on which it has already earned (See DIRECTOR, 7-A)

OTHER BUSINESS handled by the board included awarding a \$23,143 contract for construction (See CASE, 1-A)

CONGRATULATIONS to the citizens of this area for their interest and participation in this joint community venture," Kilpatrick said.

"I would like to express my appreciation to the hundreds of Michigan Week committee members, the city, the school, the merchants, the Chamber of Commerce and The Birmingham Eccentric for the wonderful cooperation and participation in setting up this year's Birmingham-Michigan Week program."

SATURDAY'S ideal spring weather helped to attract an overflow crowd to Shain Park for the hour-and-a-half fashion show staged by the Retail Merchants Division of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

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THE ANNUAL carp carnival at Quarters Lake sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Department, estimated 200 children fishing and another 200 spectators.

Dozens of fathers and sons involved in Birmingham's Little League baseball program took part in their annual boys-against-the-dads games. The Birmingham Little League is the largest junior baseball program in the country.

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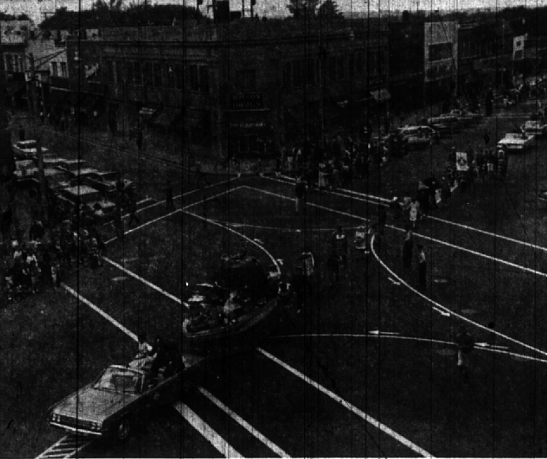
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CHAIRMAN LAUDS PARTICIPANTS

Thousands Cheer Parade, Mich. Week Fashion Show

Several thousand area residents gathered in downtown Birmingham Saturday for which the climax of the Michigan Week celebration.

Cheering crowds lined the parade route along Woodward and Maple avenues to watch the quarter-mile procession of bands, floats, horses and marchers.

General Michigan Week Chairman for Birmingham Robert L. Kilpatrick termed the city's tenth observance of the event "a tremendous success."

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B'ham School Board Considers Adopting Policy on Smoking

The Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night was considering passing a resolution adopting a formal policy on the possession or use of tobacco by students in the secondary schools.

The policy stipulated that students caught in violation of the policy would face suspension from school.

A first offender under 16 would be subject to a three-day suspension and a second offender a five-day suspension.

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