



B'ham Schools Hire New Superintendent

Mrs. Wilson Donates \$150,000 for Y Gym

Architect Named For Auditorium

Announcement was made Monday of the selection of Harley Ellington, Cowin and Siltton, Inc., Detroit-based architectural and engineering firm, to design and supervise construction of a major addition to The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Robert A. Thom, Community House president, said the internationally-known firm would begin immediately with the "studies and surveys that are necessary preliminary steps to an ambitious undertaking such as this."

Thom, who made the announcement at the annual meeting of the Community House Association, composed of residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin-Beverly Hills area, said no target dates have been set for completion of the preliminary surveys or the start of construction.

AT THE meeting, attended by approximately 100 persons, the election of new members to its 17-member board and the reelection of two others also were announced.

The new directors, elected to three-year terms, are Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., 655 Pilgrims; Mrs. William A. McNamee, 1271 Lakeside; and Kenneth D. McGroger, 650 Murfrees.

Re-elected were William H. McGaughey, 181 Kullback; an Arthur M. Motz vice president; and Robert L. Kilpatrick, area manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Makes Gift In Honor of C. E. Wilson

By KEN WEIDER
Managing Editor

The Birmingham YMCA will get its gym.

It will be known as the Charles E. Wilson Gymnasium, in honor of the late U.S. Secretary of Defense and former General Motors president.

The gym is being made possible through a gift of \$150,000 by Mrs. Charles E. Wilson to the local Y Capital Gift Campaign. She is making the contribution as a memorial to her late husband.

Mrs. Wilson's pledge of \$150,000 will be part of the Advance Gifts Division's phase of the campaign.

It is the first major contribution in the drive. Heading the advance gifts group are Mrs. John K. Hays and Henry M. Hagan, Jr.

B'ham, Hills Districts Eye Paper Ballots

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school district voters could be using paper ballots in Monday's election.

The area's voting machines were still impounded by the State Board of Canvassers Wednesday morning for the recount of the new Consolidated Township.

Workers in the Oakland County clerk's office said there was still

Team-teaching Pioneer Leaves Connecticut Job

Birmingham's new superintendent of schools will be Dr. John B. Smith, 55, of Greenwich, Conn. The announcement was made today by Board President Kathryn T. Loomis.

Smith is presently superintendent of the Greenwich Public Schools. He succeeds Dr. Otis M. Dickey who is resigning after three years as superintendent.

Dickey announced his intention to step out of the \$21,000-a-year post in March. He asked to be released from his contract that still had two years to go so he could work for the public schools.

Whether he had made a decision as to his future plans, Dr. Dickey said: "I will have no announcement until after the board makes its."

in." Hanson said. Dr. Smith made several trips to Birmingham for personal interviews before being selected. On one occasion he brought his wife for a week-end visit.

"We were very impressed with his judgment, broad experience and educational philosophy," Hanson said.

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County Voters To Decide on College Issue

Oakland County voters will be asked Monday to approve the establishment of a local community college district.

The setting up of the district is contingent on the approval of a tax rate limitation.

Contingent upon these two questions is the election of the first board of trustees of the college.

Six persons will be elected from a field of 27 candidates. Seven of those seeking seats on the board are residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

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Hear Alternate Plans For New Parking Lot

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham city commissioners listened to alternate proposals to provide parking in the southwest quadrant of the city Monday night.

Robert W. Verzyer, president of the Central Birmingham Residents Association (C.B.R.A.), presented three plans to the commission.

Commissioners have proposed constructing an additional municipal lot in the block south of Shain Park, bounded by Merrill, Bates, Henrietta and Townsend.

The C.B.R.A. has been conducting a petition drive opposing the location of the lot. At the present time they have presented thirty-two, 2,075 signatures against the lot.

THE ASSOCIATION, which was formed during the recent commission election, is made up of residents in the central part of the city.

Members felt it would not be in keeping with the character and aesthetic qualities of the rest of the civic center area if the parking lot were built in the block south of Shain Park.

They also felt it would have a depressing effect on the residential property values in that area of the city.

Commissioner David F. Breck, one of the founders of the C.B.R.A. campaigned on the theme "Keep Birmingham Residential."

UNDER THE first plan offered by Verzyer, the City would obtain the north half of the block bounded by Bates, Merrill, Chester and Townsend, including the Merrill St. right-of-way.

Some library property would also be included in this plan.

In addition, the money The Community House would receive from the sale of its property to the City would be used to purchase the north half of the block.

The Community House is planning could be constructed over the parking lot, according to Verzyer.

THE SECOND plan presented by the C.B.R.A. would provide for the decking of parking lot, No. 1 at Pierce and Brown. The association feels the City should "re-evaluate" parking utilization and change the parking limit hours to the same as the street hours to allow civic functions to use the lot.

Under this plan the City would eliminate all-day parking in the lot. Rolland Wilkening of Barton-Malow Construction Co. and a consultant for the C.B.R.A. told the commission Lot 1 could be decked for a bare minimum of \$1,000 per car.

"This would be for the basic construction," he said. "If you started putting in landscaping and other improvements it could run another \$1,000 per car."

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Groves High to Award 249 Seniors Diplomas

Diplomas will be awarded to 249 members of the second Groves High School graduating class next Thursday.

Commencement exercises will begin at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The class valedictorian is Richard McIntyre of 15548 Kirkhugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. McIntyre. The salutatorian is June Meinhardt of 2800 Smallwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Meinhardt.

George J. Huebner, Jr., executive engineer in charge of research for the department of schools, will award the engineering diplomas to the seniors.

Anne Lawrence will sing a solo. A development of the class commencement add, Presbyterian Church will deliver the prayer.

Organ music will be provided by Kent McDonald of St. James Episcopal Church and Groves senior ship in the department of schools, will award the diplomas to the seniors.

The senior assembly, which included presentation of 25 awards and scholarships, was held last Wednesday.

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Citizens League Rates Candidates In College Race

Top ratings were accorded six candidates for the board of trustees of the proposed Oakland County Citizens League committee on candidates.

The League's rating system is on a numerical basis. The top-rated candidates and their ratings were George R. Mosher, Jr. (91); Burton R. Shifman (91); Wendell Brown (90); Cedric V. Fricke (90); J. Russell Bright (89); and C. Ray Ballard (89).

Mosher is a Birmingham resident.

Other candidates were rated in the following order: Harry T. Hahn (85); Eugene W. Kutly (83); Thomas H. Atkinson (82); John William Brock (75); William B. Heaton (75); Almore S. May (72); Raymond H. Storm (72); Robert Willard Morse (70); Fletcher C. Evans (68); David W. Hackett (68); John C. Bork (62); Raymond A. Young (59); Arnold R. Jones (59).

This was the first time the League has rated candidates for election for an educational institution although the League has rated candidates for public office in Oakland County for over 25 years.

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