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Try This on for Size

Seaholm senior Don Alcorn ties his graduation hat on friend Sarah App for size. Graduation exercises were held for 457 seniors at Seaholm last Thursday. Special recognition was given to 25 Seaholm students who maintained an academic average of 3.5 or above during their school careers. Detroit Police Commissioner George Edwards was the commencement speaker.

Bowers Heads Hills B of E For 2nd Term

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

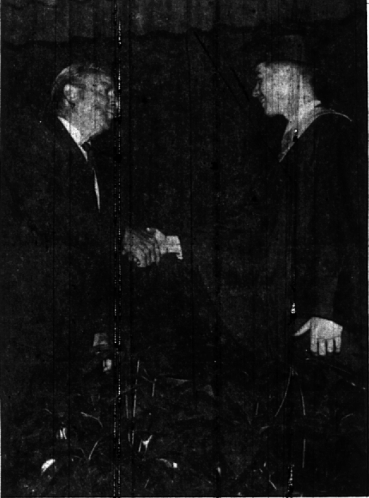
Officers of the Bloomfield Hills School Board for the coming year were elected at its meeting Tuesday night. Their selection was made in executive session rather than at the open meeting.

Board members announced to the audience assembled for the meeting that their selection was unanimous.

Dr. Charles Bowers was re-elected president. Bowers is starting his second term on the board, having been re-elected for four years at the school election June 10.

Merrill O. Bates was elected vice president. Max Miller was re-elected treasurer.

New board member Richard McGraw, who also won a four-year term on the board at the school election, will serve as treasurer.



Scholarship Winner

Groves senior Robert E. Winkel, Jr., receives the Wylie E. Groves Scholarship Award from George A. Porter of the Detroit Edison Co. Groves awarded a total of 249 diplomas to its second graduation class. George J. Huebner, Jr., executive engineer, research, Chrysler Corp., was the commencement speaker.

B'ham Youth, 17, Chosen Governor Of Boy's State

A 17-year-old high school junior from Birmingham was elected governor of the American Legion sponsored 26th Wolverine Boys State Sunday.

Governor Charles A. Bethel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bethel, 4511 Charing Cross Road, became the 26th governor of Boy's State. He attends Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

Also elected was Lawrence D. Bell, 2140 Yarmouth, Birmingham, as state treasurer.

No Action Taken by Hills On School Prayer Decision

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

Although a U.S. Supreme Court decision was handed down Monday regarding the constitutionality of the use of Bible readings and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools, the Bloomfield Hills School Board's permissive prayer directly involved daily school-open policy, the board took no action on the issue at its meeting Tuesday night.

One board member said after the meeting that the matter probably would be brought up at the next meeting.

The Bloomfield Hills board policy allows a teacher to give prayers of his own accord and for guidance in school at the next classrooms, if the teacher so desires. It also permits school observance of religious holidays through decorations and appropriate music and encourages the knowledge of all religions.

The Hills school district is one of the few school systems with a written policy regarding the use of prayer.

Bloomfield Hills Superintendent John told The Birmingham Eccentric that, to his knowledge, none of the district's teachers have availed themselves of the board's permission to say prayers in the classroom.

"I expect some have held back because they knew prayers were a controversial issue and knew the Supreme Court would be making decisions relating to their use," he added.

BEFORE ITS adoption, the Hills policy became a public issue in the school.

The board originally declared its intention to ban classroom prayers, after receiving several complaints from parents. This brought about public meetings of other parents protesting the board's intention.

The board reversed its position at a meeting attended by more than 500 residents of the district, the vast majority of whom favored the allowing prayers.

B'ham Post Office Will Begin New Number System on July 1

Combo Crazy

Crowds Jam Shain Park For Festival Contest

By EVELINE OEN
Arts Editor

Other Arts Festival stories, photos on 1-D

Birmingham came up with a resounding answer to the Newport (R. I.) jazz festival Tuesday night as an estimated 3,000 people jammed Shain Park to hear local "combos"—from folk-singers to rock 'n' roll, jazz and dance bands.

About 2,000 had to be turned away, according to James Couzens, in charge of the nine auxiliary policemen on duty.

"We anticipated a crowd, but nothing like this," said Bill Wizer who was in charge of the event as chairman of some activities for the Festival.

ALL OFFICIALS involved were impressed by the excellent behavior of the crowd—about 90 per cent of them teenagers.

Although the event was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., by 7:30 a line extending all the way around Shain Park was waiting to be let into the dome. By 8 p.m. the dome was filled—some even sitting on the grass apron in front of the stage. Couzens estimated that about 1,200 people were able to get inside.

First person in line was Sue Roach, 548 Pleasant, Birmingham, who was there at 5:30 p.m.

The "lucky ones" who got to hear the 17 combos complete for first, second and third prizes of \$50, \$35 and \$20 could take no intermission break because of the crowds outside.

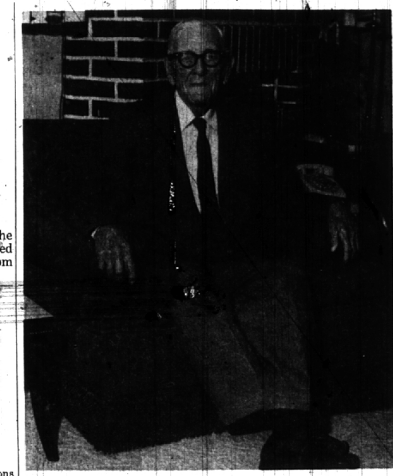
Only a "seventh inning stretch" broke their three-hour ordeal on wooden seats, bleachers and grass. Scores circled the tent, standing and sitting on the grass outside.

THE WINNERS—first: The Clippers; second: The Downbeats; third: The Clingers—were finishing named about 11 p.m. Karroll Fox, Detroit comedian and magician, emceed the show.

"I think the Combo Clash may have been the biggest thing that ever happened in Birmingham," said Wizer.

"We were really elated. . . This thing was fantastic! I think it should be made an annual event—except next year make it two events, a hootenay (folk singing) one night and jazz the next," he said.

On Monday and Tuesday during the day the combos rehearsing of the mall drew large crowds." (See CONTEST, 5-A)



Young at Heart

Dr. John E. Rhett, 3630 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate his 100th birthday, July 19, in Africa while visiting his son Charles E., U.S. ambassador to Liberia. Dr. Rhett, who was a dentist in Salem, Ind., for 65 years, is making his first trip abroad. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur B. (Edith Rhett) Tilton in Bloomfield Hills. (Photo by Evelyn Harris).

Zoning Law Change OK'd In Lathrup

By DAVE PHILPO
Staff Writer

LATHRUP—Despite objections by City Attorney Everett Hayes, the city council Monday night adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance that will allow commercial and professional building zoning along Southfield Road.

During the final reading of the much-revised amendment, Hayes protested that the legal descriptions of the affected property had not been verified by the city clerk.

"I will not be responsible for the ordinance unless these are verified," he said.

Councilman Vincent Zattel countered with:

"We'll waive your responsibility and pass it anyway. It's a little late to be bringing up these minor changes."

PRESENTLY, Lathrup has no city clerk. Stephen Richvalsky, recently appointed clerk-assessor by City Administrator Gerald Stone, will assume his duties July 1.

Hayes finally agreed to have Stone check the plat numbers as the ordinance was being read.

The amendment calls for the rezoning of property on both sides of Southfield from residential to commercial for the blocks from Roseland to Avilla and from Coral Gables to Ramsgate.

From Avilla to Redwood and from Ramsgate to Santa Ann, zoning will be changed from residential to transitional professional.

Eleven lots on the south side of 12 Mile Road, west of Lathrup Blvd., will become transitional professional.

USES FOR THE T. P. 2 areas are spelled out in detail:

- Any use permitted in single dwelling district R 1, but limited to buildings one story in height.
- Publicly owned federal, state, county or municipal office buildings, or publicly operated federal, state, county or municipal office buildings in which only office administrative and office functions are to be performed.
- Professional offices, such as for doctors, lawyers, dentists, architects, engineers or similar professions.
- Combination of any use (See ZONING, 6-A)

Involves Use Of Five Digits With Address

Goal Is Faster, Quicker Service

A new system designed to speed mail deliveries will go into effect in Birmingham and the nation July 1.

Termed by the Federal Government as Zip-Code, the process consists of a numbering system to make it easier and quicker for post office personnel to determine exact locations for mail deliveries.

It involves five digits, explained Birmingham Postmaster Rolfe W. Reese. The first three numbers after a prefix to designate the community address (such as Birmingham, Mich.). The next two indicate the specific area, or locale, within the community postal district.

In the case of Birmingham, the prefix is 480. (See maps and further explanation below for the appropriate numbers for the areas within the Birmingham Post Office district.)

TO GET the system started, Reese is urging all Birmingham residents to learn their Zip-Code numbers and three numbers after the address of all correspondence.

As an example of addressing for the Zip-Code, Reese cited his own official address:

Postmaster Roland Reese
U.S. Post Office
Birmingham, Michigan 48012

He noted that the Zip-Code number above the three numbers after the city and state on all correspondence.

"THE ZIP-CODE is literally the last word in mail," Reese said. "When the plan is fully operational it will provide the United States with the most modern addressing method ever used."

"The possibility of mis-sent mail will be cut to a minimum and the time between deposit and delivery will be sliced in many cases as much as 24 hours."

Reese noted that in order to facilitate the service it is necessary and vital that everyone learn to use the number of his specific area. If a person rents a post office box, the numerals 12 should be added to the 480 prefix, thus making the Zip-Code 48012.

RESIDENTS in the area east of Woodward, from 14 Mile Road to Charing Cross, should use the prefix 48012. (See POST OFFICE, 6-A)

Blood Expert Testifies In Robt. Thorson Case

Cross examination of a police blood expert was to begin Wednesday before Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Elmer L. Davenport.

Thorson, 31, is accused of the slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy M. Thomas, in her Detroit home, Dec. 3.

Judge Davenport ruled Tuesday that bloodstained clothing taken from Thorson's auto may be admitted by the prosecution as evidence.

THE CLOTHING was taken from the car as it was parked in front of the Thorson home in Birmingham. Defense attorney Konrad D. Kohl has contended Detroit police were acting without authority in Birmingham.

At the time the clothing was taken on the afternoon of Dec. 3, the police had no search warrant or warrant for the arrest of Thorson.

Judge Davenport said the fact the police were outside their jurisdiction did not render the seizure unreasonable. He said it must be remembered the clothing was taken by "police officers."

AFTER THE judge's ruling Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Max M. Silverman introduced the clothing, a charcoal gray overcoat and a pair of dark trousers, into the case.

The prosecutor's office has said since the case began the clothing was key evidence and without it the people would have no case against the 31-year-old securities salesman.

The police blood expert, Harold T. Jones, testified Tuesday he found two types of blood on the clothing—type A and type O.

Mrs. Thomas had type A blood and Thorson has type O.

At the time of the crime Alfallita was a member of the Detroit Police scientific bureau but he now works for the St. Paul, Minn., police department.

Woolfenden Gets Call to White House

At the invitation of President Kennedy, Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden will attend a civil rights session at 4 p.m. Friday in the East Room of the White House.

Woolfenden, 1575 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, will be among leading laywers from throughout the United States attending the meeting.

This is Woolfenden's one of a series of appearances, he noted that businessmen, labor leaders and religious leaders have previously been asked to the White House for civil rights conferences.

WOOLFENDEN has been serving on the Michigan State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights since its creation about one year ago.

Dr. John Hanna, president of Michigan State University, is chairman of the commission.

Woolfenden is past president of the State Bar of Michigan and a former member of the board of governors of the American Bar Association.

For several years he has been representing all lawyers of Michigan in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

Donations Reach \$175,529 Mark in B'ham Y Drive

Gifts to the Birmingham YMCA Capital Fund Campaign totaled \$175,529 today, general chairman William E. Roberts reported.

The amount includes a donation of \$150,000 by Mrs. C. E. Wilson for a gymnasium to be built in memory of her husband, the former General Motors president and former U.S. Secretary of Defense.

INCLUDED in the total, said Roberts, is \$152,150 from the Advance Gifts Division; \$9,031, Y Members Division; \$14,175, Y board and staff; and \$175, club and organizations.

The local YMCA is conducting a drive for funds for an expansion program which calls for a gym, swimming pool, physical fitness equipment and other facilities. Total need has been placed at \$869,133.

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Think Cool!

Make Plans for a Toboggan Run

Heat got ya?
Think cool!

That's the motto of Beverly Hills Councilman Ted Shurtluff as he proudly shows plans for a toboggan run to be constructed in Southfield Park. You can practically taste the snow piling up on that 30-foot run in the blueprint.

MEANWHILE, back at the park, somebody's got to move 16,000 yards of dirt into a great big pile, and with or without toboggan that sounds like hot work.

The Village of Beverly Hills and Southfield Township are in the project together to build a toboggan run for the tykes, a 20-footer for the intermediates and a 30-foot slope for the big kids. Shurtluff is chairman of the Village Recreation Commission which is backing the project.

Villagers who are basking when the thermometer hits 100 can go to their garages, crane their necks up to the shelf where the toboggan is stored, and, like Shurtluff, think cool.

BULLETIN

Father Francis T. Stack, 73, pastor of St. Hugo's Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, suffered a fatal heart attack Wednesday morning while playing golf at Stonecroft. Born in Pennsylvania, Father Stack had been at St. Hugo's for many years.

HE IS ALSO a member of the Executive Committee of the American Judicial Society. He represented the Third Legislative District of Oakland County, covering Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills townships, in the Constitutional Convention.