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Waiting Starts Over Again For Thorson

Jury Deadlocked; Mistrial Called

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The long and anxious hours of waiting and hoping for Robert M. Thorson have just begun.

The 31-year-old Birmingham securities salesman and his wife Joan know he must again stand trial on charges of murdering his mother-in-law last Dec. 3.

A Detroit Recorder's Court jury Thursday announced after nearly 18 hours of deliberation they could not reach a verdict on whether or not Thorson had committed the crime.

Recorder's Judge Elvin L. Davernport immediately dismissed the six-man, six-woman jury and declared a mistrial. He continued Thorson's \$5,000 bond.

ASSISTANT Wayne County Prosecutor Max M. Silverman said his office had decided last Wednesday that if the jury announced they were deadlocked Thorson would be tried again for the slaying of Mrs. Dorothy M. Thomas in her Detroit home.

Silverman said he doubted the trial could be held "before late fall."

Both he and assistant prosecutor Dominick Carnovale will remain on the case, according to Silverman.

Meanwhile, Thorson's attorneys, Kenneth D. Kilbarrat, Walter B. Denison, indicated they would appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The defense will again ask the court to bar the admission of bloodstained clothing as evidence to be used against Thorson. The high court had earlier refused to hear the appeal until the trial (See THORSON, 6-A)

Limited Term On Boards Suggested

Several appointments to boards that serve the City of Birmingham were confirmed by commissioners Monday night.

The commission approved the appointment of W. C. Alee to another five-year term on the recreation board.

It also reappointed C. S. Grant-Waters to a three-year term on the building code board of appeal and appointed former Birmingham Building Inspector Edward Dull to serve on the board.

Plan Board Chairman Walter R. Denison was reappointed to that body, as was George W. Talburt. Both appointments were for three-year terms.

COMMISSIONER David F. Breck suggested that the commission might consider limiting the terms of members of some of the boards. He said he felt "fresh ideas," especially on the plan board, might be helpful to the city.

He said, however, he had no specific complaints against either Denison or Talburt but thought that "in the future" the commission might think about limiting terms.

Acting Mayor Carl P. Ingraham (both Mayor William H. Burgum and Mayor Pro Tem Robert W. Page were out of town) said the city was "not swamped with an over abundance" of persons wishing to serve on the various city boards.

Breck said he had submitted the names of "four or five persons" who would have been willing to serve on the plan board.



Educational Leaders

The outgoing and incoming superintendents of the Birmingham Public Schools met briefly with retiring Board of Education President Mrs. Kathryn Loomis before last week's board meeting. Dr. Otis M. Dickey

(left) will become superintendent of schools in Cherry Creek, Colo., near Denver. Dr. John B. Smith will take charge of the 14,000-student Birmingham system on Sept. 17.

PTA Chiefs: Need Action At Home to Curb Smoking

Second of three articles

By BETH SHOTKA
Staff Writer

A school no smoking policy can be effective only if the precepts are first established on the home level. Willard Sheppard, president of Bloomfield Hills High School PTO, said that it is a parental duty to keep children from smoking; only then can the policy be effective at school.

"We must keep hammering to children that with smoking everything points to the fact that it is detrimental to health and life," Sheppard declared.

"If the no smoking edict is enforced at home, there is no problem at school," Peter Hilder, president of Seaholm High School PTA, said.

CAMERON SHAFER, PTA president at Groves High School, said that the question of children smoking at home is a matter of early training.

"There is a problem where parents smoke," he said. "How can a parent who smokes handle the children when they do?"

Sheppard said that from his observations parents are smoking more than ever.

"Parents are probably too far gone; however, with kids who haven't tasted tobacco it's easier to keep them away from it," he declared.

"ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OF

B'ham Policy

Students under 16—first offense, suspension for three days; each additional offense, five days.

Students over 16—first offense, suspension for five days; second offense, suspension for 10 days, with an understanding to be reached with students and parents that a third offense during the semester will mean suspension for the rest of the semester.



smoking at home is contrary to the laws of the state," Shaffer said.

He continued by saying that any home should train respect for the law, and since Michigan does have a law concerning minors and tobacco, it should be regarded.

Shaffer said that although some children are blasé about their parents smoking, it is dangerous for them to feel this way.

Sheppard said that when he was young and children began smoking, not much notice was taken; however, with recent findings linking cancer and tobacco, ideas have changed.

THESE developments should be enough to have parents prevent their children from smoking, he continued.

"It's just not intelligent to smoke," he declared.

Iring J. Rubin, executive director of the school district, said that respect for the human body, the body is the temple of the individual, he said, and habits such as smoking and drinking are contrary to this concept.

Hilder expressed his opinion that the school responsibility for children ends when they leave school.

Therefore, parents must take the main responsibility for their children's smoking.

Area Officials Ponder I-696 Alternate Routes

By DAVE PHILPO
Staff Writer

An issue that is expected to divide several Oakland County cities into opposing camps was discussed at length in Ferndale last week. The State Highway Department at that time disclosed four possible routes of the proposed \$115 million Interstate 696 freeway that will cut a swath across southern Oakland and Macomb counties.

Iring J. Rubin, executive assistant to Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, outlined the routes with detailed descriptions to nearly 400 public and school officials from Oakland and Macomb in a mass meeting at Ferndale High School Wednesday.

IN ALL the alternatives, I-696 would begin at Interstate 96 on the west and traverse 10 miles of the metropolitan Detroit area to link up with Interstate 94 to the east.

The question plaguing officials of the 16 cities that are involved

children's smoking.

"THE SCHOOL can't exercise jurisdiction beyond school property," he said.

He continued, saying that in the instance of drinking away from school, once a child arrives on school property, it becomes the school's problem.

Shaffer said it takes courage for parents and children to accept the issue as it really is.

There is social pressure put on parents and children, he said. Some feel that since others smoke, they also must follow the example.

WHEN ASKED if he felt that the no smoking policy has been effective, Sheppard said that it is especially noticeable in the appearance of the lavatories.

"Before the no smoking edict, the defiance was appalling," he declared. "But it was alleviated almost overnight in Bloomfield Hills High School."

Shaffer said that most children smoke because they connect it with being an adult.

"Let's face it," he said. "Some children begin smoking while they are still in 6th or 7th grades."

Hills Policy

First offense—suspension for 20 days.

Second offense in same school year—suspension for rest of school year.

No provision is to be made by the school for make-up during suspension.

Violations must be reported by a teacher or administrative official, not by a student.

whether the route will be along 11 Mile Road or a more southerly path through Southfield, Lathrup Village, Berkeley, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Madison Heights and Warren.

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Liquid Clark members Vincent Zatlé, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, David Reid and Lawrence Till were highly vocal in their preference for the southerly route.

"We passed a resolution about a month ago strongly objecting to the 11 Mile route," said Zatlé. "It would cut right through the heart of the 16 cities that are involved

B'ham Schools Approve Budget of \$7.9 Million

By EVELINE OEN
Staff Writer

The Birmingham Board of Education Monday night approved, without much discussion, a budget of nearly \$8,000,000.

The exact figure was \$7,933,081.68, an increase of about \$700,000 over last year's figure of \$7,233,254.45.

Most of the increase was in salaries. In reply to the request of new board member Dr. Charles A. Leach as to what was covered in the increase, school finance director Lloyd H. Van Buskirk answered that there were three main factors: an increased number of teachers, established salary increments and a somewhat improved salary scale.

LARGEST BUDGET items were elementary and secondary instruction and plant operation.

Allotted for elementary instruction was \$2,727,617, an increase of \$149,876 over last year, while \$2,979,742.40 was set aside for secondary education, an increase of \$375,240.

Requested and granted for plant operation was \$1,076,576.50, up \$76,429.50 over last year.

Other budget items were special services—\$180,345.50 (up \$20,425); summer school—\$5,000 (up \$500); continuing education—\$8,772.50 (up \$602.50); administration—

\$237,502.48 (up \$24,983.03); attendance—\$10,636.25 (up \$529.38); health services—\$41,775.00 (up \$2,100); pupil transportation—\$192,423.86 (up \$15,814.16); maintenance of plant—\$288,185.50 (up \$48,774.50); community services—\$57,022.23 (up \$4,303.60); food charges—\$49,482.46 (down \$10,000); and capital outlay—\$78,000 (down \$10,000).

IN OTHER action, the board designated the fourth Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting date for the board during the 1963-1964 school year. All meetings will begin at 8 p.m. and be held in the

Church Group To Support Protest March

'Freedom Festival' Planned for Fall

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The Birmingham Council of Churches has announced that it will support and take part in any protest march against housing in the area.

For several weeks reports have been circulating that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People would stage a protest march on housing discrimination in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Officials of the NAACP have neither confirmed nor denied the report. At the present time the group's Executive Secretary, Edward N. Turner, and housing chairman, Abraham Ulmer, are attending the national convention in Chicago and are unavailable for comment.

AFTER A special session of the Council of Churches Tuesday morning, Council President Rev. John Root and Secretary Rev. William C. Lovejoy issued this statement:

"If there is a walk for freedom in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area this summer, the members of the Birmingham Council of Churches will support and participate in it."

The group also said they would urge members of their congregations to take part in the march. All churches in the area are invited to be members of the council of churches and about 25 are usually present at the meetings.

Twelve churches were represented at Tuesday's meeting, according to Rev. Root.

Rev. Root said the council had not as yet been contacted about a march by the NAACP.

WORKERS AT the Detroit of (See MARCH, 4-A)



JAMES S. WILLOUGHBY

B'ham Man Hurt in Ohio Plane Crash

A Birmingham man was injured Thursday in the crash of a private plane near Lima, O.

James S. Willoughby, 33, of 1641 Graefield, suffered severe back injuries in the crash. He was reported in serious condition in St. Rita's Hospital in Lima.

Willoughby and two men from Owosso were headed for the National Junior Chamber of Commerce convention in Louisville, Ky., when the accident occurred at 7:45 a.m.

Officers at the Ohio State Highway Patrol post at Lima said the pilot of the plane, Philip N. Grebel, 35, told them he was trying to switch gasoline tanks on the Piper Club plane when the engine stalled.

THE POLICE said Grebel was attempting to crash land the plane in an oat field. The field is located about 12 miles east of Lima near Spencerville.

Grebel and the other passenger, Sam Ritter, 29, were also hospitalized. Grebel was treated and released from St. Rita's. Ritter has (See CRASH, 2-A)

Hanson Chosen B'ham School Board Chief

New president of the Birmingham Board of Education is E. Ross Hanson.

He was elected to the one-year term by fellow board members at the group's organizational meeting in the Hill Building Monday night.

Other officers elected were George W. Coombe, Jr., vice president; Richard P. Bernard, secretary; and Pell Hollingshead, treasurer. All four officers were chosen unanimously by voice vote.

HANSON, 38, lives at 966 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham. He has been a resident for about nine years and a member of the board of education for three years. He is department manager, administrative department, Ford Division, Ford Motor Co.

He was graduated from Blake School, Hopkins, Minn., and attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and Western Michigan University for one year each.

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Strength of Our Nation



To preserve our freedom, we must keep an eye on government; we must correct some of the faults of an overpowering centralized gov-