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Fire Destroys Roof

Fire caused an estimated \$20,000 damage Monday to the home of William K. Downey, 1480 Suffield, Birmingham. Fire Chief George Scott said the blaze was caused by sparks from an incinerator falling on a wooden shingle roof.

Grant Restaurant-bar Permitted

Place for Teens Students, Adults Express Views on Proposed Center

By BETH SHOTKA Staff Writer

Birmingham seems to want a teen center. This is the impression students and adults gave at a meeting of the Parents Committee at The Community House Tuesday night.

That the purpose of the teen center would be to attempt to put a stop to a pseudo-sophistication of Birmingham teens.

It was also pointed out that the center must begin with the younger students who are unspoiled, rather than excluding them.

Parents and students go together under the chairmanship of Raymond McFarlin and discussed the pros and cons of a teen center and whether one should be considered for the Birmingham area.

A teen-age night club was suggested. It would provide live entertainment with an adult atmosphere and a possible five-dollar membership fee.

DURING THE night club discussion, a student asked why it was believed that kids need a place where they will feel grown-up.

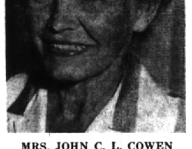
He also said that teenagers do not have the money to spend on such a place, besides diluting a policy of having to wear a coat and tie.

When the community takes on the responsibility, it becomes a crutch for the teenagers. Teenagers should develop their own programs and use adults only as a resource, was the contention.

The problem of "undesirable teens" patronizing the center was brought up. It was felt that these teenagers would discourage others from coming to the center.

IT WAS SUGGESTED that a policy could be used that if a student leader causes trouble, he will be handled in the same way as the others.

(SEE TEENS, 7-A)



MRS. JOHN C. L. COWEN

Woman Gets Top Job in Man's World

First woman in Metropolitan Detroit YMCA history to serve as chairman of a board of management is Mrs. John C. L. Cowen, who was elected Monday at the Birmingham YMCA.

Mrs. Cowen, formerly a vice chairman of the local Y's board, is the wife of a patent lawyer in Detroit. She is the mother of three children, Nancy, 20; Bob, 18; and Tim, 15.

The family lives at 3280 Bloomcrest Drive, Birmingham.

MRS. COWEN first became interested in the YMCA when her youngsters went to day camp in Birmingham. She was invited to serve on the board and has been a member for approximately 10 years.

Both Mrs. Cowen and her husband, a participant in Y activities, are working on the capital funds drive to raise money for a gym, pool and related facilities at the Birmingham YMCA.

The Cowens are camping enthusiasts. For the last several years they have owned a trailer and have camped in Michigan and Canada.

R. A. PALMER

Ray Palmer Former B'ham Mayor, Dies

Ray A. Palmer, an educator, real estate broker and community leader in Birmingham for many years, died July 5 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, after a brief illness.

Mr. Palmer, 83, lived at 250 Westchester, Birmingham. He had been mayor of Birmingham one year.

BEFORE MOVING to Birmingham, he was a member of the city commission 12 years and president of the board of education nine years. The Birmingham City Commission passed a resolution Monday night honoring him.

Born in Alamo, Mich., he graduated from Western Michigan University and the University of Chicago, and attended Harvard University.

He was a life member of Malta Lodge No. 465, F&M, a member and former officer of the Birmingham Education Club, a life member of the City Club.

Seek Rentals For Teachers

Do you have a room, apartment or a house which you would rent to a Birmingham teacher this fall? If you have, the Birmingham Public Schools administration would like to know.

According to Kenneth M. Nagley, personnel director, some 100 new teachers will be coming from many areas of Michigan as well as from out of state.

Most of them seek housing assistance. Anticipating a renewal of the bond issue for school buildings, Nagley requested that anyone who would consider renting to a teacher contact him by telephone or at his office in the 1950 building at Chester and Martin, Birmingham.

Electricity Cut Off By Cable Failure

A cable failure in a Detroit Edison underground power line Sunday night cut off service to about 1,500 homes in Birmingham.

The cable served the area bounded by Maple, Glenhurst, Quanton and Fairfield. The area was blacked out for an hour and 20 minutes.

The townships involved in the outage were the following: Ansonia, Bessemer, Brantley, Center, East Riverchase, Gardendale, Hoover, Northport, Riverchase, Sloss, and Vestal.

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Machus to Build Luxury Lounge In B'field Twp.

By SALLIE SLOAN Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Plans for a luxury-type restaurant and cocktail lounge in the Telegraph-Maple section of Bloomfield Township were presented to the township board at its meeting Monday night.

A request for a bar-lounge license for the restaurant was one of several items on the board's agenda relating to the development of this fast-growing area.

One of these was a request for rezoning of Maple property just west of Telegraph. The board discussed, at length, greenbelt requirements between residential and commercial property on the southwest side of the intersection.

It renewed licenses for operation of Strike and Spare, located on the southeast side.

THE BOARD approved a Class C, bar license, for the proposed restaurant, on recommendation of its liquor committee. It is only the third bar license issued in the township since 1960.

Proprietor of the restaurant is Harris Machus, who has operated a restaurant in Birmingham for a number of years. Machus said he expected the establishment to be completed and in operation in six months.

It will be located on the west side of Telegraph, south of Maple Road in an extension of Bloomfield Plaza shopping center. Cost of the building and furnishings is an estimated \$500,000.

THE REZONING request was made by a real estate developer Jamie Martin, who sought an office classification on the Maple frontage portion of multiple-zoned property.

It was denied by the board, which upheld a planning commission recommendation to retain present zoning.

Township officials cited the "careful consideration" given to the rezoning of the property from residential to multiple use at the time the master plan was adopted in the township.

They also noted the increased traffic volume and rezoning for office use. Opposition of nearby Foxcroft residents was given as an additional reason for denial of the rezoning.

DISCUSSION of greenbelt requirements between Bloomfield Plaza shopping center and Birmingham was given by Police Chief Frye. Subdivision was instigated by Birmingham Farms

residents with homes immediately adjoining the shopping center.

They seek to set aside requirements set by court decree in a suit which, provide for a six-foot chain link fence on the south and west sides of the shopping center. A 50-foot greenbelt of evergreens nine feet high was required on the

(See LOUNGE, 2-A)

Mayor Loses Bid to Name Frye to Post

By DAVE PHILPO Staff Writer

A note of discord crept into the meeting of the Bloomfield Hills City Commission Monday night, and it was tied closely to the long search for a new zoning ordinance.

The commission refused to go along with Mayor Lyman Craig's appointment of Robert A. Frye to the city planning commission. Commissioner Henry Woolfenden's motion that Frye be accepted died for lack of support.

Frye—a fervent opponent of radical changes in the zoning law—was defeated in his bid for reelection to the commission in the April 1 election.

LOUIS J. Colombo, one of the two new commissioners, objected to Frye's appointment.

"I have a high regard for Bob Frye, but I think this appointment is wrong—all wrong."

Colombo said he didn't think it would be proper to appoint Frye in view of the controversial election.

The mayor's appointees—Frye and William B. Hunt, also an attorney—were to replace O. E. Hunt, who has indicated that he will resign, and Dean Draper.

COMMISSIONER James Beresford said he felt that Dean Draper should be left on the planning commission and that Frye be appointed to replace Hunt.

Giles was approved without opposition, but when Woolfenden repeated his motion that Frye be appointed, there was silence and no second was forthcoming.

"The board then read a resolution passed at the last commission meeting commending Frye for his work on the legislative body. He emphasized his position as read: (See MAYOR, 4-A)

CLERGYMEN DIFFER IN VIEWS

Parents' Smoking Beliefs Show Up in Their Actions

Last of three articles

By BETH SHOTKA Staff Writer

Clergymen have varying views on the problem of children smoking.

The Rev. Donald G. Zill, pastor of Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Township, said he feels that the conviction of the parents will resolve what is done when children begin smoking.

How parents feel about smoking will be reflected in their policies concerning it, he said.

Rev. Zill said that the school has every right to legislate and that the no-smoking policies should be effective in terms of control.

As a social and governmental institution, the school has the right to set up rules, he said.

REV. ZILL said he believes the rules are concerned with what comes from smoking, not smoking itself.

"Smoking is not inherently evil; however, it can be," he declared. Rev. Zill said that every home has a policy or conviction concerning smoking. The family's policy can be against smoking, or they may have no objections regarding it.

The behavior of children outside the home reflect the convictions or lack of them in the home, Rev. Zill declared.

right to set down and enforce rules and regulations.

"However, the school policy has no relation to the home," he declared. Beyond setting down the rules

and enforcing them, Rev. Gass feels that it is as far as a school can go.

"What happens outside the school is up to the student and family," he said.

HE SAID he does not feel parents must first be established on the home level to be effective at school.

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He continued by asking what moral suasion is evident if the parents smoke.

"There are not enough demands made on young people and the threats are not followed up," he said.

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HE SAID that this affected children.

"We know that smoking is now a social habit," he said.

REV. BOLEY declared that discipline is not the vague these days. He expressed his opinion that the peer group is important in the smoking problem.

However, he emphasized his belief that the availability of cigarettes is the real factor.

"Vending machines (for cigarettes) are in some ways a curse, and ought to be outlawed to protect the child," he declared.

REV. BOLEY said smoking is a cultural thing. Smoking is made attractive in the media and tobacco companies point their advertising towards the young adults.

Hills Seeks Library Pact With Baldwin

Bloomfield Hills is to become the second municipality to contract with Birmingham's Baldwin Library for library service.

The city commission Monday night authorized City Manager Elmer Kophart to work out an agreement with Baldwin officials under which Hills residents would have unlimited use of the facility.

In a preliminary meeting, Commissioners James Beresford and David Lee learned that the city's proportionate use of the library is 2.13 per cent—which would amount to \$3,548.88 for a year, as applied to Baldwin's total budget.

BEVERLY HILLS was the first municipality to enter into an agreement with the library after Baldwin announced that the present policy of allowing nonresidents to use the facility for \$16.50 per family each year will be discontinued July 1, 1964.

If Bloomfield Hills starts receiving library service Sept. 1, as proposed, it will cost the City about \$3,000 for the 10-month duration of the agreement.

Plane Crash Victim In Fair Condition

James S. Willoughby, 33, of 1641 Graefeld, Birmingham, was reported in fair condition Wednesday from injuries suffered in a plane crash June 27.

Willoughby and two men from Owosso were headed for the National Chamber of Commerce convention in Louisville, Ky., when the plane crashed into an oak field 12 miles east of Lima, O. He is in St. Rita's Hospital in Lima.

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.

OK Agreement To Widen Maple

The final step in the widening of E. Maple was approved by the Birmingham City Commission Monday night.

Commissioners approved the agreement for the project with the City of Troy and the Oakland County Road Commission. The work will begin accepting bids today and will award the contract July 15.

Birmingham Assistant City Manager R. S. Kenning said the date of construction would depend on the contractor's schedule. The project is expected to be completed by Dec. 1.

Hills Policy

First offense—suspension for 20 days.

Second offense in same school year—suspension for 30 days.

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

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

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