

The Nation's Top Prize-Winning Suburban Weekly



KENNETH R. WEAVER (right), managing editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, accepts one of the six awards. The Eccentric won in the National Editorial Association's Better Newspaper Contest 1 from C. W. Claybaugh, NEA president. The awards were presented at the association's 78th annual convention in Seattle, Wash., last week.

Eccentric Wins 6 Awards In Nationwide Contest

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By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

The Birmingham Eccentric was the top winner in a national newspaper contest.

The Eccentric won six awards—more than any other paper, weekly or daily—in the National Editorial Association's 1963 Better Newspaper Contest.

In the top circulation division, The Eccentric won:

- First place, excellence in typography.
- Second place, general excellence.
- Second place, classified advertising.
- Third place, newspaper promotion.
- Honorable mention, best editorial page content.
- Honorable mention, best use of photographs.

Boys Tracked By Dog Admit Robbing Home

Tracked down by a police dog, two 19-year-old boys pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering before Southfield Judge Clarence Reed Jr.

They were bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court, where they will be arraigned Monday. Bond was set at \$2,500 each. Both were still in Oakland County jail Wednesday morning.

MONDAY NIGHT the two youths, Dale Worthington, of Detroit, and Michael J. McKensie, of Farmington, were arrested by Southfield police and accused of breaking into the home of the vacationing Waller Juengling family, 2905 Brooks Lane, Southfield.

Rennie saw two persons escaping through a back door when they flashed lights into the home. The two fled through a nearby field.

Tally Ho! Fox Romps In Township

Get out the horses and tack. A fox in Bloomfield Township is ready for the hunt!

Sunday night a red fox came upon a delightful scene at 6430 1/2-hour, Linda Griggs, 9, was taking her pet hen and chick from their cage for exercise in the backyard.

The NEA is a trade organization of editors and publishers of weekly and smaller daily papers from across the country.

Earlier this year, The Eccentric won six awards in the Michigan Press Association's annual newspaper contest.

They were first place, general excellence; second place, editorial; third place, original; first place, typography; second place, typographic.

Funds Grow In YMCA Drive

William Roberts, general chairman of the Birmingham YMCA Capital Funds Drive, reported to the board of directors that \$224,377. In the advance gifts division \$182,389 has been given. The board and staff division registers \$14,183. Clubs and organizations have donated \$475.

YMCA members have donated \$37,350.50. The 50 cents comes from the \$2.50 given by Malcolm Harter, who saved his allowance for 10 weeks for the gift.

FUNDS OBTAINED will be used for the "T" expansion program that is to include a gymnasium, swimming pool, physical fitness equipment and related facilities.

Pledges can be made for donations over a three-year period, or funds given toward memorials, according to Roberts.

Plan \$1.5 Million Area Motel

Hunt Clues In Murder Of Girl, 14

Police were still trying to piece together clues Wednesday morning that might help to solve the murder of 14-year-old Connie Crossland.

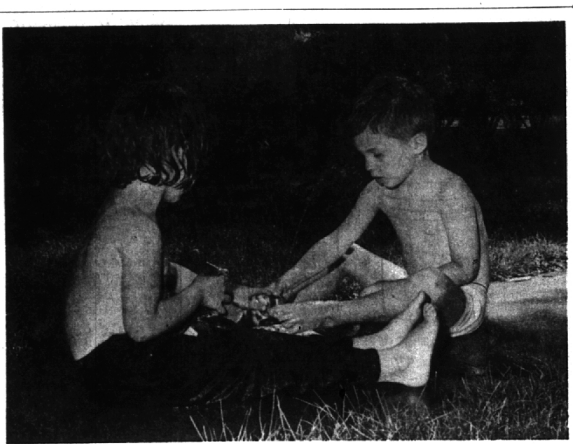
The Oakland County Sheriff's Department, along with the Birmingham Police and the Pontiac Post of the State Police, have been working around the clock in an effort to find the slayer of the young girl.

BIRMINGHAM Detective Richard Chambers said his department had no specific new leads but were still tracking down between 30 and 40 tips about the girl.

Connie's body was found early last Thursday morning, a rope twisted around her neck six times, in Paint Creek a mile southeast of Lake Orion.

The girl, who fled from a Jackson home for problem youths July 2, had spent nearly two weeks hanging around drive-in restaurants along Woodward in Birmingham and Royal Oak.

Capt. Leo Hazen of the Sheriff's Department, said the girl was last seen early last Thursday morning with two men in a late model convertible or hard top. At that time she was trying to find a place to spend the night.



Squirt a Little My Way
Kevin Hamilton Breck, 4½, and Simone Brancheau, 5, take turns squirting away the summer heat with a lawn sprinkler. They sat refreshed on the sidewalk at the corner of Clark and George, while adults sweltered in the houses during Birmingham's recent heat wave. Simone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brancheau and Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Breck.

Restaurant, Pool Included In Facilities

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

A Holiday Inn Motel costing \$1,500,000 is to be located in Bloomfield Township. Its construction on the east side of Telegraph Road, one-half mile north of Square Lake Road, will begin late this month.

It will be the most costly single-site development in the township, according to the township assessor's office.

The motel was approved for a Class C (bar) liquor license by the township board at its meeting Monday night. In one of several decisions rendered by the board relating to commercial developments in township.

RECREATION facilities will include a nine-hole, par 3, golf course; a 25 by 60-foot swimming pool and a children's playground.

The motel, franchised by Holiday Inns of America Inc., is being developed by Harold and Suzanne Luvish, Detroit-area builders, and Waite Stoddard, 3767 Peabody Drive, Bloomfield Township.

Birmingham Threesome Buys Two Detroit Office Buildings

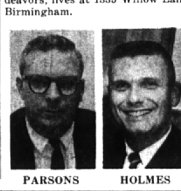
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Three Birmingham businessmen in their early 30's have become the owners of two major office skyscrapers in downtown Detroit—the Dime Building and the Ford Building.

A fourth Birmingham resident assisted in the purchase of the buildings, which was revealed Friday. Sale price was undisclosed but is estimated at \$5 to \$8 million.

Friends since they became acquainted in college, the new Ford and Dime building owners are Donald H. Parsons, 337 James C. Holmes, 34; and George B. Kilborne, 32.

PARSONS, an attorney who heads the trio's joint business endeavor, lives at 1335 Willow Lane, Birmingham.



PARSONS HOLMES

HOLMES is vice president of both H. P. Holmes, Inc., 795 S. Adams, Birmingham, and Creative Capital of Michigan.

Kilborne is president of the Dev-on Management Co. and Creative Capital of Michigan, which share offices at 1100 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Representing the purchasers was Stephen C. Miller, vice president and treasurer of the C. M. Harter Real estate brokers on behalf of the seller in the transaction were James B. Lewis and Horace C. Ford of the Lewis & Ford Co.

City Refuses to Help Buy More Yule Lights

It was Christmas in July at the Birmingham commission meeting Monday night.

Commissioners discussed at some length the possibility of contributing funds to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce toward the purchase of about \$700 in new Christmas decorations for the city.

HE SAID the chamber currently has about \$1,500 invested in decorations and another \$1,000 in the 12-speaker outdoor music system in the downtown area.

"We feel that the Christmas decorations enhance the entire city and are a benefit to all, not just the merchants," Chudik said.

Twp. Library Board Elects New Member

Bloomfield Township's newly established library board has a new member.

Philip Caldwell, 3755 Peabody Drive, has been elected to fill the vacancy occurring with the departure of board member Mrs. Robert Lowry, who will make her home in Rochester, N.Y.

Caldwell was an active member of the Citizen's Library Commission, which promoted establishment of a township library. He is assistant general manager of the Ford Parts Division at Ypsilanti.

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Requirements For a Greenbelt Strip

REQUIREMENTS FOR a greenbelt strip between residential property and Bloomfield Commons Shopping Center, which had been discussed at a township meeting Wednesday ago, were voted Monday night's meeting.

The board voted that terms of a greenbelt strip setting forth greenbelt requirements would be set by the township board. A chain link fence on the south and west property lines of the shopping center with a 50-foot greenbelt on the south side and a 16-foot strip on the west side. Evergreens will be at least nine feet high.

Bloomfield Farm residents bordering the common strip had asked that an eight-foot stockade fence be erected 20 feet inside the commercial boundary on the south and 10 feet inside on the west with a permanent easement to this property given adjoining residents. No evergreens were required.

Bloomfield Plaza developers agreed with the residents' proposal, but township board members objected to the impregnance of a stockade fence. They also felt that the evergreens would more adequately screen the commercial from the residential property.

Deviation in Court-Set Requirements

A DEVIATION in court-set requirements for a greenbelt between residential property and Bloomfield Commons Shopping Center, at the southeast corner of Labar and Maple, was taken under consideration by the township board.

Developers asked the 30-foot greenbelt requirement between the shopping center and Detroit Edison property to the south be reduced to 10 feet. Section of a catch basin for storm waters on the commercial property had reduced available parking space for the shopping center, according to the developers.

By narrowing the greenbelt, additional parking space could be made available.

The board will make its decision at its next meeting, Aug. 16. Meanwhile, it agreed that a building permit could be issued for construction of the first of two buildings to be erected at the proposed shopping center. Construction will begin immediately.

Jaycees Support New Parking Lot

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record Monday night in support of the new municipal parking lot in the block south of Shain Park.

In a letter to the Birmingham commission, Jaycees President E. Gerry Dudley said his group was of the opinion the acquisition of this property was warranted for the addition of parking facilities needed in the southwest quadrant of the downtown area.

Dudley Said at Last Meeting

DUDLEY SAID that at the last Jaycees meeting, general membership had discussed the parking lot in question in great detail and had wanted to go on record as favoring the construction of the lot.