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FOR YOUTH CASES

B'ham Policemen Going to School

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham area patrolmen will soon be schooled in how to handle police cases involving juveniles. In an effort to help all police officers do a better job in their contact with youth, the Southeastern Michigan Police Chiefs Association, of which Birmingham Chief Ralph W. Moxley is first vice president, is sponsoring a juvenile training school. The four three-hour sessions will be held on Thursdays at the new Clawson police station beginning Sept. 5. The classes will be taught by Francis E. Davey, former inspector of the Detroit Police Youth Bureau and an authority on juvenile crime.

DAVEY, ALONG with Professor William W. Wattenberg, director of the Delinquency Control Training Center, Wayne State University, met last Thursday in Birmingham with Moxley and other south Oakland County police chiefs to map plans for the school.

The Oakland County sessions will be the first in the metropolitan area. W.S.U., which is directing the school, is planning similar programs for both Wayne and Macomb counties later in the year. Davey explained that the classes "are not intended as training for specialized assignment to youth bureau or other specialized units," but will be geared to the man in the patrol car who usually makes the initial contact with young offenders.

HE STRESSED the importance of training patrol officers in youth work, explaining that many times poor judgment by policemen who answer juvenile complaints often lead to serious results.

"Youngsters have a preconceived idea about police officers whether they have ever been in trouble with the law before or not," Davey said.

"A poor initial contact with a police officer could put a youngster on the defensive and make the work of the juvenile officer that much more difficult.

"If the patrol car officer and the desk sergeant are properly schooled in juvenile procedures, often times they may be able to handle a case themselves rather than turning it over to a youth officer," he said.

TOPICS covered in the sessions include the strategy and general principles governing police contact with youth; investigation and interrogation where youth is involved as suspects or witnesses; dealing with youth gangs and the juvenile court procedures.

Davey said it was hoped representatives of the Oakland County Probation and Juvenile Division would be able to act as instructors in the court procedures session.

The number of Birmingham police officers to be sent to the school will be determined at a later date.

Moxley said that as a result of the school he was sure "the patrolmen would have more confidence in their handling of cases involving juveniles."

by George R. Averill

If you are one of millions of Americans who think that Chief Justice Earl Warren has led the nation's Supreme Court right down the wide lanes of the Socialistic Welfare State—well, pause to remember this: It was former President Dwight D. Eisenhower who appointed Warren to that Court, even though the former California governor had never been a judge of any kind. Why did he do this? To repay a political debt. To win the 1952 Presidential nomination, Ike's chief supporter, Thomas Dewey, had to promise Warren a place on the U.S. Supreme Court in order to get California's votes at the political convention. When Ike's first attorney-general, Brownell, later offered Warren a place on the Court, Warren insisted on being made chief justice. That's how it happened. . . . So Mr. and Mrs. Republican blame the Democrats alone for all the options that have come from Warren's Court (Yes, "politics" does make strange bed-fellows—doesn't it?).

Speaking of the rarest of all possessions: personal freedom and the always-present danger of losing part of all of it. . . . of the need to stand, courageously, for the striking road, even though it takes a nation into war, "like" Eisenhower once said: "In the final choice, a soldier's park is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chains." Senator Vandenberg once said to me: "There are some conditions worse than war!"

What happened to 32 million bushels of wheat that were supposed to go to Austria on a barter basis, but never got there? Our state and agriculture departments have been trying to solve this puzzle for a couple of years. "No soap," as they say in slang circles. No wheat, either, as they say in political circles. There must have been a lotta dough in that much wheat for some people. . . . but not for U.S. taxpayers.

A man whose name is J. Paul Getty is reputed to be a billionaire. . . . perhaps the richest (in monetary wealth) on earth. Yet this chap, unsuccessfully married five times, has had the role of "a beachcomber." Asked what he longs for most, he answered: "A long sea swim and a good beach—and then a swim." Yet his bags of money keep him working 12 to 16 hours a day, just "managing my various businesses." To paraphrase an old axiom: ". . . if I gain the whole world yet cannot gain title to peace for my soul. . . ."

Perhaps the fact that the federal debt for 1962-63 (the last one) was only \$62 billion, or \$2.8 billion less than President Kennedy's estimate last January, should send all Americans into days and nights of joyous rapture. Especially, too, since the manner in which this news was released suggests that maybe the boys and girls down Washington, D. C., way feel that they ought to be given medals for being so "frugal" with the taxpayers' hard-earned dough. So, folks, up the old flag, shoot off the fireworks. . . . but keep your pants hanging handy to your window, with the wallet sticking out—so that the spendthrift Congress can continue to extract whatever amount their whims and caprices decide they want to get rid of for you. (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)

W. B'field Re-Evaluating Vacant Property

Twp. Board Okays Sewer-Water Dept.

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Two major expenses for the township—establishment of a sewer and water department and payment for continuation of master planning—were approved by the township board at its meeting last week.



DEBORIS V. LITTLE, Bloomfield Township clerk, explains meeting procedures to the new Township Library Board. The group held its first meeting Aug. 8 in the Township Hall. Board members are (from left) Mrs. Harold Roehm, Ralph G. Heeler, Mrs. Carl Abbott, Philip Caldwell, John Rumsey and Mrs. John H. King.

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The \$5,000 will be used for the new department until its first collection of fees in October. Charges to township water users will be \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet of water. There will be a \$6 minimum sewer charge. All bills will be rendered quarterly.

THE MONEY will also cover stockpiling of materials to be used by the department and provide the capital for buying them in wholesale quantities. It will also cover the cost of maintaining well sites before revenue is available.

The board allocated \$3,000 to pay for completion of a master plan for the township. Villan-Leman, planning consultants, are in charge of the project.

THE \$3,000 represents the township's share of this phase of the planning. Federal funds are paying for the other three-quarters of the cost.

THE TOWNSHIP trustees, Walter Whitmer and Charles Forbes, expressed opinions that a re-evaluation of unimproved acreage in the township was needed for tax assessment purposes.

"I want to see acreage and golf courses pay a share of their own ad," he said.

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The next scheduled board meeting will be held at Bloomfield Township Hall on Aug. 21.

There will be no fence constructed at Birmingham's Crestview Park.

City commissioners Monday night accepted an administration recommendation that no fence be constructed along the Southfield side of the park at least for the present time.

Several months ago Commissioner Robert W. Page asked the administration and recreation board to look into the need for a fence as a safety barrier between children who play in the park and the traffic on Southfield Road.

City Manager L. R. Gare said after discussing the matter with the recreation board it was felt that since the area of the park along Southfield was not developed to any great extent to attract youngsters there was no reason to install the fence.

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HAMLIN SAYS: Voluntary Cooperation Needed in Government

Voluntary cooperation between units of government such as counties and cities is one of the most important problems facing metropolitan areas, according to Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. Hamlin, supervisor from Farmington, stressed this point Saturday in a panel discussion of the voluntary regional cooperation council workshop of the American Municipal Association and the National Association of Counties. The groups were holding their annual meeting over the week end at Houston, Tex.

"My experience has been that cooperation is quite easy to attain once you have the proper communication and recognition of the problems by the units within the area," Hamlin said.

HE NOTED that when communities learn they cannot live alone and that they are only as strong individually as they are collectively, cooperation follows naturally.

Hamlin traced the history of Oakland County from an agricultural county prior to 1920 to the urban area it is today.

"More and more in recent years the cities have been appointing mayors and members of their city commissions to the county board. . . . By these appointments the board has become a truly representative body of all of the units of government in the county, with the cities having overwhelming control through their large membership on the board," Hamlin said.

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Committees, Chiefs Named For Library

Committees were established and committee heads appointed at the first official meeting of the Bloomfield Township Library Board, held last week.

Members of the board were sworn into office by Township Clerk Debora Little.

Titles of the newly-installed committees reflect the problems that will have to be solved by the library board before it has a township library in operation.

THE SITES and Rental Property Committee, headed by Mrs. Harold Roehm, will seek locations for the library. The Personnel Committee, with Mrs. John King in charge, will negotiate for a qualified librarian. Budgeting will be handled by a committee headed by Mrs. Carl Abbott.

The Contact Committee, whose function is to handle negotiations with Baldwin Library for reciprocal use and services, has as its chairman, Philip Caldwell. Ralph Heeler heads the Policy and Gift Committee.

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Pontiac Man Dies in Crash On Telegraph

There were no witnesses to an accident early Tuesday morning in which a 36-year-old Pontiac man was thrown nearly 95 feet from his car when it struck a pole near East Quorton and Telegraph roads.

Dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, was Pedro S. Ortiz.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Police said Ortiz must have been traveling at a high speed when he ran into the sign pole on the island of the left-turn approach. The car, a 1958 Chevrolet, was destroyed as it was sheared into six pieces, police said.

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City Extends Rental Pact

Birmingham city commissioners extended a rental agreement with the Pure Oil Co. for the property at Woodward and Forest Monday night.

The City recently purchased the property from the Masonic Temple Association. Part of the land is presently occupied by a gas station which was paying rent to the association.

The acquisition of the property by the City was for the proposed improvement of the intersection of Forest and Woodward in connection with the peripheral route.

L. R. GARE, city manager, said until a determination was made as to the disposition of the Brown and Forest streets portion of the route the lease with the oil company should be continued.

The City receives \$200 a month rental on the land.

Faces False Check Charge in B'ham

Leonard J. Gerrard, 23, of Berkeley, faces examination Monday in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of writing false checks in Birmingham.

B'ham Approves Tractor Purchase

City commissioners authorized the purchase of a new tractor with a front-end loader for use at Birmingham's new municipal golf course Monday night.

The tractor will be used in the construction and maintenance of the course, according to T. C. Brien, DPW superintendent. The cost of the tractor was set at \$4,650.28.

The \$4,650 bid was submitted by the Pontiac Tractor & Equipment Co. Although not the low bid, Brien recommended it be accepted because it was the only one that met city specifications.

A proposal to re-advertise for additional bids by Commissioner David P. Breck was rejected by the commission.

Delivery of the tractor is expected in about 10 days, Brien said.

In his possession two wallets and several credit cards that had been stolen from autos in Berkeley and Detroit.

HE IS BEING held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond. Chambers said Gerrard is presently on bond from a similar charge in Hazel Park and is on Federal probation for transporting a stolen auto across a state line.

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