

# Police Issue Warning To Young Bike Riders

The Birmingham Police Dept. has issued a word of caution to youngsters who will be riding bicycles to school this fall.

In the eyes of the lawmakers of all states a bicycle is a vehicle and as such is subject to vehicle laws, said Lt. Robert Schauls, of the Birmingham Police Traffic Safety Bureau.

He noted very few of the thousands of purchasers and sellers of bicycles and fewer still of the general public comprehend and fully realized this fact and the only sense and adequate approach to the problem is registration, recognition and regulation.

"WITH THE starting of school in a couple of weeks many youngsters will be riding their bicycles to and from school for the first time," he said.

"One of the mounting concerns to parents and police is the protection of the children from accidents on traffic lined streets and highways."

"Most certainly the parents, above everyone else, should counsel and encourage their children to be courteous, considerate and careful, and to point out to them it is the only sure, sensible and safe way to ride a bicycle," Schauls said.

In Birmingham it is compulsory to register all bicycles. The fee, \$1 and the license is good for the life of the bike.

Schauls said there were many reasons for the registration but the most important was that "it places on the rider the responsibility of observing the laws and riding carefully."

HE ALSO pointed out a bicycle with a license was not so easy to get away with, and it therefore, becomes one of the best theft deterrents.

## Stadler Is Delegate

City Clerk Robert J. Stadler will be Bloomfield Hills' delegate to the Michigan Municipal League convention, Sept. 5-7, at Mackinac Island. City Manager Elmer Kephart was chosen as alternate.

## Parking

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his people were still opposed to the construction of the lot and since the City had not been able to acquire the entire block the commission should reconsider alternate proposals the CBRA had presented for the location of the lot.

At one point during the discussion Breck asked Gare if, since the lot was being designed on a temporary basis, it would be possible to leave standing the trees within the boundaries of the lot.

Gare said the City would not take out more trees than necessary but asked Breck whether he wanted "a park or a parking lot?"

Several members of the audience shouted back "park."

SOME MONTHS ago Breck had suggested that if more and more parking lots were installed that the name of the town should be changed from Birmingham to Parkington.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham said he watched the administration deal with similar situations in which trees were involved but had never seen them cut down trees needlessly.

"I think we can trust their judgment in the matter," he said.

In speaking on the condemnation resolution, Breck said he had hoped the problem of the three remaining houses on Townsend would be resolved Monday night.

He said he felt the property owners involved had been "left hanging."

"IF WE are not considering putting parking on the whole block, I hope we can do something for these people," Breck said.

"Why not make a decision in the next couple of weeks?" he asked.

When asked how many votes it would take to start condemnation proceedings, City Attorney James Howlett said they could be started with a simple, 4-3, majority vote.

"The rest is up to the courts," he said.

Commissioner Charles A. Renshaw said he would be reluctant to support a condemnation resolution if the vote was not unanimous.

He told Breck "You and Mr. Page appear to be against it."

Breck answered: "I would vote against condemnation."

PAGE SAID he was not against developing the north half of the block but objected to rushing into a decision at the present time.

A motion by Breck to develop only the north half of the block was defeated by a 5-2 vote. Page voted with Breck for the measure.

Breck's motion that the administration bring in a condemnation resolution in two weeks passed by a 5-2 margin. Commissioners Ralph A. Main and Page voted against the proposal.

Breck stressed that his vote to bring in the resolution "should not be misconstrued" as being in favor of the condemnation.

Registration of the bicycle brings recognition to it by the public and the public officials.

"When any vehicle of any kind has a license on it, everyone knows that the vehicle owner has paid something for that license, and therefore, has some rights and responsibilities," Schauls said.

Regulation means passing proper laws and enforcing them, Schauls noted. He said there are over 11 million bicycles in use in the United States at the present time.

SINCE the greater number are ridden by girls and boys who will be tomorrow's automobile drivers it is important that the bicycle riders of today learn to obey all traffic laws, the same as cars, trucks buses and other vehicles.

Schauls cited six of the most serious bicycle regulations that are violated the most:

1. Failure to signal for turns or stops.
2. Failure to obey stop signs.
3. Failure to obey traffic signals.
4. Failure to yield right of way to pedestrians.
5. Riding two on a bicycle.
6. Riding on the sidewalk in the downtown area. (Birmingham's traffic ordinance states a bicycle cannot be ridden on the sidewalk in the area of Woodward from Brown to Oakland and on Maple to Brownell.

"BICYCLING IS great fun," Schauls said. "Let's keep it fun by keeping the bicycle in good running condition, have good brakes, a warning device of some type and remember that obeying the traffic and safety rules is not just play acting."

"The careful bicycle rider of today is the careful motorist of tomorrow."

## 2 Hurt in 6-Car Chain Reaction Crash in B'ham

An 80-year-old Bloomfield Hills man and his 60-year-old woman passenger were injured Tuesday afternoon in an accident on Woodward between Harmon and Oak involving six automobiles.

Birmingham police said Oscar H. Pocock, 880 Harzdale, was driving north on Woodward when he apparently lost control of his auto.

The car struck an auto angled parked on Woodward. The parked car in turn crashed into the auto parked next to it and set off a chain reaction striking two other parked cars.

The Pocock vehicle continued down Woodward and struck another parked car, turning it over.

Pocock and his passenger, Mrs. Ely of Detroit, were both taken to William Beaumont Hospital where they were reported in satisfactory condition. Pocock is suffering from multiple lacerations and Mrs. Ely a broken ankle.

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## Attorney General Rules Bus Law Constitutional

A new Michigan law providing for free bus transportation for non-public school students has been ruled constitutional by State Attorney General Frank J. Kelley.

Passed by the Legislature in the spring, the law requires school districts to furnish transportation for parochial school children as well as public school students.

The law has been opposed locally by the Bloomfield Hills School Board and PTA council on the grounds it would be impractical and costly for the district.

KELLEY SAID the law conforms with both the United States Constitution and the new State Constitution.

Replying to a question from Senator William J. Leppin (R. Saginaw), the attorney general concluded that mandatory bus service would be "a public benefit" which would not advance any religion.

"It benefits parents," Kelley said, "by helping them get their children to school so that they are

in compliance with the compulsory education laws."

IT HELPS children, he said, "by transporting them in good health and safety to school so that they may be educated as good citizens in the community."

The law will not go into effect until July 1, 1964.

Kelley's opinion does not settle the question of constitutionality.

Roland O'Hare, Detroit attorney and chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, vows his organization will back a court test of the law.

A TAXPAYER'S suit challenging its legality will be started in Circuit Court within a month, he said.

Kelley cited decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court in holding that the school bus law does not violate the separation-of-church-and-state provisions of the Federal Constitution.

The decisions prohibit laws "respecting the establishment of a religion" or the free exercise of

religion. The Supreme Court said the test is whether the law advances or restricts a religion.

O'HARE SAID his organization is convinced the bus law violates a constitutional ban against use of public monies for religious purposes.

Courts in six other states having similar language in their constitutions have prohibited use of public funds for transporting pupils of non-public schools, he said.

## Park Smith Sent Home from Hospital

Park H. Smith, former Birmingham fire chief, has been released from an Alpena hospital where he had been since suffering a serious heart attack Aug. 11.

Smith, 60, of 271 Chesterfield, Birmingham, has returned to his summer home at Hubbard Lake, Mich. He retired from the fire department in February.

## Anti-Tax Group Gives Totals of Petition Names

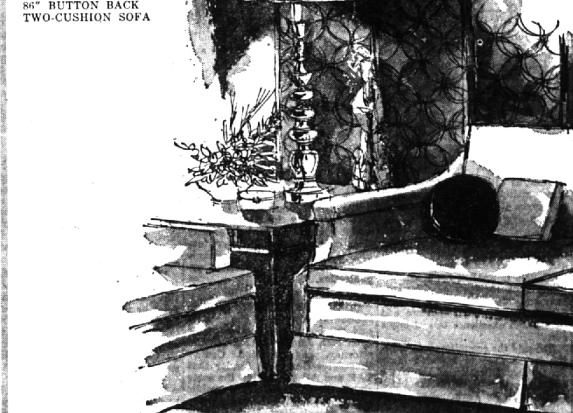
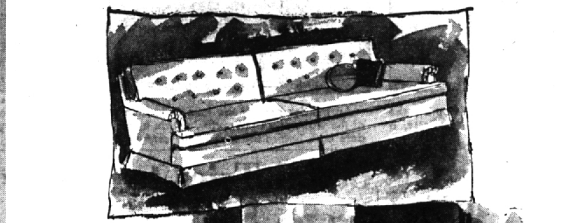
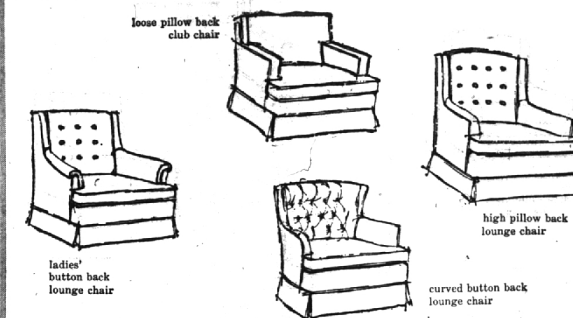
The Vigilance Tax Committee of Michigan has announced totals of signatures collected in Oakland County and throughout Michigan for petitions to abolish the Detroit one per cent income tax on non-residents.

Birmingham is not a member of the Vigilance Tax Committee.

The committee's quota is one-half of the registered voters. They are still 4,000 signatures short of their goal of 240,000.

TOTALS THUR FAR are Birmingham, 2,836 out of a needed 5,000; Bloomfield Township, 643 out of 1,000; Lathrup Village, 729 out of 1,000; Southfield, 6,416 out of 8,000; Southfield Township, 2,211 out of an unspecified number; and Troy, 1,843 out of 5,000.

The committee plans to organize a car caravan trip to deliver the petitions to Lansing Aug. 31. Berkeley Mayor George W. Kuhn is chairman.



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