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Hills Schools Face Building Shortage

Birmingham Masonic Temple Sold

By LARRY EYOE
City Editor

The Birmingham Masonic Temple at Woodward and Forest has been sold to realtor Howard Keating.

Purchase price of the building and land was \$75,000, according to W. Carleton Scott, vice president of the Masonic Temple Association.

The sale of the building clears the way for the Temple Association to begin construction of a new temple on the southwest corner of Woodward and Chestfield in Bloomfield Hills.

Keating is expected to move his office into the building by July 1.

Included in that parcel, which comprised an area of 3,863 square feet, is a gasoline station the City expects to tear down sometime this year.

The City bought the property to eliminate the jog where Woodward, Forest and Brown intersect. The straightening of the intersection is considered an important phase of the Central Business District Development Plan by city officials.

"The Birmingham Lodge No. 44 now needs only \$24,000 in additional contributions before construction can start on the new temple," Scott said.

"Final fund raising is in progress and a completion date of March 2 has been set," he said.

THE TEMPLE Association has awarded the architectural contract to Austin Engineers, Inc., in Detroit.

Scott said groundbreaking has been set for the middle of April and it is hoped the cornerstone-laying ceremony can take place on May 2.

He said occupancy is scheduled for Sept. 1.

The Temple Association had first planned to build a new temple on the Woodward-Forest site but later decided to seek another spot.

The 4½-acre Bloomfield Hills site was purchased from the Village Woman's Club in January, 1963.

Growth of membership and the need for more facilities was cited as the reason for the change in location.

Study Group Appointed by Twp. Board

A citizen's committee to study the form of local government would best serve the needs of Bloomfield Township was appointed by the township board at its meeting Monday night.

Fifteen citizens, all of whom indicated willingness to serve on the committee before their names were submitted to the board, were appointed.

They include Tony Guyer, John King, Chad Ritchie, George Cousins, Mrs. Robert Sinclair, Mrs. Horace Sheldon, Joe Hainline, Charles Wiggins, Mrs. John Rumsby, Murray D. Vaugoner, Richard McGraw, Mrs. Robert Knight, Ed M. Hill, Milo Cross and Robert Hackett.



TAE to Seek Cooperation of School Board

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

TAE will seek the cooperation of its chief adversary—the Birmingham Board of Education—in an effort to get the association in legal or illegal under a Michigan statute dealing with fraternities, sororities and secret societies.

The association will ask for the opinion of State Attorney General Frank Kelley in a letter to be drafted by the end of this week.

TAE members, meeting at the home of Mrs. Aza Sherwood, Jr., 972 Covington, Bloomfield Village, Monday night, indicated they had reached an impasse Saturday in a meeting with school board officials.

Former Temple to Become Realty Office

A subtle warning to speeders along Opdyke and Vaughan roads was issued Tuesday night by the Bloomfield Hills City Commission.

Commissioners authorized Public Safety Director Robert Stadler to purchase a \$1,295 radar unit which is expected to thin the ranks of drivers who use the roads as speed short-cuts or late-at-night drag strips.

Stadler said he thinks the radar unit will give the commission an indication of the actual speed along Opdyke. He added that it is almost impossible to accurately pace vehicles with a police car.

A Word to Drivers: Hills Buys Radar

"WE CAN set this radar unit on the speed limit and if motorists exceed it, a buzzer will go off, alerting the police officer," Stadler said.

The unit has a maximum range of 2,000 feet and can be operated in hilly areas. Drivers will be allowed a tolerance of five miles over the posted speed limit, no warning tickets will be issued, Stadler said.

COMMISSIONERS decided that signs will be posted at entrance to the city to inform drivers that to speed in Bloomfield Hills is to be "radar-controlled."

The complaints have been received from residents along Opdyke and Vaughan that motorists were using the streets as short cuts and were traveling at excessive speeds.

It was also decided that through trucks—including pickups—will be prohibited on the two roads.

In other action, the commission: (See RADAR, 2-A)

Walker Well Site Gets 'For Sale' Sign From City

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved the placing on the April 6 ballot a proposition to sell 70 acres of City-owned property on the north side of Maple a quarter mile east of Coolidge.

The site is commonly known as the Walker Well property.

Formerly used as a well site and a refuse disposal area, the land is no longer of any use to the City.

Under the City charter the sale of any property valued in excess of \$2 must be approved by a vote of 82 percent of the electors of the property.

Invite Officials To Join Parade On Civil Rights

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night were invited to take part in a religious procession "in behalf of responsible Federal civil rights legislation."

The procession, sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches, is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p. m.

Rev. Carl Sayers, director of arrangements, said the procession will start at the First Baptist Church and go to Holy Name Catholic Church.

"AT THE OUTSET, invocations will be given by a Protestant pastor and a Jewish rabbi," Rev. Sayers said.

He added that at Holy Name there will be hymns and prayers and an address by a Catholic priest from the Birmingham area.

Religious leaders will walk in the procession, wearing the vestments of their churches and synagogues; and religious symbols and signs will be carried, according to Rev. Sayers.

The procession was originally scheduled for Dec. 14 but was postponed because of the death of President Kennedy.

Commissioners made no comment on Rev. Sayers' letter.

Kelley to Seek Cooperation of School Board

"We are just so thankful now that we know that everything's all right," Mrs. Robert Badkie, 5007 Forest Way, Bloomfield Township, president of TAE, said the school board advised the association to request the attorney general's ruling.

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The attorney said that TAE only wants equal treatment under the law. (See TAE, 5-A)

Special Section Features Detroit Auto Show

Birmingham auto dealers are sending representatives to the Detroit Auto Show which will start a nine-day run Saturday at the Artillery Armory on 8 Mile Road.

For details on this and other features of the auto show, be sure to see the Detroit Auto Show special section appearing with this week's issue of The Eclectic.

The 20-page tabloid size supplement is replete with information, photos and advertisements of the 1964 models. There's a full page of pictures of new cars on Page 13.

Two features of this year's show are an annual display of a 1964 convertible which explodes and retracts and "a great white way" highway on a plush red carpet.

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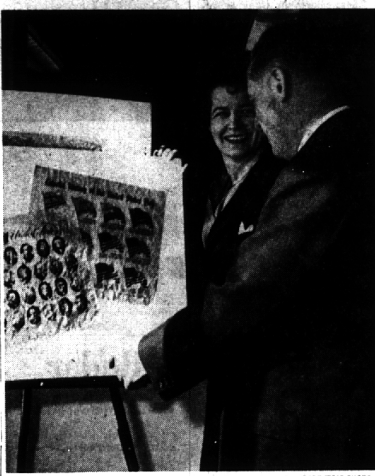
Birmingham-Bloomfield United Foundation Drive goes over top. See story, picture on 3-A.

Socialites put accent on benefits. See story, pictures on 1-C.

Broadway comes to Birmingham via critic-lecturer at Town Hall. See story, picture on 1-D.

Seaham tank squd nips Royal Oak Kimball as a capacity crowd watches one of the year's best dual meets. See story, pictures on 1-E.

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Historical Happenings

Birmingham Mayor William H. Burgum and Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., Birmingham's centennial chairman, look over a set of the historic documents The Eclectic is offering in honor of the city's 100th birthday. Profits from the sale of the documents will go to the centennial committee. At their Monday night meeting, each of Birmingham's city commissioners was presented a set of the documents by The Eclectic.

Flyer's Drama in Pacific Worries A Franklin 'Mom'

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ENSIGN DAVID SMALL

"Mrs. Small will probably be getting a divorce," said a source, "telling about the accident," Cooney said. "It is unfortunate that she received the report in the manner she did."

The Smalls moved to Franklin three years ago from Rockford, Ill. (See DRAMA, 2-A)

Original Concept Now Outdated

Urban Needs Have Changed County Government

Second in a series
By SHELLEY SPANN
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Birmingham League of Women Voters

At the time of their formation, in the period between 1813 and 1861, counties in Michigan were considered to be administrative outposts of the state, whose primary function was the maintenance of law and order, keeping of records and overseeing of elections.

As local needs have developed, however, this limited concept of the county has become out-dated as the justification for its boundaries; drawn so that no one living within the county would be more than one day's journey from the county courthouse.

Today, counties — especially urban ones such as Oakland —

are called upon to perform many functions originally attributed to local units of government. Many of these services are new in the county. Others were originally the responsibility of the township but have now been turned over to the county.

MICHIGAN townships came into being under the Northwest Territory Ordinance of 1787 to facilitate the survey of the land.

Township government, as we know it, dates from 1827 and has experienced little change since that time.

It was intended to be a simple local government suitable to rural areas.

A difference in structure has been allowed townships with over 5,000 population since such urban townships (such as Bloomfield) provide some urban services.

In 1947 the state legislature permitted an alternate form, the charter township. This permits townships with a population of 5,000 or more or townships bor-

dering a city of more than 25,000 to incorporate as a charter township after the electorate has approved the question.

IN ADDITION to the townships there are cities, villages and special districts, such as school districts, which are deemed local units of government.

Each unit possesses taxing power; so, in a village which remains a part of the township, residents are responsible to the government of a village, a township, a school district and a county.

In Oakland County there are 24 townships, 22 cities, 19 villages and 30 school districts whose boundaries overlap the other units.

Michigan counties are governed by a board of supervisors composed of members representing the city and township governments.

The legal formula for representation is applied in all counties. Regardless of its popula-

tion or size, each township is represented by one elected person, the township supervisor.

EACH CITY, depending upon its population, is represented by one or more supervisors appointed by the city council.

While the formula works in some counties, it gives rise to vast inequities in representation in heavily populated counties, exemplified by the city of Birmingham, population 28,000, having four supervisors, while Bloomfield Township, population 26,000, has only one supervisor.

The city of Bloomfield Hills, with a population of only 2,550, has the same representation as Bloomfield Township.

In counties with a single large city the formula results in an under-representation of the city.

In general law counties (present type) elective offices are fixed by the constitution. These offices are treasurer, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, clerk and register of Deeds. The last two (See CONCEPT, 8-A)

