

## Dwelling

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the slayer had used these coverings to hide the bodies.

"THE ONLY 'personal' possessions readily visible were a pink school notebook, cover imprinted with the words, 'The Beatles,' underneath the hirsute table, and a corner knock-knack shelf in the living room with ceramics and a trophy for Clawson Slow Ball League Champion.

One tiny kitten had been found around the house and taken away by the Troy Animal Shelter. Another was reported seen later.

Other articles cluttered the rooms. A rickety chair in the living room held a box of old shoes, and next to that another chair held a box of unshelled green beans and some cantaloupes. A box of yellow beans was underneath the kitchen table.

THERE WERE several beer bottles in each room. In the kitchen there was a beer bottle with a broken top and an open, partially-filled bottle of wine. Drawers were pulled open in the

bedrooms, clothes tumbling out. Mattresses were bare and stained. The bedroom behind the living room held a double bed, a wardrobe chest and a bookcase with a bright pencil-sharpener attached. Another bedroom had a double-decker bunk and a baby's crib.

Across one side of the house, a garage had been converted into a large bedroom which held another double-decker bunk and a large table where schoolbooks lay.

THE DOOR leading from this room had been locked, probably since the recent conversation, police said. This was the only other door in the house besides the front entrance.

Police had drawn chalk outlines on the floors where the bodies were found, but these were hard to see because of the clothes and other articles lying around. The house had a strong odor police described as "the smell of death."

In the bathroom an open Bible lay on a table.

From the outside, the one-story house wore clean white paint. It was overhung by weeping willows. There was no lawn, and several junk cars were on the ground around the house. There were good bushes in the garage.

## Cyclist Jailed After Chase On Woodward

A 100-plus mph chase down Woodward Avenue Monday night was climaxed when Bloomfield Township officers arrested motorcyclist Lester Scripser, 21, on charges of reckless driving.

Township officer Nick Seseck spotted Scripser about 7:45 p.m. on Woodward near Long Lake Road. The cyclist accelerated to speeds above 100 as Seseck called other cars in on the chase. Scripser jounced from lane to lane and then shut off his lights as he was going south on northbound Woodward in an effort to lose the officer.

HE LEFT Woodward, shot across vacant fields and down side roads before Seseck apprehended him 15 minutes later in front of 5441 Long Meadow, near Brookdale.

Scripser, who gave his address as 672 N. Elm, Birmingham, was arraigned Tuesday morning and pleaded guilty to Justice Alice Gilbert.

He was fined \$50, \$20 costs and given five days in the county jail. Justice Gilbert also placed Scripser on three months probation and revoked his driving license for 30 days.

The cyclist also was forced to pay an overdue speeding ticket he received in August.

## Commissioner Clippert Explains I&R Position

In a letter to The Birmingham Eccentric, City Commissioner Charles F. Clippert today clarified his position on the proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the city charter.

The proposition will be on the April ballot in Birmingham.

At last week's meeting, the city commission reversed itself in deciding to delete zoning as one of the items to be excluded from the referendum part of the I&R proposal.

IN HIS letter, Clippert said his reasons for offering this change:

"As noted by our city attorney, there is at least some question whether or not an amendment to a zoning ordinance can be a proper subject of initiative. It was the city attorney's opinion that a referendum on a zoning ordinance amendment however, is probably valid.

"Legalities aside, as a policy matter the initiation of a zoning ordinance change is inconsistent with a property owner's statutory right

to notice of hearing and an effective hearing on such change.

"FURTHER, adjoining property owners would lose the opportunity of requiring a three-fourth vote of the commission in order to carry a zoning amendment, in the event such a change were initiated.

"Empowering the electorate to hold a referendum on a zoning amendment is not inconsistent with the mechanics of city planning since it would merely enable the electorate to veto an unwanted change."

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## Service Specialist Graduates in South

Airman Third Class Robert J. Erickson, whose parents live at 29905 Maple Ridge, Southfield, has graduated from the technical training course for U. S. Air Force fire protection specialists at Greenville AFB, Miss.

Airman Erickson, now trained to fight structural and aircraft fires and repair fire fighting equipment, is being assigned to a Continental Air Command (CONAC) unit at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Minn.

His unit supports the CONAC mission of keeping the U. S. Air Force Reserve components operationally ready. The airman, a graduate of Southfield High School, entered the Air Force in May.

## Driver Training To Begin at Y

The Birmingham YMCA has openings in its first session of a driver training course which will begin on Tuesday. Lasting eight weeks, the classes will offer classroom instruction as well as actual behind-the-wheel training for persons 18 years and older.

Instruction will be given by Celtic Enterprises at the 'Y' from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$49.00 to 'Y' members and \$54.00 to non-members. Drivers may call the 'Y' for registration information.



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## Lathrup Denies Request to Vacate Flair-Out

that decision, the city council voted unanimously to deny a petition to vacate the flair-out of Meadowland Court at Southfield at their meeting Monday night.

"If we vacate this flair-out, we will have to vacate a lot of them along Southfield," said Mayor Richard N. Cargier in explaining his decision.

"We were also advised not to vacate by the Road and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The flair-outs are an important characteristic of Southfield Road, as the value of residential property is enhanced, and this should also be a consideration."

PETITIONING FOR vacating was Robert C. Hauke of Southfield, who wanted the additional 20 feet for parking spaces.

Hauke wanted to build a 5700-square-foot building along Southfield which would have 4500 square feet of working space. For a building this size, 24 parking spaces would be required according to the building codes.

"I guess you'll have to go over the building plans again with your architect," the mayor told Hauke after the vote.

## Hit-Run Driver Injures Dog

The fun of moving into a new home has diminished for the four youngsters of Mrs. Ann Kale, secretary in the public relations office of the Birmingham School System.

Domino, their black-and-white beagle terrier was the victim in a hit-and-run accident on Adams Road in front of their new home near Sunridge last week. He is in an animal hospital with internal injuries and bleeding.

"What really upset them," said Mrs. Kale, "was that the driver slowed down after he saw he hit the dog, then quickly drove off again. The children can't realize that a person wouldn't stop and help an injured dog."

Mrs. Kale said that a bigger dog, which was chasing Domino, forced him onto Adams Road. The Kale youngsters are Art, 15; Mary Ann, 13; Gary, 9; and Laurie 7.

"The children are out every night watching for the hit-run car, which is a dark station wagon," said Mrs. Kale.

## Cigarette Vending Machine Code Being Enforced

Following a month-long legal delay, Birmingham's cigarette vending ordinance is being enforced.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Arthur E. Moore stated Monday that Birmingham, as a home rule city, has the right to establish regulations governing cigarette vending machines.

Moore said that Birmingham's ordinance would have been pre-empted if the state law had established regulations. He stated that the state license is not a regulatory device but a taxing method.

The judge had dismissed a suit challenging the validity of the ordinance which provides for the licensing of cigarette machines at a cost of \$8.

The license, he said, is to allow law officials to identify the location of each machine, prevent it from being accessible to minors, or, if necessary, confiscate the machine.

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