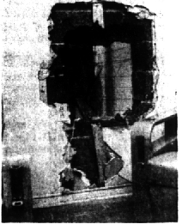


Police Nab 3 Chicagoans In Attempted Fur Theft



HOLE PROVIDES ENTRY WAY



PORTABLE RADIO RECEIVER

Twp. Board Opposed to Rec. Millage

BY DAVE PHILPO Township Editor

While emphasizing that it favors recreation, the Bloomfield Township Board is opposed to placing a 1/2-mill levy proposal on the ballot of a special school election in February.

The board Monday night unanimously agreed that a thorough study of the township's and school district's recreational needs should be made before voters are asked to vote on more money for the present program.

"We are in favor of recreation," said Clerk Deloris V. Little, "but the wants and needs of all residents should be considered in broadening the recreational program."

Board members pointed to two problems that might be encountered if the recreational program is under the jurisdiction of the school district:

"Policing the various facilities could become more than the school district could handle. Bloomfield Township contains patrons of five school districts—Birmingham, Troy, Pontiac and Avondale, as well as Bloomfield Hills.

The Hills school district recreation commission requested last week that the board of education place the 1/2-mill proposal on the ballot, along with a millage proposal to improve teachers' salaries.

SOME BOARD members at that time expressed concern that the recreation proposal might jeopardize the millage.

(See BOARD, 4-A)

Crash Claims Two Students From Groves

4 Other Teens Hurt in Township Car-Truck Mishap

A traffic accident on W. Maple in Bloomfield Township late Friday evening claimed the lives of two Groves High School students.

Timothy W. Guenther, 17, of 32575 Plumwood, Beverly Hills, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, following the accident, in which he lost control of his car and skidded head-on into a county road commission salt truck.

The mishap, which occurred on ice-covered Maple near Wyaall, also took the life of Eric Heber, 14, of 32865 Bellvue, Beverly Hills, who died at St. Joseph's at 1:05 p.m. Sunday.

GUENTHER, a senior at Groves; Heber, a freshman; an Oak Park youth and three girls who also attend Groves, were returning to a dance at the school when the accident occurred at 11:05 p.m.

Enid Braun, 14, of 22435 Hillview, Beverly Hills, was removed from the critical list Monday at St. Joseph's and is in satisfactory condition.

Harry J. DeCastro, 16, Oak Park, was discharged Sunday from William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. The two other passengers, Cynthia Miller, 15, and Cynthia Garvey, 15, both of West Bloomfield Township, were treated by their own physicians for minor injuries.

DRIVER OF the truck, Daniel S. Schmetz, 53, Auburn Heights, was not injured.

Tracks from Guenther's car showed that he skidded out of control and slid sideways, Bloomfield Township police said. They believe he was straitening out the car when the collision occurred.

Funeral services for Guenther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Guenther, were held Tuesday at Vasa Lynch Funeral Home, Royal Oak. (See CRASH, 6-A)

Entry forms for The Birmingham Eccentric's Christmas Coloring Contest will be available at the newspaper's offices, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham, beginning Saturday, Nov. 28. For details of contest, see story on 1-B and advertisement on 8-D.

(See BOARD, 4-A)



PROVIDING A BETTER SCHOOL BUILDING Assistant Superintendent Norm Wolfe



'I LEARNED SO MUCH'

Mrs. Richard Dickenshield (left) with national winner, Mrs. James E. Sharon

B'ham's Homemaker Is 'Winner' in Her Own Right

Related stories, photos on 1-CC BY MARY ELLEN MEAD Women's Editor

Birmingham's Petey (Mrs. Richard) Dickenshield spent 48 tightly packed hours with 27 other homemakers from across the nation and came out a winner—not on a national level but in an area which, according to the gray-eyed runner-up, will be personally cherished the rest of her life.

Although tied to a degree when she left for Chicago to participate in the National Suburban Homemaker Contest Nov. 19-20,

Petey humbly confesses she was in no way prepared for the high caliber experience in store.

LIVING AS closely as she did with other competitors, learning to know them personally as well as under the glare of spotlighted panel discussions, Petey's reaction was one of healthy awe combined with an intellectual appreciation for the qualities which brought the group together.

"They were all perfectly wonderful," she claims, "and I learned so much. Not only from them but from guest speakers and the judges.

The latter formed as formidable an array as any I've ever had to face (they included Dr. Freda S. Kohn, director of the Association for Family Living; Dr. Richard L. D. Morse, head of the department of Family Economics, Kansas State University; and Dr. Hazel K. Stuebeling, deputy director, retired, Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture) but it was agreed by all of us that their great warmth and informal approach put us at ease immediately.

THE CONTESTANTS may have been at ease, but that's one thing the judges weren't! Their sessions were long and fraught with indecision—there were too many stars on their immediate horizon.

Hence, a very special tribute made from the podium on Award Day honoring Petey. A hairline decision between B'ham's entry and another woman for second runner-up was resolved, but it good or bad, on an emotional basis:

"Knowing that national judges can be this human reserves my faith," said Petey, "leaving me with a great big lump in my throat and a (See HOMEMAKER, 5-A)

SEES DISTRICT GROW

Wolfe's Job: Provide Services for Schools

This is the second in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the Birmingham Public Schools.

By LARRY EVOE Norm Wolfe says he has "grown up" with the Birmingham Public School System.

A quick look at the district's history finds his statement hard to dispute.

When Wolfe joined the system as assistant superintendent in 1947, the district had 2,800 youngsters, 3 buses and 2 cafeterias.

Today, as assistant superintendent, Wolfe has in his charge the care of 15,160 students, 44 buses and 14 cafeterias serving 5,500 lunches a day.

"Our job is to provide the supporting services for the educational program," Wolfe said. "We provide the setting so the teacher can educate the youngster."

IN HIS ROLE Wolfe has direct charge of all of the district's supporting services except finance. His office is responsible for providing transportation, cafeteria services, building and ground maintenance and overseeing new construction projects.

He heads a staff of 91 cafeteria workers and 181 full- and part-time custodial men and bus drivers.

Since 1947 the district has built 15 new buildings and constructed 24 additions to existing facilities. "We now have 478 classrooms, 9 gyms, 15 multipurpose rooms, 5 pools and 22 libraries that must constantly be maintained," Wolfe said.

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2 Escape Dragnet; 5 Bullets Fired

By LARRY EVOE City Editor

Police and FBI agents in two states continued Wednesday to search for two men who escaped a dragnet in Birmingham Sunday after an attempted fur robbery.

Three other men involved in the burglary are in Oakland County Jail awaiting examination in Birmingham Municipal Court today.

The trio are all from the suburban Chicago area and police believe the other two are also from Illinois.

The men escaped a larceny late Sunday afternoon from Furs by Robert, 550 N. Woodward, but were surprised in their efforts by a next-door beauty shop owner.

THREE OF the men were captured after a wild chase involving police from Birmingham, Southfield, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. and Lathrup Village.

Five shots were fired by Lathrup officer William Smith when the men tried to run a roadblock on Evergreen.

Birmingham Det. Lt. Merlin L. Holquist said the men "who were obviously professionals," left behind a bag full of furs valued at \$24,470 when they were captured.

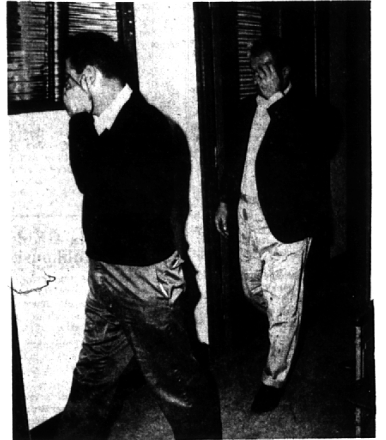
The beauty shop owner, Gerald Haynes, 27160 14 Mile, Franklin, had gone to his shop with two friends to prep his payroll when the would-be robbers were discovered.

HOLQUIST SAID Haynes centered the front door of the store and spotted the men handing furs through a hole they had chipped in a concrete wall connecting the two stores.

After being discovered, the men fled the store, leaving the furs behind and a portable radio receiver capable of picking up area-police calls.

Haynes followed the men to a (See THEFT, 6-A)

The Birmingham Eccentric's annual Christmas Gift Guide, consisting of 24 tabloid-size pages, appears with the Dec. 3 issue. There is an innovation in this year's section; be sure to watch for it next week.



TWO OF THE ACCUSED ENTER COURT Richard Penachio (left), Lee Magnafichi

Men's Night to Open Yule Shopping Here

Birmingham's Christmas season would be open Monday through shopping program will be kicked off on Monday, Dec. 7, with the annual Men's Night observance.

More than 30 downtown shops field will be open from 7 to 10 that night, catering strictly to "stag shoppers," according to Knowles H. Smith, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

A retail merchants committee headed by William Wizer has been planning a series of special events for the Christmas season.

Maurice Barnett, chairman of the retail advertising committee, said that special stuffer announcements will be distributed to member stores announcing Men's Night.

Christmas activities will be centered in Shain Park, beginning with Men's Night.

The large community tree will be lighted and the Nativity scene will be in place.

An addition to the Shain Park display this year is the chamber-sponsored Santa's Workshop. St. Nick will arrive on the morning of Dec. 8.

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Time Fails to Erase Horror of Assassination

By DAVE PHILPO

Many Americans discovered Sunday that Time, the great physician, had not erased the horror and grief that descended upon the nation one year ago.

As the story of the assassination was retold, the collective and personal loss came flooding back... perhaps never to completely leave.

It was an overcast, misty kind of day in Birmingham when the news came that the President had been shot... the type of day that one often associates with happenings of tragic importance.

I HAD JUST returned to the newsroom from an assignment. When told that the President had been shot in Dallas, I said: "You're kidding."

I don't know why I said those particular words. Perhaps the enormity of what had happened was just too great for my mind to comprehend.

For the next four days the nation moped as if in a daze. It shared the sorrow of a grieving, young widow; was drawn close to the youngster who waved a flag and saluted as the coffin of his father moved by; and watched in horror from an



JOHN F. KENNEDY

assassin was shot to death in Dallas.

THE TRAGEDY brought with it fulfillment, the realization that whatever we could do was not nearly enough.

A great outpouring of love and respect for the fallen leader brought with it a desire for things to be named in his memory.

An airport... a memorial library... a space center... and a countless number of

schools, public buildings and city squares now bear his name. The City of Birmingham suggested that if a fountain were placed in Shain Park, it should be called the President's Fountain.

SOUTHFIELD NAMED an elementary school in his honor and set up a John F. Kennedy Memorial Committee which proposed that various recreational facilities near the new Civic Center bear his name.

A revealing insight into how school children reacted to the death of the President was reported last week by a Wayne State University political scientist.

During the 31-day period following the assassination, 1,349 Detroit area children in grades four to 12 were interviewed.

Their emotional reactions—shock, grief and fears—of the events of Nov. 22 and the long week end that followed, were generally underestimated by parents.

CHILDREN reported headaches, loss of appetite and trouble going to sleep. However, they professed to (See HORROR, 2-A)