

LEADING THE HONOR GUARD

Capt. Groves (extreme left) marched at the head of the Presidential Honor Guard in the Kennedy funeral procession.

Groves

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AT THIS point, he had occasion to speak to Mrs. Kennedy, and was with her when she spent private moments with her late husband just before the casket was removed to the Rotunda.

Mrs. Kennedy obviously did not forget this courtesy, as she sent a sheaf of flowers to Groves' funeral. One of the flowers lies pressed in the bulging scrapbook.

"We'll never forget that the yellow roses sent by Merritt Olson (Birmingham grocer) were placed next to Mrs. Kennedy's bouquet," said Mrs. Groves. Other photographs in the scrapbook show Groves standing parallel to Mr. Kennedy during Veterans' Day observances and of him leading his marching cadets down a Washington street.

A STRIKING photograph of Groves is featured on the fifty-duplicate page of a newly-printed book, "The Torch is Passed." Taken in the Lincoln Memorial Building, the pose shows Groves standing guard over the flag-draped casket of Mr. Kennedy directly beneath and overshadowed by the sculpture of Abraham Lincoln. A charcoal sketch of this photograph was created by Birmingham resident Barbara Bise and presented to the Groves.

Other books which show pictures of Groves with his Army unit are "The Last Full Measure" and "Four Dark Days." Several national honors have also been accorded to Groves.

His name is one of four in-



IN MEMORIAM

Trophy bears Groves' name.

scribed on the Commander's Matching Trophy, which has stood in the hall of the honor guard headquarters since George Washington's time.

He was awarded posthumously the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding service during Mr. Kennedy's funeral. He was to have been cited the day he died.

IN BIRMINGHAM, however, memorials were talked about but

Financing Announce Hours For Operation of Recreation Center

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 gage loan from a bank, therefore, would be \$7,680.

"No amount asked for can be called unreasonable, however, since so much depends on the home itself. A mortgage loan uses the house as collateral, so this is why we definitely consider the home, its location and present condition," said Smith.

"A SAVINGS and loan institution will grant up to 80 per cent of an appraisal, for (again) the exact amount depends on the acre of the home, its location and the borrowers," according to John Townsend of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Co. "We are basing our figures on the conventional-type mortgage loan, which does not go as high as an insured loan.

"Following the set policies of our firm, we would allow 60% per cent, or \$8,500, under the German conditions. We look at a situation such as this through the eyes of a custodian of savings which are placed in this institution. This has to be our first consideration," said Townsend.

"My advice to the Germans is to investigate FHA."

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never carried through, according to the Groves. "The high school senior class trip was dedicated to Michael this year, and many of the seniors visited his grave," said Mrs. Groves. "But so far, nothing has come of any permanent memorial to him, something we know he would have appreciated so very much since he was deeply attached to Birmingham.

As soon as weather permits, Birmingham's new recreation facility at Oakbrook and 14 Mile roads will be open to the public.

City commissioners Monday night approved hours of operation for the waning building for winter sports fun.

"The building will be open from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Friday. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it will be open from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Forestry and Parks Supt. Darrell C. Middlewood said the building hours did not pertain to the usage of the slope for sledding or pond for skating.

"Whenever the weather is right we will open the gates at 8 a.m.," Middlewood said. He added that if weather conditions change it will be necessary to close the area completely with little or no advance notice.

Washington has 88.2 telephones for each 100 persons.

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Commendation Medal Awarded Posthumously

Capt. Michael D. Groves, former Birmingham resident, was awarded posthumously the Army Commendation Medal for "meritorious achievement."

A citation accompanying the medal, presented Dec. 6, 1963, read as follows:
 "For meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer, Company E (Honor Guard), 1st Battalion (Reinf), 3d Infantry (The Old Guard), Fort Myer, Virginia, during the period 22 November, 1963 to 25 November 1963.

In this vital position Captain Groves performed all assignments in an outstanding manner, thereby materially enhancing the stature and prestige of the United States and the military services at local, national and international levels. He continually strived for and achieved optimum results in all areas of his responsibility.

THE CULMINATION of Captain Groves' service game in connection with his duties for the State funeral for President John F. Kennedy, His organizational ability and professional competence were manifest and of significant value in his undertaking of such an august task. "Under his guidance the casket bearers and Guard of Honor which guarded and attended the President's bier at the White House and Capital were trained, supervised and directed. Within hours of the assumption he provided a trained casket bearer team at Andrews Air Force Base to meet the plane carrying the President's remains.

"SIMULTANEOUSLY he was training the Joint Service Guard of Honor to assume its duties when the President's body was returned to the White House. His inspiring leadership was evidenced by the flawless execution of duty by the casket bearers and Guard of Honor personnel.

"Captain Groves also voluntarily served as relief commander of Joint Guard of Honor during the time the President lay in State at the Capital Rotunda. Captain Groves' distinguished performance of duty during this period represented significant achievement in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army and reflected distinct credit upon himself, the Military District of Washington and the military service."

Barons Trip Oak Park in '64-65 Debut

Bloomfield Hills sputtered through a slow first half against Oak Park Tuesday night, but caught fire in the final two quarters to win their opening basketball game of the season, 65-45.

The Barons, leading only 11-9 after the first period and 24-22 at the half, poured in 21 points in the third quarter and 20 in the final period to outdistance their rivals. Bloomfield had three players in double figures. Center Mike Richter led the squad with 13, while Greg Anderson and Joe Menger, both guards, each scored 10. Oak Park was led by Fred Bradley, with 9.

"WE WERE a little slow getting started, but picked up in the second half. I think it was the first game jitters—we hit pretty well, but our ball-handling needs work," Baron coach Alf Henderson said.

The Hills outbounced Oak Park 22-22, and held a wide margin in shooting. Bloomfield hit 50 per cent from the floor and 67.6 per cent at the line. The losers could only muster 27 per cent on field goals.

The Barons will open defense of their Wayne-Oakland League title when they play Brighton at home tomorrow night.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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|------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Bloomfield | 11 | 13 | 21 | 20-65 |
| Oak Park | 9 | 13 | 7 | 16-45 |

Authorize Tent For Carollers

Christmas carollers in Birmingham's Rhain Park will be sheltered from the winter weather by a tent.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the renting of a 20-by-30-foot, canvas-striped tent from the Box Tent and Awning Co. of Ann Arbor.

City Manager L. R. Garey said the shelter would cost between \$10 and \$20 to rent for use in the park. The cost, Garey said, includes the setting up and tearing down of the facility. Garey said seven different church choirs have indicated they are planning to carol in the park during the holiday season.

B'ham Masonic Temple Group Elects Officers

The Birmingham Masonic Temple Association held its first meeting in the new temple, 357 Woodward, Tuesday night.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. Six of the seven officers were re-elected to their respective posts. They are William M. Burr, president; W. Carleton Scott, vice president; A. Jack Lavin, treasurer; Willard C. Paul, treasurer; and Paul J. Turner and John C. Filkins, board of directors.

Donald R. Lewellen was elected the new secretary of the association.

Emerson C. Brown and Frank C. Shaler received a vote of appreciation upon their retirement from the group.

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ask the Federal government to send a representative to the city.

FRANK H. MITCHELL, 1121 Smith, told commissioners that residents of the area were in the process of forming a property owners association.

He said he hoped such a group would aid in the improvement of the neighborhood. "We are certainly interested in conservation and would like to find out what the government can offer in the way of assistance," Mitchell said.

He added that ways must be found to help those residents who can't improve their own homes. "Don't forget we are just as much a part of the city as any other area," he said.

If the city does qualify for federal assistance, it could receive up to 75 per cent of the cost of a conservation program.

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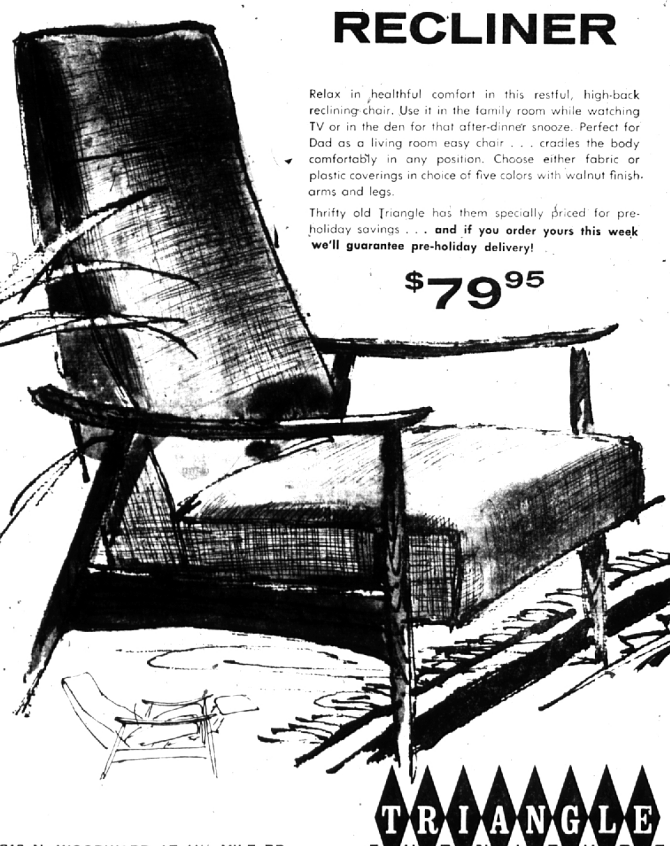
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