

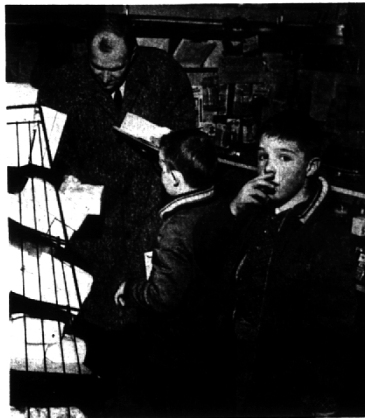


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## 'It Was the Greatest'

The snow and wet weather Monday night didn't dampen the spirit of Birmingham's Men's Night crowd. Marilyn Collins (below) of Jacobson's shows M. C. Triplett, 31921, Anglenwood, and son Roger, 10, a slushy arena males took part in the festivities. Bill Jacket for mom. Jack Dacey (right) selects Christmas cards at Demery's aided by sons

Tim, 6, and Mike, 7. At Seigel's (far right) musical entertainment was provided by the Mercy College Choir, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce officials estimated that 4,000



Eccentric Photos by Sam Fowler



## Explain Federal Financing Available to Communities

Last of two articles  
By MARY BAHN  
Staff Writer

Urban renewal — as applied directly to Birmingham — is a term which is foreign to residents as well as to other in outlying communities. I found this out as I made the rounds of several federal offices in search of information for residents in the "depressed" area of town so they could renovate their homes with the government's help.

ALTHOUGH Gorman himself is opposed to federal urban renewal plans now under investigation in Birmingham, it is felt that a basic understanding of some of the programs available would be informative not only to residents in the blighted area but also to the rest of the community which would eventually bear part of the cost of a renewal project.

Officials of the Federal Housing Administration, the Area Redevelopment Administration and the Urban Renewal Administration could not as yet give specific answers to the problems in Birmingham, because they are unique. In response to questions, they gave out booklets describing the general program as such.

## School Choirs To Provide Yule Music

The candy-striped tent in Birmingham's Shain Park will be filled with the sounds of Christmas music beginning Monday when the schools start their traditional singing program.

The program of urban renewal is described as locally conceived, planned and executed with three main elements: slum prevention through neighborhood conservation and housing code enforcement; rehabilitation of structures and neighborhoods; and clearance and redevelopment of structures and neighborhoods.

## Name Selected For New School In Hills District

A new elementary school, to be constructed on Square Lake Road east of Eastway, will be named after the late Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Traub.

THE CHANGE in by-laws, La-

## PROCEED WITH CAUTION Water, Sewers Pose A Dilemma for Hills

By DAVE PHILPO  
Area News Editor

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission will move cautiously on plans for Detroit water to serve the community.

Marre said, is the outgrowth of long study and evaluation by three chamber committees. More than 1,100 area residents, including many and nonmembers, were invited.

VIRGIL LAMARRE



They are cautious because of the problems they inherited when a \$15 million bond issue three years ago failed to cover the cost of sewers for the city.

## Revise Chamber Of Commerce; Now Area-Wide Organization

A new name and a sweeping revision of the by-laws of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce have been approved by a majority of the group's membership.

"We believe 'Birmingham-Bloomfield' more accurately describes our local organization with its rapidly increasing peripheral area membership," LaMarre said.

to comment upon the chamber and to make suggestions for its improvement.

"Their response overwhelmingly favored expanded activities to benefit all segments of the community. There was complete unanimity among members and nonmembers regarding the type chamber they believed a first-class community like ours should have," LaMarre said.

"UNDER EXISTING by-laws we were unable to accomplish the goals the majority desired. The new by-laws now permit us to do so. This is a significant milestone in the revitalization of our chamber."

"The board of directors is encouraged by the fine response. We believe it is a tribute to the outstanding calibre of business and professional men who support the chamber."

Important provisions of the revised by-laws include the following: An increase in board representation from 12 to 15. The creation of nine membership group classifications—retail; automotive and transportation; finance and utilities; hotels, motels and restaurants; manufacturers; real estate, construction and property management; professional; general service businesses; insurance, all types.

Why? What are her main interests? What is the motivation behind her attendance at these meetings?

An unsuccessful candidate for commission last April, she is considering entering the political arena again next spring?

Mrs. (William D.) McNamee is mum on the latter question. She prefers to think of herself as a "listener and an observer."

Actually, she has been attending governmental and school meetings for the 11 years she has lived in Birmingham.

SHE BEGAN her program in

"WITHOUT THE study, evaluation and recommendations of these dedicated citizens the reorganization and expansion of activities already achieved or now under way would have been impossible," he said.

He stated that appointments of group chairmen and permanent standing committee chairmen, authorized by the new by-laws, would be made within the next 30 days.

## Ruth McNamee Mum On Future Candidacy

By LARRY EVOB  
City Editor

Since the city election last April, Mrs. Ruth McNamee has been almost a constant observer at Birmingham's Monday night commission meetings.

earnest about eight years ago when she was doing research for the League of Women Voters "Know Your Town" booklet and was serving as an LWV observer at plan board meetings.

"I watched and listened as the planning board revised the zoning ordinance and that's where I got the first taste of what I'm doing now," she said.

Now Mrs. McNamee is a member of the planning board and the Community House board, but she is still an active "listener and an observer."

She attends Birmingham's city commission meeting each Monday night as "sort of an unofficial" representative of the plan and Community House boards.

THE PRESENT and future planning of Birmingham plays an important part in her life. A zoning map hangs on a kitchen wall of the McNamee home at 1211 Lakeside.

She also admits to carrying a smaller version of the same map in her purse on occasion.

"It behooves all of us to move forward courteously and boldly in the area of planning," she said. "It is important in planning, however, to work in a cooperative atmosphere."

She cited the Cooperative Study Committee (a subcommittee of the Citizens Action Committee), of which she is a member, as an example.

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## You Can Call Santa

The Birmingham Recreation Dept. through the cooperation of the Senior Men's Club and The Community House has again arranged for a phone line to Santa's Northpole Workshop. Children may call Santa at 646-7282 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 14 through 18.

## Signs of the Season Noted in Birmingham

By MARY BAHN

When the Christmas season comes, it hits hard in Birmingham.

Residents have a reputation of giving their all when taking on a project, and Christmas is no exception.

It begins as early as Thanksgiving, when a line of trucks roll into town laden with tied-together Christmas trees. Grabbing four and five at a time, the big-muscle men shake them out, then set them up on every available corner lot in town.

A string of lights around the lot, a sign proclaiming the trees' magnificent size and beauty—and presto, instant entrepreneurs.

Decor ranges from the bright tinsel and imported ornaments which surround the best in merchandise to the more stately red-ribbed wreaths in banks.

On the home front, only a few fathers who were encouraged by their young families began this early to string up lights across the front porch or hang a smiling Santa Claus on their door—but there were some.

MOTHERS COULD be seen inside exchanging hand-drawn pictures of turkeys and pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving feast on the front picture window for Santas with cotton-ball beards and angels and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

At the post office, lines were still short to the mailing window but long to the S&M window. Residents plunked down \$3 and \$10 for sheafs of the newly-issued

THE CITY has enough money on hand to pay for a little more than a third of the remaining sewer costs. Commissioners must decide if the funds will be divided on a percentage basis or paid out on a first-come, first-served basis.

David Waring, an engineer from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, explained that if, and when, the city is ready for Detroit it would be available at both the northwest and northeast corners of the city.

A 48-inch main will be constructed along Square Lake Road, beginning next spring. It would serve both Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills.

WARING SAID his projections indicate that ultimately 6,250 persons in Bloomfield Hills might wish to connect the water system. This would involve two feeder lines, he said.

Bringing the water from the large main to the city limits would be cheaper as a joint Hills-township venture, Waring said.

## Herrington's Trial Slated For January

The first degree murder trial of Wells S. Herrington, accused of slaying Birmingham dentist Dr. John B. Foster, is expected to begin in Oakland County Circuit Court next month.

It has been scheduled for the January term.

Herrington, a Farmington Township executive, allegedly shot Dr. Foster as the dentist tried to enter the Herrington apartment on Sept. 16.

Police said Dr. Foster was apparently attempting to see Mrs. Herrington, whom he had been dating. Mr. and Mrs. Herrington had been separated but were attempting a reconciliation when the shooting took place.



MRS. RUTH McNAMEE  
A zoning map always nearby

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