

Why Flags? Just Put Up Too Early

In case you've been wondering why the American flags were flying in downtown Birmingham Monday and Tuesday, it was because of an error on the part of the forestry department.

The forestry men are in charge of putting up the flags on holidays and special occasions.

When they reported for work Monday morning, someone looked at the calendar and thought it was Lincoln's birthday.

Up went the flags!

When the error was discovered, city officials decided to leave them up until after Lincoln's birthday Wednesday.

They will be put up again on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22.

It has been reported the forestry department has ordered a new calendar showing the birthdays of all the presidents.

Students

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the fraternity issue to The Eccentric.

"We are not supporting fraternities and sororities," they insisted.

"We just want to get these suspended boys back in school because we believe they have a right to be educated. We agree that they should be punished, but in some other manner than suspension."

THE PETITION circulated among the student body this week reads:

"We the undersigned wish to appeal for the readmission of the boys who have been suspended from Seaholm High School.

"These boys have not been active in a fraternity for three months. We feel nothing is gained by this suspension and that they should regain the right to continue their education."

"We request the board of education to reconsider its decision."

Getting ready to sell your car? Advertise it in the Classified Ads.



New Merit Badge

SPACE-AGE IMAGINATION and transportation design combine the theme for the Boy Scouts of America's newest merit badge on model building.

Joe R. Hainline (right), 735 Robin Hood, Birmingham, general director of public relations for the Fisher Body division of General Motors, and Joseph H. Brinton, 795 Colonial Court, Birmingham, scout executive for the Detroit-area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, look at the art work for the newest merit badge booklet. The combined efforts of the two Detroit youth organization leaders resulted in the new model building merit badge.

Fate of Town Houses Undecided in B'field

Final approval of a new zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Hills has been delayed for at least a month.

All that remains at issue is the question of three-story town houses which the commission decided not to resolve Tuesday night.

It was felt that the full commission should be present before tackling the town house item. Commissioner James A. Beresford was not at the meeting.

The next regular session tentatively has been scheduled for Friday, March 6, the only night on which all commissioners can be present.

BERESFORD WILL return March 6 and Commissioner Henry L. Wolfenden is scheduled to leave for three weeks on March 7.

The commission also decided Tuesday not to send out letters requesting residents' opinions on the town house concept. They feel that everyone has had a chance to be heard at the public hearing and that a letter would serve no useful purpose.

At an afternoon meeting Tuesday the planning commission reaffirmed its position favoring the town houses.

Commissioner David W. Lee, a member of the planning commission, who at a special hearing last week said he had some misgivings about town houses, apparently was swayed by the arguments of the planning commission.

"Right this minute I don't know how I will vote," he said.

IN OTHER business, the commission:

- Hired Hubbell, Roth & Clark as the city's consulting engineers, despite a complaint from a Trowbridge Farms resident that the firm had done "a poor job" in planning sewers for his area.
- Refused to endorse the Villages Tax Committee's fight against the Detroit income tax on nonresidents.
- Decided not to increase the speed limit from 25 miles per hour on Vaughan Road. Most of the residents oppose a change, Lee said.

APPOINTED FOUR persons to the board of canvassers. They are Robert E. Anderson, Joel Goldstone, Allen D. Hart and Mrs. Marjorie Jerris.

Chose Commissioner John Blanchard to serve on the assessment board of review.

Barry Seeks Appointment As Prosecutor

The soon-to-be-vacated Prosecutor's seat in Oakland County will have Senior Assistant Prosecutor Jerome K. Barry vying for that position in this year's county election.

Current Prosecutor George F. Taylor announced earlier this week his intentions to resign from his post within 60 days to run for Congress in the 1968 District.

BARRY SAID he will be a candidate both for appointment to Taylor's vacated post by the county's seven Circuit Court judges, and for the Republican nomination for the post later this year.

On the prosecutor's staff since 1956, Barry has been one of Taylor's three senior assistants since 1959. He is a Michigan State University and University of Detroit Law School graduate.

Barry, of 183 E. Ingoules, Pontiac, has been active in Republican campaigns for local and county office. His brother, Daniel W., is the county's Republican drain commission.

Dr. Smith Attends School Conference

Dr. John Blackhall Smith, superintendent, Birmingham Public Schools, will be attending the national conference of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Feb. 17-21 in Atlantic City, N. J.

Dr. Smith will participate in two of the programs. He will be a part of a panel discussion on Wednesday. The topic will be "Great Literature as an Element in the Preparation of the Administrator," moderated by Dr. Frederick W. Lowe, Jr., dean of Manchester (Conn.) Community College.

Dr. Smith will take the affirmative in a closed circuit television debate on Monday. The topic will be "Resolved: That Teaching Modern Language Prior to Grade Six Is Feasible and Justifiable."

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Bids

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Asst. Supt. Irving Mennucci, who has charge of financial and business administration, with the complications the bus problem will entail in the future.

MENUCCI HAS had charge of transportation up to this time. Johnson said the salary costs of bus supervision under this setup have been \$5,850. He compared it to the Birmingham School District's allocation of \$13,000 in salaries attributed to supervision of bus transportation.

The board delayed final action because of the absence of board member Merrill O. Bates at the meeting.

Because he was unable to attend the meeting, Bates had submitted for the board's consideration cost figures on bus administration in other school districts. Bates opposes the additional cost of hiring an administrator for bus transportation.

Classified Ads bring results!

'Ancient History' Of B'ham Needed For Centennial

Proud possessors of materials relating to the "growing-up" stages of Birmingham are being asked by James K. Flack, chairman of the history and heritage committee of the city's Centennial Day, to answer his SOS — "Send Old Souvenirs."

Needed for the celebration are documents, letters, old pictures, histories of homes or businesses — generally any material relating to Birmingham's growing years.

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