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City to Honor B'ham Chamber Next Week

Mayor William H. Burgum has proclaimed next week Chamber of Commerce Week in Birmingham. The local observance will be part of the first nationwide week-long recognition of chambers of commerce.

In issuing his proclamation, Burgum said Birmingham can be "justifiably" proud of its chamber and called upon residents to recognize the special week and to join in its observance.

"The chamber is an organization which has and is doing so much to promote and protect business and to develop civic programs designed to make our city a better place in which to work and live," Burgum said.

HE SAID the Birmingham chamber has not limited itself to business programs but has been connected with every worthwhile civic project undertaken in the community.

"Those of us in government have benefited by the counsel of the chamber when matters of common interest have been under discussion," Burgum said.

He called the chamber a strong defender of the free enterprise system and said he considered it a group that develops leadership that makes it possible to secure "maximum benefits" for all citizens.



Mrs. Peterson Comes to Call

It was a gathering of the Republican Women's Club when Ell Peterson (center) came to Bloomfield Hills to speak to more than 300 Oakland County women. With Mrs. Peterson, who has resigned as vice chairman of the Michigan GOP in her campaign for a seat on the United States Senate, are area leaders of the Republican women's clubs. They include (from left) Mrs. Samuel Vetraino, Bloomfield club president; Miss Eleanor Paton; Mrs. Peterson; Mrs. Vernon M. Fitch; and Mrs. Joseph Hainline, president, Council of Republican Women's Clubs.

Slate Public Hearings for Zone Changes

Six public hearings have been scheduled by Birmingham commissioners for April 27 to discuss possible zoning changes in various locations of the city.

The commission will consider a plan board recommendation that the southwest corner of Larchlea and Maple be rezoned from its present neighborhood business classification to a single-family (R-1) category.

The plan board has also recommended that the north side of 14 Mile between Stanley and Henrietta be rezoned from multiple-family (R-5) to single-family (R-1). City Planner William R. Barnfield said the preliminary land use plan has recommended that the land be developed as a single-family.

ANOTHER HEARING will be held on the rezoning of a group of lots on the west side of Eton from Cole north to Villa from their present two-family (R-4) to either multiple-family (R-6) or to have the city look into the possibility of acquiring the land for development as a neighborhood recreation area.

The commission will also hold a hearing on the rezoning of a series of lots along Eton from north of Hazel to south of Cole. The land is presently zoned two-family (R-4) but is developed with single-family dwellings.

The plan board has recommended the land be rezoned to single-family (R-3).

A FIFTH hearing will be held on the rezoning of one-half block along 14 Mile between Melton and Mansfield from single-family to parking.

The property is owned by Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and would be used to provide additional parking for the church. The plan board has recommended the rezoning be approved.

The final hearing will be on the rezoning of two lots behind a multiple-family structure on Adams between Abbey and Wibleton from multiple-family (R-5) to single-family (R-1). The plan board has recommended single-family.

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Board Approves

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Road area, a new junior high in the Bloomfield Village area, a new central administration building and additions to several existing buildings.

Additions would be built at Valley Woods, Meadow Lake and Walnut Lake elementary schools. Libraries would be improved at Beverly Elementary and Groves High School and \$400,000 has been earmarked for construction of new science facilities at Seaham.

New building construction and additions to existing facilities make up a total of \$5,157,000 of the proposed bonding program.

THE REMODELING and permanent improvement program calls for about \$150,000.

Improvements include the purchase of operable walls, thus increasing classroom flexibility, on a system-wide basis, electronic record-keeping equipment and duplicating equipment both on a system-wide basis.

On the secondary level major improvements include new teachers' facilities at Barnum, parking lot surfacing, fence construction and library remodeling at Derby.

In the elementary schools work would be done to improve sewer and water facilities at Franklin, Walnut Lake, Valley Woods and Meadow Lake; playground development and equipment, Adams; playground, Baldwin; expand and equip library, Greenfield; expand library, Torry; and playground development, Walnut Lake.

OTHER MAJOR equipment purchases would include graphic arts and electronic devices for the secondary schools and the installation of public address systems at Barnum, Seaham, Franklin and Quarton schools.

The millage proposal would cover the schools' rising operational costs and allow for program improvement and make adjustments for teacher wage adjustments.

It has been estimated that \$900,000 will be needed between September, 1964, and June, 1968, for salary improvements to permit Birmingham to compete with other school districts for teachers on a nation-wide basis.

B'ham to Reduce Siren Testing Time

Birmingham's monthly civil defense siren test is going to be reduced in length.

Administrative aide John P. Saeffe told commissioners Monday night that the test, which is held at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, will be reduced to half its former duration beginning this week.

The new sequence will be a one-minute steady alert signal, then a half-minute of silence, followed by a one-minute undulating take-cover signal.

Saeffe said the test formerly consisted of two minutes for each signal with a one minute of silence between them.

PAID POLITICAL ADV.

Vote "YES" on Proposition No. 2

THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM adopted in 1933 requires that "... The City Assessor shall perform such duties in relation to the assessing of property and levying of taxes and special assessments as are prescribed by this Charter and the laws of the State."

It further provides that "The City Assessor, and two qualified freeholders and electors of the City, who shall be appointed by the City Commission, as hereinbefore provided, shall constitute the Board of Review of the City in relation to assessments made for general taxation purposes, whether under the provision of this Charter or the general laws of the State. The members of the Board of Review shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Commission."

CITY COMMISSIONER RALPH A. MAIN questioned the advisability of the City Assessor being a member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review where he "sits" in judgment upon his own decision. "This was concurred in by his fellow Commissioners and as a result they have caused Proposition No. 2 to be placed on the April 6th ballot, asking the voters if the Charter Amendment should be amended to eliminate the City Assessor as a voting member of the Tax Assessment Board of Review."

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWO Charter Amendment

Should the City Charter be amended so as to reconstitute the Tax Assessment Board of Review as a board of three voting members consisting of three freeholders and electors of the city, other than members of the City Commission, appointed by the City Commission for three year terms, and with the City Assessor serving as a non-voting advisory member and clerk of the board?

Vote "YES"

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Search Is On For Help in Pilot Project

A group of Pembroke Elementary School parents are looking for help from residents of the northeast section of the city.

Pembroke has been selected as the pilot school in a project to develop a human resource guide that might be adopted in the Birmingham Public School System.

A human resource guide is a list of people who are interested and able because of their work, hobby, travel experiences or education to help in the enrichment of classroom teaching.

The Pembroke parents, under the direction of Mrs. John Mull, 2252 Dorchester, are looking for volunteers to help compile a list of persons who might be able to take part in the program.

"IF WE ARE able to succeed in this project, we need people to help us collect information on residents of the Pembroke area," Mrs. Mull said.

She said questionnaires will be sent to all residents of the area concerning their occupation, education and hobbies.

The questionnaires must be collected and the information placed on file cards for future reference, she explained.

Mrs. Mull said she needs volunteers to keep a constant check on newcomers to the area so the file can be brought up to date.

SHE SAID the idea of utilizing the talents of the community in a school curriculum was not a new one and had been used successfully in many communities.

"The success of this plan in the Pembroke area will largely determine its being used in the entire Birmingham system."

"We have a chance to enrich our children's education with no additional expense," she said.

City Gas Stations Begin Adding Tax

A majority of Birmingham-area service station owners have begun collecting Michigan's four per cent sales tax from their customers.

The tax has added one cent a gallon to the price of gasoline. A spokesman for the local dealers said the station owners had previously paid the tax out of their own pocket.

Some station owners were paying between \$500 and \$600 a month to cover the tax. Cash Hawley, executive secretary and general manager of the gasoline dealers' association, said his people were about the only businessmen who paid the tax instead of passing it on to the consumer.

He said the tax on gas sales in the state total about \$24 million yearly.

Sign for Clubs To Be Relocated

The service club sign at Birmingham's northern city limits is going to be moved.

City commissioners Monday night approved a request by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to move the identification sign from its location on Hunter Blvd. to the northwest corner of Eton and Maple.

Jaycee member Robert M. Thorson said the move was requested because an access drive was being constructed on Hunter and there would no longer be room for the sign.

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