



Teen Panel Discusses Possible Center at Y

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

A room in the yet-to-be-built Birmingham YMCA addition "that teens could call their own" was discussed Tuesday night by members of the Birmingham-area teen panel.

The possibility of setting aside a room in the new Y for dances and casual get-togethers was discussed as an answer to the youths' quest for a "beach" here. This was the second of a series of teen symposia sponsored by The Eccentric.

Although the youths are still discussing building their own center, which they decided should be publicly-owned, the problems of staff and maintenance brought in the suggestion of associating with the YMCA.

"Tying in with existing facilities makes sense, both economically and time-wise," said Marilyn Mauck of Kingswood.

THE TEENS FELT that the up-to-now unacceptance of the Y by the senior students of the community was due to regimented scheduling of activities in the building.

William E. Roberts, moderator of the panel, said that the Y "would do everything they could to see that the youths got what they would want in their center."

Roberts said the first phase of the Y building program would be to begin "this year," and if teens showed an interest "we could design it for your activities." Roberts is building fund chairman of the local YMCA.

FEATURES FOR the teen center, if housed at the Y, would include:

- Separate entrances, where teens would not have to go through the main lobby.
- "Continuous entertainment" in the form of a juke box, with rock-and-roll dances or hootenannies scheduled for the week.
- A snack bar which would serve hamburgers, beverages, ice cream and french fries every day after school.

in exact amount but ranging from \$1 to \$4, would be paid on an annual basis.

Proposals for the evening were summed up by Dave Zimmer of Seaholm High, who said that the center should be a place where "students would have the authority to plan or not to plan activities, adults would supervise and everybody would join."

The teens are now polling fellow students to get their opinion on the feasibility of using a room in the Y's new facilities.

Beverly Okays Assessment District for Water Main

By KAY SMITH Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—With long faces and expressions of regret at the hardship caused to a resident, the council voted at its regular meeting Monday to call for a special assessment district in order to build a water main from 12 Mile Road to Amberst on Greenfield.

George Barker, 3147 Greenfield Road, told the council at a public hearing to hear objections that if another levy is placed against his property, he will have no choice but to "get out."

Barker, one of eight residents affected, told the council:

"I don't want the water, my neighbor doesn't want the water, it will cost me another \$1,800 and I can't pay it on \$65 a week."

ON APRIL 23, the teens will again meet to discuss programming and the acceptability of the Y proposal by other teens.

Attending the planning session were Bob Richards, Bloomfield Hills High; Pete Maxwell, Cranbrook; Sandi Miller, Seaholm; Barbara Zawacki, Maric; Dave Zimmer, Seaholm; Lindy Rice, Sacred Heart; Jim Bodary, Brother Rice; Rati Nichols, Detroit Country Day; Marilyn Mauck, Kingswood; and Jane Cook, Groves.

RECREATION BUILDING CONTRACT AWARDED

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night awarded a \$42,918 contract for the construction of a recreation building at the new golf course at 14 Mile and Cranbrook roads.

The contract went to the low bidder, Sebald and Kage Co.

All eight of the bids submitted were above the architect's estimate of \$35,000 to \$38,000.

The new building will include facilities for both winter and summer sports activities.

A major feature of the building will be a ballistics fireproof safe for use as a warming center for ice skaters in the winter.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, after Councilman Edward M. Shurtliff was officially sworn in (he had been out of town at the meeting at which the other councilmen took the oath of office) an SDD and SDM liquor license was granted to Robert G. Keydel, 3200 Belleville Trail, transferred from Frederick G. Bielma, 31940 Southfield.

Keydel wishes to buy Bielma's store. In response to questions by the council he told them that he had never been cited by the liquor commission and that in his other store in Royal Oak he photographs, with their identification, any person (See ASSESSMENT, 7-A)



When the General Came to Birmingham

It was on May 16, 1952, that Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur stopped briefly in Birmingham, as part of a nationwide tour following his dismissal from his Korean command post by then President Harry S. Truman. This picture shows part of the crowd of 4,000 that greeted him at the corner of N. Woodward and Harmon. The photo shows the general shaking hands with Mrs. Rhetta Barr, who for many years was regarded as "the life of the Baldwin Public Library Board." Moving to the left from her are George R. Averill,

former editor and publisher of The Eccentric; Dean Beier, then mayor-city commissioner; and State Rep. Howard Estes. In his news story on the 10-minute ceremony, The Eccentric of May 22, 1952, referred to Gen. MacArthur as "the most important individual ever to make a visit to Birmingham." Some 7,000 people lined Woodward from 14 Mile to Quanton for the visit. The general died Sunday at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

This and That

by George R. Averill

School Kids Say 'Eve Was Created From An Apple'

In a Newton, Mass., public school recently 11th and 12th graders revealed almost total ignorance of the Bible. They believed that Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers, that the Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luther and John; that Eve was created from an apple and the stories by which Jesus taught were called parables.

Eighty to 90 per cent of the students could not complete such familiar quotations as "M in any are called, but few are chosen" or "a soft answer turneth away wrath"; "they shall beat their swords into plowshares"; and numerous other widely used Bible quotations.

So their teacher decided to require the students to read the Bible—not as a religious book, but as a source book of the humanities. He's doing this despite the U. S. Supreme Court banning prayer in public schools.

"Is a student to study Shakespeare, and not the Bible?" asks the teacher. "Is it important for a student to learn what it means when a man is called an Adonis or a Romeo, yet unimportant for him to be able to tell a Jonah from a Judas?"

Fortunately, this English teacher was able to convince the students of their need for better understanding of what is in the Bible... for no other reason than the value of understanding words and phrases quoted by speakers and writers in society's wide variety of communications.

To lose faith that Divine Providence is a loving, tender Father-of-all is to reject much proof of the order and law that exists in our universe. Why does the sun shine, the moon reflect the sun, the stars and the planets retain their ordered places in space, the seasons come and go, the seeds bring forth the harvest and the forest? Who, What is the guiding hand in all this? Rejecting "God is denial of one's own divinity!"

List Sites For April 19 Polio Shots

"Feeding stations" for the oral polio immunization program slated for April 19 and June 14 have been listed by the Oakland County Medical Society.

Volunteers will distribute the oral polio vaccine over sugar lumps in order to reach a goal of immunization against paralytic polio for more than three million people in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Residents are reminded that the second feeding in June is necessary for complete protection. Each station will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both dates.

BIRMINGHAM: Derby Junior High, Meadowlake Elementary, Quanton School, Seaholm High, Wylie E. Groves High.

BLOOMFIELD: Bloomfield Hills High, Bloomfield Hills Junior High, Booth Elementary, East Hills Junior High, Eastover Elementary, Miracle Mile, Vaughan Elementary.

LATHRUP: Lathrup Elementary, Southfield No. 10.

SOUTHFIELD: Levey Junior High, McKinley Elementary, Northland Center on Medical Concourse near WWJ booth.

TROY: Troy Elks, Troy High School, WEST BLOOMFIELD: Pine Lake Elementary, West Bloomfield High.

Road Work Set to Start In Franklin

FRANKLIN—Village residents can expect a general scraping of all village roads within the next two weeks, street commissioner Donald Koch reports.

In a notice to the 11 area road representatives, Koch outlines the program that will precede hard-surfacing due this summer.

The first spring scraping, Koch says, will restore the smooth surface and rebuild road crowns to provide better drainage during spring rains. Another scraping is scheduled for the end of April and the first week in May when a heavy treatment of calcium chloride will be applied for dust control.

Subsequent chloride treatments will depend on need, but will be kept to a minimum to insure a proper bonding of surfacing materials and gravel when the roads are hard-surfaced in the summer.

A CAREFUL survey will be made to determine critical drainage conditions and problem areas, so that necessary repairs can be made before construction begins.

Bids for asphalt surfacing will be taken in early June with actual construction beginning in late July. Timing is dictated by state approval of the bond issue.

An open house will be held at the construction period there may be a period of one day when property owners will not have access by car to their own property to allow for hard surfacing materials to set properly.

The new street administrator pledges to supply area road representatives with written schedules and information as the road program evolves. He urges residents to keep informed about the progress and hopes for full cooperation through the minor inconveniences that may arise during the construction period.

Fired Police Chief Wins Troy Post

Almost 46 per cent of Troy's 8,200 registered voters went to the polls Monday and elected former Police Chief David E. Grattop and Clancy A. Fonesch, a salesman, to two three-year terms on the city commission.

Grattop, fired last fall from a police job he had held 12 years, led all candidates with 2,224 votes. Fonesch, in his first bid for public office, captured 1,884 votes.

INCUMBENT JAMES F. Carey, seeking a second three-year term, ran third with 1,691 and Ronald Rounville, president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, polled 1,606 votes.

A proposed charter amendment that would have doubled the pay of the mayor and commissioners was rejected by the electorate, 2,175 to 1,084. The officials are paid \$10 per meeting with a maximum of \$600 a year.

However, another charter amendment to provide civil service protection for the city's firemen and police was approved, 1,938 to 1,465.

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Newcomer Wins In Lathrup; 9% Go to the Polls

LATHRUP—Only 9 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls here Monday and returned two incumbents and elected one newcomer to the council.

Mayor pro tem Elizabeth Mitchell led all candidates with 183 votes. She and Lloyd J. Barron, with 178 votes, captured two-year terms on the council. It was Barron's first try for office.

Incumbent Vincent Zattel polled 176 votes in gaining election to a one-year term.

BARRON replaces Lawrence Mrs. Mitchell Till, who chose not to run again after serving one year. City Clerk Stephen Richvalsky attributed the tight turnout—198 out of 2,191 registered—to the fact that there was no opposition nor special proposals on the ballot.

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