

Week End Marked By 2 Robberies

Two downtown Birmingham businesses were burglarized over the week end.

Police Det. Lt. Merlin L. Holmquist said a total of \$181 was taken from two cash registers at La-Belle's, 137 W. Maple. Entrance was gained to the store by breaking a window.

The same method was used to break into the Sportman early Saturday morning, Holmquist said.

\$190 in cash was taken from the store at 184 Pierce.

HE SAID three pistols had been removed from a show-case but were not taken from building.

Police believe both break-ins were the work of juveniles.

It is also believed the same person or persons took 30 bottles of soft drinks from a vending machine at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willets.

3 Public Hearings, Reports Lengthen Township Meeting

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Special Writer

Three public hearings, several long discussions on matters postponed for future decision and the handling of routine matters lengthened the meeting of the Bloomfield Township Board Monday night beyond its usual duration.

In addition, Supervisor Homer Case reported on the results emanating from a board resolution passed two weeks ago criticizing the health committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for setting aside decisions by the health department denying septic field installations in the township.

Case told the board that "your efforts have proved worthwhile."

He said that the health committee met with him and the township sewer and water department head Jim Scott as a result of the resolution.

THE COMMITTEE has agreed that in the future when it is hearing a septic field permit application involving a municipality it will notify that municipality in writing.

He said that legal question had also been raised whether the health committee can absolve itself of any responsibility when it overrules the department of health.

Also under question is whether the health committee is an extra-legal body and not empowered to make such decisions.

A proposed plat of four lots on a cul-de-sac off Echo Road provoked a lengthy discussion.

Confidence

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gan with solving its own economic problems.

"The congratulations being a right here and not in some far-away office in a remote Federal agency."

He went on to say:

"The greatest favor government can do for business, the best and quickest way it can help bring about prosperity, the street and safety way to full employment and a secure economic future is for government—and especially the Federal Government—to get out of your way."

AT THE OUTSET of his address, Bromfield extended congratulations to Walter Carey of Bloomfield Township who recently became president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Robert W. Boley, Minister of the Sovereign Hills Methodist Church, delivered the invocation.

Guests at the head table included Mrs. Robert; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Averill; Mrs. Boley; Gerry Dudley, president of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, and his wife; and Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem Robert Page and his wife.

Members of the board of directors of the chamber and its retail merchants division and past presidents were introduced to the audience.

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V. E. LaMarre Chief Officer of Chamber

Virgil E. LaMarre, vice president of MacMannus John & Adams, has been elected president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

LaMarre, 237 Tilbury, Bloomfield Township, replaces William E. Roberts in the top chamber post.

Harold D. (Andy) Anderson, vice president of Birmingham realtors Snyder, Kinney and Bennett, was named vice president of the chamber.

The job of treasurer will be filled by Richard J. Thomas, Jr., of the Detroit Bank and Trust. He will be assisted by Jack Kershenbaum, vice president of Kay Baum, Inc.

Elected to the chamber board of directors were Robert L. Kilpatrick, Michigan Bell Telephone Co.; Richard Young, owner of Young's of Birmingham; and Kershenbaum.

The Retail Merchants Division of the chamber will hold its annual organizational meeting at noon today at the Community House.

W. S. McNary Cited

hospital field," McNary received the Tri-State key award at the opening session of the 34th assembly in Chicago. The Tri-State Assembly is an organization sponsored by the hospitals of the four states bordering Lake Michigan.

The highest honor conferred by the Tri-State Hospital Assembly was awarded to William S. McNary of Birmingham, president of Michigan Blue Cross.

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Neighbors on Echo Road appeared at the meeting to object to the plat. L. C. Burch, Jr., told the board that a previous plat, in which this property was included, is presently under court litigation.

NEIGHBORS ALSO questioned the ability to provide adequate septic field installations on the property. Another objection was the size of the lots in an area already developed with two to three acre home sites.

The board agreed to make an on-the-spot inspection of the terrain and to call in experts on the septic field possibilities before making a decision at their next board meeting.

Another question was brought before the board by J. N. Lyons representing the Michigan Water Softening Service Association.

Lyons told the board that the Detroit Plumbing Code, adopted by the township, which requires installation of softeners by a master plumber, was putting water softener dealers "in the hands of their chief competitors."

HE SAID that a master plumber was not needed for such installations and that costs to customers had increased because of the requirement. He explained that firms

which did not bother to take out township permits and therefore didn't use master plumbers could undersell those dealers complying with the township code.

The board agreed that an amendment to the plumbing code would be drawn up by building inspector Harold Shepp and township attorney Thomas Dillon for passage at a later meeting.

Action by the board included denial of an appeal by Jamie Martin for rezoning of Maple Road frontage west of Telegraph from multiple family to commercial.

The board agreed to join with the Bloomfield Hills School Board in petitioning both the Oakland County Board Commission and the U. S. Highway Commission for a traffic control light at the Opyks-Saw Lake Road intersection.

IT ACCEPTED a petition to set up a special lighting assessment district to maintain two street lights at the intersections of North and South Darlington roads and Lahar. Cost is \$81.48 a year.

Public hearings held during the evening included one on the township budget for the coming year; a water assessment district of Shallowbrook and Pemberton roads and one for the entire Foxcroft subdivision.

Residents Meet With President

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Carey, 6125 Middlefield, West Bloomfield was attending the 52nd annual convention of the national chamber.

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B'ham House Motel Robbery Nets \$1,123

A bandit with a scarf covering part of his face and carrying a gun held up the Birmingham House Motel early Sunday morning and made off with \$1,123.

The motel's night clerk, Roger Liddicoat, told police he was forced to lie on the floor while the man emptied the safe and a cash drawer.

THIS WAS THE second time the motel at Hunter and Maple has been robbed in the last six months.

On Nov. 10, 1963, a lone bandit with a silk stocking over his face took \$85 from the motel.

Liddicoat, of Detroit, said he believed the bandit had a woman waiting for him in a nearby auto. A similar hold-up occurred at a Waterford Township motel Friday night.

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