

Bid Accepted For Tennis Courts

An \$8,248 contract for the construction of two tennis courts at Oak and Glenhurst was awarded by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The contract was given to the second low bidder on the project, the Colaid Asphalt Products Co. Lincoln courts.

The low bidder, Staley Asphalt Co., asked that its bid be withdrawn because of errors made in its computation.

City Engineer William T. Killen said Colaid is the same firm that constructed the Crestview and W. Colaid Asphalt Products Co. Lincoln courts.

Reporter Leaving; Receives Tributes

Savilla Sloan, "our gal in Bloomfield" for the last 5 1/2 years, is leaving The Eccentric.

Her husband, Richard, has been named manager of Detroit Merchandise for the Northeastern district of Ford Tractor and the Sloans will be moving to New York in June.

During her tenure as a reporter-correspondent for The Eccentric, Savilla captured the respect of those with whom she came in contact with her lively, accurate news stories and features.

For example, at the last meeting of the Bloomfield Township Board the governmental body

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ed by Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan at the request of the Department of Public Instruction in 1960.

Two years later, the Oakland County Citizens Advisory Committee released the findings of a six-months study.

All studies based their findings on the increasing population of Oakland County, projections of the number of college-age persons in the years ahead, the growing demand by business and industry for employees with more than high school education, the increasing percentage of young people who attempt to enter college and the ease of existing facilities for post-high school education.

THE MICHIGAN Citizens Committee on Higher Education stated that "the community colleges seem destined to play an increasingly important role in the educational system of the future." Indeed, the committee estimates that the community colleges is approximately 71,000 in the fall of 1969.

The community colleges' "academic role in providing the first two years of college work for degree-credit college students is already spectacular," said the city committee, "and that role is enlarging rapidly. . . . In addition to the provision of the first two years of college work for the thousands of college-bound youth whom they serve, the community colleges perform other functions.

Hearing

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Burgum said he knew his stand on the matter would not be popular with the property owners group.

"I can't rezone the property without making some type of restitution to the owners," Burgum said.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew said he was opposed to the City making any restitution to the property owners.

"I can't envision a local government taking this course of action," Renfrew said.

He said he saw no objection to the property owners association and Bailey working out a solution.

THE ASSOCIATION also expressed concern about the possibility of Bailey requesting a zoning change on other property he owns in the Maple-Larches area.

Commissioner William E. Roberts said that one such request to rezone a residential parcel to business in that area had been rejected by the commission.

The new hearing was set for June 1.

Troy Woman Dies As Fire Sweeps Through Her Home

A 48-year-old Troy woman died in a fire last Friday that swept through a bathroom and hallway of her home at 4509 Adams.

Mrs. John Southard was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. K. F. Koerner, Police said.

Southard was home alone at the time of the blaze at 2:34 p.m.

Fire damage was limited to a first floor bathroom, hallway and bedroom. Troy police and fire officials could give no cause for the blaze and no estimate of damage was immediately available. Firemen battled the blaze for an hour and a half.

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Troy Manager Resigns; Plans Move to Colo.

TROY—David E. Firestone, city manager here for almost four years, announced his resignation at a commission budget meeting Monday night.

He said he has accepted an offer to become the city manager of Arvada, Colo., a Denver suburb with a population of 35,000. The salary will be "substantially more" than his present pay of \$12,750, Firestone added.

The city manager said he started looking for a new job shortly after the February primary which David E. Grattopp and Clancy A. Fometh won handily.

FIRESTONE FIRED Grattopp last summer from his job as police chief and the incident became an issue in the April election in which Grattopp and Fometh were elected to three-year terms on the commission.

Firestone said the election was not linked directly to his resignation. He cited an ever-increasing work load coupled with a tight salary budget that kept city employees underpaid and the number

Red Cross Plans Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Thursday evening in St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

As principal speaker, Dr. Rodman E. Taber, associate surgeon, division of thoracic surgery, Henry Ford Hospital, will discuss recent progress in open heart surgery and the new demands it brings to the Red Cross blood program.

Attendance of 150 is expected. Eight new directors will be chosen and officers elected for the coming year.

Optimists Elect Officers, Board

A new slate of officers has been elected by the Optimist Club of Birmingham for the coming year.

They are Don Martin, president; Bob Patterson and Dick Forbush, vice president; Bob Johnson, secretary; Bill Harkins, treasurer.

Board of directors are Andy Anderson, Tom Ward, Starr Parn, Dick Straight and Jack Chapman.

of employees below necessary levels on the reasons for his leaving. Firestone will begin his new job June 4.

County GOP Supports Romney

Three resolutions—the first urging Gov. George Romney to seek re-election—were approved by the Oakland County Republican Committee at a meeting last week at The Community House.

The committee "wholeheartedly" backed Romney "to once again lead the Republican Party of Michigan to victory in 1964."

The governor's judicial appointments were supported by the committee. They are Arthur E. Moore, Philip Pratt and James S. Thorburn, circuit judges, and Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard.

The committee also endorsed the proposal to establish an Oakland County Community College, which will appear on the June 8 school ballot.

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