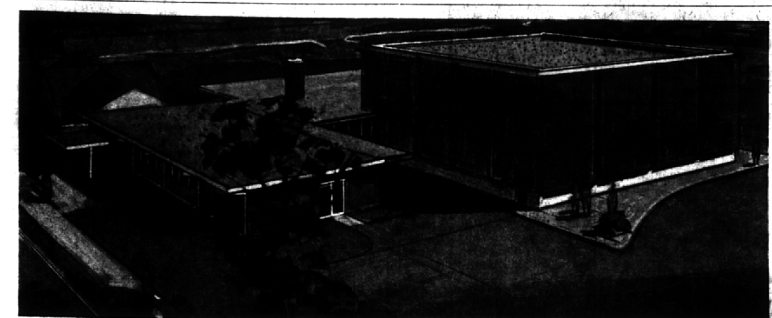




Community Chiefs Speak Highly of CDC Concepts



Architect's rendering shows C. E. Wilson gym at right, present YMCA structure in left foreground.

\$302,354 PLEDGED IN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Assure Local Use of Y Donations

By KEN WEAVER
Money pledged to the Birmingham YMCA Capital Campaign has been earmarked for use locally, general chairman William E. Roberts announced today.

Roberts said the local Y has been assured that "all money raised here will be used here."
"Furthermore, he said any additional funds contributed between now and Aug. 30 will be retained for local use."
Roberts said he wished to "definitely clear up any misunderstanding."

ing some people may have had that money raised here would not be used for the local Y."
He pointed out that he has received a letter from Gerald Wood, general secretary, Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, that guarantees local use of locally-contributed funds.

A physical fitness unit, a boiler plant and equipment.
"We have the money pledged now for the structure. If the community feels there is a need for a teen center and pledges the necessary amount, we will be only too happy to include it in our building plans."
The first unit includes the gym and boiler plant "with adequate provision for any future expansion and additional parking," Beck explained.

B'ham Voters To Ballot on 4 Proposals

Eccentric supports school propositions, community college proposal—see editors' note on p. 1-B.
Two local and two county propositions concerning property matters are expected to bring out voters in larger numbers than usual for Monday's annual school election in the Birmingham School District.

IN THAT letter Wood said: "With the Birmingham branch having pledged in the amount of approximately \$200,000 and concerned for using these dollars in building the first unit (of the local expansion plan) as a teen center, we are currently under way, it was decided that:
"The first priority unit to be authorized... providing the total does not exceed the total dollars available as pledged in the branch campaign to date."
William H. Beck, executive secretary of the local Y, said that a total of \$302,354 has been pledged so far in the campaign that started a year ago.

THIS INCLUDES a gift of \$160,000 by Mrs. C. E. Wilson for a gymnasium to be erected as a memorial to her late husband, former president of General Motors and former secretary of defense.
Total need for facilities at the Birmingham branch, 400 E. Lincoln, has been estimated at \$869,133, including a 34-by-80-foot gymnasium, an Olympic-size swimming pool, locker and shower rooms, office and storage facilities,

Two bonding issues, plus the election of two board of education members, will face Bloomfield Hills residents when they go to the polls Monday.
Preparing for a 2,000 increase in enrollment projected for the next four years, the school board in the first proposition asks for permission to borrow \$7,045,000 for additional classrooms and facilities.
The sum would be used for the new central administration office building, new bus garage on East Hills Junior High School property, future elementary school, first addition to Booth Elementary School, third addition to Hickory Grove Elementary and second addition to Conant and Pine Lake Elementary schools.

521 Seaholm Seniors To Receive Diplomas

Diplomas will be presented to 521 Seaholm High School seniors by Supt. John B. Smith next Thursday.
Commencement exercises will be held at 10 a.m. in the school gymnasium.
Dana Rose, assistant vice president, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., will give the commencement address. His topic will be "The Day After Tomorrow."
The class valedictorian is Robert Swanson, 915 Norwich, Birmingham, and the salutatorian is Judith Steere, 4247 Far Hill, Bloomfield Township.

Following the procession, the invocation will be given by Dr. Kenneth Gass, rector of St. James Episcopal Church.
GREETINGS AND the class gift will be presented by Charles Bethel, president of the senior class. William Meeske, incoming president of the Seaholm Student Congress, will accept the gift.
Baccalaureate Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the gymnasium. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon.

Two incumbents, Merrill O. Bates and W. E. Givens, Jr., are seeking re-election to the board. Bates, 1250 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township, has served as president and secretary and is now vice president. Givens, 3857 Lakeland Lane, Bloomfield Township, is completing his first four-year term on the board.
CHALLENGERS FOR the two seats are Mrs. Carter A. (Amy) Chamberlain, 4451 Chamberlain Drive, Bloomfield Township, and Donald C. Hyde, 853 S. Reading Road, Bloomfield Township.
Mrs. Chamberlain holds a law license in the area.

THE FIRST proposition calls for the establishment of the college, the second sets up a 1-mill tax levy for its support and the third establishes a six-man board to govern the school.
A field of 26 candidates have accepted the trustee race. Several of the candidates are from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.
The community college issue is on the ballot for the second year in a row. Although Birmingham School District voters approved the college in 1963 it lost on the county level.

Rev. Raymond Fenner, first vice president of the board of education, will introduce Rose at the commencement exercises.
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But Questions Are Raised On Specifics

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor
The plan is good!
Community reaction to the presentation by a citizens group for the future development of Birmingham has been more than favorable.

Comments from representatives of eight organizations and boards that attended the May 21 meeting of the Citizens Action Committee today ranged from "interesting" to "outstanding."

The plan, developed by the Civic Design Committee—a subcommittee of the CAC—outlined general concepts for tomorrow's Birmingham.

In an effort to get a cross section of opinion of the CDC's proposal, The Eccentric talked to members of the library board, planning board, rotary board, chamber of commerce, junior chamber of commerce, Community House board, Residents Council and school administration.

The groups were all in agreement that the general concepts of the plan were excellent but questioned some of the details of the proposal.

BALDWIN PUBLIC Library Board member Daniel A. Nesbitt said he was very "impressed" with the plan.

Nesbitt said the library group has not met since the CDC proposal was presented. He said he was very interested in the program, "and I hope the city commission will take steps soon to implement it."

However, Nesbitt said he was concerned especially with the use of the alleys and the development of cafes, he said.

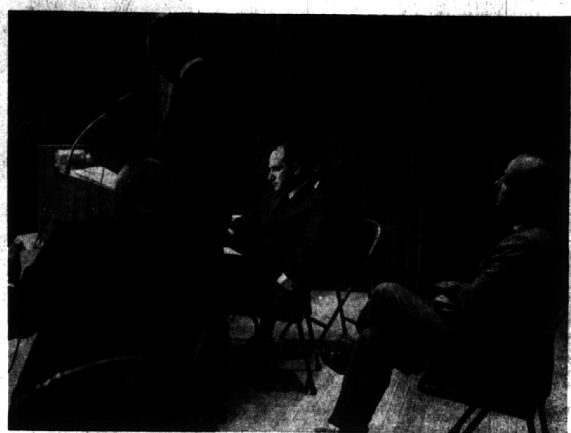
Verzyer said, "I believe that some aspects create something that Birmingham is not, but I admire the effort on the part of people who live within the area."

He said he was concerned about the loss of street parking and felt the single-story commercial development was not a "wise use of land."

A major criticism, Verzyer said, was that with the existing planned future development, he couldn't see how the proposed ring road or peripheral route would be able to work.

PLAN BOARD chairman Linn Smith termed the plan an "exciting idea" and called it "refreshing" of the 1961 merchants' CBD plan.

The development of Shain Park and its area around it impressed Smith the most.
He said the completion of park (See PROPOSALS, 6-A)



IN SERIOUS thought during the panel discussion at The Community House's annual meeting Monday are Richard Gardner (at rostrum), assistant director of the Oakland County Planning Commission, and Robert A. Thom (seated at right), Community House president. Others are (from left) Linn Smith, Dr. Lowell Eklund and F. Ward Ouradnik.

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Theme of Quality Prevails In Talks of City's Future

Community House elects new directors—see story, photo on 3-A.

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

Any planning for Birmingham's future must stress quality rather than quantity.

This theme prevailed throughout a panel discussion on the subject "Whither Birmingham Ten Years Hence" at the annual meeting Monday night of the Community House.

The point was emphasized by president Robert A. Thom, who served as moderator; Dr. Lowell Eklund, director of continuing education, Oakland University; Richard Gardner, assistant director of the Oakland County Planning Commission; F. Ward Ouradnik, interim chairman of the Citizens Action Committee; and Linn Smith, chairman of the Birmingham Planning Board.

Thom explained that the panel discussion was another effort at gathering information to help determine the specifics of The Community House's expansion plans.

GARDNER CITED five factors that contribute to population growth: New roads and road improvement programs; terrain and landscape; public utilities available to the county; economic opportunities in the area; and the character of the existing area, which he said is well established now and will not

undergo any great change in the next 10 years.
Eklund said a university "calculus, ferment, chaos" the established status quo—the present order of things...
"A university can and should be a great boon to the community of which it is a part. It can help a community relate to the greater society... meet its challenge for survival and progress... not fade away gracefully of its own smugness as the latter strives to maintain the old comfortable order of things."
"FOR THE university provides

the need for the renewal of culture; it exchanges old myths and wives' tales for new hypotheses and thereby possibly new truths.
"It is—and can be—a great catalyst to discontent, discomfort and thereby motivation for students, faculty and community to come together in the 'savens of controversy' and rub their minds together until the sparks fly, hoping for more light than heat in the consequence, light that will illumine the truth of the only source of preservation and progress."
Eklund went on to say that the university could "help attract an (See TALKS, 7-A)

HEARING POSTPONED

A public hearing on the rezoning of five lots along W. Maple near Larchlea was postponed two weeks by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night so the matter might be voted on by a full commission.

The property is currently zoned business but the Birmingham Planning Board has recommended it be rezoned to residential. The board believes this is more in keeping with the surrounding land.

Rezoning Case Places B'ham in a Dilemma

Manley Bailey, the owner, has objected to the rezoning, contending he has paid business taxes on the property since 1940 and was also assessed for the widening of Maple.
The Tallafero Estates Association wants the land rezoned to residential and offered Bailey \$6,400 as reimbursement for the higher tax rate he has paid and for the pavement assessment.

THE MATTER gets more complicated by the fact Bailey also owns the land abutting the five lots under consideration. He has filed an objection to the rezoning.
Because an objection has been filed by more than 20 per cent of the abutting property owners (Bailey represents 100 per cent), the rezoning would require a vote of six of the seven commissioners for approval.
Commissioner William E. Roberts was absent Monday night and will also be away next week.
The commission has been studying the rezoning for almost a month but delayed making a decision to allow the Tallafero (See DILEMMA, 2-A)

Groves' 254 Graduates To Hear Lee Iacocca

Lee Iacocca, vice president and general manager, Ford Division, Ford Motor Co., will deliver the commencement address to the 254 members of the Groves High School senior class next Thursday.
The commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Dr. John B. Smith, superintendent of schools, will present the diplomas.



LEE IACOCCA

E. Ross Hanson, president of the board of education, is the valedictorian; and Ellen Codner, 31824 Glencoe Drive, Beverly Hills, is the salutatorian.

The Wylie E. Groves Scholarship Awards, one to a student and one to a faculty member, will also be presented. The names of the winners are kept secret until the day of graduation.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.
Dr. Kenneth Gass, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, will deliver the sermon. The invocation and benediction will be given by Dr. Carl Price, First Methodist Church. Kent McDonald of St. James will provide the organ accompaniment.

THE second murder trial of Birmingham securities salesman Robert M. Thorson is scheduled to begin in Detroit Eastern Court Monday.
Thorson, 52, of 2832 Buckingham, is charged with the Dec. 3, 1963, slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy M. Thomas, in her Detroit home.
Last June a Revere's Court jury deliberated for 18 hours before announcing it could not reach a verdict on whether or not Thorson had committed the crime.
The second trial had originally been scheduled to begin in Michigan but was postponed because of the illness of Konrad D. Kohl, one of Thorson's attorneys.
Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Max M. Silverman said he expected the trial to last about two weeks. Silverman also said the prosecution does not expect to call any new witnesses.