



Study Parking In Birmingham

This and That

by George R. Averill

Public Officials In Small Areas Honest, Dedicated

Considerable criticism often is directed at a certain few officials of state and federal governments who are openly or secretly suspected of wrongdoing on many occasions, too, subsequent findings have sent some of them to prison.

Yet it is refreshing and reassuring to remember that seldom—very seldom—are public officials in small cities and villages ever found guilty of criminal wrongdoing. One may openly criticize some such official's judgment on certain subjects, as is the right of every citizen. That, when done with good motive, is part of the process of self-government.

In more than 40 years of close observation of public officials connected with local village, city, township and school operations, I have never witnessed any criminal wrongdoing.

These local men and women are our neighbors, giving of their time and talents to make democracy work, and the compensation paid them is, in reality, a lot less than they are worth to the rest of us.

I believe this comment applies to most other similar-sized areas of human habitation.

(Yes, local "politicians" sometimes get "heated"—but very, very seldom does it get "dirty," as so often is the case in the higher echelons of government in state and, certainly, in the federal government.)

Park for Free After 6 P.M. In City Lots?

Evening parkers in Birmingham may soon be parking for free—at least during the first part of the week.

City commissioners are studying a plan that would allow motorists to park in City-owned lots and in metered spaces free after 6 p.m. except on Thursdays and Fridays.

Although it would mean a loss of revenue, City Manager L. R. Gare said he thought the plan would make for better public relations.

Gare's original recommendation to the commission called for free parking after 6 p.m. every day but Friday when the meters would be operated until 9 p.m.

Commissioners Monday night held possibly Thursday night should be included in Gare's plan, to help off-set the estimated \$2,000 loss of revenue.

WHILE HE agreed the lot and meter hours must be uniform, Mayor Charles W. Bonfave said he did not want to see the City lose the money "at this critical time."

The Auto Parking System funds have been paying for the construction of new parking lots in the city, and a major step in the future development of Birmingham is the creation of additional parking facilities in the downtown area.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's (See CITY LOTS, 8-A)

Keep All-Day Parking on Bates, Frank

All day parking will remain on Bates and Frank streets—at least for the time being.

City commissioners Monday night agreed not to place any restrictions on the two streets until long-term parking is available in City lots in the area.

Last week the Central Birmingham Residents Association had requested the installation of long-term parking on Bates and Frank.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said he was opposed to such a ban.

"If we remove the long-term parking, we should not lose sight of the fact that these vehicles will be driven further into the residential area, if there is no off-street spaces available in the lots," Moxley said.

(See PARKING, 8-A)



ROSE VAINSTEIN, MRS. HAROLD BOEHM Township library director, board trustee at construction site.

Twp. Library Board Reports on Progress

Two new developments in its program of providing library service for residents has been announced by the Bloomfield Township Library Board.

First, Rose Vainstein, who was appointed library director earlier this year, is on the job and is now engaged in a variety of work preliminary to the library's opening scheduled for early fall.

Miss Vainstein, former associate professor in the School of Librarianship at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, spent her initial period in discussing future plans with the Bloomfield Township Library Board and Baldwin Library officials.

She also has been meeting with other township officials in order to become more familiar with the library needs of the area.

SECOND, construction of the new building at the corner of Long Lake and Telegraph roads, which will house the library, is progressing according to schedule despite some delays resulting from material shortages and labor interruptions.

The Bloomfield Township Library will be located in the Devon Station Building on the southwest corner of Long Lake and Telegraph. The library will rent the 5,000-square-foot first level of the building.

Book shelving and other essential equipment have been ordered

Artist Thom Heads New Advisory Unit

Robert A. Thom, 6180 W. Surrey, Bloomfield Township, has been named to head the President's Advisory Council of The Community House.

Thom is an internationally-known artist and illustrator.

Appointed by Ed Letchen, current Community House President, Thom will serve as consultant, along with his committee members, to The Community House Board of Directors.

The advisory council is organized to serve on a project basis, but the duties are unrelated to the normal duties of board members. The council will call upon citizens to serve on a project basis—citizens of executive ability and knowledge in their specific fields who offer the high caliber assistance needed relative to each project under consideration.

It is Thom's desire "to tap the mainstream of abilities in many area residents who have so much to offer but cannot accept a board assignment because of the time involved or other commitments."

THE ADVISORY council presently is working on an analysis of The Community House, what it means to the community, its role in the future at this time of unusual growth in Birmingham, and will offer specific recommendations, especially in regard to Community House expansion.

Thom was founding president of the Bloomfield Art Association and a founder of the Birmingham Arts Festival.

He is 1963-64 president of the Rotary Club and past president of The Community House.

He was a founder of and now serves on the executive committee of the Citizens Action Committee.

Cities Send Tax Bills in Tuesday Mail

Fourth of July celebrating by residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area may not be affected by it, but—

It's tax-paying time again.

The Birmingham city tax bills for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, will go in the mail next Tuesday.

City Treasurer Russell T. Berger said the taxes are due starting July 1. Property owners have until Aug. 31 to pay the bills before a penalty is added to the total, Berger said.

"Beginning Sept. 1, 1/2 of 1 per cent will be added to each bill and a like amount will be added each month," he said.

RESIDENTS WHO have not received their bills or have any questions are urged by city officials to contact the treasurer's office.

Bloomfield residents will receive their bills by July 1, according to City Clerk Robert Stadler. The paying period and the penalty is the same as Birmingham's.

Stadler said that checks could be mailed or brought to city offices.

In Beverly Hills and Lathrup taxes are payable between July 1 and Aug. 31.

(See TAX BILLS, 8-A)

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First Runner-Up

Nadine Erdman (left), 18, Bloomfield Hills, was selected first runner-up in the Miss Detroit Pageant finals last week in Detroit. With her here are the new Miss Detroit 1964, Sharon Magnuson, 20, Detroit; and Pam Morrison, 18, Southfield, second runner-up. Miss Erdman was first selected to be among the 12 semi-finalists from a field covering the Greater Detroit Area. During preliminary judging at the Miss Detroit-Miss America Pageant, she was selected one of five finalists and then first runner-up. In the talent phase of competition, Miss Erdman, a recent graduate of Gladwin High School, played a classical piano selection of her own original composition. She will receive a scholarship to the Patricia Stevens Finishing School.

Making Road of Mud Path Poses Problem in Lathrup

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

LATHRUP VILLAGE — The Rackham Blvd. controversy — whether to vacate or extend a dirt road that cuts through a triangular grove — began to shape into an inter-neighborhood feud at Monday night's city council meeting.

Judging from comments made by city officials, however, the road extension will go through despite protests from a group of homeowners and recommendations to the contrary made by the Oakland County Road and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Two weeks ago 20 Rackham Blvd. homeowners petitioned to vacate that street from Bungalow to Rainbow Drive instead of realigning it from a curving road to one that would cut directly through the grove.

AT THIS week's public hearing, another group of 20 Rackham Blvd. homeowners petitioned the council to develop the mud path into a gravel or asphalt road.

Although platted as a road extension since the 1920's, it was only last year that teen-agers, mailmen and other City-owned trucks unintentionally created their own road through the grove.

The group which "strongly opposes" the vacating of Rackham was led Monday by Mrs. John R. Kohl, 27851 Rackham.

"Official maps Rackham Blvd. is shown as a through street, which in emergencies causes delay," said Mrs. Kohl.

SHE CITED HER experience involving such a delay when an ambulance called to aid her injured grandmother was lost for 45 minutes.

A police car was later dispatched to find the ambulance, whose driver said he could not find Rackham because of the lack of a sign and the existing grove which hides the street.

(See ROAD, 7-A)

Community Medical Closet Gets Filled for World Relief

By MARILYN DUPREE Staff Writer

Have you ever purposely filled up your closets with junk? Well that's exactly what some Birmingham women are doing—filling up one particular closet with what may resemble junk to an unimaginative person. But imagination is not lacking in Mrs. Lester Auber-



WOLUNTEER WORKER SORTS DRUGS World Medical Relief knows no boundaries.

lin, the founder of World Medical Relief, Inc.

This junk closet is located in The Community House and is filled up every six to eight weeks with medical and dental equipment.

Mrs. Ernest Nathan of the United Church Women is the chairman for the Birmingham area. Mrs. Frank C. Basford heads the Holy Name group; Mrs. A. J. Macksey,

the Village Women of the Pontiac area; and Mrs. L. A. LaPorte, the United Church Women in South Oakland County. Many other area women volunteer their assistance.

DOCTORS CALL the chairman of their area, when they have available drug and medical supplies. The women pick them up and take them to the closet, or if the equipment is too large to handle, the downtown office sends a pick-up truck. Local women roll bandages, make leper gowns, gather soap bits, plastic bags and school supplies.

All this collecting is in response to the work Mrs. Auberlin, the wife of a retired Detroit businessman, and it all began quite unexpectedly a November evening in 1955 shortly after the Korean War. Mrs. Auberlin and her husband were watching a television documentary about Korean orphans. A Navy chaplain was the Korean war, and it all began quite unexpectedly a November evening in 1955 shortly after the Korean War. Mrs. Auberlin and her husband were watching a television documentary about Korean orphans. A Navy chaplain was the Korean war, and it all began quite unexpectedly a November evening in 1955 shortly after the Korean War.

THE NEXT morning Mrs. Auberlin went to the neighbors and began her long history of begging. She begged three barrels of diapers, children's clothing, vitamins and baby food and shipped them off to Korea. Letters from servicemen brought Mrs. Auberlin to do more scrounging. The orphanage needed a clinic, so she got them one.

She and a physician friend drew up a list of necessities; she hitched a borrowed trailer to her car and reported the story of the orphanage to doctors and hospital officials.

The Auberlin house began to overflow, 4,000 pounds of material completely took over their home. (See CLOSET, 7-A)

What's Happening on Hunter Blvd.?

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