



**FORMER INTERURBAN STOP SCHEDULED TO BE RAZED**  
 Stop 18 at High St. and Lincoln Ave. Bought by Oil Firm

# Historical Structure To Be Razed Soon

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Worthington and Columbus are about to lose a nostalgic landmark which once was the debarkation point for summer gaiety during the earlier years of this century.

Stop 18, at 5534 N. High St., once a stop for the Columbus, Delaware and Marion interurban line, will be razed, probably in February.

THE SITE HAS BEEN purchased by the Hudson Oil Co. of Delaware, Md.

To the west of Stop 18 is the Olentangy River which once attracted hundreds of

Columbus residents because of its sandy beach, swimming and boating.

Stop 18 had a waiting room in the front part of the building and a grocery in the rear during its interurban days.

IT HAS BEEN a tavern for the last 34 years.

The interurban line was abandoned in 1933. Time has dimmed memories of when Stop 18 flourished and was a bustling center of activity, most popular between 1910 and 1930.

Merlin Denig, 64, superintendent of the nearby Walnut Grove Cemetery, vividly remembers the interurban cars and the crowds of people traveling to Stop 18 or the one-time Glenmary Park north of Worthington.

INTERURBAN TRAFFIC was so heavy that "four or five cars would be on sidings at one time to take on or leave off passengers," Denig said.

Courthouse records do not indicate when the structure was built, but Denig said he had heard that the building was a family residence in 1875.

The building straddles the Worthington and Columbus city limits.

## President Elected

The Grove City Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America has elected Robert Riemer, of 3455 Hoover Rd., as president.

budget, up \$228,000 over the year, reflects a balance of \$86,000 from 1957 as well as the expected income tax revenue.

A large part of the in-

## Business Study Set In Bexley

A study of ways to expand traffic and encourage business along E. Main St. was launched in Bexley at a Feb. 27 meeting of City Commissioners and interested residents, according to Mayor Kenneth McClure.

Before that time a committee weighing the benefits of reducing E. Broad to narrow six traffic lanes to four will give its findings to the council safety committee, which, in turn, will recommend action to be taken by council.

AT THE FEB. 27 meeting to follow the regular 7 p.m. council session, movies of Main St. and its business district, together with sketches of suggested improvements, will be presented.

Two city garden club members are sponsoring the meeting.

The large number of utility poles lining Main St., many of them not needed and many not even used, "are one of the things we can do" in improving the appearance of Main St., McClure said.

BEXLEY is conferring with the utility firms about eliminating unnecessary poles.

"Some of the poles have only one or two wires and could be strung from their own new street light poles," McClure said. "Others have no wires at all and are used only for traffic signs."

McClure maintains that the traffic on E. Broad St. resulting from the opening of the East Freeway makes lanes of traffic unnecessary. However, he said, all aspects are being explored.

The committee includes Bexley Police Chief H.

## For Sale

of Darbydale in deciding Mayor now is a matter of who is

also has the right of selecting a new

PLANS to issue Monday

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claims he still position be given up his Stokes said.

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City Official