

Public Debate Arises Over Use of 35-Foot Highway Strip

Property Rights, Blvd. Landscaping Clash at Meeting

The fate of the 35-foot strip along Hunter boulevard was still undecided this week...

strip is to be landscaped or used as a parking lot. During the negotiations...

At the close of the discussion his permit was granted. State to Blame? If the State Highway Department fails to secure beautification...

Mrs. Arthur Heacock, representing the Phillips Estate, and Neil Black, 503 Ridgedale, pointed out that when right-of-way was given...

New Bowling Alley The issue was raised by the request of Elbridge G. Nowhall, Jr., 444 Arlington drive, for permit to erect a building along the west side of Hunter, south of Maple...

Black's objections took on a "Fifth Column" character. "An Inevitable Bunch" Opposing any beautification, he said: "There's an inevitable bunch...

Although he did not clarify himself, another observer suggested that perhaps Black intimated that some group did not favor development of the boulevard for business purposes.

Among those present were: Henry B. Graves, distinguished elderly, Detroit architect, representing Nowhall. Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. White, spoke in favor of beautification; also Arthur J. Brandt, another member of the commission.

William Harvie, state highway engineer, and Phillip Troeger, landscape engineer, explained that the great problem was to assure smooth passage through the city on an average of 25,000 cars daily and 50,000 cars on peak days.

Shows Kingsley Pictures David J. King, real estate man, showed pictures of the service land in front of Kingsley Inn at Bloomfield Center.

Henry C. Muehlman, chairman of the city's Architectural Commission, spoke several times in favor of full landscaping of the boulevard.

Mrs. David Bilsenheit pointed out that she is purchasing a cement block building on Hunter from the estate of East Maple.

Clarence W. Blenman, attorney, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Stanley David Levison, who owns the lot south of the gasline station which is now being erected at the corner of East Maple.

Edward Holak, theatre manager, spoke of the need for more parking.

The one idea, with a part of the 35-foot strip landscaped, appeared to be the compromise served by the City Commissioners.

11-Year Financial Picture

Table with columns: Year, Valuation, Rate per Thousand, Tax Levy. Data for years 1929-1940.

NOTE—Since refunding, Birmingham's debt payments have been met with regularity and the city's credit standing is very high.

NEW BUILDINGS WILSON

Shortly after graduation young Wilson joined the engineering staff of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company as a student apprentice where he remained for the next 10 years.

In 1912 Wilson designed the first automobile starting motor made by the Westinghouse company and in 1916 was put in charge of all automobile electrical equipment engineering at Westinghouse.

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Howarth Asks More Money for Library; Request Is Granted

John B. Howarth, Greenock dean of all Birmingham men in public life, today asked the City Commission Monday night to request full appropriation for the library Board of which he has been secretary for 17 years.

In the first budget estimate prepared by the Manager-Elect, the library was allotted approximately the \$1 a thousand to which it is entitled by statute law, and its income to \$13,500, contrasted to \$12,800 last year.

THIS AND THAT

Facilities for a private financial district, which the city officials turn their thought toward now, methods of getting money from the people, they are turning to the Liquor Control Commission, which body appears to resent the profits accruing to private stores which sell liquors after the State stores have closed.

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CITY COSTS

(Continued from Page One)

The figures printed last week arbitrarily classified all expenditures as either operating or debt service, just as the State Tax Commission and County Tax Allocation Board do.

The figures were derived as follows: General operating \$209,948 Welfare \$20,000 Contingent fund \$18,000 Total \$247,948

For purposes of arbitrary separation of all spending into either debt or operating, to make Birmingham's budget total correspond with the budget total for the seven other cities, The Eccentric can find no reason for changing this figure.

However, as was pointed out in the printed budget, a true and accurate comparison of municipal costs can be determined "only by comparing the operating budget by department, service by service." For example, Springdale park's expenses, when compared with the net, net income from the park is not burden on the taxpayers.

On the other hand, in the table printed last week, all cities were arbitrarily treated alike, and it was felt that differences in bookkeeping would come into play in another; and further more, the comparison with larger cities would cover any errors. Thus, the table, in a general way, is likely to give a true picture of general conditions.

Kerber's statement was this: "Our operating cost as shown in the paper, for 1939, was in the amount of \$233,833. Our actual operating budget was in the amount of \$209,946. In addition to this budget appropriation, we are appropriated from our contingent fund the amount of approximately \$27,000, which could properly be charged to operating and the balance of the amount expended from the contingent fund would be spent for capital improvement or payment of debt on voting machines, so that our actual operating costs for the year 1939 will not be in excess of \$209,946, and this \$209,946 includes the cost of operation of Springdale Park, the cost of installing all sewer services and the cost of all street lighting, from which the city will derive a revenue in an amount of approximately \$22,000.

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Light Baggage Mr. Smith had been lecturing in a neighboring town. "How did you get on, dear?" asked his wife. "Did you carry your audience with you?" "No," he replied. "But I could easily have done so. It was small enough."

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CHECKS ON DAD TRENTON (SPA)—Florida Buck, three years old, thought it would be a good idea to visit the plant where his father works, so he walked into a local grocery and bought a loaf of bread and a sack of potato chips, charging them to his father. When police found the counter, bound for the factory, they had eaten the potato chips and part of the bread.

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