

City Commission Prepares to Raise Tax Rates

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City Prepares to Grant Raise in Cab Fares

Suggest Minimum Of 25 Cents; Present Minimum 15 Cents

A slight increase in taxicab fares appears in prospect for Birmingham. The city commission will meet Monday night, the question was raised by City Manager D. C. Egbert and that the Birmingham Cab Company has suggested a change to permit payment of higher fares.

The present rate in Birmingham is 15 cents for the first third of a mile and five cents each for the next two thirds of a mile, making the rate 25 cents for a full mile. If there is a flat 25-cent rate for any where in the city.

Suggested Rate

The suggested rate is 25 cents for the first 2/3 mile, and five cents extra for the next third, or 30 cents for a full mile. This would be an increase of 12 1/2 per cent, the manager said.

"No one is now raising it too much or people won't ride the cabs," was Commissioner Luther Becher's comment.

"I understand the drivers are still pulling the flag in violation of ordinance," Commissioner Harry E. Bissett said. "What's the use of raising rates if that is the case?"

What Flag Means

"A flag thrown" means the cab driver has placed his meter in operation. When he pulls the flag, the driver is supposed to be waiting for a passenger. If he places pulling before the destination is reached, it is a violation of ordinance and is prohibited by ordinance. It also allows a driver to be fined for not having the meter in operation for the meter gets 15 cents for each minute the flag is up, of course, is unfair to the cab owner.

"The City Manager will get the views of the Star Cab company, and we will have a public hearing before making final recommendations."

Stores Ration Silk Hosiery During Rush; July Building Not London

Women Not Alarmed About Situation At \$152,100; Holds Strong

By KATHRYN UMPHREY

Bare legs, sock stockings or silk hose, which of these will be the order of the day in Birmingham next week? The Economic attempted to throw a little light on the question by conducting an informal telephone survey this week.

Local stores have had a rush on both silk hose and underwear that just week. Some shops have sold out all of their stock in popular sizes, namely 36 and 38 in size and sizes 32 to 10 1/2 in hose. Others are rationing hose at the rate of two pairs to a customer.

One lady called into a shop Saturday and surprised everyone by asking for a pair of silk hose, saying she was going to be the first to wear them. Another problem that comes to the fore is that of stockings and corsets. For years now, ladies have stocked that have held these important bits of clothing in their closets in place. If all women were to decide to go without hose, the corset business would indeed have a brief holiday.

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Total Now \$806,810 Compared to \$420,593 Last Year

Building in Birmingham during July continued at a high level, with the month's construction valued at \$152,100, total estimated value of \$806,810, compared with \$420,593 for the same period last year. The July total compared with \$110,000 a year ago for the same month, an increase of 35 per cent.

During July, permits were issued for 17 new single-family residences, valued at \$120,000, an increase of \$7,317. There was one two-family house, valued at \$7,000. Apartments for the month disclosed a total of \$17,000, the highest for the year.

Approval of the permit issued for \$25 Southfield, completion of the new building at 1000 W. W. Kemp.

At 1675 Winthrop, Clark, 1 1/2 story frame, 1000 W. W. Kemp, 1 1/2 story frame for Gordon and Jane Lutz, 222 Bonham, Royal Oak.

At 1900 W. W. Kemp, 1 1/2 story frame for George D. Crum, 250 W. Kemp.

At 251 East Lincoln, 1 1/2 story brick, 250 W. Kemp.

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City-School Parley Suggested to Settle Policy Differences

Commission feels that the differences can be straitened out in conference.

Monday night, the sewer issue was discussed at some length following receipt of this letter from the Board of Education:

"At the regular meeting of the Board of Education held July 29, the resolution on street sewer was discussed."

"The Board feels that the sewer is very necessary as the back-up sewage in the city has caused considerable damage to the basements. Floors and furniture in basements have been ruined. In addition to the extra work of the janitorial staff."

"According to a recent ruling regarding the paying of a special assessment tax by a school district, the board of education has decided to pay the sewer tax. It is felt that the law being so, then it must be the duty of the city to provide adequate sewers, and the payment of such property as might fall on the school property as well as the amount as large over the entire city. The letter was written by Lois M. Randall, business manager of the Board of Education."

Big Beaver Boy, Clawson Youth, 17, Killed in Crashes

Two fatal accidents occurred over the week-end involving a 17-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl.

Richard D. Roper, 13, Big Beaver Boy, and Jack Carl Schmees, 17, Clawson, were killed in crashes. Mrs. Herbert Roper, died early Monday morning from internal injuries sustained in the crash.

On Saturday afternoon, when he was thrown from the back of a truck in which he was riding. The driver was killed.

With eight other Big Beaver Boy Scouts of 10-10, Edgar was returning from a Sunday outing at Casic Lake. Romeo, riding in the back of a pick-up truck, driven by George D. Crum, was killed.

Youth Runs Light, Goes Free; Other Driver Gets Ticket

A driver who failed to stop for a red light has caused another crash on Hunter Boulevard.

Monday afternoon, C. E. Thompson, 19 years old, of North Branch, driving north on the highway, collided with the machine of Syver Johnson, 12 years old, of Detroit, who was driving east on Maple. Johnson's car was hurt.

"I never know him to be a bad boy," said the police department.

Johnson was charged with running a red light. He was released on his parent's bond. There is absolutely no charge of believing that the minor had any knowledge of the accident.

Johnson's father, Wayne Johnson, is a member of the Detroit Police Department.

George A. Beecher Killed by Train; Rates Held Monday

General services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for George A. Beecher, 559 Madison avenue, Birmingham, who was killed by a train on the New York Central "Midway" train in Dearborn.

Beecher was on the train when it struck the William R. Hamilton Co. car, with the Rev. William C. Hamm, of Chatham, Cranbrook, residing in the service. Barial was in Woodlawn, Cranbrook.

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Dondero Opposes Draft Extension

In response to an inquiry as to his views on the question of extending the period of service for selectees, Rep. George A. Dondero has made it known that he is opposed to the current proposal. His letter stated his position follows:

"It would be a severe blow to the armed forces of this nation to break faith with them and destroy the morale of the fighting manhood in this government. No circumstances should be allowed to bring the carrying of the draft into being as a nation are in imminent peril facing attack or war. No facts have been advanced to justify the extension of the draft in my judgment to warrant any of these assumptions."

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