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This Season

Coach Has Big Job in Rebuilding Team for Tough Schedule

Birmingham's nine-game football schedule this fall will open with a night game here with Dearborn on Seprement 25, Football Coach Vincent C. Secontine an nounced this week.

The proposed traffe signal installation on US-10 is rapidly application of the standard from Job of the season of the seas

Local fans will also see five other home games this year, since only three games on the schedule will a factor of the schedule will be scheduled with the schedule will be scheduled with the scheduled scheduled wi

played away.

All home games will be staged
at Pierce Field on Friday evenings. Each will begin at 8 p.m.
These are the home games:
Sept. 25—Dearborn
Oct. 74—Hasel Park
Oct. 28—Port Huron
Nov. 4—Monroe Catholic CenNov. 11—Berkley

Rotarians Win Service Tourney

Thirty-three service club golfers teed off at the rolling Forest Lake Golf Club last Wednesday afternoon as the forces from the Exchange, Kumans, Lions and Rotary Clubs engaged in their annual tournament.

Business Routine to Be Discussed at Special Meeting

Completion of New US-10 Signals

Citizens Protest Parking Program, Asphalt Mix Plant

Asks 20 SOC Cities Exchange. Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Cluba engaged in their Most of the golfers were called by total strokes of the six low golfers representing each club control of the big trophy which is given to the winner on a year-to-year being and the winner on a year-to-year being and the big trophy which is given to the winner on a year-to-year being and the big trophy which is given to the winner on a year-to-year being and the big trophy which is given to the winner on a year-to-year being and the big trophy which is given to the winner on a year-to-year being a week. Police chiefs, city managares, with the property of that club. The Lions Club was second this t

An Editorial

Save Time, Talent, Effort by Having Public Agency Stage Parking Discussions

The city's present attitude on who is to stage the un-official, informal explanatory hearings on the proposed \$825,505 off-street parking program for Birmingham could, we believe, doom the plan to a negative vote by the citizens when they are asked to decide upon it at an election in the near future.

We believe it could fail because it will not be properly understood by the electorate, if present plans for explaining the measure are allowed to proceed. For the voter's normal reaction to a matter he does not understand is to the General Motors building. over "No" just in case—just in case the plan might contain a few "jokeys".

vote, "No" just in case—just in case the plan might contain a few "jokeys".

This need not be the case, however, if the proper city officials will belatedly take the initiative they should have some weeks ago, and designate some official city agency to conduct these informal hearings.

This off-street parking plan has received the approval of the city plan commission which, some weeks ago, submitted it to the city commission for adoption or rejection.

The city commission cannot in itself approve the plan, since the issuance of city bonds is involved and that fact means it must be submitted to the voters at an election to design and plora A. Haiden and the fact was been approved to the city commission of the later was also in some and the fact of the comment of means it must be submitted to the voters at an election to obtain approval.

Already the public has appeared several times before the commission with questions about the plan. Many other citizens also have questions. They await word as to when they can get the answers.

The city plan commission has indicated its willingness to conduct these informal hearings so the public may obtain further information regarding it. But it is apparent the city commission has rejected the plan commission's offer.

For, two weeks ago, the city commission through statements made by Mayor Donald S. Bell and several city commissioners, including Milton F. Mallender, threw the program into the laps of any groups or individuals who would volunteer to get these explanations of the parking program to the people.

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In theory, that the f discuss on program could work, the Am
In practice, however, it will fail miserably—unless Birmingham is a paragon of communities.

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Five Birmingham men spent 11 months on this off-street parking plan—Committee Chairman James J. Hogan, Herbert H. Gardner, Harrison E. Thurston, A. W. Forster and John D. Maynard. They spent hundreds and hundreds of hours digging into the available facts on off-street parking. They know the background that was used to prepare the proposal, details which could be explained to the public through informal public hearings but which were too voluminous to include in the formal presentation to the city commission.

It is too much to expect these five men to attend each and improvements. During office Merrilly street. It is too much to expect these five men to attend each and every one of the meetings that might be called by the vast number of Birmingham organized groups to discuss the parking plan in considerable more detail. In the interest of trying to save time and to only ask that one of the five attend any one meeting, we feel, would not present the plan to its advantage. Only the five men together on a platform could answer practically all of the questions that would arise from the audience. But if will take many months, even assuming the five men can all attend the same meeting of the naticular organization. same meeting of the particular organization, to appear be-fore the several score or more Birmingham groups which might wish to discuss the parking program.

Nor do we believe any one group can successfully organize a program by which many organizations would cooperate in a much larger meeting.

How much simpler it would be if four or five informal public meetings would be held, in a place large enough to accommodate those citizens who would attyful. At these meetings the public could learn more about the proposal from the five men who know it best—and then these men would not be exhausted by countless well-intentioned but exasperating expansions. exasperating evenings with only a comparative handful

of citizens.

We believe this off-street parking program is important enough to warrant serious and careful study by all of Birmingham's residents—for their final decision on what to do about off-street parking will have a direct influence on the growth and continued prosperity of this community. It should be explained by the men who created it, with as little inconvenience to them as possible. After all, they are donating their time, their talents and their efforts to this off-street parking proposal WITHOUT CHARGE. They were asked to do this fob, and they did it willingly—because they wished to contribute in a direct way to the welfare and success of Birmingham.

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In regard to the discussions at which the public will be able to learn much more about the proposed program, and in the interest of saving EVERYONE'S time, talent and

We respectfully suggest to the members of the city com we respectually suggest to the memoers of the city com-mission that they formally ask the city plan commission to set up a number of public informal discussions of the pro-posed report, prior to the election, at each of which the five-member off-street parking committee will be present to answer as many questions from the audience as possible.

J. W. Parry. Former City Manager, Dies

Aided Refinancing Here Following the Depression Years

James William Parry, 63, former city manager, of 849 Henrietta, died in the Art Center hospital, Detroit Tuesday morning. He was taken to the hospital Mon-

Victim of Heart Attack



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Enrollment In City's Schools

Teachers to Confer Next Week to Plan 1949-'50 Curriculum

On September 6 the doors On September 6 the doors of the public schools of Birmingham will open to approximately 3,300 pupils. Elementary school pupils will report at 9:00 a.m. and junior and senfor high school pupils will report at 8:30

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