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Commission, Residents Closer to Agreement on Proposed Water Mains

City commissioners and residents of the Birmingham Crestview Subdivision are very close to agreement on the financing of new 6 and 8-inch water mains in their area.

The majority of residents agreed that the cost of the new 6-inch mains should be borne by vacant property not now served with water, with certain exceptions, and that the city would bear 32 per cent of the cost of the 8-inch connecting mains.

C. L. Bonehard, 1735 Shipman Blvd., and R. W. LeMoine, 1326 Maryland Blvd., spoke for a subdivision faction which believed the city should bear more of the cost of the 8-inch mains.

Agrees on One Point. Bonehard declared that he felt there are three reasons for the city wanting to install the 8-inch mains: 1) to relieve the high water pressure which presently exists in this area, 2) to provide better circulation in city mains, and 3) for better fire protection in the area.

Bonehard said he felt the last point was the only one which would benefit the area, and therefore benefit the city, and therefore charged to subdivision property owners.

For the past three years, it was brought out during the discussion, the city has attempted to provide a more adequate water system for this particular section of the city.

Have Had Requests. Property on the east side of Maryland; on the east side of Birmingham Blvd., north of Northlawn and south of Southlawn; on the east side of the middle block on Shipman, are not served with water. A 4-inch main at the rear property line serves the other lots in the subdivision.

Recently a number of potential residents, who presently own property there, have approached the city with a request for water to serve their properties. The city engineering department worked out a plan for installing new 6-inch mains to serve waterless properties, and suggested the 8-inch connecting grids on a portion of Northlawn and Southlawn to give better circulation of water and give more adequate fire protection.

More Fire Protection Needed. City Manager Donald C. Egbert pointed out at Monday night's meeting, as well as previous ones, that the 8-inch connections are needed to provide a fire hydrant at each intersection and to bring

the area up closer to recommended fire protection standards. Although the matter has not been officially referred to him, City Assessor Elmer Haack was present at the meeting to check how the assessment would work according to regularly outlined city policy.

Improved property would only bear about a \$52 charge for better fire protection provided by the proposed 8-inch mains; unimproved lots with the present 4-inch subdivision main in the rear would be charged this \$52, plus another \$45 item for being able to connect to the new 6-inch main in the rear (developers would be able to use a single trench for both sewer and water, rather than having to dig two trenches to the rear for the connection to the 4-inch main).

Waterless Property. Charge. Waterless property would be charged an average of \$3.90 per linear foot as its cost of the proposed 6-inch mains.

Since these assessments would average more than \$400 against vacant lots, Egbert suggested the commission take this under consideration when the roll was finally approved.

"This \$400 charge appears to be too excessive for a waterless property," the commission sent the project to the assessor for spreading of the roll, and decided that during the time until it was reported back, they would attempt to find some means of reducing these property assessments for the 6-inch mains.

St. James Boys Win Inter-Church Y Championship

Representing the Birmingham YMCA division of the Interchurch League, the St. James Episcopal youth swept the Intermediate Boys' B' Division title at the Northern YMCA last Saturday evening with a 41 to 31 win over Bethany Presbyterian of Detroit. This was the same team St. James defeated in the quarter-finals. The win gave St. James a record of three wins and no defeats in the tournament play.

Off to Slow Start. Starting slowly, St. James was behind 6-2 but went out in front 14-9 on baskets by Pete Hartuff, Colin Campbell and Tom Maxwell. Second quarter when they brought the score to 18 points each. At this stage of the game Bud DeLoria broke down the side court and made a lay-up shot; Hartuff got his second basket on a side shot and Campbell managed to hit on two foul shots.

At half-time, St. James' offense was rolling and they led 23 to 18 when the teams left the floor for their intermission.

In the second half, Bud DeLoria feigned his guard out of position and made four consecutive shots to give St. James a 14-point lead which they held most of the quarter.

Change Their Style. During the final minutes of play, Bethany changed their style of play to stop Campbell and DeLoria but found that they could not score. When the final whistle blew, the crowd of more than 200 gave a tremendous ovation to St. James which had been dwarfed by its earlier opponents.

Officials of the tournament voted first team places to Bud DeLoria and Colin Campbell. These two coupled with Tom Morand, Fred Martin and Floyd Diahart in tournament play. The Rev. Francis Hoeltinger and Ed Kirber guided the boys during the tournament.

Film Council Work Discussed Here by C. Scott Fletcher

Malcolm V. Ferguson, chairman of the audio-visual committee for the Birmingham public schools, was in charge of the dinner meeting held yesterday noon when C. Scott Fletcher spoke on the services a local film council could give Birmingham.

Fletcher, one of the officers of the Film Council of America, president of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, explained the many services such a council could give the various users of training and instructional films in this city. He pointed out that there are over 100 of these councils now active in the United States, with about 600 in Michigan.

Ferguson stated that there are 400 schools in Birmingham, including the various schools which are using films as an education medium. He expressed the opinion that a film council here would afford better service to these users than it would act as a clearing house and provide complete answers to inquiries about certain films with little or no delay.

Must Replace Curb at His Own Expense. Replacement of some 50 feet of curb in front of a new apartment at 332 Southfield will be done at the owners expense, the city commission decided Monday night.

Soloist

Al's All-Stars Win City League '49 Court Title

Dropping a curtain on the 1949 Birmingham YMCA City Basketball League, Al's All-Stars defeated the Caltriders 47 to 29 to take the play-off title in five straight games over their league opponents.

In the consolation series, Rotary sponsored quintet defeated the Kings 41 to 19 to place third behind the All-Stars and Caltriders.

Play in the final game of the year for the championship was cautious, spectacular and fast. Both quintets made sensational shots from mid-court and both rattled their shots to make everyone count.

Take 4-Point Lead. In the first quarter of play, Caltriders took a four-point lead on baskets by Harry Sugden and Rossy Littleton but this advantage was short-lived when Harold Kelley and Don Little connected on long shots.

Roge Reynolds made two shots underneath the basket to give Caltriders the lead but again the red-striped quintet came off play baskets by Al Larsen and Paul Kelley to knot the count. A foul shot by Al Larsen brought the quarter to an end with the score 12 to 11 in favor of Caltriders.

The All-Stars opened the second quarter with a Blue and White five baskets to four in the second quarter as each team made one or two shots. Little's two side shots from mid-court and a long looping shot by Roy Mudgett made the score 14 to 12 in favor of the Stars at the half ended 22 to 21 with the Stars out in front.

Too Big to Overcome. In the third quarter, Earl Mudge controlled the rebounds for All Stars and gave them a height advantage. That the smaller Caltrider quintet could not overcome Paul Kelley's shots from close in coupled with Earl Mudgett's rebounds lengthened the Stars lead from two to ten points. At the end of 24 minutes of play the score was 36-28 in favor of the Stars.

Roge Reynolds led the contest in the fourth quarter after his fifth point total and a revamped Caltrider line-up with substitute players in most positions out-scored the Stars 13-11 in the final period. However, the huge lead was too much to overcome and the final fifteen minutes in league play without a single loss.

Games dropped at Pontiac, East Tawas and to W. A. Caltriders, which were not league games, the All Stars have won 19 out of 23 including victories over St. Antoine YMCA and Percy Jones Hospital.

Recognition Banquet. John McDonald tossed in nine baskets for the Rotary sponsored club as he rolled over Virginia Mudgett 41-10 in their consolation game. Half-time score was 17-4 as all members of Rotary scored on baskets inside the seventeen foot line.

Edwin F. Kirbert, Birmingham 'Y' secretary, announced that the Recognition Nite Banquet would be held April 28 at the Embury Church details of which will be announced later in this paper. At that time, trophies will be awarded to the winning quintets both in the YMCA city and church leagues.

Jayce Boxing Show Saturday Promises to Be Sellout Affair

The amateur boxing show at Cranbrook auditorium this Saturday evening, April 2, has been well received by local boxing fans, according to the Jaycees committee. Indications point to capacity crowd, Chairman Harry Meredith disclosed last night.

"A large number of spectators tickets will be on sale at the box office the night of the event for the convenience of those who have been unable to get downtown to purchase tickets in advance," he said.

The ten-lut, all-star show, sponsored by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce will include two heavyweight bouts featuring Eugene Ross, colored Golden Glove champion from Pontiac, and the six-foot-four, 220 lb. Harvey Mack from Centerville.

Blossom Time

Exchanges Hear Talk on England's Foreign Trade Plan

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Monday's Election Will Decide Who Builds Water Main

The city will await the outcome of next Monday's local election to decide who will put in some 600 feet of water main on East Maple to serve the northside lots between Colburn and Rugby streets.

As pointed out by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, the project now must be advertised to present charter limitations. If the voters Monday approve a charter amendment to permit the DPW to work on special assessment projects to the extent of less than \$2,000, then the DPW will do the job, he said.

"The DPW does not have sufficient work to hold its own crew until work opens up in the spring, and this will serve two purposes: to permit us to retain the present force and provide water service to these lots," Egbert explained.

If the amendment fails, the city will be required to advertise for bids and the DPW will bring an estimate along with any others from private contractors.

Not in Favor of Street Closing

Richard A. Fischer, president of Suburban Motors, Inc., Birmingham Oldsmobile agency, this week wrote the city commission that he was in favor of keeping Bowers street open, between Hunter and Woodward, and that he would pay his share of the proposed paving cost.

The commission a few days ago wondered what the property owners thought about closing the street.

Fischer told City Manager Donald C. Egbert that his customers would need the street to get to his service department.

Suburban Motors plan a new garage stand showrooms on the north side of Bowers, while Packers Outlet will put up a new Supermarket on the south side.

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Leaving seed trees help provide new crops of timber for the future. Seeds from these trees can germinate and continue growing only if wild fires are kept out of the woods.

22 Juvenile Cases Keep Police Busy

An extremely busy week in the Birmingham Police Department was experienced by the local police when 22 Birmingham juveniles appeared at headquarters to answer charges made against them.

Chief Ralph W. Mackey said the charges included 14 for theft, four for starting fires in fields and four for the illegal use of BB guns within the city.

In all cases, the youngsters were given an official reprimand and turned over to their parents for correction.

Heads of parents check on the use of BB guns and fully instruct their children in the use of the guns and stress that they cannot be used inside the city limits.

"Youngsters seldom use them to deliberately destroy property or hurt others, but this does happen," Mackey said. "Windows are broken, and other children are hurt. Last week one local youngster was shot in the eye with a BB gun, which fortunately struck the heavy muscle over the eye and did not cause damage to the organ itself."

It was also brought out that further charges placed against any of these youngsters will cause police action in which they will be required to appear at headquarters for their corrective measures.

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