

Careful Planning Urged for Future City Water Supply

Birmingham must continue to plan for additional improvements in water service to keep pace with its increasing population, according to a report of the history and present condition of the city's water department, which has been prepared and submitted to the city commission by City Manager Donald Egbert.

Recommendations of the report are being studied by commissioners this week and will be discussed at next Monday evening's meeting.

The report states that the financial condition of the water department is "good" and can apparently finance substantial improvements.

Although the water department has carried on a constant program of well improvement and meter testing and repairs, there is still a great deal to be done in connection with operation of the department, the report mentioned.

The most pressing need at the present is a complete valve location and repair program.

The report emphasized that the present city water supply is adequate to meet the city's needs for this year. In addition, the construction of the proposed half million gallon elevated water storage tank on Derby road before July 1951, will be sufficient to meet the peak water demands for that year.

LAST YEAR'S total water production was 563,247,900 gallons. That figure was about 21 million gallons less than the amount pro-

duced in 1949. But due to a continuing program of leak repairs more people can be served than at that time.

The water supply system for the city dates back to 1915, when a group of wells in the Maplewood area provided for the needs of the 2000 residents. Because these wells were inadequate, many persons were dependent on their own wells for water.

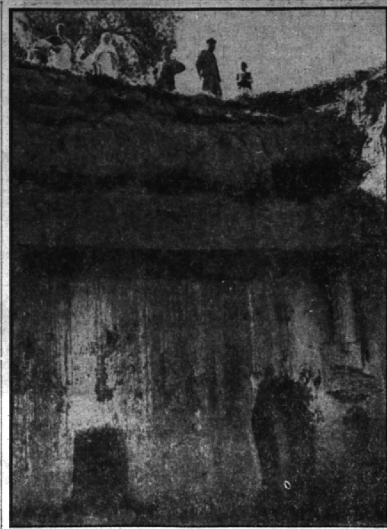
The first of the larger gravel well type wells was drilled in 1922 when the Baldwin well was developed. Six other wells were added in 1926, 1929, 1937, 1941, 1948 and 1949. They are all still in good condition and four have recently been completely overhauled.

In 1925, a 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank was erected at the site which is now the center island of Hunter boulevard at Ridgegate. This tank was moved to the public works department yards in 1937.

A 600,000-gallon elevated tank was constructed near Hunter and Maple in 1940.

The report stated that the city's underground water supply has produced an average of 616,000 gallons of water a year for the past 17 years, without an apparent decrease of the water level in the wells.

However, the report mentioned that part of the available underground supply will be lost because of the additional wells being developed and more production from



Traffic Safety Poster Campaign Begins This Week

That is the excellent advice careful, law-abiding metropolitan Detroit drivers will be getting from all sides the next five weeks. According to the Traffic Safety Association of Detroit, it is advice designed to alert the area's good drivers against stupid and dangerous driving practices, which account for too many accidents.

More than 3,000 posters carrying this advice are being erected this week throughout Detroit and the Metropolitan area. Newspapers and radio stations are expected to give the program full support.

The Traffic Safety Association is erecting nearly 1,600 posters on street-side standards and at other visible locations. Members of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association are posting appropriate signs in their display rooms. In addition, auto dealers will distribute free copies of a "Crazy Driver" booklet, which contains 12 cartoons depicting the most dangerous or most stupid things drivers do.

THE "CRAZY DRIVER" program originated in Detroit last summer and met with such enthusiastic response both here and throughout the country that the Traffic Safety Association is repeating it again this summer. The poster program is also a part of the national program being sponsored by the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Council, which membership includes auto dealers throughout the country.

Each poster being erected in Detroit, in addition to carrying the "Look out for crazy drivers" slogan, also contains one of four different cartoons appearing in the booklet. They are: a looper, who turns when ever he wants to turn and in any direction that suddenly occurs to him; a signal and a car, caring whether he cuts in front of cars or not. His specialty is making improper and hazardous left turns.

"PULL-AWAY PETE, who doesn't believe in the new look, the old look, a good look or any look... He just starts 'er up and lets 'er rip—the trouble is it might be your fender he rips. He pulls away from a parked position into the teeth of traffic without signaling or looking for oncoming cars."

"Herbert Hornblower, who will even blow his horn at a train red light. He honks at pedestrians who have the right of way. He honks at other drivers when the light is yellow or whenever he cuts them off. In fact, he feels that there is no traffic trouble that can't be cured with a raucous blast on his horn."

"Witty Wilbur, who loves to keep his passengers in stitches. He's so fond of his own jokes that he has to turn around to talk face to face so his listeners won't miss the punch line. He sometimes drives his passengers mad. They'll kill ya', Wilbur gurgles. And so he will at that."

Egbert Recommends Tree Removal Clause In Building Permits

City Manager Donald Egbert has recommended to the city commission that when future building permits are issued, they should state that removal of any tree or alteration of any structure within the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the property owner and should be made at his expense.

The recommendation came after requests were made by R. W. Hays, 1538 Hazel and Charles Salinas, 1583 Villa, to have trees removed from in front of their recently constructed homes.

Hearings will be held to grant permission for these owners to remove the trees at their expense Aug. 14.

WORLD'S BEST A-BOMB REFUGE—These caves, carved in solid granite some 30 feet underground, provide Arab tribesmen of Tripolitania with what is probably the world's best protection against the effects of an A-bomb. The underground dwellings, however, were not built with an eye towards modern-day safety for the Arabs have virtually no contact with the outside world. The advice of a soothsayer, who lived 600 years ago, prompted them to become tenants of these subterranean compartments.

Claims City Hasn't Dustproofed Street In Accordance with Original Agreement

An investigation into whether the city has carried out its obligation to dustproof the travelled portion of Baldwin avenue will be made this week by the city manager, upon direction of the city commission.

L. D. Atherton, 444 Baldwin, claimed Monday night that the city has permitted the edges of the road to become unsealed and therefore dusty.

"The city promised dust abatement—we don't have it. The city should carry out its contract with its citizens," Atherton protested.

CITY COMMISSIONER Milton F. Muller pointed out that the city in all of its roadbuilding projects has agreed to dustproof the traveled portion.

"The city can't afford, nor has the property owner paid for in his abating assessment, treatment of all the indentations on streets without curb and gutter," Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie added.

Obituary Notices

ERNEST W. HUNT, 87, of 775 South Bates, died suddenly Sunday evening at St. Joseph Mercy hospital Pontiac after an illness of only a few hours.

He was born in Patten, Me., on May 10, 1863 and received his education in the public schools there. On Dec. 21, 1898 he married Audrey Bryant of Lincoln, Me.

While in Maine, Mr. Hunt was cabinet maker and iron worker and for a number of years ran a wagon shop in Pittsfield. After coming to Birmingham in 1924, he confined himself to cabinet making and fine woodworking.

He was a member of the Pittsfield IOOF lodge and the First Baptist church of Birmingham.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five children, Mrs. Maude E. Shaw and Mrs. E. H. Cunningham, both of Birmingham; Augustus E. Hunt, Parkland, Me.; Mrs. Harry Jones, Lincoln, Me.; and B. William Hunt of Detroit.

A sister, Mrs. Effie Hersey of Houlton, Me., and two brothers, Burton E. Hunt, Island Falls, Me., and George E. Hunt of East Lawrence, Me., also survive, with four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held yesterday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with burial in Acacia Park cemetery.

Gas Installations Restricted Again

Applications received before 5:00 p.m. last Friday for installation of natural gas space heating equipment in existing buildings plus applications for installation in new buildings for which ground is broken on or before Sept. 15 are the last the Consumer Powers company will honor until further notice, according to Manager Byron Campbell.

This was announced Saturday after a hearing held Friday in Lansing before the Michigan Public Service commission.

Restrictions will not apply to residents of Blissfield, Clinton, Manchester or Tecumseh for 30 days after gas is made available to these communities, Campbell said.

If you don't want it, some one else undoubtedly does—sell it to them thru an Eccentric Classified Ad.

Bell Still Holds Softball League's Lead with 6 Wins

Michigan Bell telephone company maintained its first place lead in the Birmingham YMCA City recreation softball league with a 4-1 win over Franklin products and a 4-3 victory over Craig's sporting good store.

Raymond McBride pitched both games and allowed but four scattered hits in each.

Erano Szustak was on the mound for Craig's and with a little faster fielding on the part of the outfield would have come up with a winner.

Carl Hill was the fielding star for Michigan Bell with some fancy steps on base hit grounders.

Birmingham Merchants were held to a 5-5 eight-inning tie by the Postoffice employees, and as a result lost ground in their race to overtake the Telephone boys.

RAINFALL games of last Tuesday and Thursday nights will be played next Monday evening at Howarth, Torry and St. James fields.

Playoffs start Tuesday evening with Michigan Bell opposing the loser of tonight's contest between Birmingham Merchants and Fox and Hounds Inn. Winner of this contest will oppose Craig's.

In the consolation series the Postoffice employees will oppose Franklin Products in a best two out of three games.

Sfré Brothers Air Cool Local Market

Sam Sfré, general manager of the Sfré Brothers store on West Maple has announced the installation of an air conditioning unit in the establishment.

The firm is using two 10-ton units for the store area with a one and one-half ton unit for the cutting room.

A spokesman for the store said, "These units ordinarily will use 18 gallons of water per minute. In our installation we tried to keep water consumption to a minimum. To do this an evaporative tower has been installed on the roof of the building. This has cut our water consumption to about 10 or 15 gallons in every 24-hour period."

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