

Forestry Department Moves Nursery Stock



JIM KOTHE EDWARD MCGREGOR CITY FORESTER BILL LEBOLD
Red pine tree prepared for moving from Springdale Park. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

City Looks To the Future as New Nursery Is Developed

By RAY DENNIS

As part of a long range plan to keep Birmingham's streets lined with attractive trees, the city's forestry and parks department recently acquired a three to four acre site in the northeastern section of Birmingham, which will be used as a nursery.

The parcel of land is triangular in shape and bounded by East Derby road and the Grand Trunk railroad. The site is also the location for the city's new 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank.

The new nursery is an enlargement of the present one at Springdale Park. The Springdale nursery is being reduced in size because of the proposed extension of 16 Mile road and changes slated at the golf course.

BILL LEBOLD, city forester, said the trees at Springdale have outgrown their spacing and are too dense to permit them to become properly shaped for street planting. He pointed out that trees must be given room to grow so their limbs will have a chance to develop.

About one and one-half acres of ground have been plowed at the new nursery site and trees will be moved to this location from Springdale.

They then will be allowed to develop for a few years before be-

street has 80% elms on it, it is desirable to replace dead or dying trees with new elms rather than another species.

When a street is planted with all new, young trees, it is possible that a few will die in the first few years.

By having trees of the same species in the nursery at the same development stage, when a tree is removed in the fourth year of its growth, it will then be replaced by a tree of comparable size. This way, the trees can be kept at about the same age level at least for short periods. During the war years, the nurseries were neglected because this type of work was suspended.

In addition, land previously used for nurseries in the vicinity of the sewage treatment plant and the Rouge valley is quite uneven, difficult to plow and inaccessible in the winter.

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ing set out in city streets or parks. Species being moved are hard maple, American elm, white elm and red pine.

Larger trees will be planted on city streets in the future, according to the forester. The advantage of larger trees is that they will withstand injury and abuse better, provide shade sooner and conform more in size to the trees now on city streets.

THE LARGER TREES, which are usually three to five inches in diameter, are very expensive to buy, but city officials believe trees of this size can be produced economically in a city nursery.

Various species of trees are stocked at different stages of development in a city nursery. If a

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In the Matter of the Estate of Oleva Barkley Mason, Deceased.
At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1950.
Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
Arthur J. Mason, administrator of the estate of Edward F. Mason, who during his lifetime was administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said de-

OFF-STREET PARKING PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8 PM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Citizens of Birmingham and others interested in off-street parking plans are invited to attend the second open forum conducted by the City Commission. The public address system will be available to those who wish to use it. The microphone will be on the floor of the auditorium in front of the audience.

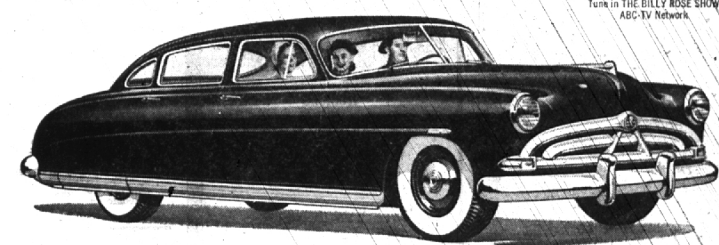
In order to arrange a program, it is requested that each person who plans to speak give his or her name to one of the City Commissioners, the City Manager or the City Clerk. It is further requested that anyone who has further questions regarding the plans send a copy of the questions to the City Clerk so that answers may be made available at the meeting.

At the conclusion of the scheduled talks and the presentation of the requested information, the meeting will be opened for questions or remarks from the floor if time permits. If not, a third meeting will be scheduled.

It is the desire of the City Commission that all possible aspects of off-street parking be fully explored before the voters are called upon to approve or disapprove a plan at the election next April.

(Signed) **BRUCE G. BOOTH**
Mayor

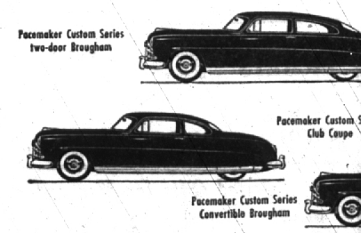
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