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of completing any one or several of these projects, as far as engineering plans and specifications are concerned. A lot depends on what the city commission decides to do.

GARE ADMITTED the city commission could change the picture at any time regarding what projects were to be done.

Birmingham State Representative Howard R. Estes also admitted he didn't know why the city was asked to submit a report which apparently doesn't have to be followed.

"I talked to the highway department's special assignment engineer, John G. Schaub, who will be the department's representative on this money distribution angle," Estes stated Monday morning.

Schaub recognized that municipalities may make substitutions in their reports if they so desire.

NEITHER GARE, Estes nor Schaub could present any explanation why this recent legislation required communities to file an outline of street projects which could not be made to stick.

At the end of their fiscal year, all communities must file a report

with the state showing just how and where gas and weight tax money was spent.

A check of the cities' audits against the proposed street construction projects in all probability will show discrepancies, as cities exercise their prerogative of changing the projects if they feel it advisable.

"But it wouldn't necessarily mean the cities were not spending the money by means required by law," Estes pointed out.

IS THIS A means of tentatively committing cities in advance on expenditures of state monies, thereby enabling the legislature to be more or less policed by citizens who will ask their municipality to give reasons for not improving their street? Estes was asked.

"That may be the reason, but apparently no one knows," Estes answered.

So the following is Birmingham's proposed two-year construction schedule—subject, however, to the city commission's change, substitution or elimination:

(The sums in the report are the estimated total cost of the specific project—the city's gas and weight tax monies would be applied only to the city's share of the cost.)

Projects on Major Streets

1) W. Maple, Linden to Bates; relocate and build 44-ft. concrete with integral curb; \$99,200; all

2) Forest, Brownell to Hunter; 33 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$3,500; assessment district has been confirmed.

3) Sheffield, from Mansfield to Cheltenham, Cheltenham from Cheltenham to Dunstable, and Dunstable, from Cheltenham to Melton; all 29 ft. concrete with integral curb; total cost \$25,050; no plans have been made pending replat of property in area.

4) Melton, Bradford to Eaton; 29 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$27,000; plans completed.

5) Shipman, 14 Mile to Lincoln; 29 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$59,300; assessment district has been confirmed.

6) Hawthorne, Birmingham to Stanley; 29 ft. concrete with in-

tegral curb; \$24,500; plans and design completed, awaiting outcome of current court case.

7) Oak street, Woodward to Lakopark; 37-ft. concrete with integral curb; \$20,500; in the survey stage.

8) Oak street, between Lake Park and Lakeside at River Rouge; 37-ft. concrete with integral curb; \$15,600; in the survey stage.

9) Pierce, 14 Mile to Lincoln; 37 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$48,200; plans and design now being drawn.

10) Woodward, Oak to Ravine; two-inch bituminous concrete resurfacing; \$13,600; plans completed, awaiting sewer survey to be done this winter.

11) Eaton, Lincoln to Sheffield; wider one side 9.5 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$6,450; plans completed.

12) Maple, Brownell, to Hunter; 44 ft. bituminous concrete resurfacing; \$1,100; plans completed.

13) Willis, Woodward to Bates; wider to 33 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$6,200; plans being drawn.

Projects on Local Streets

1, 2, 3, 4) Manchester, Windemere, Buckingham, St. Andrews to Coolidge, and St. Andrews, Maple to Pembroke; all 29 ft. concrete with integral curb; total cost \$67,700; contract already let for construction next spring.

5) Forest, Brownell to Hunter; 33 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$3,500; assessment district has been confirmed.

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12) Southlawn, Southfield to Lakopark; 37-ft. concrete with integral curb; \$20,500; in the survey stage.

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15) Eaton, Lincoln to Sheffield; wider one side 9.5 ft. concrete with integral curb; \$6,450; plans completed.

16, 17, 18) Linden from Maple to Aspen, Aspen from Maple to Linden, and Hawthorne from Maple to Aspen; bituminous resurfacing on each—total cost \$11,900; held up pending water leak survey of area (now done).

19, 20) Yosemite and Villa, both from Columbia to Eaton; 29 ft. concrete with integral curb; each \$8,400; plans not completed yet.

21) Chester, Maple to Martin; 16, 17, 18) Linden from Maple to Aspen, Aspen from Maple to Linden, and Hawthorne from Maple to Aspen; bituminous resurfacing on each—total cost \$11,900; held up pending water leak survey of area (now done).

22) Heavyside, Lincoln to Northlawn; two-inch bituminous resurfacing between gutters which were recently installed; \$2,900; to be done next summer.

Court Postpones Mandamus Hearin Until January 8

Hearing for Southfield township to show cause why a writ of mandamus shouldn't be issued for its officials to grant a building permit to George Wellington Smith of Franklin has been postponed until Jan. 8.

The hearing was originally set for Monday, Dec. 17 before Judge H. Russel Holland. However, a group of property owners petitioned to intervene and the request was granted.

Smith desires to erect a building on lots 22-189 in Franklin Village to house a printing shop where the Franklin Town Crier also will be printed.

BY GRANTING their petition, Judge Holland named as co-defendants with Southfield township and Building Inspector Frank Gidley: Mr. and Mrs. Irwin White, Mr. and Mrs. William Albee and Mrs. Ann Ayers.

The persons who intervened all own property near the proposed site of the print shop.

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Services

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held during the morning service, which will include a pageant. At the close of the service Santa Claus will distribute candy to church school members.

Our Shepherd Lutheran church is planning a Christmas Eve service, "Carols for Candlelight" at 8 p.m. Both senior and junior choirs will participate under the direction of Mrs. Vera Schroeder. Mrs. Beverly Stief will be the featured soloist. The organ accompanist will be Mrs. Ethel Lewis.

Sunday morning the Rev. Lee J. Griffin will preside on "Putting Christ in Christmas" at the United Brethren in Christ church.

The 1951 service will be presented by the Sunday school. Slides of Biblical events will be shown with the children reciting descriptive Bible verses for each one. The children's choir will sing several Christmas carols.

A CHRISTMAS party will be held around the tree after the services, when gifts will be distributed. The affair is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Currie, Mrs. H. E. Clark and Mrs. C. McGee.

Four services are planned at the Church of the Christ, with "The Christ Child for the 20th Century" as the central theme. The first service will be held at 7 o'clock Christmas Eve when the children will present their thanksgiving.

"O, Come Let Us Adore Him." Each child will bring gifts to be presented to charitable organizations.

At 10 o'clock Christmas Eve the Service of Carols will be held for adults. Following this musical service, communion will be celebrated at 11:30.

THE BIRMINGHAM Church of the Christ, will join other churches of this faith Sunday when the sermon topic will be "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?"

At St. James church, Sunday services are scheduled for 8 and 11 a.m. The special presentation of a pageant at 4 p.m. The first morning service will feature communion by Bishop Emrich presiding at confirmation at 11 o'clock.

Christmas Eve a musical program by the organ, harp and violin will be presented at 10:30, followed by congregational carols singing at 11. Holy communion and a sermon will be scheduled for 11:30.

THE COMBINED youth and adult choirs of the First Methodist church will present a program of Christmas music at 4 p.m. Sunday. Preceding the service a brass quartet, Mrs. Earl Blaine, Miss Les Shuman, David Burdick and Robert Miller will play several selections.

Mrs. Allen Sharp and Marvin Wilson will be featured soloists with the choir. Accompanists will be Mrs. Mildred Ritter, Alysanna Doyl, Rodney M. Peterson, minister of music, will direct the program.

The Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel will preach duplicate sermons at the morning services on "A Baby Was Born." On Christmas Eve the customary 8 o'clock communion will be served.

The "Christmas Oratorio" will be presented Sunday evening at the First Baptist church, featuring vocal and instrumental selections. The program will be directed by Richard Burns, choir director and accompanied by Mrs. David Mely.

SOLOISTS WILL be Harold Sherman, Charles Winger, Elyne Sorenson and Elizabeth Jones. The sanctuary and intermediate choirs will be heard at the morning service when the Rev. Emil Kontz will preach on "What Began at Bethlehem."

"Christmas Eve the annual Candlelight service will be held at 9 o'clock. This will include the candle ceremony, special music and Scripture readings.

Sunday afternoon, at 4:30, Christ Church Cranbrook's special service will be presented by the choir. This candlelight service will feature choirs and soloists, singing carols from many lands.

At the Lutheran church of the Redeemer, the Sunday school children will present a pageant Sunday and again on Monday, at 7 p.m. It has been under the direction of Harold Meinert.

The traditional midnight service of carols and candle lighting is planned for 11:30 Christmas Eve. Besides the sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Waggner, the service will feature the singing of "Silent Night" by the congregation and choir.

A SECOND Christmas service will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, a duplicate of the Sunday service. They will feature the pastor's message on "God's Un-speakable Gift," and selections by the children's choir.

At the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D. will speak on "No Room in the Inn" during sermon on the Birth of Christ. The program will be highlighted by several musical selections.

Kirk in the Hills will have special musical selections by a quartet and organ, with a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Leslie A. Bechtel.

At 6:30 p.m. a community carol sing will be held with the junior and senior high youth fellowship groups leading. A party will be held at the recreational house on the lakeshore.

A 7:30 candlelight communion service is planned for Christmas Eve.

St. Hugo of the Hills will observe its annual solemn Mass on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day Low Masses will be at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Special Christmas organ music will be a part of each service.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor about them.

Sing

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two sponsors, unhesitatingly give Mr. and Mrs. Berndt a great deal of credit for its success and continuation.

The Berndts recall many un-pleasant moments about the programs. Some have been held in an atmosphere much more suggestive of early spring than that of Christmas Eve. Others have been on bright and starry nights, the kind made famous in song and verse as the ideal Christmas Eve.

ON A FEW occasions, snow or sleet have fallen, but still the event took place. They can also recall when young musicians nearly froze their fingers handling "jazz" instruments. The warm breath of the players condensed in the horns, freezing valves fast, and producing sounds not written into the score.

With the sponsors, the Berndts like to look back over the years and recall that not once has weather stopped the Birmingham carol sing.

As Birmingham's families have increased, greater effort has been made to publicize the event. Letters have been sent home with school children, announcing the program, newspaper stories have been written, and conversation has done much to introduce it to newcomers.

Mrs. Don D. Webster, chairman of the 1951 sing, said the musicale extended a sincere invitation to part one in the community to take part.

"IT IS BIRMINGHAM'S program," she said. "It is not for the musicale members, alone, by any means. We invite the schools, church groups, glee clubs and the families of our city to join together on this one night."

"The hour has been set early so whole families can attend. It is kept short so that dinner hours are not thrown off schedule, and so that families can have the entire evening to carry out their own Christmas Eve plans."

"I personally think that Christmas is the special time for children and adults to meet together in this musical form of worship."

"We sincerely hope that every one in Birmingham, especially the families who have moved here during the past year, will take this opportunity to meet with their neighbors and newly made friends in what is probably the most wonderful occasion of the year—the eve of the Birth of Christ."

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