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**Recommends Fire, Police Dept. Needs**

A revised list of recommendations of fire and police personnel needs has been prepared by City Manager Donald C. Egbert and will be considered at the city commission meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

A previous report was submitted by Egbert in November but a few changes have been made.

The 12 recommendations are:

1. Authorize the addition of one fireman to personnel of the fire department immediately.
2. Authorize the addition of one fireman to the personnel of the fire department as of April 1, 1952.
3. RE-EMPLOY GEORGE SCOTT as fire marshal upon his release from the armed forces. An additional appropriation will be requested upon his re-employment.
4. Schedule revision of the working hours in the fire department to provide one relief day every 10 days to be effective Oct. 1, 1952.
5. Schedule revision of the working hours in the fire department to provide one relief day every 10 days to be effective Jan. 1, 1952.
6. Authorize two patrolmen to be added to the personnel of the police department immediately.
7. Authorize the addition of one patrolman to the police department as of April 1, 1952.
8. SCHEDULE REVISION of working hours in the police department to a 44 hour week as of Oct. 1, 1952.
9. Schedule revision of working hours in the police department to a 40 hour week as of Jan. 1, 1952.
10. Authorize the purchase of one additional patrol car.
11. Make provisions for each probationary patrolman to attend "Michigan Law Enforcement Program" at Michigan State College and such attendance to be compulsory prior to confirmation of appointment. Each officer attending the school to be allowed tuition and subsistence cost, plus \$10 (\$150).
12. Approve the appropriations from the contingent fund; additional fire dept. personnel, \$3,180; additional allowances for additional firemen, \$50; additional police dept. personnel, \$5,400; attendance allowances for additional police officers, \$28; equipment for new police officers, \$10.

Total appropriation is \$9,260.

**EGBERT STATED.** "Adoption of these recommendations will provide additional personnel for these departments to meet the needs resulting from our increased population. Provision will also be made for altering the working conditions in the police and fire departments to conform to working hours adopted by the majority of the surrounding cities."

The city manager's previous recommendations which were changed were to schedule revision of fire department working hours to provide one relief day every 10 days to be effective July 1, 1952; schedule revision of working hours in the police department to a 44 hour week as of April 1, 1952, and schedule revision of police department working hours to a 40 hour week as of Oct. 1, 1952.

In addition a recommendation to appropriate \$1,400 from the contingent fund on the purchase of a new police car wasn't included in the latest report.

**Drunk Driver Fined**

After pleading guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor, Peter Wozniak, 34, of Hamtramck Friday was fined \$50 and had his driver's license suspended for 90 days by Justice John J. Gaffin.

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**SIGNS OF THE CHRISTMAS** season include the dozens of mail sacks which are taken off and loaded onto trains pulling into Birmingham from north or south. This scene last Friday afternoon will be repeated many times before the end of the Christmas season as the volume of mail grows greater and greater. Postoffice officials say the 1951 volume is probably one-third greater than ever before for incoming mail, and an increase of about 19 percent on cancellations at the local office.

(Joe Wheeler Photo)

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**Fire Protection Not Available To Subdivision**

Birmingham commissioners Monday evening "reluctantly" refused the proposal of the Bloomfield Manor subdivision for stand-by fire protection.

Through Harold W. H. Brown, subdivision president, the city was asked to provide fire fighting service in conjunction with the township department. The proposal stated that, in the event a fire broke out in Birmingham at the same time, the local department would be freed to answer that alarm immediately.

The subdivision is that portion of Bloomfield township between Adams road and Woodward, south of 16 Mile.

Commissioners said that, while the subdivision's proposal provided for release of the Birmingham department, they still could not provide protection beyond the city limits.

Commissioner Lance Minor pointed out that Birmingham faces its own problems of fire protection, including the necessity of erecting another engine house and providing additional equipment.

**Named to Hills School Board**

Robert Sadler, 3467 Green Tree road, Bloomfield township, was appointed to the Bloomfield Hills board of education Monday evening.

Sadler's term will extend until the school election July, 1952. He will replace Clyde Johnson of Pine lake road, who resigned this week.

**William Begg Elected Exchange Club President**

William Begg was elected president at the Tuesday meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club.

Other officers for the year are Malcolm Ferguson, vice-president; and Henry Sellers, secretary-treasurer.

The board of control includes W. Carleton Scott, Carus Schmidt, Walter C. Morgan, Harry Wesch, T. J. Mills, Robert Clark and Ralph Wilson.

The newly elected officers will take charge of club activities at the Jan. 8 meeting.

**Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK**

TOTAL VALUATION	1	\$450
New Residence	1	\$450

Mo. Permits	1951	1950	Totals
Jan.	21	11,812.25	\$22,410
Feb.	3	699.50	21,990
Mar.	3	616.25	1,924.00
Apr.	104	906,955	910,125
May	109	1,252,254	2,423,034
June	72	726,280	1,036,125
July	109	1,252,254	2,423,034
August	86	643,236	1,753,067
Sept.	123	1,252,254	2,423,034
Oct.	85	674,985	1,753,067
Nov.	22	119,930	312,067

**Students Sell 800 Eccentric Subscriptions**

For the past six weeks, 26 Birmingham high school seniors have spent their spare time selling over 800 subscriptions to The Birmingham Eccentric to earn money for their annual eight-day trip to Washington during spring vacation.

Jerry Snoblen, Eccentric circulation manager, stated that approximately \$1,000 was earned by the Washington Group students who participated in this project.

Additional bonuses were given for each 25 subscriptions and for the 13 students bringing the most subscriptions.

Winner of the \$25 bonus was Nancy Kaiser with 83. Close behind with 80 was Marilyn Robertson. Third, fourth, and fifth places were very close with Arlyn Bader, third, 68; Dianne Hendershott, fourth, 67; and Carol Marean, fifth with 65.

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**Records Fall as Maple Swim Squad Wins**

BY ERIC DAIVSON

Led by a record setting relay quartet, Birmingham high school's swimming team downed Ferndale 52-32 at Barnum pool Tuesday.

Marc Joslyn, Ted Schwarz, Jim Newman, and Gary Osterbeck broke their own record for the 200-yard free style relay in 1:43.5, shaving a full second off the old mark set at the state meet in the University of Michigan pool last March 5.

Osterbeck and Newman teamed to give Ferndale ace Leroy Fike a one-two beating the 50-yard free style. Osterbeck tied his own school record of :25.8 also set last season.

**PRIOR TO THE MEET**, Joslyn was elected captain for the 1951-'52 season and Newman was named honorary meet captain.

Event results were:

50 yard free style: Osterbeck (B); second, Newman (B); third, Fike (F). Time :25.8.

100-yard back stroke: tie for first, Tom Sheehan (B) and Pete Heraper (F); third, Kirk Lewis (B). Time 1:19.5.

200-yard free style: Lee McLaughlin (F); second, Ted Schwarz (B); third, Bill Anderson (B). Time 2:11.6.

100-yard backstroke: Gerry Fletcher (B); second, Dick Leach (F); third, Bruce Terry (B). Time 2:1.

100-yard free style: Marc Joslyn (B); second, Fike (F); third, Dick Osgood (F). Time 55.5.

50-yard backstroke: Tom Sheehan (B); second, Gordon Yates (B); third, Hendershott (F).

150-yard individual medley: Fletcher (B); second, Bill Weber (F); third, Tom Gilmore (F). Time 1:56.0.

150-yard medley relay: Ferndale (Leach, Heraper, McLaughlin, Fike); second, Birmingham (Terry, Sheehan, Thalacker). Time 1:31.3.

200-yard medley relay: Birmingham (Joslyn, Schwarz, Newman, Osterbeck); second, Ferndale (building; and heard progress reports on the temporary 'Y' building now being erected by the North Woodward Builders association at 400 East Lincoln.

**Liquor Sales Halt 9 P.M. Christmas Eve**

In conformity with a new state law, sales of all types of alcoholic beverages and liquors will be halted at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve and will not be resumed until 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, Chamber of Commerce Manager Charles Mortenson reminded this week.

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

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**Christmas Service**

at  
**The Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer**  
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**Children's Pageant . . .**  
Sunday, December 23 and Monday, December 24 . . . . . 7 P.M.

**MIDNIGHT SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLES . . .**  
Monday, December 24 . . . . . 11:30 P.M.

**Christmas Morning Service . . 11 A.M.**

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**Wants City to Study Harmful Effects of Salt on Concrete**

Does salt used in removing ice from city streets also cause scaling and peeling of concrete surfaces?

City Commissioner Ralph A. Main suspects it does and he suggests the city study the problem to see if such harmful effects can't be stopped.

"I've noticed some of the street surfaces have begun to pit, where salt has been spread," Main mentioned Monday evening at commission meeting.

HE SAID IT was nice to use salt on streets, but pointed out it calls for resurfacing jobs sooner than ordinary wear and tear calls for.

Commissioner Lance Minor said an article in a recent issue of an engineering magazine discussed the problem but, it offered no solution.

**'Y' Management Comm. Reelects H. Kalbfleisch**

Harold M. Kalbfleisch, local businessman, Monday evening was re-elected chairman of the Birmingham 'Y' management committee of the YMCA. Committee of Management.

Other officers elected were Tom Ward, 1834 West Lincoln, who succeeds Oscar Peterson as vice-chairman in charge of programs; William Roberts, 1957 Derby, who succeeds Elaine Jones as secretary; and Web Owen, 18744 San Quentin, who was retained as chairman of the budget and finance committee.

Retiring committee members include Miss Jones, John Black and Peterson; Young C. Smith; 460 Pierce, was re-elected in an advisory capacity.

THE COMMITTEE also invited F. Kirbert to prepare an annual report; appointed Thomas W. Kinney, former chairman of a committee to formulate plans for a permanent building; and heard progress reports on the temporary 'Y' building now being erected by the North Woodward Builders association at 400 East Lincoln.

In the field of world service work, the committee gave some consideration to aiding the Nagoya YMCA of Japan in rebuilding its building which was completely demolished in World War II.

A list of prospective members was reviewed and invitations will be extended to local businessmen and residents to fill the 15 vacancies on the 'Y' committee.

Induction of new officers and committee members is scheduled Monday, Jan. 14.

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