

Parking

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of an assessment without losing their property.
"I went through one depression here and saw many people lose their holdings because of taxes against their property, and, with conditions as they now are in this country, I believe further assessments are economically unsound," McBride stated.

Haskell told the commission he believes the city has a legal right to divert all parking meter income to the payment of revenue bonds for the project.

A LETTER opposing the off-street parking plan was read at the commission meeting. It was written by Robert S. Owen, 303 Park, president of the Birmingham Taxpayers' Protective Association.

Owen's statements were predicated on the situations arising from the current national emergency, with its controls upon the nation's economy.

He pointed out that both President Truman and Governor Wilhoite have requested municipalities to review all public projects and eliminate those not directly contributing to the war effort.

Another point he made related to federal controls over new building projects which he argued would slow down growth of Birmingham's business district, thus

lessening the need for further parking facilities.
OWEN ALSO referred to the possibility of gasoline rationing restrictions on automobile production, the need for decreasing taxation wherever possible, approval of Birmingham in legal action over off-street parking, and the displacement of local families should their property be taken from them for parking.
A letter also was received from the Detroit Edison Co., part of whose property is planned for condemnation for the proposed parking lot bounded in part by Merrill, Pierce and Brown streets.
The Edison Co. uses land behind its offices for employee parking, and feels that future expansion of its facilities here requires continued personal possession and use of their own parking area.

Bill to Prohibit Hunting in Troy Before Legislature

A bill to ban hunting in Troy recently has been introduced in the house by representatives of Birmingham. It is sponsored by Representative Howard Estes of Birmingham.
If the bill is approved, the issue would have to be placed on the Troy ballot in the township. The Troy school board in December requested Estes take this action. Township residents have complained that hunters have been shooting too near homes.

Hart

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of the annual Washington trip, which are still regarded as vital parts of the plans.
During his term at Baldwin, Mr. Hart received his master's degree in teaching from Columbia university, New York City.
He served as secretary-treasurer of the Michigan State Principals association and was also vice-president and president of the organization. In 1930 he was editor of the group's first year book.
He was at one time president of the Oakland County Sportsmen's club and in 1935 was elected chairman of the administrative teachers group of the Schoolmasters club, a society of Michigan teachers.

Mr. Hart also was a past president of the Birmingham Exchange club, the Men's Gnom of the First Methodist church, and was a member of the Birmingham Male chorus and the Michigan chapter, I.A.P.S.

Note: The following tribute, written by his former teachers, was read by Mr. Hart's daughter, Marilyn, in his honor in "Salute to Baldwin", recent Baldwin high school variety show:

"Long ago in the school of Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin high school from 1921 to 1937, I distinguished in personal appearance, dignified and gracious in manner, and in his regard for his students and teachers alike.
His love for joining in a song, his command of the spoken word, his lively sense of humor, his quiet but very real concern exerted lasting influence. Still today alumni turn to him for counsel, confident in his judgment, sure of his discretion, and aware of his lasting interest. Truly he lives in deeds, not in years, for by his life alone, gracious and sweet, the better way was shown."

Mr. Hart was born in Howell, on Feb. 14, 1895 and attended the public schools there. He also attended the University of Michigan, as well as Michigan State and Columbia.
On Aug. 26, 1922, he married Frieda Loomis in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Hart survives with one daughter, Marilyn, at home and a son, Robert L. Hart of Jackson.
Two sisters, Mrs. Louis Rowe of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Stanley Haynes of Oak Grove also survive with one brother, Lauren D. Hart of Detroit.

Graduation

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one who can be trusted. Any person can become good by the grace of God.

"There before one can become great he must become useful. Too many of us, today, live only marginal lives. We are neither useful nor useless. Society is served and strengthened by the people who serve not their own needs but those of others as well.

"LASTLY," he said, "before a person can become great he must possess courage.
"Where does courage come from? It does not come from doubling up ones fists; it does not come from whistling in the dark; certainly it does not come from during the cocktail hour.
Courage is something that comes from within. It comes from faith in God and yourself. Show me what you believe, and I will tell you your courage."

Dr. Runkel concluded this baccalaureate address by saying: "This is the time for great living, especially if we want to save our way of life. Youth needs to strengthen their faith. Faith that is God is still God. Faith that refuses to counsel with fear, faith in the institutions of Americans which are basically right."

Early Donations Encourage Workers

As a prelude to the 1951 Birmingham Community House Roll Call fund drive, direct mail appeals were made this week to past contributors requesting them to

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TWO NEWCOMERS to local politics also may be in the race. City Clerk Irene Hanley said petitions have been taken out for Robert S. Owen, 303 Park, and Kirk Baldwin, 788 Harmon.

She said four other petitions were requested by an unidentified man who told her he would "fill out the names myself."

Community Council Selects Topic Today

Final approval of the topic, speaker and plans for the 1951 Community Institute Feb. 14 will be the main topic of the Community Council meeting Thursday.

The group will meet for luncheon at the Community House.

Charles N. Blunt, drive chairman, said today, "All our workers are volunteers and each contribution mailed before the drive begins. Solicitors for solicitors to make. It also is most encouraging for them to know that considerable donations have been received before the campaign opens."

ROLL CALL co-chairman Mrs. Berrien C. Ketchum also announced plans for division of the city into geographical areas with a section captain in charge of each area. Solicitors for that division to their own section captain, who will in turn report to Roll Call committee members.

"Although we have many volunteer workers," said Mrs. Ketchum, "we are still in need of more solicitors. If you are able to spare some time on the Roll Call, we sincerely hope you will contact the Community House at once."

The direct mail efforts in the annual Community House Roll Call started off with quick results. According to roll call officials, the mail was sent out Monday and, in most cases, delivered Tuesday throughout the city.

Tuesday, three returns were brought to the Community House by Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Smart, 1290 1/2 Cedar; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, 564 Townsend; and Mr. and Mrs. Orren Mohler, 536 Southfield.

Home Near Franklin Destroyed by Fire

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed a partially built home on Valley road near the intersection Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, Franklin and Farmington freemen fought the blaze for two hours but only the garage could be saved.

The home was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bronson of Detroit. A nearby resident, Al Hamond of Millbrook road, discovered the blaze. Damage was estimated at several thousand dollars.

Plans Progressing For Intersection

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported at Monday's city commission meeting that he has received a letter from J. Carl McMonagle, director of the planning and traffic division of the State highway department, concerning the progress of plans for revamping the north intersection of Hunter and Woodward avenue by extending Oak street through to Hunter.

McMonagle said that several alternatives have been prepared, but in each case some additional field work is necessary before a conclusion can be arrived at. He added that these details should be checked in the near future.

Rotary Conference To Be at Cranbrook

District Rotary conference will be held March 18-19 at Cranbrook with the Pontiac club as host, Birmingham Rotary Club President Victor Ulrich disclosed Monday.

Veterans Council

Edward J. Finn, recently elected commander of the Oakland County Council of Veterans, said the next council meeting will be held at the American Legion Home in Birmingham. Members of Charles Edwards Post 14 will be hosts of the occasion.

Skater Injured

Richard L. Collier, 26, of Detroit, suffered a broken ankle while skating on Quorton Lake Sunday. First aid was administered by members of the Birmingham police department, after which the man was taken on St. Joseph Mercy hospital in Pontiac.

3 Commissioners Seek Re-Election

Three of the four city commissioners whose terms expire in April will run for re-election, they indicated this week.

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It May Cost You More for Traffic Violations Here

Already combatting increased living costs, local residents soon may find their traffic violations costing them more, too.
Monday night city commissioners instructed Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to suggest an increased schedule of fines for such violations as double parking, blocking driveways and alleys, being too close to fire hydrants, etc.

Moxley said fines for moving violations already have been adjusted, but indicated these other violations needed some upward revision.

General display advertising deadline is 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Guilty Plea Draws Fines for Soldier

Richard K. Georgia, formerly of Pontiac and now stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., was brought back to Birmingham to face charges of simple larceny. Georgia was charged with the theft of several guns from a local family in July, 1949.

Entering a plea of guilty, Georgia paid fines and costs totaling \$50 and was returned to Army authorities for possible military prosecution.

Police said Georgia had taken the guns back to camp after spending Christmas with his family in Pontiac. They said the theft was discovered after he displayed the weapons around the air field.

Approve Vacations Of Street and Alley

The city commission Monday evening considered vacation of an alley in Birmingham Gardens subdivision and approved vacation of certain streets and alleys in Birmingham Villas subdivision.

The commission approved the vacating and closing of the following areas in Birmingham Villas subdivision:

- (1) The alley between Maple and Yosemite from Adams to Columbia.
- (2) Alley between Yosemite and Villa from Dixie to Columbia.
- (3) Dixie street from Villa south to the south line of the Birmingham Villas subdivision.
- (4) Yankee from Villa to the south line of the Birmingham Villas subdivision.

The city manager and city engineer have recommended that a portion of the alley be vacated as a cul-de-sac be provided at the part of the alley not being vacated.

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