

The Birmingham Eccentric

City Engineer Reports on Status of 44 Projects

Newest Big Bear Market Opens In Birmingham Monday, Jan. 29

Keeping pace with their gigantic store expansion program, Big Bear officials announced their newest Super Food Market on Woodward near 14 Mile would open Monday, Jan. 29.

This market, according to Ben Greenman, president, is the latest in food retailing. It has all the modern devices and merchandising approaches incorporated in this great food center.

The exterior of the store is of the type facing with a huge Big Bear electric sign visible for blocks. The large paved and illuminated parking lots provide ample parking. Trained attendants will help customers with parking and handle excessive traffic problems.

THE INTERIOR OF THE store is designed for easy shopping and features wide aisles. It occupies over 14,000 square feet of selling space and is decorated in pastel shades with custom-made "Big Bear farm" murals on all walls.

Quieter store operation is made possible through a sound-proof ceiling. The latest fluorescent lighting has been installed, selected to harmonize with all store fixtures.

Newest refrigeration equipment is used throughout the store. The meat department, 100 per cent self-service, will have trained attendants available for shoppers who desire assistance.

This department will also feature modern walk-in storage coolers.

Overhead carriers facilitate speed in handling heavy sections of meat. Cutting tables are backed with chromium and stainless steel.

AIR COOLED display cases are used in self-service produce department to keep fruits and vegetables fresh. Like the meats, fruit and vegetables will be kept in a large walk-in cooler.

The new market will also have a large beverage department, cosmetic and sundry section, self-service delicatessen with pre-packaged meats and ready-to-eat foods, and a dairy department.

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Registration Slated For Adult Education In Southfield Twp.

Registration for the second term of the Southfield school adult education program will be taken from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the Southfield school, Berg and Ten Mile, according to Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals.

Courses offered include upholstery, dressmaking, painting, stock and bond investments, singing school and first aid child study groups are also being held at four school centers once a month.

Most of the courses run for ten weeks, one evening a week for two hours. A \$5 fee is charged for courses where the instructors are paid. Some classes only carry a fee to cover cost of materials used.

Schoenhals said groups of at least 12 persons can receive any course upon request. He pointed out that every effort will be made to provide instruction and leadership to meet community needs.

The adult education program is not restricted to residents of the township.

Reports on 44 city projects for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1950, have been compiled by City Engineer L. R. Gere.

Projects which the contractor has given the final payment are the Birmingham Estates street improvement; St. Andrews-Eden-borough relief sewers; and the Eton-Lincoln sewer.

Jobs completed and the contractor paid in full are alley pavement from Columbia to 511.7 feet east of Columbia; Pembroke road and court water main; Pembroke road and court sewer; Grassfield road water main; and the junction chamber at the southeast corner of the DPW yard.

CONSTRUCTION HAS also been completed on the Sheffield to Taunton access drive; and Great street graveling from 14 Mile road to Catalpa.

Plans have been completed for the Edenborough street improvement from Maple to Dorchester; and Webster-Adams to Woodward paving.

Plans are completed and cost estimates sent to the city manager for Pembroke Manor two paving; Pembroke road and court paving; Taunton to Sheffield alley pavement; and Springdale park sewer.

Plans are 90% completed on the Forest street paving from Brownell to Hunter; and 50% complete on the Pierce water main from Lincoln to 14 Mile road; Adams water main from Knox to Wimbleson; and Chester water main from Lincoln to Maple.

The estimate of the cost of the latter three projects has been prepared.

Plans are approximately 70% complete on the Chapin cross-over to Woodward, the report stated.

ESTIMATIONS OF cost have been prepared for the Chesterfield water main from Quanton to Maple; Maple water main from Woodward to Hunter; Chesterfield to Lakepark, Dixie to the water tank, and Bates to Lakepark; and the Cranbrook water main from Lincoln to Midvale.

Gere stated that the estimate of cost has been prepared for the portion of the Hunter boulevard water main from Haynes to Maple which remains to be constructed.

Clearing operations have been completed and some sub-surface drainage installed on the Merrill cutoff pavement. In addition, the engineering department has worked with the county road commission regarding the relocation of the proposed right-of-way for 16 Mile road.

The department supervised construction of the Mansfield water main which was under private contract and is now complete.

A SKETCH OF the proposed construction of the West Maple sewer from Chester to Southfield has been prepared and an estimate of the cost sent to the city manager. The field study of existing sewers have been completed on the relief sewer for Bird, Smith, Davis and Emmons streets.

A preliminary survey is completed for the Pierce street paving from Lincoln to 14 Mile road. Preliminary surveys have been completed for the paving in Sheffield Estates one and plans are 60% finished for Sheffield from Eton to Mansfield, Mansfield from Sheffield to Brandford, and Brandford from Eton to Mansfield. The estimates of the costs for these streets have been sent to the city manager.

THE ENGINEER reported that approval has been received from all owners of buildings where it will be necessary to modify grades at entrances for the East Maple sidewalk.

Approximately 10,000 square feet of sidewalk has been replaced on Woodward from Willis to Oak. In preparation for the paving on West Maple from Southfield to Lakepark, the Rouge river was relocated east of Baldwin street.

Footings were constructed for the Derby water tank; and existing ground elevations obtained over the entire area of the DPW yard based on a 25 foot grid. Top work has been completed by a field party for the Oak-Woodward to Lakepark paving and the top plotted for study.

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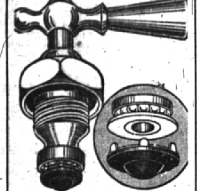
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"Fun to Buy Fun" Theme of Quanton Festival Fair

"Fun to Buy Fun" is the theme of the Quanton school PTA's Fair, scheduled for Feb. 9. Mrs. Emory DeNador, 798 Yarmouth, general chairman, said the entire proceeds would be used to buy additional school playground equipment.

Booths will be placed around the auditorium for the sale of many articles. The fair will also feature several women in foreign costume, as salesladies, movies, a puppet show, games, clowns, magicians and refreshments.

At 3:30 a special program will be arranged for children, with the adult entertainment coming later in the evening.

"WE WANT to make a family affair out of it," Mrs. DeNador said, "we are limiting the hours. It will start promptly at 3:30 when the children are through classes and will end at 8:30 so the little folks will be able to go home by bed-time."

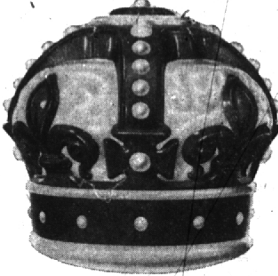
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