

Rules Committee Member Not Certain of Duties

Progress of the committee named in May by Mayor Chad Ritchie to draw up rules of procedure for the city commission appears to be at a standstill. Asked what progress had been made, committee member Garland

Tait said some as far as he knew. "I'm not even sure just exactly what we are supposed to draft rules about," Tait said. "Until I read it in the papers I did not know who the other members were and still do not know who is chairman of the committee." Other members named by Ritchie are former mayors Bruce Booth and Donald Bell.



FRANK WEAVER (right center) scorer for the rifle division of the Birmingham recreation department, checks scores with some of the summer participants. Two perfect scores were recorded in the recent tournament. John Brown, 16, shot a perfect record for boys over 16 and Dick Ward, 11, for boys under that age. Rifery, as in other years, has been one of the more popular departments of the recreation program. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Traffic Survey Reveals Need for New Stop Signs

A preliminary report of Dobelek and Gunderson, Detroit traffic engineers surveying Birmingham's needs, was presented to commissioners Monday by Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Moxley also turned in a report made by his department on the amount of overtime parking that exists in metered zones here.

The engineers' report suggested numerous changes in the stop signs now used in Birmingham and an over-all clearing away of objects which obscure the vision of motorists.

They said larger signs of the reflector type, mounted on higher poles, were one of the primary legal needs.

Moxley's survey, made at the recent request of Commissioner Frank Rising, was to determine how many persons over-park in metered areas, by putting additional coins in the meters. Definite action was postponed on his report until Rising's return within two weeks.

DOBEEK AND GUNDERSON pointed out that Birmingham's present signs are 18 inches in diameter, six inches below those suggested by traffic experts. Many of these signs are mounted on channel iron and are only four feet from the ground. These are easily reached by teenagers and are marred or damaged. In addition, parked cars obscure them from the approaching driver. Signs should be seven feet above roadways, they said.

The engineers also pointed out that a number of the signs were improperly located and suggested they be moved to as near the point of observation as possible and visible for at least 50 feet.

All signs should be of the reflector type to aid in night driving and should be mounted in an area where they are not hidden by brush or limbs, the report stressed.

MOXLEY SAID to replace all signs considered unsatisfactory at this time would cost about \$1,250. Dobelek and Gunderson said it would be advisable to replace the poorest signs now and make other installations at the earliest possible time. This would cost about \$805 at this time. Commissioners approved this latter expense.

The engineers reported that shrubbery at Lincoln and Shirley extended nine feet into the right-of-way and should be moved. Donald C. Egbert, city manager, said he felt the early fall months would be the best time to move these bushes, in order that they may be replanted successfully.

Forty locations were listed where weeds, shrubs, brush and trees should be trimmed to give motorists a clear view of traffic signs.

The police department survey, Moxley feels, shows a lack of knowledge on the part of motorists.

"THESE CARS ARE not necessarily parked overtime, but are parked beyond the legal limit allowed in that particular zone," Moxley said. "This is unlawful and is in violation of a city ordinance."

"It also defeats the purpose of the meters which are installed to provide parking space for short periods of time to as many motorists as possible."

"I think the condition can be improved by the use of warning notices for a period of time. Many of these persons think, that because the meter does not expire, they are legally parked. I am sure many of them would stop doing this if they realized they were violating the law."

Dining Rooms of Fox and Hounds Reopened July 24

Dining rooms of the Fox and Hounds Inn, Woodward avenue, Bloomfield Hills, reopened Tuesday evening, July 24.

Since fire gutted the kitchen several months ago, dining facilities have been closed.

Proprietor John Ingleson stated that the kitchen has been entirely remodeled and all cooking and refrigerating units replaced with entirely modern equipment. He emphasized, however, that the quaint old English atmosphere of the dining room hasn't been altered in any way.

The Fox and Hounds, a replica of a typical English inn was built in 1921, and has been a landmark in this area since that time. When constructed, its Elizabethan design was meant to blend in with the atmosphere of the Cranbrook surroundings.

Grant Property Owners' Easement To Cross City Lot in Sheffield Estates

An easement over city property extending south from the end of Lincoln avenue in the Sheffield Estates, has been granted Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Heier and Rodney M. Lockwood.

City Attorney Forbes S. Haicall and the owners are attempting to work out legal technicalities to permit them to cross a small parcel of land at the Shepley-Lincoln intersection, needed to the city for park purposes.

The owners will be denied access to their property with the closing of Luton and Sheffield roads when the area is developed as a city park.

The Heiers and Lockwood have agreed to stand all expenses involved in constructing a roadway which will serve their needs.

Recent Arrival at Frankfurt Air Base

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Rhein-Main, Germany - Private First Class William J. McIntosh is a recent arrival at Frankfurt, Germany, where he has been assigned to the 60th Troop Carrier Wing at Rhein-Main Air Base.

Rhein-Main is one of the principal air bases in Europe and provides aerial support for the western defenses in Europe.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd O. McIntosh of 1925 Henrietta Street, Birmingham, Mich. and a former student of Baldwin high school.

Pfc. McIntosh has been in the service since August, 1950.

HE ALSO POINTED out that the greatest number of violations are recorded during morning

hours, from 10 to 11:30, and in the various two-hour zones.

"During these hours six per cent of the drivers over-parked in the one hour zones and twelve and a half per cent in the two-hour areas," Moxley said.

He added that department members would continue checking these conditions to have additional information available before action is taken on the problem.



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