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10 Petitions Plans Revealed for City's Street Resurfacing Program

Filed for City Commission

Largest Field Since 1933 When Original Commission Chosen

What appears to be the largest city election slate since Birmingham became a city in 1933 was indicated this week as petitions were filed by Saturday's deadline for 10 candidates to the city commission.

Only about half of them held nomination acceptance, which are due Saturday, said City Clerk Irene Hanley. Seldom has a candidate for whom a petition has failed to accept.

Incumbents seeking another 3-year term are Mayor Bruce G. Booth and Ralph A. Main. Commissioner Garland D. Tait, completing his first term, declined to run for re-election.

SIX POLITICAL newcomers vying for the three-year term are Roy W. LeMay, 2380 Maryland; Lance C. Minor, 360 Pleasant; Robert S. Owen, 303 Park; Frank W. Rainey, 1020 Brookwood; H. Ben Eubank, 2000 1/2th and Harold G. Webster, 763 Bates.

Eighteen years ago when voters elected the first city council, there were a city, 17 candidates for the seven commission vacancies.

In 1938, there were three candidates, while another seven contested for two spots in 1947.

Two men are seeking the reappointed one-year portion of former commissioner John S. O'Gorman's vacant seat.

IncUMBENT JUSTICE of the peace J. G. 517 E. 1st St. will be opposed by Ruth D. Armstrong, 647 Henrietta.

SO MUCH FOR those "Democrats"—poor descendants of many Illinois Presidential forebears. There had been some Republicans who held that high office.

IN NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Birmingham turned in a better first-year record for 1950 than did most cities over 10,000 population in the country. This is shown in the report of the National Safety Council, based on its annual survey of auto accidents, covering the year ending Dec. 31, 1950.

SAFETY OF cars also were made by the council on the basis of the number of cars in use in each city. From the national report Birmingham also was ahead.

GOOD OLD Bill Constock a Jeffersonian Democrat, came into the Governor's chair on the backwash of an anti-depression public sentiment. He managed to get all tangled up by closing the banks in 1933, and fostering the sales tax for revenue deflated him for re-election.

Mr. Webster Calls It—Product of "Boss" McKay's Republicanism beyond the council led left his comfortable chair in the Secretary of State's office and as executive of the Michigan desk for two years. Frank liked people who loved coffee, but he liked only one.

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COMMISSION ROOM PACKED AT FIRST HEARING ON MASTER PLAN. Crowd spills into hallways while awaiting chance to voice objections. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Parking Areas Are Dropped at First Hearing on Master Plan

Because the city commission Jan. 29 rejected the revised report on Birmingham's proposed off-street parking program, the plan commission at its first public hearing Feb. 22 eliminated from its proposed master land use plan any reference to off-street parking areas.

"We still think Birmingham needs to solve its parking problem," emphasized Mrs. Peter B. Lewis, plan commission chairman, in a prepared statement read before the hearing really got underway.

AS WAS EXPECTED, practically all of those attending had objections or questions about certain phases of the plan. Emphatic opposition to two proposed neighborhood shopping centers was voiced, as well as objections to two proposed new streets.

MANLEY BAILEY, owner of business property at Larchlea and W. Maple, asked that it remain business instead of being placed in single family, as proposed by the master plan.

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Emergency Will Put Radio Hams To Test Friday

Birmingham radio hams will join others of the Detroit area Friday in a simulated emergency, but first work under the new American Radio Relay league.

Formed primarily to work with civil defense authorities, the unit will be a permanent group, scheduled to work in any emergency and as an assisting unit for the Red Cross.

MEMBERS OF the group will have revolving and sending equipment in their cars and will travel the stricken areas, keeping in touch with the fixed station. The latter will maintain contact with other stations in Detroit and Pontiac.

ABBOTT said Monday that a regular network of these stations were being established in other nearby communities.

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City Plans Biggest Program of Street Repairs in History

The biggest street resurfacing program in the city's history will get underway this week, according to City Engineer L. R. Gare who this week released tentative plans for the project.

A total of \$40,000 for resurfacing is included in the tentative budget recently submitted by City Manager Donald C. Egbert. Last year only \$15,000 was appropriated for this purpose.

Weight Limit Rules Adopted By Commission

A weight restriction ordinance was adopted by the city commission Monday evening. The new ruling includes the restrictions contained in the state law.

CITY ENGINEER L. R. Gare said the ordinance will go into effect Thursday, March 1.

HE STATED THAT the new restrictions will practically eliminate all heavy trucking on secondary streets which are not paved.

Another factor affecting the program is finances. If more funds are available, of course, more resurfacing projects can be undertaken.

Road Commission Closes Several Roads to Trucks

The Oakland County road commission closed to trucks this week eight roads in Southfield township and one in Bloomfield township.

Closed to truck traffic in Southfield are: Sherman drive, Ashlar drive, Verona circle, Amber street, Elmer, Mill road from Greenfield to Leaber, Tamrack Trail south of 10 Mile road, Sarno street from 10 Mile to the Arlington street from Greenfield to Beverly street.

HE STATED THAT the new restrictions is only temporary, the commission pointed out. The order was made so trucks will be kept off these roads while they thaw out.

Four Hospitalized By Two-Car Crash

A two-car collision at Hunter and Wimbler Saturday evening hospitalized four persons.

William H. Burleigh, 20, of Royal Oak, driver of one car, was injured. The other car was driven by his companion, Dorothy Johnson, 18, of Detroit, suffered a broken jaw and head injuries, and Edward Varner, 19, of Hazel Park sustained head injuries.

Truck Wheel Crashes Into Local Store

An unidentified woman escaped serious injury Feb. 22, when a truck wheel crashed into the front of the Birmingham Drug store on South Woodward just as she was leaving the building.

April Registration

So that residents employed out of Birmingham may register for the April 2 election, the city clerk's office in the municipal building will be open Saturday mornings, March 3 and 10, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Flowers of Spring

Spring birds have become quite common in Birmingham, with new birds appearing almost daily. However, the first flowers appeared Monday at the George H. Russell home at 1028 Chestnut.

CHUCKLE VICTIM Ray Gardner of Royal Oak received minor injuries Feb. 22 when the front wheel of his motorcycle struck a chuckhole on Southfield road, throwing him to the pavement. The youth was released after treatment at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

Progress Report of Local Schools Predicts 1960 Enrollment of 6,000

A prediction of future school enrollments and a financial review highlighted the annual Birmingham schools' progress report given by Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland at the yearly PTA council meeting held at the new Torry school Monday evening.

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