

**CANDIDATES' COMMENTS**

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**Ralph A. Main**

urface, integral curb and streets to replace our dirt level facilities. Under their subdivisions, such as to be improved, I am in favor of paving, assuming pre-entive costs prevail. Under conditions, the majority of will be built after the district is created and T.A.L. cost absorbed in the of the house and a long period of time in a less painful manner. I feel that our present VED gravel or black top should be arbitrarily cut and hard surfacing substituted, unless abutting owners want it. Maintenance cost is a nice talk about, but any cement requires maintenance. Streets are something more necessary facility. They are a thing of beauty that the character of the city or they can be a pain in the rear—and I am not talking the weather.

**T VS. TOTAL PLANS:** 6,000 bridge is quite a bit at this time, but how much was it three years ago? members what? Fullness on capital expenditures nature and better phrasing question on the ballot will misunderstandings in the

let's investigate our issues clearly before voting.

**CIAL ASSESSMENT** I am in favor of this plan because in years to it will undoubtedly save payers money. Should be presently outside the city wish to come into Birmingham could be that we would not a defray 15 per cent of a assessment in their purchase. The amendment since the city commission didn't move as to the amount of the city's of any special assessment I don't think there is to be the 25 per cent at present in the charter.

**'LE BOND ISSUE:** If it is cost \$39,000 to finish the road so that you and me over it, let's spend the now and get it over with. It will be a welcome incident when completed. Also, remember that incompetent make poor money. I be more careful hereafter why we spend money and we are going to get it.

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will be given a voice in what they can afford and desire.

**PART VS. TOTAL PLANS:** A clear-cut description of what is being voted upon and approved before the press will be helpful. However, facts have a way of becoming distorted by time and this is particularly the situation with respect to the West Maple bridge issue, at the present time.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CHANGES:** Yes. Why should our citizens pay 15 to 25 per cent of the cost of improvements for the benefit of real estate speculators? This assessment is about 20 years late.

**MAPLE BOND ISSUE:** Yes, the \$99,000 bond issue should be approved. (The Merrill street out-let is not included in this issue because of pending litigation.)

**Lance C. Minor**

Age, 47; 360 Pleasant street; Birmingham resident for 20 years; attended Sewanee military academy, Castle Heights military academy, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., majoring in engineering and forestry.

Former vice-president and manager, Detroit office and State of Michigan, for the American Surety Co. of New York, 20 years; past president of the of the Surety Association of Michigan; past president of University of the South; Executives association of Michigan; chairman, speakers' bureau and education committee of these associations, "insurance courses", Michigan State college.

Seven years as engineer and general superintendent with prominent construction company, specializing in road and bridge building, municipal paving, storm and sanitary sewer construction.

Former president Barnum PTA and member of PTA Council; treasurer, Baldwin high school PTA; chairman "1959 Junior Olympics", sponsored by Side-Line Quarterbacks; former member, finance and insurance committee, Eastern Diocese of the Episcopal church; present member of business, finance and finance committee, Detroit Council of Churches; vestryman St. James Episcopal church for 8 years. No previous political experience.

**DECREASED CITY COSTS:** Yes, I believe that some city costs might be decreased by the application of sound business methods and common sense. For over 27 years, I have been a businessman in responsible position where simplifying methods, elimination of waste and improvement of services have been my daily job.

If elected, I intend to make a careful study of the various city departments, with the idea of suggesting any measures which might save your money and improve services rendered.

**CITY-PLAN COOPERATION:** I am heartily in favor of long-range municipal planning for Birmingham. I feel that there must be a much closer cooperation between our city commission and the planning commission for the safety of all concerned. I believe that the planning com-

mission should be set up with the Mayor and at least one official of the municipality and one member of the city commission, selected by its members as ex-officio members" as "deemed desirable" in accordance with Section 3 of the Michigan Planning Commission Act.

**STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** It appears to me that the ultimate hard surfacing of our streets is the only practical answer to a very costly upkeep problem, provided that careful consideration is first given to the condition and adequacy of the utilities and sewers underlying these streets.

**PART VS. TOTAL PLANS:** I believe that a repetition of the unfortunate Maple bridge misunderstanding can be avoided in the future by a straight-from-the-shoulder airing of ALL the facts and costs pertaining to any such major project.

The Birmingham home owners are not children from whom unpleasant facts must be kept—they (Continued on Page 4, Part 3)

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