

Relocation of Dixie Highway Planned by State

A long-range plan by which Dixie Highway (U.S. 10) would be pass all thickly populated areas between Detroit and Saginaw was announced this week by State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler.

The department plans to carry out this program within the next 15 years. Preliminary plans call for the highway to leave Detroit on the present Northwestern highway and enter the southeast part of Southfield township. It would then extend across Southfield and Bloomfield townships and intersect Telegraph road near Pontiac.

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appropriation will be requested upon his re-employment.

4. Schedule revision of the working hours in the fire department to provide relief every 10 days to be effective July 1, 1952.

5. AUTHORIZE TWO patrolmen to be added immediately to the police department.

6. Authorize the addition of one patrolman as of April 1, 1952.

7. Schedule revision of working hours in the police department to a 44-hour week as of April 1, 1952.

8. Schedule revision of working hours in the police department to a 40-hour week as of Oct. 1, 1952.

9. Authorize the purchase of one additional patrol car.

10. Make provision for each probationary patrolman to attend Michigan Law Enforcement Program at Michigan State college and such attendance to be compulsory prior to confirmation of appointment. Each officer attending the school to be allowed tuition and subsistence cost, plus \$10, (\$150).

11. Approve \$10,660 in appropriations for additional personnel for police and fire departments, uniform allowance for additional personnel, attendance of officers including hat, raincoat, handkerchiefs, and purchase of a new police car.

Caressless Smoker Sets Street Fire

A seasonal fire hazard was brought into focus clearly Oct. 31 when burning leaves threatened to destroy several cars parked on Merritt street.

Fire Chief W. W. Griffith said the fire was caused by a carelessly dropped match or cigarette and fanned by a strong breeze, a large area along the gutter began to blaze.

"It happened early enough in the evening to be quickly spotted by persons living nearby," Chief Griffith said. "Had it been later when most of the people had retired, a serious fire might have resulted."

"THE FLAMES came very close to a parked car and might easily have spread through the entire block. Persons smoking on the street, now that the leaves have fallen, are very dry, should take extra precautions. Be sure the match is out before you throw it away and make a habit of stopping on discarded cigarettes," he urged.

"The residents who noticed the blaze went out to move the leaves and shove dirt on them. The blaze was pretty well under control by the time our department arrived but anyone can see the seriousness of the situation."

October Construction Shows 50 Per Cent Drop

Value of new buildings placed under construction in Birmingham during October was more than 50 per cent lower than the previous month, according to the report of the city's building inspector.

October's 88 permits represented a total outlay of \$574,908, compared to \$1,156,818 for 113 permits in September.

Forty new homes rated highest in the report, with \$504,000 at their value. New business places valued were \$10,000.

Troy Zoning Comm. To Discuss Pool

Attorneys representing the Clara Swimming pool, East Long Lake road, and neighboring property owners will meet with the Troy Township zoning commission Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, to work out plans for regulating pool operations next summer.

Last week adjoining property owners protested to the commission their objection to the pool and other activities at the pool were disturbing.

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Innovations

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THE NINTH GRADE class, now at Barnum, will not make the transfer this year because their facilities will be ready for use until late next spring, Ireland said.

When the 11th and 12th grades leave Baldwin the end of January, Baldwin immediately will become an elementary school for children in the city's central area who are attending other schools.

"Ireland said he liked the board," Ireland said, "absorbed the light almost as fast as it could be poured on the chalkboard. The chalkboards are a better color, and will reflect light back toward the front of the room the slightest bit of glare."

In the classroom which Ireland used as a model, the acousticon tile already was installed, as was the chalkboard. The area above the latter is concrete block with cut later in metal. He explained that this was done also for the acoustical properties of the block.

Most of the architects and educators who have visited the new high school are the Rev. Dr. Ireland and architects Joseph Murphy and Hari Van Hoefen, all of St. Louis, Mo., who came to Birmingham last Saturday after attending an educational conference in Ann Arbor.

The two architects are working on plans for a parochial school to be constructed in the Rev. Curtin's parish in St. Louis.

CHALKBOARDS and window frames are channel aluminum.

WALK Ledges are of glazed tile or marble and of extra width. Dr. Ireland pointed out, will permit flowers or plants to be kept there without damage to the room. It will also permit a space for special displays or books.

Each room is provided with "storage" space where supplies and books can be kept, making unnecessary frequent trips to the library supply room.

Further convenience is achieved by grouping an academic classroom around the library. This room will be arranged for several groups to use it simultaneously without interference. The entire room is designed to permit housing a vast number of books, accessible at all times. Two entire sides are glass, giving an ample supply of light.

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THE HEATING SYSTEM will have two controls.

Hot water heat will maintain a base level, controlled by hot air on automatic control to increase temperatures when needed. Ireland explained that this system would maintain a more even temperature without those sudden near heating units having to swell.

"A little theater" will have 300 seats, Ireland said, and will be used for speech and music classes, as well as drama groups. We are including the radio facilities as a carry over from the Radio Workshop in the junior high school, and some day will no doubt tie in with some vicinity station, quite probably Pontiac."

AMONG THE modern features incorporated into the school is its flexibility.

The interior is designed so a classroom wall may be taken down without weakening the structural strength. The outer design of the building was planned to allow expansion in any direction.

The gymnasium, science rooms and industrial arts are housed in one section to permit easy access from the parking area, when bringing in heavy equipment. The building where the swimming pool will ultimately be constructed also is in this wing.

A conservatory will permit the growing of plants and flowers which, Ireland said, he hoped would be available for classroom decoration.

A wooded area on the east side of the school campus will be maintained, with paths and trails constructed through it.

HOME ECONOMICS department quarters will have the most modern equipment available,

including all stainless steel accessories. "The cafeteria will be one of the most interesting spots to local people," he said. "We searched everywhere for the type of chair we wanted. Something which could be stacked and moved easily. It had to be light weight but durable. We failed to find it, so our architects designed a chair for use. It is to be called the 'Birmingham chair.' A thousand now are being made, with the first five hundred slated for our high school cafeteria."

He said a great deal of the material in the school had been made to order. The design and quantity were decided upon and the supplier furnished the material ready for immediate installation. In some cases the material was even painted before delivery here.

"WE HAVE BEEN fortunate," he said, "in the people who work-

Deputy, CD Director

City Administrative Asst. Earl Sandquist has been named Deputy Director of civil defense in Birmingham. He replaces Dana Williams who has been recalled to active military duty.

IF AND WHEN the auditorium is constructed, we can have a community program there, another in the most beautiful program in the gym and an athletic event on the field or in the pool, without ever entering the school building. This is planned to be a community high school and the rest of the building for it will provide space for two separate activities at the same time. It is divided by aluminum doors which when lowered from the ceiling, makes two complete gyms."

Fire Department Has 41 Alarms in October

Insurance was paid on an estimated \$300 fire damage in Birmingham last month, according to the October report issued by W. Griffith fire chief.

Griffith said the department answered a total of 41 alarms for fires and fire investigation; 16 for gas investigations; five miscellaneous and four for first aid.

Armistice Day Plans

Armistice Day will be observed in Birmingham when Charles Edwards Post, American Legion, stages open house on Saturday. All local veterans are invited to attend the affair which will include a television broadcast of the Michigan State-Notre Dame football game. A snack bar will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

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