Sidewalk Contract Approved By City

All, part or none of the proposed sidewalk on Lincoln avenue, between Southfield and the new high school, may be constructed under the contract awarded Monday night by the city commission.

The contract, given to the Fort Wayne Coal & Construction Co. of Detroit, includes walks on Southlawn and through Baldwin Park.

How much, if any, of the Lincoln walk will be done is awaiting a pedestrian count by the board of education and a traffic count by the police department, both to be made after school starts Sept. 8.

The Baldwin Park walk has been "indicated" by a pathway already marked by children on their way to and from Baldwin elementary school, City Manager D. C. Egbert said.

Anticipating Heavy Vote Nov. 4, City Buys 5 More Machines

At Monday evening's session, the City Commission approved the purchase of five more voting machines from the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation at a price of $1,240 each.

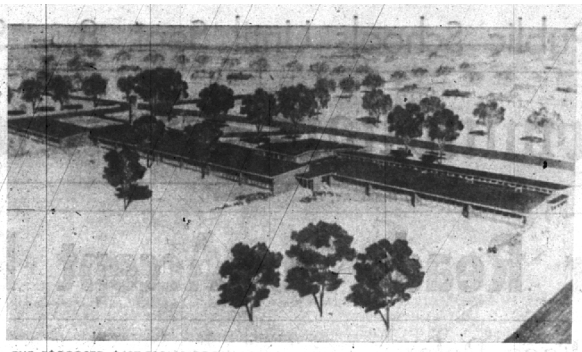
The additional machines are slated for use in precincts 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, which will receive one each.

It is anticipated that the November 4 voting will be heavy and will include a high percentage of absentee voter ballots which must be recorded on the machine, thus requiring the additional voting machines.

With this purchase, the city will have a total of 26 of them:

Ensign Escapes Blast

Word has been received here of the safety of Ensign Stanford A. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vershure, formerly of Birmingham and now living in Kalamazoo. Smith was aboard the carrier USS Boxer in Korean waters when it was damaged by an explosion and fire recently. Smith graduated from Baldwin high school in 1947.



THE PROPOSED $487,500 11-ROOM ADDITION to Torry school is graphically presented here in the architect's drawings. The one-story addition at the northwest corner of the present school will house classrooms, conference rooms and a multi-purpose room to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment in the school's area.

Joe Wheeler Hurt In Highland Park Accident Monday

Joe Wheeler, 240 Ravine, Birmingham photographer, was transferred from Highland Park general hospital to St. Joseph Mercy hospital Tuesday.

Wheeler suffered head injuries Monday afternoon while returning to his home here from Detroit, when he apparently collapsed and lost control of his car.

Witnesses told police he was slumped over the steering wheel when his car started on a series of collisions in which he struck two cars, a pedestrian and crashed into the front of a car saleroom at Woodward and Avalon.

SLIGHTLY INJURED were Ethel Orr, 59, of 12763 Hene, and drivers of the two cars, Robert Vogel, 30, of Clinton and Violet Covington, 32, of 394 Glendale. All were released after treatment at the hospital.

Wheeler suffered serious head injuries in a fall at his home last March and was confined to the hospital for several weeks.

The extent of his present injuries has not yet been determined.

Township Streets To Be Improved

Over 50 residents of Birwood subdivision crowded the Southfield township hall Tuesday night seeking immediate surfacing of three subdivision streets.

Residents on Kirkshire, Birwood and Buckingham told board members that they didn't want to go through another winter with the streets in the condition they are in now.

The streets were to be paved in accordance with FHA mortgages on the homes. The plan was then changed to include black topping and integral curb and gutter.

Final outcome of the project holds that only blacktopping will be covered under the original financing through the cost of the homes.

WHEN RESIDENTS FOUND that the surfacing would not include curb and gutters they petitioned the township to include this portion of the street improvement and assess residents for the extra cost.

Supervisor William Roeser explained to the audience that he had been unable to find a market for the sale of private assessment bonds necessary for this project.

He agreed to contact the Detroit Cement Products company to have the black topping started as soon as possible and to continue searching for a buyer of the curb and gutter bonds.

If a means of financing the added improvement are found, the contract can be let after the surfacing is already completed.

Water Main Bid Accepted

A contract has been awarded by the City for the construction of a water main on Bradford between Eton and Melton. T. Troelsen was the low bidder with an estimate of $1,470.

Approve Plat

A plat of seven lots, resulting from a subdivision of the Wade property at the southwest corner of Westchester Way and W. Maple, has been approved by Birmingham city commissioners.

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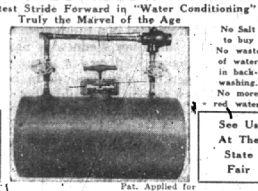

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Torry

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wing will be located in the northwest corner of the site and will be nearer Lincoln street than the other portion of the building.

The multipurpose room is a very necessary facility for an elementary school which is planned as a complete unit. This room will provide kitchen facilities and there will be tables and benches which fold into the wall. This will permit the serving of hot lunches to children who cannot get home during the lunch period.

A STAGE IN ONE end of this room will permit the use of this facility for school programs and assemblies. The room will also be used for community group meetings. The direct access to this room from Lincoln street will permit its use as a separate unit from the rest of the building. Under the stage of this room there will be ample storage space for janitorial supplies and instructional materials.

On the north side of the present corridor which extends east from the present office there will be a library and a room for special activities, such as art and music. All of the elementary schools will ultimately have library facilities and at this time provision must be made for this type of service, since this wing will complete the entire structure of Torry School and no further additions are contemplated for this building.

Provision is also being made for two conference rooms which will accommodate the visiting teacher and the speech correctionist. The health center for the school nurse will remain as it now stands.

THE SECOND KINDERGARTEN will be constructed adjacent to the present kindergarten as originally planned and will be identical with the present kindergarten in design and equipment.

These additions will complete the final plans for Torry School and will furnish the portion of the city with a well-planned, efficient school adequately designed to accommodate the demands of that portion of the city which is east of Woodward Avenue and south of Maple Road. It is hoped that access to the site from the northern portion of the district may be improved by eventually having walks through the area commonly known as the "apple orchard."

This farm has blocked access from the north and required children to walk around the orchard to reach Torry School. Because of this block some children north of the orchard have been permitted to continue at Adams School. As Adams School becomes more crowded and future plans develop to make this a junior high school it will be necessary for Torry School to accommodate all children from kindergarten through the sixth grade who reside south of Maple Road.

Delay

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Chartered bus passengers will, as in the past, be required to pay for transportation at the rate of $15 a semester or $30 a year.

Dr. Ireland pointed out that drivers will establish regular stops, basing them on the point where the majority of children congregate. He said the usual ruling, would apply, giving drivers the right to refuse to carry children who prove unmanageable on the buses, or those without a regular bus pass.

The majority of buses will start their routes at 7:45 a.m., and are mainly for the high school students. Elementary runs are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m.

"CAFETERIAS," Ireland said, "will be in full operation, according to the scheduling to be announcer on the opening day of school. The only exception will be at Baldwin school, where children will be required to carry their lunches until further notice."

Norman A. Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools, said last week that because of a reduction in state aid this year, a two-cent increase will be made in lunches at school cafeterias. Prevailing prices will be 27 cents and 32 cents this year.

"We cannot absorb this increase, although it seems small," Wolfe said. "At the end of the year it would mean a terrific amount to the school district taxpayers.

"As in the past, we will serve a regular plate luncheon but will have 'extras' available at a nominal cost for those who do not find this enough. The luncheon cannot be planned to meet all appetites, so we try to hit a medium level, and have available additional food supplies for those who are still hungry."

Red Army Refugee Buried Monday At White Chapel

The man who lead his family successfully over 600 miles through war-torn Europe and finally found peace and comfort in Birmingham, died Friday doing the work he loved so well.

George Makhow, 64, soil expert and former professor at the University of Kiev in the Ukraine, died while working among the flowers at the front of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Makhov fled his homeland when the country was invaded by the Germans in World War II, taking his wife and son with him in his quest for peace and security.

By the time the war ended, he had earned the dislike of the Stalin regime and again was forced to flee. Traveling mainly at night, the family continued toward what they hoped would be a more settled future when the son was taken ill.

MAKHOV

While George and his mother remained within the danger zone, the father continued alone, looking for the kind of life he wanted for his family.

"AT THE PARTING they agreed that, with the providence of God they would be united," said the Rev. Emil Kontz, in speaking of the Makhovs' travels.

They were reunited — in a displaced persons camp in the American zone in Germany. After several years there, their opportunity to come to the United States was presented them through the World Council of Churches.

The family arrived in this country in late 1949, spent two months in Buffalo, N. Y., and upon coming to Birmingham, they were once again able to live normally, unafraid of what the next day might bring them.

After their arrival here they became associated with the First Baptist church, working as caretakers of the premises, while making their home at 251 N. Bates.

MR. MAKHOV, already the author of some 80 books on soil, continued his writings in this country, and has had two more books published. A third is only partially completed.

He has done much of his research work for his writings at the Library of Congress and at Stanford university.

He was a memebr of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, the Ukraine Academy of Arts and Science and Shevchenko, a scientific society of New York. His research work has been carried on as a part of the Ford Foundation program.

Mr. Makhov was born in Kiev on Aug. 23, 1887, and married Irene Shemet there in 1922.

He is survived by his widow and son George, who is a student at Wayne university in Detroit.

Services were held from the Manley Bailey funeral home Monday afternoon with burial in White Chapel cemetery. The Rev. Emil Kontz of the First Baptist church officiated.

City Studies Plan On Zoning Changes

Plan board members and city commissioners Wednesday night, Aug. 20, discussed a zoning ordinance amendment procedure under which the plan board would act on rezoning requests at only three meetings each year.

Planners, faced with rezoning requests on every monthly agenda, state that work on these petitions delays any planning work they wish to do.

Commissioners agreed on a tentative schedule of the three hearings and agreed on the procedure each petitioner should follow.

UNDER THE PROPOSED plan the petitioner would first consult Robert Boatman, city planning director. A formal application for the rezoning would then be submitted to the city commission accompanied by a plan of the property, the reasons for the requested change, and the nature of the rezoning.

The city commission then would refer the petition to the plan board for study and final report. The plan board would prepare a tentative report on the change and call for a public hearing. The petition would be returned to the city commission for a public hearing and final action on the application.

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