

Gare Explains Oak St. Proposal to Residents

Twenty-three residents of Oak street and adjacent streets met Monday to discuss the proposed recommendations for present and future improvement of Oak street, which will be discussed by the city commission at its meeting next Monday, March 2.

(The hearing is March 3 instead of March 10 as mistakenly announced in the *Evening Post*.)

Major results of the Sunday session were formation of a new group to be known as the Oak Street Improvement Association, and agreement on a proposal for a new concrete pavement to be limited to a 20-foot width back of curbs.

City Engineer, L. R. Gare, appeared at the meeting at the request of members to present his views and to answer questions.

ACCORDING TO R. E. Paulette, 856 Lakeview, secretary, the association represents a substantial number of taxpayers both west and east of Quaron Lake.

K. M. Eyston, 556 Oak, and John S. Black, 691 Oak, were elected co-chairmen of the association.

Agreement on the association's recommendations for the Oak Street improvement was reached only after considerable discussion. Some members went on record as opposing any widening or paving, contending that Oak Street has already been the scene of speeding, and pointing out that it is a street used by children attending Quaron and Holy Name School.

Gare pointed out that his recommendation for a 24-foot pavement was a tentative suggestion, based on the fact that 24-foot pavements are a standard.

HE ADMITTED that widening to a 24-foot would require immediate removal of one-third of the trees, and that a number of others would die. Eyston pointed out that many of the trees are 80 years old, and that much of Birmingham's charm would be lost by their removal.

The present membership is 259.

Mrs. John Mitchell, 632 Oak,

aid the chief backers of a pavement wider than 20 feet were those who favored speeding, already a problem on the street.

Gare said traffic safety problems came under the jurisdiction of Police Chief Moxley. He pointed out that his original proposal for a 24-foot pavement to provide their own parking space of the pavement if this proposal is adopted.

Residents agreed to provide their own parking space of the pavement if this proposal is adopted.

THE GROUP, in a rising vote of thanks, commended Gare for giving up a Sunday engagement in order to attend.

The city commission has agreed to try to finish other business by 9 o'clock Monday evening and to devote the remainder of the evening to hearing the views of interested citizens on the Oak Street improvement.

Moxley, invited to the meeting but unable to attend, has promised to make a traffic count on the street when weather permits.

So far, Paulette pointed out, no traffic count has been made to prove a need for widening.

Little League Expanded

By RAY DENNIS

Birmingham's Little League baseball program for boys 8-12 will be expanded this season to two leagues with a total of eight teams, according to Dan Elliott, 360 North Woodward, secretary of the group.

He stated, "The national organization has a regulation that all cities with more than 15,000 residents sponsor two leagues. This new policy will give more boys a chance to participate."

Last year our league had 72 players. This season with 15 boys on a team, we will have 120 participants.

The local group has enough funds left over from last year to provide for one league. However, more funds are needed to uniform and equip the extra teams.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS have asked that persons or groups who wish to contribute contact either Elliott or Eldon Auker, 315 South Glenhurst, local Little League president.

In addition, men who are willing to serve as managers, coaches, umpires or in other administrative positions are asked to get in touch with these officials.

Last week the city recreation board allotted Harmon and Torry fields for Little League play. The Clara Knudson Memorial field will also be used for two games a week.

The secretary pointed out that practice sessions will get underway early in May.

LAST SEASON'S Little League program, which was organized for the first time in Birmingham, was termed "highly successful" by Elliott.

Four teams participated with the Indians, managed by Dave Jones, Jr. coping the playoff championships from Al Bates' Red Sox.

In the state Little League championships at Midland, Birmingham's squad finished as runner-up in the Birmingham division.

Obituary Notices

MRS. MARY MCGOY DIKEMAN, 73 of 560 Hanna street, died Feb. 21 at her residence.

She was born in Uniontown, Pa., May 16, 1879 and was the widow of Ambrose D. Dikeman to whom she was married on Dec. 9, 1902 in Farmington, Ill.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian church and Eastern Star, No. 1000, Farmington, Ill.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Anthony J. Daley of Birmingham, a son, Clifford A. Dikeman, Ill., a brother William and three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Ragsdale, Mrs. Charles Rogers and Mrs. Lee Miller, all of Illinois.

The body was taken from the Manley Bailey funeral home to Farmington, Ill., where services and burial were held Friday.

MRS. HARRIETTE LOUISE WOODRUFF, 78, of 1232 Holand, was buried in White Chapel cemetery Friday following services at the Manley Bailey funeral home.

Born in New Haven, Conn., on Nov. 25, 1873, she died Feb. 20 at the home of her son after a long illness. She came to Birmingham from New Haven 25 years ago.

Her only survivor is one son, Harold J. Wentworth of Birmingham.

MRS. CORA PURDY DEMPSEY, 82, of 848 Purdy street, died Feb. 21, in a Detroit hospital.

Born in Lakewille, Pa. on Sept. 26, 1869, she had lived here for five years, coming from Villa Park, Ill. She was a member of the Unity Center here.

Her survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Cummings of Birmingham; two sons, George of White Plains and Charles of White Plains; two brothers, Forester and Harland Purdy; and a sister, Mrs. Harland Little, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday afternoon from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

JULIUS KASTLER, 84, of St. Elizabeth's home, Bloomfield Hills, died Monday morning in the Oakland county hospital.

Mr. Kastler was born in Stuttgart, Germany, on Jan. 26, 1868 and had been a resident of this country for many years. He came to Birmingham from Detroit seven years ago and was a retired cabinet maker.

His only survivors are two nieces, Mrs. Roy C. Steperfene of Royal Oak and Mrs. William P. Eoblin of Detroit and a nephew, Roman E. Kastler of Detroit.

Prayer services were held Wednesday evening at the Manley Bailey funeral home with funeral services this morning in the St. Elizabeth chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

CARLTON L. THOMPSON, 47, of 727 Colonial Court, died Friday in Florence Crittenton hospital, Detroit. He had lived in Birmingham two and a half years.

A native of New York City, Mr. Thompson was born Nov. 12, 1904.

He was editor and publisher of the Ferndale Gazette for many years and at the time of his death was in charge of publicity for the Detroit Eisenhower for President committee. He also had been associated with the Dearborn Guide.

His only survivor is his widow, Julia.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Spaulding and with cremation at White Chapel.

'Y' Drive for Members Set to Start March 10

Membership enrollment dates for the Birmingham branch of the Detroit Y.M.C.A., whose parent organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary in service to youth, are set for March 10 through March 23 according to William E. Roberts and Sam Bruni, Jr., co-chairmen of the local effort.

A total goal of 1300 new and renewed members by March 31 has been set by the Birmingham committee in this enrollment. This means an additional 350 members must be obtained by Birmingham branch to be successful in its efforts.

The present membership is 959.

Opening Date Set for April 1

Occupancy of the new 'Y' ranch-type building at 400 East Lincoln will not take place until April 1, according to Tom Ward, chairman of the temporary building committee.

The structure is a gift of the Northwood builders, their dealers and suppliers and work can't be completed as scheduled for Mar. 1. Still to be done is the interior painting, the work, electrical work and finished plumbing, which should be completed in 30 days.

At that time the 'Y' will move its offices from 144 West Maple and open its game room and lounge to members and friends.

Two teams, the Republicans under the leadership of Harold Kalbfleisch, and the Democrats under Robert Craig, will vie with each other to see what group makes the best showing.

A poster display of their progress will be exhibited during the drive in a window of the Wilson Drug Store. Neighborhood teams and captains have been arranged for.

A brochure showing the activities of the 'Y' and its program at work has been devised and a new centennial membership card bearing the centennial seal of the 'Y' printed. Each member enrolled in 1952 will have his or her name placed in the archives of the 'Y' for examination 100 years from now.

March 7 is set for the Kick-off dinner and report dates have been set for March 12, 17, and 20.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

TOTAL VALUATION	32	\$312,000
New Residence	1061	\$29,000
Permits Issued	1061	\$29,000
Jan. 30 to Feb. 27	1061	\$29,000

What Your School Board is Doing...

Regular meeting of the Board of Education was held February 19, 1952 at 8:00 P.M. in the Hill School Building.

Resignations of the following teachers accepted: Joan Larson, Joan Van Dyke, Beverly Tesner, Louise Smith.

Following teacher appointments approved: Marilyn Kessel, Sylvia Morris, Marilyn Christensen, Walter Wasielewski, Paul G. Miller, Jr.

Following custodian appointments approved: Jack Milford, Fred Finch, Harvey Vachon, Lon Dailley, Frank Rigotti, Paul Camp, Floyd Cole.

Payment of bills from the Construction account in the amount of \$106,529.27 approved.

Purchase order to Hipsan Sarrinen Swanson for furniture and floor covering for the new high school in the amount of \$3885.85 approved.

Payment of \$1250.59 to Ellis Kowinsky to complete meal-wagon operations at Torry approved.

had Ritchie on Bloomfield Twp. Appeals Board

Former Birmingham Mayor had M. Ritchie, 1234 Covington, Bloomfield Village, had been appointed a member of the first Bloomfield Township board of appeals.



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