

Traffic Regulations OK'd by Commission

Trial traffic regulations in Birmingham having proven successful, became permanent through city commission action Monday.

Commissioners also approved an amendment to the traffic ordinance which would give Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley the authority to establish stop intersections in spots where a through-street designation is not necessary.

Two examples of such intersections are Purdy and Frank and Oak and Chestnutfield, where four-way stops are deemed necessary.

Now permanent parts of the city traffic ordinance are:

- **Parking**—restricted, south side of E. Maple, between Hunter and Oak; prohibited, east side of North, Madison to Oakland; east side Cranbrook, Midvale to Hillside.
- **West side Cranbrook, Lincoln** to Hillside; Lincoln to Hillside; Hillside, Lincoln to Cranbrook; east side Southfield, Merrill to Townsend; west side Adams, Lincoln to Woodward.

BOWERS, Woodward to Hunter and Maple, north side on Saturdays and days preceding legal holidays.

• **Limited, one hour parking** during business hours, Woodward west side, George to Landon; Brownell, east side, Maple to Forest; Forest, Brownell to Woodward and north side Hazel, Woodward to Hunter.

• **Two-hour parking**, Bates, Merrill to Townsend and Brownell, Woodward to Ann. Two hour parking Saturdays only, Pierce, Merrill to Woodward.

• **Stop intersections**, Midvale and Glenhurst and Eden and Sheffield. Donald E. Narry, 1827 Eden thanked commissioners and the police department for their combined efforts to halt speeding on that street. They presented a petition, signed by 78 residents, for a stop sign retention at Sheffield.

He pointed out that more than 50 children use that intersection in order to reach the playgrounds.

IT WAS pointed out that the stop sign has already been of value in slowing traffic, although Moxley said this was not its primary purpose.

Since its erection north-bound traffic has dropped from an average of 32 mph to 22.9, while southbound drivers have slowed from 28.4 to 25.6. In spite of the sign, 37 per cent of the drivers still go through the intersection without coming to a complete stop, Moxley said.

This corner, with the Midvale-Glenhurst intersection, will be held for two weeks for final commission action.

Demonstrate Visual Aid

Lester A. Henning, 1048 Ridgedale, and Ray E. Hester of Bloomfield Hills, took part in a visual aid demonstration July 2 at the annual conference of the National Industrial Advertisers association in Chicago. Henning is president of Henning and Cheadle, Inc., while Hester is director of specialist services division of Flores, Inc.

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MRS. JAY K. ESSLER, JR., DISPLAYS one of the boots in the Cranbrook Institute of Science shoe collection presently displayed in a show case at the Birmingham National Bank. The collection contains foot wear from all over the world. The exhibition was created by Mrs. Essler, member of the Birmingham Junior League.

More Study Asked On Parking Area By Plan Board

City plan board members last week Wednesday night approved the limited access drive in front of the Carl O. Barton's proposed shopping center on Maple between Hunter and Poppleton and agreed on the building line.

They deferred further action on the rezoning of the rear of the property from the residence to parking until more discussion was possible on resident opposition.

Final agreements on the building line will set the front line of the building 67 feet from the center line of Maple, allowing the necessary footage for the anticipated widening of Maple and construction of a six-foot parkway to save the trees now standing.

A SMALL GROUP of nearby residents were present at the meeting to oppose the rezoning of the rear of the property.

Boffe Spinning, speaking on behalf of his daughter who lives on Knox near the protested property, told board members that "you must draw the line somewhere between residential and business area and stop the encroachment of commercially zoned property."

Board Chairman Harry Denyes explained to Spinning that the proposed parking lot would take traffic off of residential streets and therefore be an aid to property owners.

Hugh R. Mack, Jr., 720 Knox, owner of a home that would be bounded on two sides by the parking area, also agreed that the line should be stopped somewhere and added that the original south line of Knox street should end the commercial zone.

MACK SUGGESTED that if the parking space was necessary for a good business development, Barton could have the Mack house and a neighboring house moved to Barton's property north of Knox. Barton agreed to look into the matter as a possible solution to the problem.

Balance Is Shown As B of E Closes Accounts for Year

Although declining to issue a definite statement on amounts, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Birmingham school superintendent, said there was every indication of a "fairly substantial" balance remaining on the books at the close of the fiscal year June 30.

"I would rather hold any statement until after the audit of the books," Ireland said, "but we will close the year with a balance on hand."

Payments of staff salaries, construction material contractor and architect fees and school supplies were authorized at a meeting Monday. Final session of the adjourned meeting of June 17.

In commenting on the financial condition of the district, Ireland said he felt the board had every reason to be proud.

"WE HAVE carried a heavy burden," he stated, "and have met unexpected obligations as they came up."

"When attending a recent conference in Ohio, school officials from practically every state, expressed amazement at what we have done. They were especially impressed with the fact that we have built two beautiful schools and enlarged others without having to go back to our people for more money."

"In view of rising labor and material costs, we are practically the only district which can make this claim. Personally, I feel it speaks very well for the careful and efficient planning of this board and the wonderful cooperation from our architects and contractors who have worked with us all along the way."

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WILSON'S DRUGS

Woodward at Maple

Grandest Lady in the World Forgotten on Her Birthday

Birmingham has forgotten America's birthday again. For the past several years there has been no local civic or public activity to commemorate the founding of this nation.

A survey Tuesday showed that again this year there are no public plans to celebrate the Fourth.

NEITHER THE police nor city officials knew of any plans to honor the Fourth with parades or

flags. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, two organizations founded to promote patriotism, have not made any plans to celebrate.

There has been no noticeable window displays by stores to remind people of the occasion. One hundred and seventy-seven years is a long time, perhaps it is a long enough time in which to forget.

Rates Increase On Third Class Postal Material

Changes in third class (advertising matter) postage rates went into effect July 1, according to Birmingham Postmaster Bernard Fowler.

Bulk mailing permit holders will be charged at the rate of 1.6 cents per piece of mailed material, if 14 pieces weigh 18 ounces or less, Fowler explained. Otherwise a 14 cents per pound rate applies.

For books and catalogs of 24 pages or more, seeds, cuttings, plants and so forth will have the same per-piece rate providing 10 pieces weigh 48 ounces or less, otherwise the 10 cents per pound rate will apply. In no case shall a single piece be mailed at less

than 1.6 cents.

ALSO ON this date, individuals and firms ordering printed envelopes must start paying the total amount of the order upon placing same. When the envelopes are received from the printer, Fowler said they would be delivered to the addressee by parcel post truck.

Alley Repairs Asked

The residents of Park subdivision and C. E. Jones subdivision have requested the city to shape, grade, and sealcoat the alleys serving that area, on a two-year plan.

The area is bounded by Park on the north and east, Brookside on the west, and Ravine on the south.

At the meeting Monday night of the city commission, the request was referred to the city manager for report and recommendation.

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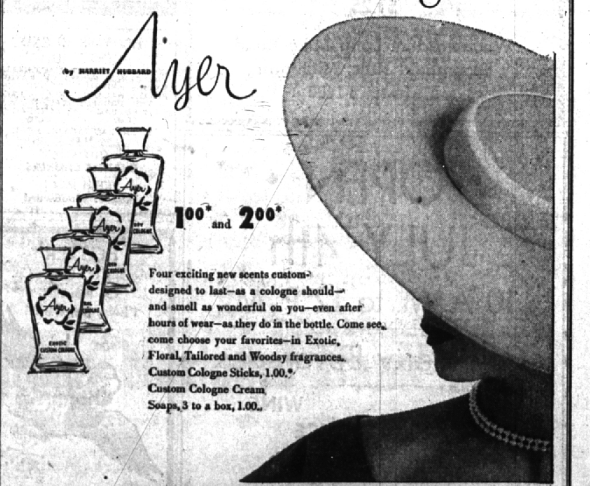
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