

Begin Plans Now On Fire Hall Vote

The city commission Monday night instructed City Manager Donald C. Egbert and Fire Chief Vern Griffith to review building plans for the proposed east and west side fire stations.

Commissioners had decided to drop the fire hall project until after the first of next year when consideration would be given the resubmitting of the proposal on the spring ballot.

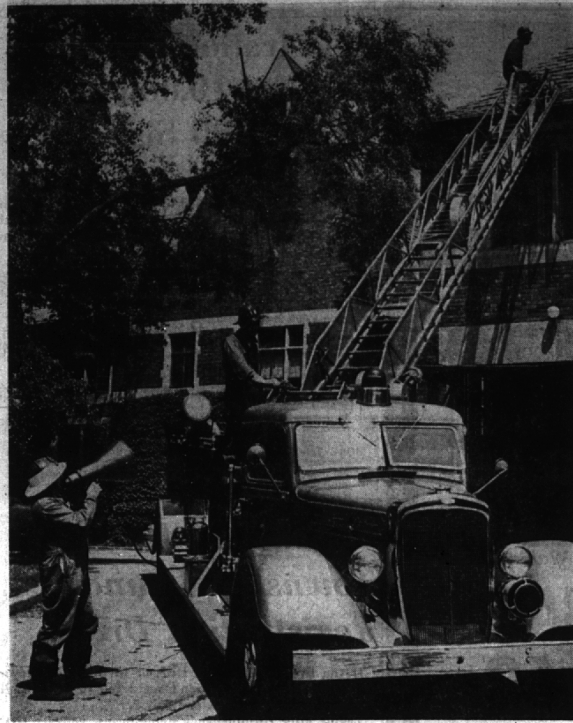
But spurred on by the questions of Mrs. James F. Murphy, 1315 Dorchester, they admitted that a good public relations program to educate residents on the value of the fire halls should get underway soon.

MRS. MURPHY asked what was being done with the fire hall proposal that failed last April. When she found that the commission was waiting for the first of the year to act on further plans for additional fire protection, she

said, "But in the meantime no one seems to be sustaining any interest in the project."

The commission explained that they did not want to give the question too much publicity too far in advance when it might be forgotten before the voting took place. They did agree that a schedule of next year's campaign should be planned now and ordered Egbert and Griffith to study the building plans for both the east and the west side stations so that the facts on the entire project could be given the people "in a package", as Commissioner Lance Minor put it.

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ROOF FIRE IS "EXTINGUISHED" AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Firemen check speed against clock. (Dick Shirk Photo)

Firemen 'Play the Numbers' With Full Police Approval

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

There is in Birmingham a small, select group of men who spend a couple of weeks twice a year playing the numbers.

They not only do this without police interference, but with police sanction.

The men are members of the Birmingham fire department who twice a year spend several days "running numerals tests." Their playing the numbers is a dress rehearsal to protect fellow residents when fire strikes.

Chief V. W. Griffith said these "numerals" were originated with the Birmingham department some 20 years ago, when there were but 3 men to a unit. Today they have been adopted by many other departments and are used widely throughout the country.

THE SETUP consists of numbered codes which take the place of more lengthy orders when the officer in charge makes his split-second decision on how a fire shall be fought.

By the code system the local department has arranged one letter of the alphabet and a numeral to take the place of several words. The simplicity of the code not only shortens the length of time needed to give the order but also eliminates greatly the chance of the order being misunderstood.

Furthermore, a part of it can be given by hand signals to help increase the efficiency and immediate understanding of the method to be used on a particular run.

AN "L" OR AN "A" preceding the code number will mean the use of a ladder or the aerial equipment. The various types of fire, such as basement, lower or upper floors, gasoline or oil, gaseous, etc., are indicated by the numeral.

Local tests are made against the stop watch and time records are kept of each one. Griffith pointed out that these records are of great interest to each unit.

"We have no official competition

"We try to fit it so that if a man wants a day off he can have it without having his position on a truck vacant," Griffith explained.

"By having every man in each unit acquainted with all other duties in the department, the man can have a certain amount of flexibility in arranging a day off for some special occasion without lowering the power of the department in any way."

Extend Taylor Contract To Include New Paving

Birmingham city commissioners have approved the paving need in the Cheltenham, Dunstable, Sheffield area and authorized an extension of the contract with Taylor Brothers Co., Inc., so it can do the work.

The total estimated cost is \$19,500, to include a six-inch concrete slab, integral curb on Sheffield from the easterly line of Melton to Cheltenham; Cheltenham from Sheffield to Dunstable and Dunstable from Cheltenham to the easterly line of Melton.

Monies for the project are already in and City Assessor Elmer Haack has been instructed to spread the roll.

Award Troy Couple \$20,000 In Suit

Stanley K. and Naomi Tyrrell, Troy township, were awarded \$20,000 in their \$65,000 damage suit against the Greyhound Bus company and Alpena Beer Distributing company by an Oakland County Circuit court Friday.

The case heard by Circuit Judge George B. Hartwick resulted from a bus-truck collision last Aug. 18 in which 10 were killed and 29 injured outside Alpena. Mrs. Tyrrell was a bus passenger.

The suit also sought damages against Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Senick of Alpena, owners of a car allegedly involved in the crash. No action was found against the Senicks.

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WOODWARD AT MAPLE

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor: Having been thoroughly gyped on the purchase of top soil (from an Eccentric ad, too!) I am wondering if there are any regulations governing the sale of various soils, or does the customer just take it on the chin and hope to get the correct amount and type ordered?

After two telephone calls to the seller brought no action I made several trips to the dump with the car trunk full of baskets of clay balls; more baskets were put out for the trash collector and I wheeled some to a vacant lot.

FINALLY I had to spread some on the lawn and borders and there it lays in lumps or a layer of hardpan.

In work and inconvenience I figure the load of dirt cost me three times the purchase price.

City Receives File Copy Of Proposed Amendment
Birmingham city commissioners have received an approved file copy of a proposed amendment to the city charter to permit Birmingham to become associated with the Southeastern Michigan Sewage Disposal Authority.
Approved by Gov. G. Mennen Williams, the issue will appear on the City Aug. 5 primary ballots.

BHS '22 Graduates Hold 30th Reunion

The 30th reunion of the Baldwin high school class of 1922 was held Saturday evening at the Island Lake home of Russell McBride.

Among the 20 members present, Thomas Williamson of Syracuse, N. Y., was attending his first reunion. Other out-of-town guests were Helen Dutton Batcheler, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., and Norma Clarke Maurer, South Bend, Ind.

Husbands and wives of class members were special guests at the affair.

Reunions are held once each five years, with the next scheduled for 1957.

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SUMMER IS SURELY HERE

The recent blast of hot weather may be an indication of what's ahead. With temperatures in the 90's, and with the humidity almost as high, no clothing is really comfortable. But, under the circumstances, the best you can do is to dress as comfortably as possible.

Always, in the summer-time, people think of the Village Store and its play clothes. If you're not already set, you should give some thought to your future comfort and pleasing appearance.

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