

City Considers Long Improvements

Let's Re-tackle Our Local Parking Problem

Perhaps one of the most important current problems facing everybody in Birmingham is that of finding and placing in operation suitable parking facilities for the downtown shopping area.

While this problem has been presented to the community before, it did not receive, many believe, sufficient attention from all interested parties.

Every day Birmingham's downtown parking problem increases. Shoppers quite often find it difficult to park their cars within easy walking distance of stores they wish to patronize.

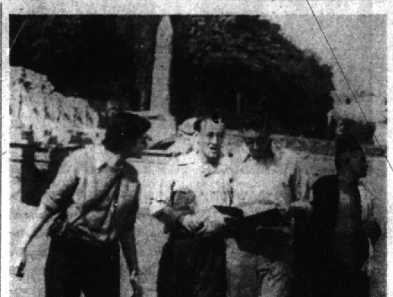
Summarizing the problem, do you not agree that: (a) parking space is woefully lacking in the downtown shopping district; (b) it can be acquired only through the concerted and co-operative efforts of the owners of local business properties that stand to be benefited.

With open minds, without prejudice, and in the spirit of community co-operation, let's immediately resume our efforts to solve this most important Birmingham problem!

This and That

When you remit a check for your income tax payment March 15, remember that a considerable portion of it would be yours to keep—except for the fact that the Truman administration will take every cent it can from you because it is extravagant by nature.

Often, when one or more workmen in a factory are openly accused of being pro-Communists, out to thousands of fellow-employees will refuse to work with him or them.



MRS. UPPER JACK UPPER UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND NATIVE GUIDE Former Claudia Reid in Egypt with husband

Local Couple Sees Cairo Riot from Apartment Window

Recent rioting in Cairo, Egypt, caused a great deal of concern for Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Reid of Clifton road—their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upper are now in that city.

A letter to the Reids immediately after the rioting, assured them the Upper's wife, who was centered from the window of their 19th floor apartment.

City Recreation Board's Winter Program Ends

This winter's city recreation board program will officially close Saturday, March 15, according to Director Frank Whitney.

Whitney pointed out that "improving" weather has prevented ice skating at the various local rinks for several weeks.

Commissioners Want To See List of 1952 Construction Projects

City Commissioners Charles Renfrew and Frank Rising have asked City Manager D. C. Egbert and Engineer L. B. Gure for a list of city projects scheduled for the 1952 season.

Welcomes Action to Speed Hospital for SOC

The Greater Detroit hospital fund's part in the formation of plans for the Oakland hospital was explained this week by Mark N. Beach executive director of the fund.

Ireland Explains Special March 31 Election

If the Birmingham school district is to continue to enjoy its present educational facilities, meet surrounding teacher salary competition, and provide certain necessary capital improvements, it must approve the special 3 1/2-mill levy at the March 31 election.

THIS SITUATION, he said is not peculiar to Birmingham, but exists in practically all school districts in this portion of the state.

Birmingham Club Willing to Host 1953 PGA Meet

The Birmingham Country Club will submit a bid for the 1953 National Professional Golfer's association tournament.

Parachutes, Guns Stolen Thursday From Berz Airport

Unknown thieves broke into the office and one hangar at the Berz Airport Thursday night and made off with \$300 worth of goods.

Wagon Full to Open Troy School Safe

A second unsuccessful attempt to break into the Troy high school safe was made early Sunday morning.

Just What Would a City Finance Director Do? Why Does the City Want to Spend \$350,000?

These and several other questions will be answered in three articles The Eccentric will publish, beginning next week, explaining the special issues local voters will be asked to decide at the April 7 city election.

The Series Starts Next Week — Watch for It

Community House Tops 1952 Roll Call Quota

For the second consecutive year, and the third time in 23 fund drives, the Community House Roll Call has topped its quota.

Pew pointed out that this figure is incomplete since several organizations and business places have not yet turned in their donations.

"We are most gratified with the response thus far," he said, "but in behalf of the board, would like to explain that the only way we can carry out improvements on the House is to top the quota."

'We Like Ike', Say Students

If the state primaries had been held in Birmingham high school last week, General Dwight Eisenhower would have won in a walk.

INFORMATION on major presidential aspirants was prepared by the class and presented each morning over the public address system, one at a time, for the enlightenment of all students.

The board, aimed to constitute plans for the House and will meet at the home of Mrs. Ketchum next Monday.

Again Full to Open Troy School Safe

The vandals entered an entrance on the west side of the building and broke open a cinder block partition.

The method used to get at the safe was the same as two weeks ago when the building was previously opened.

Beach concluded, "The eyes of Greater Detroit are on southern Oakland territory. The full success of the fund depends on this final stage of the campaign. We look forward to the day, a month from now, when southern Oakland county will have completed its part of this great civic movement and we can proceed to the work that Greater Detroit has succeeded in assembling the largest hospital capital fund of its kind ever sought in the United States."

Plans for the proposed 200-bed hospital were announced at a press conference last week.

Necessity Hearings Scheduled

Proposed special assessment districts for seven new paving projects were discussed by the city commission Monday evening.

Assessment rolls were approved for two; hearings to determine necessity were scheduled for three; one was referred back to the city manager for study, and one was held over.

A HEARING was scheduled for March 31 to consider necessity for paving Pierce from Lincoln to 14 1/2 Mile road.

The city manager explained that the continued maintenance of this street as an oil road isn't justified due to the costs involved.

Another March 31 hearing will discuss necessity for paving East Southdown from Pierce to Grant. Property owners presented a petition April 1, 1950 requesting paving there.

Egbert said this particular street is a problem because about 25% of the frontage is owned by the school board and isn't assessable.

THE COMMISSION also set March 31 to consider necessity of paving Lincoln between Taunton and Eton. Request for the paving was made by A. G. Elliott and Sons, a building company.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert pointed out that Lincoln is a semi-artificial street and has recently been improved from Adams to Taunton, leaving only the block unimproved from Taunton to Eton.

He stated, "This block recently improved with a gravel surface which is inadequate to handle the volume of traffic over this street and can't be properly maintained."

Besides setting the hearing date, the commission referred the matter to Egbert for study and method of paving the street.

EGBERT ALSO was authorized to make a study of the proposed widening of the street from Martin to Merrill.

The school board is planning improvement of the street surrounding Hill school and part of the work will include driveways connecting to Chester between Martin and Merrill. Also planned is a parking space on the Hill school property between the school and Chester.

Egbert stated, "It is my opinion that there are some serious grade problems involved in driveways leading from Chester onto the Hill school grad property."

"CHESTER IS NOT of sufficient width to provide for parking, and we are of the opinion that a study should be made to provide additional parking space on the library property. It is recommended that the manager be authorized to have the plan prepared for this improvement and that \$250,000 be appropriated from the contingent fund for this work."

Rolls were approved for paving Melton from Sheffield to 14 1/2 Mile road and Sheffield from Mansfield to Melton. The assessment will be covered in five payments.

Also approved was the paving of Yosemite and Villa between Eton and Columbia. Cost will be covered in one payment and assessment will be 100% on private property.

The commission discussed a petition calling for paving on Hayes from Columbia to Eton. However, no action was taken at the time because paving can't be scheduled until a decision is reached regarding the drainage facilities of the Forritt property.

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