

### Only Strike Can Delay Start on W. Maple Paving

Work will probably get underway on the West Maple construction the first of next week, unless affected by the prevailing strike among carpenters.

City commissioners have approved temporary detour routes to go into effect just as soon as the work starts.

Westbound traffic will be routed off Maple at Bates, to continue its westward route over Brown to Southfield, south to Lincoln and west to Cranbrook. The same route is planned for eastbound cars, except that they will continue on Brown to Woodward.

Depending upon strike conditions, Taylor Brothers Co., Inc., plans to get its equipment on the job this week. Commissioners were told that if the carpenters' strike continues, work may be held up through lack of forms for concrete pouring.

**FIRST STEP** will be the installation of a sewer line on the north side of Maple, almost to Chester. When this is completed, the new pavement will be laid. The work is expected to take about four or five weeks.

### US-10 Crossover Action Waits Oak Development

No further action will be taken on the proposed crossover on US-10 (Hunter, boulevard) at the Hamilton intersection until final plans have been made for the Oak street extension.

City commissioners have been informed by the state highway department that a directional crossover may be built at Hunter and Hamilton at city expense.



**WHO'S GOING TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS?** This question baffles both the city and the Taylor Brothers Construction company, paving contractors preparing to pave Manchester between St. Andrews and Coalgate. The paving firm has been confronted with mounds of earth, building debris and gravel on other streets to be paved and has taken the time to clear the rubble before laying the concrete. Taylor Brothers now feel that the city should force the home builders to clean up the trash before the company is asked to improve the street. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

### Three Ways Suggested To End Drain Problem

Three possible solutions to the drainage ditch running from Porritt field to Eton road, between Haynes street and Holland avenue, have been presented to Birmingham commissioners by City Engineer L. R. Gare.

Gare's first solution was to place a sewer pipe in the present ditch between Columbia and connecting with the existing sewer pipe under the Eton sidewalk. This would make use of about 550 feet of salvage pipe, varying from 24 to 36 inches in diameter, now in the city yards. He said the job would cost about \$2,500. His second suggestion was to extend the present Torry sewer north 150 feet from Holland to the Porritt property and construct a ditch from the end of the sewer to the easterly end of the property to pick up drainage. This would permit backfilling of the ditch from Columbia to Eton.

**GARE SAID** the sewer extension, plus the excavation of the ditch, would probably cost about \$1000. "However, this would require permission from the Porritt property owners, and unless their present position is changed, it is doubtful that this would be given," Gare said. The third alternative would be the construction of a 42-inch sewer on Haynes, to tap the ditch at Columbia, with backfilling of the present open drainage ditch. "This would be the only permanent solution," Gare said. He said it was estimated that 42-inch pipe would be required to handle the ultimate flow from the Porritt property, plus the relief that the sewer would provide as it is extended north to Maple road. He estimated the cost of the line from Columbia to Eton would be about \$13,000 or more.

**AGAIN AN** agreement would have to be made with the Porritt property owners.

### Buy Gas For YMCA

The YMCA will benefit from all sales and service on Sat., May 17, at the Ralph Schwarz Service Station, Lincoln and Woodward. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the "Y" equipment fund.



**PAUL A. PENFIELD**, 384 Lake Park, was elected president of the Public Utilities advertising association at its annual convention in Minneapolis, last week. PUA is an organization of about 375 advertising executives from public utilities in the United States and Canada. Penfield is advertising manager of Detroit Edison Co.

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### Dedication June 15 For Y Building

Sunday afternoon, June 15, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. has been set as the date and hour of dedication of the new YMCA building at 400 East Lincoln. Details of the dedication are in the hands of the Reverend Emil Kutz and general chairman for the dedication, Tom Ward. The affair will take place on the grounds and the building and be open to the public.

### Assurances

By stating that the center was well planned with sufficient off-street parking area. "We can't, as a city, continue to get along with only a downtown shopping area," Rising commented.

**THE CITY**, faced with the dissatisfaction of residents in the area, also is bothered about the eventual outcome of the property should the Reid-Patterson firm's request be denied and the land continue under township ownership. Commissioners and planners are confronted with the fact that the property, in its present state, could be developed for industrial, commercial or some other undesirable building and become a great headache to the city.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

### Reston

(Continued from Page One) elementary education, Birmingham Public Schools; Mrs. William O. Merrill, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Arthur Brandon, president of the State AAUW; Dr. Harry Hoey, headmaster of Cranbrook Schools; Mrs. Carlisle Isley, executive director, Community House.

**MRS. GEORGE F. GREEN**, secretary and treasurer of the Ruth Shain Class; Mrs. Kenneth Swartwood, president, Birmingham AAUW; Mrs. William Miligan, mistress of ceremonies; Mrs. Charles Fries, wife of the director of English language institute of U. of M., and Dean Beier, mayor of Birmingham.

The program opened with "America the Beautiful" performed by three young neighbors of Mrs. Shain. They were Ann Rutledge, at the piano, Sheila Traynor, voice, and Sandra Bernat, violin.

### B'ham Firemen Had 58 Alarms During April

April was a busy month for the Birmingham fire department which responded to 58 calls, the majority being grassfires. In addition to the 48 alarms for fire and fire investigation, the department made seven gas investigations, and had one miscellaneous call, one false alarm and one general alarm. Chief J. W. Griffith estimated fire losses at \$378 for the month.

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