

Words of Praise, For City Officers From Robert Ball

Words of praise have been received by city officials from Robert M. Ball, 1590 Fairway, for their administration of Birmingham's affairs.

Ball complimented commissioners on the job they are doing and mentioned City Manager Donald C. Ebert, City Treasurer Elmer Haack, Police Chief Ralph W.

Moxley and City Clerk Irene Hanley as having been particularly helpful and cooperative to him during his many dealings with their departments.

In his letter, Ball suggested that city issues, such as the proposal for a new fire hall, be presented to the Community Council, a body made up of representatives of some 50 local organizations.

"IT SEEMS to me that favorable consideration and action by this group would be a big help in educating our citizens about these important projects," Ball wrote.

Pembroke School Would Serve Area East of Railroad

This is the fifth in a series of articles presented to the Birmingham board of education, in co-operation with The Eclectic, regarding the proposed \$3,000,000 bond issue "November issue" which to expand the school facilities to meet the unprecedented growth of the school district.

In all, the money is to be used to build two new elementary schools, purchase five school sites, and make additions to six present grade schools.

These articles have been prepared by Dwight B. Ireland, at the request and on behalf of the board of education.

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One of the difficult areas for the Birmingham schools to service has been the area east of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Pupils living in this area are beyond the normal walking distance from school, and transportation cannot be provided since this territory is within the corporate limits of Birmingham.

At the time of the school survey last spring, there were 163 pupils in grades one through six in the area east of the railroad and south of Big Beaver Road. There were 241 pre-school children in the area exclusive of those who subsequently enrolled in school at the time of the survey.

A MORE RECENT report indicated 383 children under five years of age in the area east of Eton road alone.

On the basis of these figures, it would seem evident that the recommended new elementary school is imperative. This school should house kindergarten through the sixth grade and should provide a kindergarten room and 12 classrooms, a multipurpose room, small library room, conference room, a health room, and offices.

A building of this size would have a capacity of 324 pupils above the kindergarten with an average of 27 pupils per teacher, or 360 pupils with an average of 30 pupils per teacher.

A CONTRACT has been made for a site located northwest of Derby and Eton roads. This site of approximately 10 acres will adequately accommodate this school and can serve children southeast of the site in the area known as the Pembroke area and northwest as new developments take place in the future.

NEXT WEEK: Barnum Junior high school—its needs and a building proposal.

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Paving

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raised once again when commissioners instructed Ebert to prepare plans and specifications for the pavement of Pierce from Lincoln to Southlawn.

Commissioners asked whether any determination had been made by the school board on whether it would allow the city to use school property for improvements which would serve the schools.

Carl J. Moxley, the school board ruled that it could not share in the paying of a special assessment levied by the city.

Pierce paving was cancelled when this decision was made.

Mayor Dingo G. Meier said that School Board President Ernest Seaholm reported that no action could be taken on using school funds for city improvements until sometime this month.

BEIER SAID he suggested to Seaholm that the city could receive an annual payment from the school board for improvements and that the sum be collected until the school board's share of improvements would be paid in full.

Beier stated that he would try to gain some feeling of the board of education as to how future improvements would be financed. He indicated that the problems would increase as the school district developed new school sites.

Commissioner Lance C. Minor said that the school board should be approved and that the commission could tackle the school board problems as they occurred. Commissioners agreed with Minor's thinking.

WHILE THE CITY is planning to improve streets in the area east of the city, they also are concerned with the traffic tie-up on Hunter boulevard caused by northbound motorists making left-hand turns off Hunter onto Lincoln, Maple and Oaklawn roads.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley submitted a report detailing flow of traffic at these intersections during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 4.

The report revealed that no serious congestion was found at the Oakland-Hunter intersection while the Lincoln-Hunter corner caused the most delay.

Minor suggested the advisability of posting no left turn signs at the Lincoln-Hunter and Lincoln-Hunter intersections during the evening rush hours.

Now, that residents are home from vacations, Moxley was asked to make another report on turning movements off Hunter.

'53 Baseball Program On Recreation Agenda; Halloween Plans Begun

Birmingham's recreation board has started preliminary plans for the annual observance of Halloween.

A committee of Mrs. William Jackson, board chairman, and Roland Reese, met with Police Chief R. W. Moxley, E. W. Mandle, Griffith, Lyman Craig, Jr., Norman Wolfe, Frank Whitney, Malcolm Adam and Mrs. Cassius Miller Wednesday, to formulate plans and policies for the 1952 party.

Persons interested in the various baseball leagues in Birmingham are being asked to attend the Sept. 18 meeting of the board. Plans and needs for the 1953 baseball program will be considered, so proper recommendations can be made to Birmingham commissioners during the winter months for their consideration.

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Changing Shoreline



Bathers frequenting Lake Michigan beach areas, such as this one south of Holland, are learning firsthand of the story which began making newspaper headlines early this year. Unusually high water, blowing by wind and wave action, has caused erosion damage along the Great Lakes too. The spectacle of uprooted trees and brush and a changing shoreline seems to be luring more rather than fewer visitors to the Great Lakes scene. At least conservation department park managers are reporting larger crowds than last year.

Royal Oak School Adult Education Program Is Ready

The Royal Oak public school adult education program will get underway Monday, Sept. 29, offering 50 subjects in varied fields for the men and women.

Residents in the Birmingham area are again invited to enroll in any of the Royal Oak school system's night courses. Birmingham has no adult education program.

From "Acting" to "World Affairs Are Your Affairs", the night classes will offer courses in business, home economics, hobbies, music, and basic courses in machine shop, electricity and automobile repair.

Of special interest this year, according to Arthur A. Rezny, Royal Oak school system's director of education, will be courses in cake decorating, improving reading ability, income tax, literature, music appreciation, parent-raft, symphony orchestra, telephone technique, and two courses backed by books published by the Ford Foundation.

RESEARCH BY THE FORD Foundation is the background for a course in "Great Men and Great Issues in Our American Heritage," and a course entitled, "World Affairs Are Your Affairs."

The parentcraft class, nationally recognized, is expected to draw the greatest enrollment as parents about to have their first child and also those who are planning to have children in the near future come to learn the proper care of their children.

The symphony orchestra class young conductors in the United States. The music appreciation class will follow the works of both the Detroit Symphony and the Royal Oak Symphony orchestra with Boyer as the instructor.

A NEWLY-CREATED COURSE in telephone techniques will be handled by a representative of Michigan Bell Telephone Company, which will emphasize telephone manners. Many business men have suggested such a course for clerical and secretarial workers.

Under business courses will be shorthand, typing, mathematics, and bookkeeping.

Registration has been set for the week of September 22-26, but class registrations will be accepted at the first meeting of the course. Registration hours daily in the pre-school week will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday.

Those interested may register at the board of education building, the Royal Oak high school, or at either the Baldwin Library or the Birmingham Eclectic news office.

Robert W. Kutscher, 15528 Birwood, Beverly Hills, instructor in the Birmingham school system, a member of the adult education advisory committee.

Red Cross Sends SOS to Nurses or Polio Work

The nurses' recruitment division of the Oakland county chapter of the American Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for registered nurses to aid in the fight against polio.

Mrs. Ruth Parshall, in charge of recruitment, made the appeal Tuesday. She asked all nurses not on duty to report to St. Joseph Mercy hospital immediately.

"Polio patients," she explained, "are coming into the hospital every day, and the nurses there are exhausted. They have been working shifts as long as 16 hours. The demand is worse than it has ever been and help is desperately needed."

"PROPER NURSING in the early stages of polio can often prevent serious after-effects. This, of course, is our ultimate aim—to save persons from being permanently crippled and to save their lives."

"Nurses need nothing more than to go to the hospital and offer their services. We have made our appeals through county newspapers and broadcasting facilities and hope that we shall be able to meet our needs without having nurses brought in from other states. This, however, will become necessary if conditions grow much worse."

Alpha Phi Member To Host Chapters

The Birmingham alumnae chapter of Alpha Phi will have the Detroit and Grosse Pointe chapters as their dinner guests Tuesday evening, Sept. 23, at the home of Mrs. Howard Liverance, 416 Hawthorne.

The group will gather at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Howard Liverance, 416 Hawthorne.

Chairman Mrs. John O. Goodsell will be assisted by Mrs. William M. Hutchins, Mrs. J. F. Abbott, Mrs. Carl Blauman and Mrs. H. P. Harber, Jr.

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Two-family	1	200
Garage	1	1,000
Business	1	2,000
Moving tank	1	100

Mo	Permits	1951 Total	1952 Permits	Value
Jan.	35	1,975,455	423,250	\$2,400,000
Feb.	43	859,250	515,800	\$2,365,000
Mar.	85	425,000	575,250	\$2,340,000
Apr.	92	748,750	406,015	\$2,340,000
May	115	425,000	445,250	\$2,340,000
June	72	708,000	910,570	\$2,340,000
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