

Candidates

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Foster Toothacker

Foster Toothacker, 716 W. Lincoln, age 47. Unsuccessfully sought a three-year term on the Birmingham City Commission in 1948. Graduate of Birmingham high school attended Michigan State College and Wayne University. Registered pharmacist; co-owner of Shaker's Drug Store. Member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; past president of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; former member of Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce. A Birmingham resident since 1918. Actively engaged in business in Birmingham for 22 years. "Since private enterprise alone has not been able to cope successfully with the problem of parking," Toothacker stated, "help should come from the city so that the problem may be solved."

IT IS important for a city to concern itself with parking facilities inasmuch as the need for parking results from the activities which determine the land value in the city. "If a city allows its high land values to deteriorate by the lack of parking facilities, the decrease in revenue from taxes is felt by the local homeowners whose tax rates are increased. Since we do not have parking in Birmingham and do not want it except in the fringe area, it is heavily upon the central area to provide the needed income through taxes," Toothacker believes the city should invest the revenue from the parking meters in an off-street parking program.

I NEVER believed that homeowners should be taxed for off-street parking facilities except that it is a necessary expense, he said. "Toothacker does favor the city planning parking throughout the whole business area, claiming it leads to orderly development and investment in business property. Believing that all city services will have to be expanded as the city grows, he said, "We must be careful not to expand beyond our needs or our financial resources."

Playgrounds and recreational facilities are a city service that should be expanded, Toothacker believes. He is in favor of the city joining the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District to solve a part of the city's sewage disposal problem. Toothacker says he is running for the office of commissioner because he feels that in a representative government, the interests of all groups should be represented, at least one man should represent the business interests. For 1-YEAR VACANCY (Elet 1)

James Allen

James C. Allen, 1108 West Maple, age 34. Graduate of University of Michigan, AB and LL.B. degrees; lawyer, presently employed as Michigan Corporation and Securities Commissioner.

Allen believes that better parking is a public necessity. An off-street parking ordinance (calling for new business to provide its own parking) should be balanced, he said, by the participation of existing business interests in furnishing public parking.

Allen is of the opinion that there are several city services that will need expansion to take care of increasing population. One of the need for more fire protection. "THERE WILL BE a need for a properly designed and properly located garbage incinerator," Allen stated, "especially in view of proposed state legislation which would outlaw present disposal methods." Even though we vote at this election to join the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District which is on the ballot," Allen said, "future plans should include an interceptor system up the Rouge north of Birmingham to prevent pollution before it reaches Birmingham."

Allen believes a low cost plan to augment the water supply will become necessary in the future. Coupled with this, he said, a study should be given to methods of removing iron at the source.

ALLEN FAVORS the paving and widening of 14 Mile and 16 Mile roads to make them a by-pass around Birmingham. "It is primarily a matter of moving state and county agencies," Allen said, "It would alleviate traffic on Maple and would coincide with sound ideas of city planning."

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Elise M. Goode

Elise M. Goode, 647 Woodlands, age 31. Home-sewer. Graduate of University of Detroit, B.S. in journalism; managing editor of The Highgate Parkers 1943-1945. Member of Board of Directors of Community House 1950-1953 serving as publicity chairman. Presently publicity director at Holy Name Parish.

Mrs. Goode believes Birmingham needs a woman on its commission. "There has never been a woman commissioner since Birmingham became a city in 1923 and only

one other woman since that time has ever sought to run for commission."

"My background, I believe, qualifies me for such a position," she said. "Many problems in the city today affect the women more than men. Therefore, I think that a woman who knows the problems, is needed on our commission to help solve them."

ON PARKING Mrs. Goode supports the proposal of municipally owned parking lots and would like to see the work on the project speeded up, with hearings held at more frequent intervals so that the solution to this problem may be brought about as soon as possible.

Mrs. Goode endorses the proposal that Birmingham join the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District, which proposal is to be voted on in this election. She favors vigorous action toward a solution of the sewage problem in the western part of the city.

Mrs. Goode also would like to see more emphasis on the enforcement of the city traffic ordinance by pedestrians crossing with traffic lights.

I HAVE often observed children greatly endangered by motorists making the turn without waiting for the way to be cleared of pedestrians," she said. "Because of my background in newspaper work and publicity, I feel that I can be of benefit to the commission in presenting the city's problems to the public." Mrs. Goode stated, "That experience will be helpful in making the information available in time for public discussion and understanding."

Mrs. Goode has lived in Birmingham since she was four years old. She is a Birmingham housewife and the mother of four children.

Carl T. Ingraham

Carl T. Ingraham, 940 Harmon, age 40. Graduate, University of Maine, 1935, B.S. degree; Wayne University, 1951, LL.B. lawyer; formerly chain manager Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Has served as chairman of board, Wayne University, Medical Alumni Foundation; president, board of trustees, Rehabilitation Institute of Metropolitan Detroit; vice-president, board of trustees, Curative Workshop; board member Family Service of Oakland county; constable, city of Birmingham, 1947-48; an unsuccessful candidate Birmingham city commission in 1952 election.

"I would like to serve the people of Birmingham in a manner to their liking," Ingraham stated, "and against autocratic government by self-appointed and self-perpetuated authority."

I WOULD like to assure the people of Birmingham that their interests are in the hands of a sym-

pathetic, level headed and aggressive commission."

Regarding the expansion or curtailment of city services, Ingraham said it is difficult to come up with a considered opinion on this question without sitting in on city budget conferences. He would like to see what could be done about improving city recreational facilities and parks, accelerating the street maintenance program and bettering rubbish and garbage removal.

"Our library needs our fullest assistance," Ingraham declared, "in order to serve our adult population better and to fill out the need which our children have for adequate library facilities, a need which the board of education is not meeting."

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"I do feel that the city should cooperate in any way possible to make it possible for the merchants to solve the problem," Ingraham stated.

"I am in favor of the proposed zoning ordinance to provide off-street parking for business establishments and I am in favor of the procurement of proper facilities by private enterprise. "I am against condemnation procedures as a means of procuring these properties," Ingraham concluded.

Joseph W. McClanath

Joseph W. McClanath, 655 Baldwin court, age 33. Graduate of Benison University, A.B. degree. At present is supervisor of car sales planning, Ford division, Ford Motor Co. Has held other positions in finance and manufacturing at Ford, Officer, Army Air Force, 1942-46.

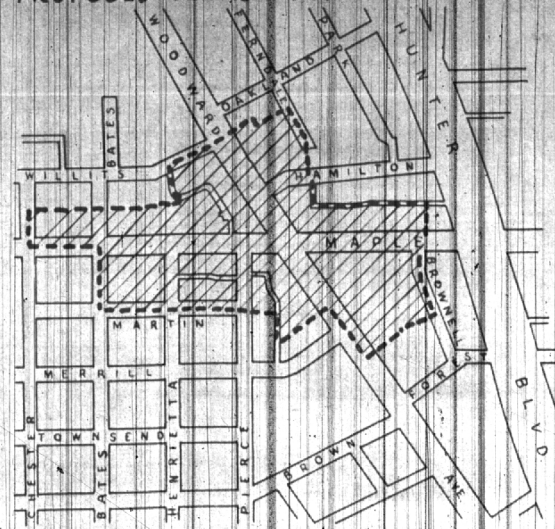
"I have come to the position and age where I feel I can provide some service to the community in which I live," McClanath said. "I feel that without such service, one tends to become a 'tenant' of a community rather than a member."

"As I have elected to live and raise my family in this city, I feel I have a personal interest in the problems facing Birmingham today. I do not aspire to political office nor to receive pay for my service, therefore I feel the type of city government found in Birmingham affords a splendid opportunity to render a service to the community."

"I DO NOT offer previous experience in civic affairs. However, I do offer assurance of conscientious and studied attention to matters affecting the welfare of this community."

Regarding parking problems in Birmingham, McClanath is in favor of parking facilities in the middle of town but believes that these should not be provided or

PROPOSED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT



FIRST DISCUSSION of what should be designated as Birmingham's "central business section" will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the Municipal Buildings city commission room. That evening city planners and businessmen from the area west of Woodward avenue will discuss what the final west side boundary line should be. At a subsequent meeting, outside merchants will talk over their limit line with plan board members. The above sketch shows the plan board's suggestion of the area to include in the central area. This determination must be made before the city can adopt a proposed amendment to the city zoning ordinance which would establish a formula requiring new or expanded businesses outside the central area to provide off-street parking facilities. The central area would not have to provide any off-street parking facilities, according to the way the proposed amendment stands now.

maintained at the taxpayers' expense unless such a proposal is submitted to the voters for their approval. In his opinion, the surplus revenue realized from the parking meters could properly be allocated to additional parking facilities.

WITH REGARD to areas of improvement of city services, he feels that Birmingham's fire protection should be expanded.

He also is of the opinion that the methods of assessing property owners for street improvements should be done some study with

the idea of curbing deficiency assessments and thinks that this should be done if it means an amendment to the city charter.

Robert S. Owen

Robert S. Owen, 303 Park; age 52. He was an unsuccessful candidate for a three-year term in 1952. Graduate of University of Detroit, B.A.S. degree. Presently engaged as director of shows and exhibits, Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corporation; 28 years in sales and advertising; 12 of them with Chrysler Corp.

Member of Birmingham Citizens' Fire Station Study committee; Chief of Warfield Service, Birmingham Civil Defense; president of Birmingham Tammany Protective Ass'n, 1951-52; life member, Delta Sigma Phi; member of Birmingham Lodge F. & A.M. No. 44; past director, Detroit Snowman's Bonanza; formerly active in Cub Scouts at Adams school; has attended city commission meetings regularly for past three and half years.

ONE of Birmingham's most im-

portant problems, in Owen's opinion, is the solution to parking in the central business district. This problem, he believes, can best be solved through the united efforts of owners of business properties and the city commission working together. "Birmingham has doubled in population during the past five years but fire protection has not increased sufficiently to be adequate for all emergencies," Owen stated. "This situation needs prompt consideration."

Owen thinks the city's authorization of disposal of the sanitary sewage from the east side of the city through the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage and Drainage District would be an economical step.

RE FAVORS curtailment of further multiple dwelling developments and a more realistic approach to business area expansion.

If elected, Owen would like to see the following accomplished as promptly as possible: Provision for adequate sewage disposal. Provision for adequate supply of water, first from the City of Detroit, secondly through a long range plan

to bring an abundant supply of water from Lake Huron. Provision for adequate off-street parking in the central business area.

"All my life, I have had a keen interest in good government and have worked consistently year after year in Birmingham to encourage well qualified citizens to run for the city commission," Owen declared.

"FROM MY past interest," he learned a considerable amount concerning the serious problems confronting Birmingham and have obtained a knowledge which I think would qualify me to offer myself as a candidate."

Owen has been a resident of Birmingham for eight years.

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ALLEN says he seeks a place on the city commission because he has had a natural interest in the civic life of Birmingham. His great-grandfather was one of the trustees of the village, his grand-uncle was president of the village, and his father was president of the village and the first mayor of the City of Birmingham.

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