

Proposals

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 ordinance, churches are exempted from providing parking, and the other places of public assembly were required to have one parking space for every 8 seats.

TUESDAY NIGHT the plan board did not outline the boundaries of the "central business district" which would be permitted to handle its off-street parking requirements according to plans approved by the city commission.

However, it was agreed by board members that the limits of the district would be tentatively drawn up so it can be considered at the first public hearing.

Advanced as the reason for accepting the central business area and treating it as a special prob-

lem was that it is not economical to require businesses separately to provide parking for their establishments because of the present density of development of the central sector.

BOARD MEMBER George Green said he was not convinced this reason was valid.

"I can't see why it is uneconomical to have to provide parking in one area and not in another," Green observed. "Why can't the man who has 10 times the trade be able to afford parking, too?"

Scott Bagby, the city's plan commissioner, attended the meeting, remarked, "But it's already been shown that the central area is trying to take care of its parking needs."

Bagby was referring to the plan announced last week in which Jacobson's, Inc., and the Wabbeek Corp., in conjunction with some aid from the city, are planning a 420-car parking lot at the northwest corner of Willets and Woodward.

BIRMINGHAM city commissioners also are considering the creation of a 75-car lot on the north side of Merrill street, midway between Pierce and Woodward.

Monday night city commissioners approved the hiring of three men to appraise the several pieces of property the city would have to purchase in these two proposed parking lots.

Herbert J. Wilson of Detroit who undertook all the negotiations of the Woodward-Willets lot for Jacobson's and Wabbeek, and David Levinson of Birmingham, who has done previous work for the city will appraise the unacquired lots needed in the northeast parking lot.

Levinson and John W. Knecht, another Birmingham realtor, will appraise the Merrill street property.

Church

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At a committee meeting Tuesday, Flack was named to head a committee on membership. His co-chairman will be Mrs. J. S. Ricard.

"We want to stress, at present, that the entire project is in a formative stage," Clark said, "and that while nothing is guaranteed, the committee feels no doubt about the ultimate establishment of a congregational church in Birmingham."

"We have had a number of calls and many persons have said they felt there was a definite place for this church in the community. Personally, I feel that it is assured and the job of lining up members and selecting our future home is all that remains."

Clark said another meeting would be held this week to consider a church building. Other committee sessions are scheduled for the coming week when the building and membership will be considered.

Two Hour Service At Beck Cleaners

Beck Cleaners & Dyers, 332 North Woodward, have added two-hour cleaning service for its customers.

The firm has been able to cut the cleaning time of garments to a fraction of the time formerly taken by the installation of a "revolutionary new" washing machine.

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WIDE WHIRLING ARMS—Biggest helicopter in the world, the XH-17, made a test flight at Culver City, Calif. The long blades extend more than 125 feet from end to end. This is expected to be the first of experimental heavy-lift machines able to pick up and carry heavy artillery, trucks, even sections of bridges. Because it is able to land where conventional aircraft cannot, the XH-17 will be able to supply almost inaccessible areas with heavy equipment. The machine was built by Howard Hughes' aircraft company for the U. S. Air Force. It is powered by two turbojets, one on each blade tip.

'52 Reports Show Busy Year

The official report of J. V. Walker, Birmingham building inspector, and unofficial figures from the fire and police departments, show a "business as usual" here during 1952.

Walker's report showed 813 permits issued for construction of new buildings and alterations on others amounting to \$7,232,055. These figures are slightly below the \$8,091,588 spent for 844 buildings in the previous year.

Walker said the drop in construction was due to the shortage of many building materials and a decrease in the number of so-called "public" buildings during the past year.

Birmingham OK's County's Planned Teletype System

Birmingham has taken another forward step in the fight against crime by declaring its willingness to participate in Oakland county's proposed police teletype network.

Birmingham city commissioners approved the action this week after studying the recommendation of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Moxley pointed out that the Oakland system would be connected with the Wayne county police network, permitting immediate transmission of police messages between the two areas.

The county will appropriate \$18,000 as its share of the project if eight municipalities show a willingness to join the network. Commissioners said they believed Oak Park, Ferndale and Royal Oak have already approved it.

The system would be installed by Michigan Bell Telephone, which will train operators without charge.

A five-year agreement between the county and participating cities is recommended. This service would cost each city \$600 per year, plus a charge of \$15 for installing the teletypewriter at police headquarters.

Hardy Given Letter In Varsity Football

Robert B. Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hardy, 851 Hazelwood, was among 194 Harvard University men to receive letters and numerals this week as members of the school's sport teams during the fall term.

Hardy, a junior at the University and a graduate of Birmingham high school, was awarded a varsity letter in football.

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Pvt. Harold V. McKinley who was home with his parents on a 14-day leave from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., over the holidays, left the United States Tuesday, Jan. 27, from Camp Stoneman, Calif., bound for the Philippines.

While Harold was sailing the Pacific, Cpl. Robert J. McKinley was returning across the Atlantic for discharge from service after serving two years with the Army Medical Corps. He has been stationed with the 309th Field Hospital in France since March, 1952.

He entered service at Ft. Brazer, North Carolina, in March, 1951. The McKinleys' eldest boy has served with the armed forces and a fourth son, Tom, expects to enter the service this year.

Receive Second Deed
 The second of three deeds necessary for the widening of East Maple between Hunter and Poppleton has been turned over to the City of Birmingham from Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Barren. This deed, like the first filed Dec. 29, gives the city an additional 34 feet of right-of-way on the north side, and includes a four-foot strip required if E. Maple is widened.

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