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'Will Have Parking Plan By Oct. 15' — Rosenfeld

Asks For 30-Day Extension

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

First detailed plan for an off-street parking lot, which may provide the initial step in Birmingham's solution to its shopper parking congestion in the downtown area, will be presented to the city commission by Oct. 15, Nathan Rosenfeld, president of Jacobson's, Inc., promiscuted The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday afternoon.

"Having an act of God or similar phenomenon, I will have my proposal before the commission by that date," he emphasized during the 20-minute conversation from his office in Jackson, Mich.

But the city clerk in the mail Monday a letter to Mayor Ralph A. Main in which he said in all probability his plan would be submitted by the middle of next month.

His conversation with The Eccentric confirmed the exact date.

THE PLAN Rosenfeld referred to is one which would provide facilities for the parking, eventually, of over 1,500 cars in the area north of Woodward, east and west of Woodward.

Jacobson's, in conjunction with The Wabek Corp., advanced the idea last year. The city has been endeavoring to acquire close to \$500,000 worth of properties which would comprise the parking area.

Rosenfeld's Oct. 15 deadline is 30 days later than the commission expected to receive the plan.

ON AUG. 14, at the request of the commission, Main voted Rosenfeld asking that his plans be submitted to the city commission "in three weeks" so the commission could study them, then set a subsequent meeting at which the city and Wabek-Jacobson interests could discuss further the proposal.

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MONTHS OF preparation on the part of Oak Park went into the venture to add to the city's boundaries.

Opponents of the annexation attempted to stop the election just prior to the balloting when they filed a bill of complaint with the Oakland County circuit court seeking to have the City of Oak Park and Southfield township show cause why the election should not be stopped.

Commissioners have learned that the city might be able to sell a parcel of land for \$250,000 on receipts from the city's parking area revenue.

Monday's city commission action clarified their stand on whether the city should buy or sell but not buy any property for off-street parking use.

COMMISSIONER Dean G. Beier initiated the discussion when he said he believed Rosenfeld's request for a 30-day extension in Main's Sept. 14 letter.

"The commission is not interested in anything that might involve the city in any capital expenditure," he said.

When contacted Wednesday morning regarding the wording of his letter, Main admitted: "Perhaps a bit of exaggeration, but that's the situation actually was."

Rosenfeld told The Eccentric that he was a bit surprised by the statement in the letter he received, but that he didn't believe it had any effect on his plan.

By the time a guy is smart enough to intelligently participate in discussions on politics, he should know enough not to.

A Columbus, Ohio, movie goer claimed that her upper dental plates were either lost or stolen while watching a film. A real "tooth-jerker," huh?



MRS. RICHARD VAN DUSEN (Left) and MRS. J. HARDESTY LOUD (Right) spoke at the City of Oak Park meeting Tuesday.

Organization has been completed for the kickoff October 20 of the 1953 Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area, with the naming of 15 major committee chairmen by Everett E. Fisher, general campaign chairman.

Although the local quota has not yet been fixed, Fisher said it will undoubtedly call for the highest goal ever set for the area.

EVERY PHASE of county government will be exhibited with booths demonstrating as vividly as possible the responsibilities, services and resources of the departments.

The following organizations and their representatives prepared the booths of their selected county officials: Kiwanis club with Frank Donaldson as representative, the Sheriff's department; High 12 with W. F. Anderson, the Prosecuting Attorney; the Oakland County Agricultural Agent; Chamber of Commerce with J. H. Robinson as representative; the Oakland County planning commission; Rotary club, Pat Mulcaster, the road commissioner.

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Major committee chairmen named by Fisher are: Birmingham residential, Mrs. P. L. Penfield; Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. J. Hawley Oting; Bloomfield Village, Mrs. J. Graham Gunn; Franklin, Mrs. Bernard F. Magruder.

Lift Restrictions On Use of Water

Restrictions on the use of water were lifted this week by City Manager D. C. Egbert.

Water levels already have shown a slight recovery, now that the hot weather is over, he explained.

SPECIAL EFFORT will be made during the drive, Fisher said, to reach every home in the area, with emphasis being laid on the importance of giving every homeowner an opportunity to share in the community project.

He added, "Our previous campaigns have shown us that although the bulk of contributions come through pledges made at the breadwinner's place of business, most of the momentary in the area also want to make individual contributions on a personal, local basis."

For this reason, our house-to-house, person-to-person approach is especially important in the Birmingham territory."

Scores Hole-in-One On Scotland's Famed St. Andrews Course

The thrill of a lifetime, to many a golfer, is a hole-in-one. However, when an American golfer, not a professional, goes to Scotland and chucks up a hole-in-one on the ancient St. Andrews course, he usually falls to desecrate it.

CARS WILL BE SENT OFF at brief intervals, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday from the starting point, the Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. All are expected to be in Grayling for dinner and will participate Sunday in handling trials and other driving tests at the airport there.

Harold Lance, of Temprite Products, 2345 E. Maple, is chairman of the event, with Charles H. A. Davison, 1115 Buckingham, acting as his aide.

Govt. Fair Welcomes Big Crowds

Howard R. Estes, manager of Oakland County's Infirmary and convalescent hospital, and Harry J. Merritt, corporation counsel of the county, will speak at the County Government Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Birmingham high school.

Estes will talk at two o'clock and Merritt at 2:45 p.m. Plans and preparations for the County Government Fair, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, are now completed and all that remains is a crowd of visitors to come to meet their county officials and see the work of the county's departments.

A NOON LUNCHEON will be served in the high school cafeteria from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Bernard Magruder, general chair of the County Government Fair, said she expects a large crowd of visitors to come to meet their county officials and see the work of the county's departments.

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It seems to me that he ought to be decently fair in his criticism. He once wanted "like" to accept the Democratic nomination as his successor. Now he argues that "like" has sold out to "big business."

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Quarter Century Of Service Ends With Retirement

First fireman to retire under city employees, Ass't Chief Walter Benschoter leaves the department tomorrow, Sept. 18, after 25 years of service.

Benschoter was eligible for retirement some time ago on an age basis, but elected to serve his full quarter-century hitch with the department.

Joining soon after the establishment of a paid department, Benschoter is one of the "old timers" who has seen the city municipality, taxing the department's abilities to the utmost.

LOATH to talk about his experiences as a fireman, Benschoter admitted that he has worked on about every major alarm the department has answered.

HE HAS SEEN the department grow from a small group of men to a large, well-knit organization. With other department members, he has done his share in building additional equipment and remodeling others to suit the growing needs of a growing community.

Several departmental promotions have been brought about by Benschoter's retirement.

His post has been filled with the advancement of a former captain, Stanley Church.

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