

### Parking

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matter, even to the extent of the city paying for the drawing up of the proper legislative amendments to accomplish the city's objective. City officials doubt whether any amendments, if they are needed, can be drawn up in time to have them submitted in the legislature for this session. Deadline for admission of bills is Feb. 12.

HAACK also pointed out that his idea would permit the earlier disposition of property used for parking lots should the city deem it advisable, because the lot is improperly located or not bringing in enough revenue.

Another matter Haack will attempt to determine is whether the bond market would readily accept fee-supported revenue bonds, if such method is permitted under state laws.

Haack believes his suggestion

has these three important qualities: equity; the city can dispose of property any time it is desired; and the income tax deduction which business can use.

"That income tax angle is important today," Haack said. "Businessmen under that method could afford to pay about twice as much on a fee basis than under special assessment."

ALTHOUGH there are several other minor—but still important—decisions which the city must make, it was determined Haack's objective assignments first.

These lesser points include the formula for charging fees, and how the collection of fees could be enforced.

Mayor Ralph A. Main said he would attempt to arrange a meeting for some day after Jan. 24 with representatives of the merchants group seeking parking facilities near the collection business quadrant.

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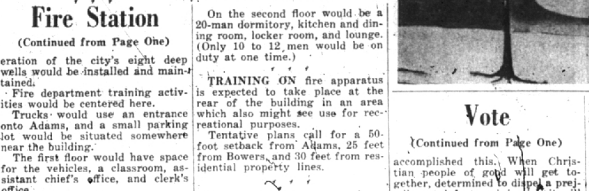
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(ABOVE) 2-STORY STATION PROPOSED FOR ADAMS-BOWERS LOCATION



(At right) Maple-Chesterfield station is of similar design

### Fire Station

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eration of the city's eight deep wells would be installed and maintained. Fire department training activities would be centered here. Trucks would use an entrance onto Adams, and a small parking lot would be situated somewhere near the building. The first floor would have space for the vehicles, a classroom, assistant chief's office, and clerk's office.

On the second floor would be a 20-man dormitory, kitchen and dining room, locker room, and lounge. (Only 10 to 12 men would be on duty at one time.) TRAINING—Fire apparatus is expected to take place at the rear of the building in an area which also might see use for recreational purposes. Tentative plans call for a 50-foot setback from Adams, 25 feet from Bowers, and 30 feet from residential property lines.

### Chesterfield Approach, Alley to Be Paved

Several other improvements at the Chesterfield-W. Maple intersection were approved Monday night by city commissioners. They approved the necessity of paving the alley behind the business establishments on the northwest corner, and sent the assessment roll to the city assessor for spreading. Dedication for street widening purposes of a 30-foot strip of city property on the north side of Maple between Fairfax and one lot east of Lakepark was delayed until City Manager D. C. Ebert can see what can be done about the sale of an additional and unneeded 10-foot strip to adjoining property owners.

Ebert was instructed to bring in detailed plans and cost estimates for the paving of Chesterfield from Maple north to the rear property line of the proposed west side first station.

### City Makes Second Advance for Water

An advance of \$1,366.75 to the Sansee Oakland County Water Authority from the city was approved by city commissioners Monday night.

The sum is in addition to a previous advance of \$2,500 the city made to the authority for preliminary engineering studies. The entire sum will be returned to the city upon the sale of the authority's

### Vote

(Continued from Page One) accomplished this. When Christian people of good will get together, determined to dispel a prejudice or defeat an injustice, it will be done.

ON TAXATION—the tax structure of Michigan should be revised for streamlining and elimination of inequities. The State Sales Tax should be made to operate on a current basis, thus circumventing the retroactive effect of the act which could be financially very embarrassing in a time of decreasing revenue. Similarly, diverting money to townships on the basis of demonstrable need would have, I believe, a remarkable cheering effect on the entire fiscal picture.

An effort should be made to remove inequities from the franchise tax. It should be possible to produce an equal amount of revenue much more painlessly from a tax basis of ability to pay rather than net worth. Operating efficiently within income should be the overall goal of the State Government.

ON SERVICES—I favor a long-term program for children's psychiatric and guidance facilities. Our prison system should be adjusted to the fact that rehabilitation is very difficult with intermingling of hardened criminals, psychiatric cases, perverts, and "first-timers."

ON THE FINANCIAL responsibility law—so many people are injured seriously, physically and financially, without practical recourse under the terms of the present law, that I believe it must be materially strengthened. The liability insurance picture is further worsened by finance companies that write great masses of insurance to cover their own interest in encumbered automobiles, completely neg-

### letting the driver's legal and moral obligations.

At the bottom of the appalling slaughter and property damage, some times through personal shortage, as in the case of the Michigan State Police, sometimes through what appears to be nothing more than lethargic indifference as in the case of many municipal departments. If the situation is not firmly and intelligently handled, it will be very near future, it will be the worst a man's life, or his family's, to leave the home.

### John C. Westerdale

"State Taxation—It may be that we now have sufficient state tax revenue, provided we can devise ways of distributing it more on the basis of the need of the local communities. We must find means of eliminating the present inequities in property assessments for taxation purposes, both within the counties and throughout the state. All property owners, industrialists, farmers, commercial store and residential home owners should receive more uniform treatment as compared to a percentage of current market values. Serious consideration should be given to the county-wide assessing methods now used by 21 of our states."

The Sales Tax Diversion amendment should be revised in favor of a plan that will return state tax money to schools and other governmental more nearly on a basis of need. I do not think that Rep. Sorensen's proposal for revising the Sales Tax Diversion amendment furthers this purpose, and it would continue the unwise practice of earmarking taxes in the Constitution. I would prefer a constitutional plan that guarantees legislative appropriations to schools on a basis of current need.

ELECTION LAWS—It is true that some improvements could be made in our election laws. Some of the recommendations of the Election Law Study Commission will serve as a guide in this respect, and specifically, that portion which refers to the establishment of uniform qualifications for the selection of election inspectors.

However, our concern should first be with providing some guarantee for insuring our present election laws are enforced. Codification of these laws would be advisable from an administrative point of view and might also clarify some of the present omissions.

Surely any principle worth writing into law should be sufficiently worthy to include penalties for those who do not obey that law. Children's Services: We should find a way to build the proposed 120-bed Children's Psychiatric Hospital at Northville which would not duplicate the 75-bed unit approved for the University of Michigan by the legislature last year. This will relieve the immediate pressure, but from a more long range point of view, we should pursue the recent recommendations of the State Mental Health Commission.

PARTICULARLY, we should provide means for treating mental illnesses locally. As in penal problems, every dollar wisely spent at the preventive or remedial stage will save many times that amount which would later be spent for confinement and correction. Regarding the detention of children, the Norman report should serve as a guide for future legislation.

Employment Practices: It is encouraging to note that the basic safeguards that would be incorporated in any F.E.P.C. legislation now have support from both parties. Surely any principle worth writing into law should be sufficiently worthy to include penalties for those who do not obey that law. Compensation benefits should be extended to 26 weeks. Workmen's Compensation should be liberalized to increase benefits to injured workers. Specific loss scales should be revised.

THE ADMINISTRATION of the government's business must be improved and made more efficient. Action on some of the proposals of the "Little Hoover" committee should no longer be postponed—particularly, the consolidation of licensing agencies and health services. Present methods of distributing state aid to schools cannot go unchallenged. The complete education of our children in these specialized times will not allow us to tolerate

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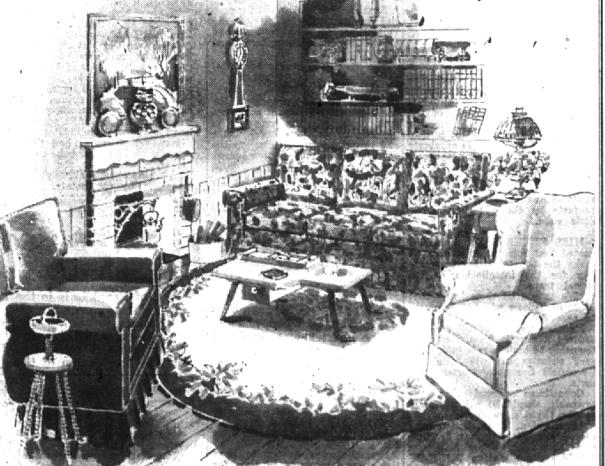
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