



DETECTIVE LT. WILLIAM GREEN, cleared his desk in preparation for retirement from the Birmingham Police department after 25 years of service. Lt. Green announced that with his retirement Oct. 1 he would take up the post of night patrolman of Bloomfield Village.

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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ham residents more adequate fire protection was taken. Monday night when city commissioners approved the purchase of a \$36,000 multi-purpose fire truck. Commissioners also expressed the need for additional fire stations in the city. Citing the two fires in one day last week, City Manager D. C. Egbert pointed to the tragedies that might result if the present department was forced to answer two major alarms simultaneously.

City Commissioners reversed their stand on what they think should ultimately be done with the Walker gravel pit. A petition to Troy township to have the city owned site rezoned to industrial property will be modified to request the rezoning to residential.

City Forester William Leibold has brought before the city commission a request for an ordinance to allow the city to enter onto private property for the purpose of removing trees infected with Dutch Elm disease. Leibold said the measure was necessary to allow the city to exert control over the disease.

Three Birmingham men, Lester Laide, 2180 West Long Lake road; William E. Hoyle, 121 Larchlea, and Richard O. Bailey, 1893 Maryland, have been named to head committees during the forthcoming United Foundation Torch Drive.

A low combination of bids of \$287,501 for construction of an addition to Franklin school was received by the Birmingham board of education at its meeting Aug. 4.

Issue of Aug. 13
Discussion of plans for off-street parking occupied 80 minutes of the city commission's meeting Aug. 10. Commissioners indicated that they would like to see the plan that is being backed by the Jacobson and Wabek Corporation. Commissioners seemed favorable to improving and operating lots acquired by merchants if the cost would not endanger the city's financial picture.

City Treasurer Russell Berger reported this week that nearly half of Birmingham's 1953 tax levy had been collected by July 31. Berger stated that \$424,001.15 has come in to the treasury out of the \$860,622.46 levied.

William Leibold, city forester, and his representatives, have the right to go onto private property to inspect trees suspected of Dutch Elm disease. An ordinance granting this power

was passed Monday night by the city commission. The ordinance also provides power for the forester to order trees afflicted with the disease to be destroyed. Owners refusing to destroy infected trees are subject to a fine or possible jail sentence under the new law.

The city will undertake to widen and resurface W. Maple from Linden to S. Glenhurst according to a decision reached by the commission Monday night. City Manager D. C. Egbert was empowered to tackle the project with current city funds for financing.

Southfield township board has approved rezoning of a 40-acre plot at Northwestern and Southgate from residential to technical research to allow the Bendix Aviation corporation to build a new laboratory on the site.

Issue of Aug. 20
Funeral services were held Aug. 15 for Samuel C. Halsey, former Troy township supervisor and board of education member. Halsey died Aug. 12 at University hospital in Ann Arbor after an extended illness.

Birmingham has taken the first official step to develop Fourteen Mile road as a main east-west traffic artery from Grato to New Hudson. City commissioners Monday night approved a resolution that the Oakland county road commission acquire the last portion of the southern boundary of Birmingham Country club.

Troy township will become the twelfth member of the South-eastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish authority as soon as bonds for the authority's incinerator are sold this week. Township officials requested full membership in the authority after giving their approval for the authority to use the Walker gravel pit land for refuse disposal.

A budget of nearly 2 million dollars for operation of Birmingham schools for the 1953-54 year was approved Tuesday night by the board of education. Highest items on the budget were operating expenses at \$375,200, and teachers salaries at \$129,667.

Twelve cases involving breaking and entering and theft were cleared up with the arrest of seven juveniles over the week end. Of the boys, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, have admitted participating in these acts which date back to July 12, according to police. The boys have confessed to

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