

For a Safe Fourth, Obey Fireworks Law

The state law controlling the use of fireworks was passed in 1931 and amended in 1949 by Act 242. This law permits use by the public, and authorizes the sale, of the following: Paper caps for pistols (not to exceed one-quarter grain of explosive), also sparklers (not to exceed .0125 of a pound each of burning explosive material).

All other fireworks used for display, whether for public or private use, must first be approved by the governing body of a township, city commission etc.

The organization or group of individuals desiring this approval must first offer proof that they are competent to handle such a fireworks display.

THE PERMIT will authorize them to order and receive, by Railway Express and other means of public transportation, fireworks from the manufacturers of the materials.

Without such a permit or authority, public carriers such as the railway express are not authorized under the provisions of the law to deliver fireworks material.

It is true that some of these pyrotechnics will be smuggled into the state and be illegally sold and used. Should your children or members of your family gain possession of fireworks, other than those authorized for use as prescribed in the first paragraph, it is advisable that they be discouraged from firing them.

IN MOST cases the explosive material in these illegal pieces have been stepped up to where they are extremely dangerous for children.

The safest way for you and your children to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public or private display where a competent operator has been employed to discharge the pieces.

It is not advisable to gamble with serious injury, death or heavy loss by fire by permitting the use of illegal fireworks.

Prepared as public service by members of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

Hearing Called For Improvements In Street Easement

A hearing on a necessity for construction of a sidewalk and catch basins along recently vacated St. Andrews between Pennbrook and Derby was set for Monday, July 12, by the Birmingham city commission.

The special assessment district to finance all costs of the improvements will include the four adjacent property owners who gain additional land through the street vacation. Cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,120. This will include relocating present utility poles to the center of the easement.

Fire Protection Contract Renewed

Fire protection from the city of Birmingham will cost \$40,000 next year for the Birmingham country club.

In approving a new yearly contract, city commissioners boosted the rate to \$400.

A similar contract, at double regular city rates, was extended the club for water supply and sewage disposal.

While the city's policy is not to extend these services outside its limits, an exception is made for the country club because it has provided certain easements across club property for underground city services to the disposal plant.



GRADUATION ceremonies were held June 4 at the naval base at Newport, R.I., for Naval Reserve Ensigns including Robert L. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Morgan of Birmingham. He received his commission after completing a 16-week indoctrination course in naval subjects. Ensign Morgan, accompanied by his wife and son, was home for a week and left Friday for Monterey, Calif.

Committee Heads Named For B-5

Troop B-5 will up activities for the season with a father and son baseball game last week at Southfield Park.

Newly elected officers for the coming Scout year include George Squibb, chairman; Harry Muenchinger, treasurer; Tom Ward, secretary and director of publicity; Gene Paulette, institutional representative; Bob Reid, programming; Dr. James VanBoren, membership; Henry Leiphart, outdoor activities; Dr. Donald Kemp, advancement; Dick Brown, ways and means; Herb Hunter, transportation; C. E. Nickel, Explorer advisor; Scoutmaster Tom Austin and Assistant Scoutmaster Dan Akers.

Possession of knowledge never makes wise men arrogant. Knowledge is like a river that meets the ocean... it begins in tiny drops, enlarges as it flows, meanders toward the delta where river and ocean meet the view extends beyond the horizon.

Proposed Parking Lot Ordinance Draws Comments

Certain changes in Birmingham's proposed parking lot ordinance have been recommended by National Garages, Inc. nationwide parking lot operators city commissioners learned recently.

Remarks concerning the suggested ordinance were contained in a report to William R. Yaw, president of the Wabcock Corp., one of the parties who will be immediately affected by passage of any ordinance to regulate off-street parking lots.

Yaw made the report available to city commissioners for their consideration.

Most criticized phases of the ordinance by the firm concerned operational regulations and the parking fee schedule.

While officials of National Garages agreed that a maximum fee schedule was advisable, they added that the operator should be given the right to decrease these fees whenever economically practical.

The report also furthered that general claims brought against the lot owners for damages such as dented fenders and other minor scrapes be limited to those in excess of \$100.

REGULATIONS regarding parking stubs were recommended changed. The ordinance stipulates that one portion of the stub be given the driver of the car and the second part be placed on the car's windshield.

National Garages spokesmen claim that a serve-self parking lot with only one booth attendant could not fulfill requirements of this ordinance because only one ticket stub is issued and that one to the driver, who, in turn, must park the car himself. The firm explained that self-serve parking lots were becoming popular because they were much cheaper to operate.

The passage in the ordinance calling for a permanent surface such as asphalt or cement binder was questioned in the report.

It was pointed out that fringe area parking lots which would draw all-day parkers primarily would not justify such an expensive surface and advised that gravel or cinders, when treated to prevent dust, would make a satisfactory surface.

Other minor points were questioned in the review.



THREE CONTRACTING FIRMS are joining in the task of rushing completion of the South Oakland County's garbage and rubbish incinerator on John R between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads in Royal Oak township. The Douglas Cloud company, Detroit, are general contractors with the Morse Boulder company of New York supervising construction of the giant burner's three furnaces and the Castodis Construction company of Chicago, Ill., handling building of the chimney. The \$1,800,000 incinerator is expected to be in routine operation by February of next year and will be capable of disposing 400 tons of refuse a day. (Eccentric Photo)

All other provisions of the ordinance appear to be reasonable and in the best interest of the public and the operators, was the final written comment of George A. Devlin, vice president of National Garages, Inc.

Hearing Date Set

Vacation of the portion of Elm, between Webster and Haynes, is asked in a petition filed this week with the Birmingham city clerk, and the city commission set July 12 for a hearing on the request. Petitioner is the Briggs Commercial and Development Co.

Justice Fines Four Drivers

Four drivers, three convicted on charges of driving under the influence of liquor, and one on a charge of reckless driving were fined Wednesday, June 16, by Associate Birmingham Justice John C. Emery.

Found guilty after a trial on the drunk driving charge, J. W. Leverette, 25, of 2706 North Flint, paid \$65 fine and \$10 cost.

Pleading guilty, Raymond L. Beaman, 26, of 855 E. Maple, was fined \$65 and assessed \$10 cost and Raymond L. Davis, 31, of 32885 Beverly, Wayne, \$50 fine and \$10 cost.

Pleading guilty to reckless driving, John A. Reid, 21, of 1117 Cherokee road, was fined \$25 and assessed costs of \$5.

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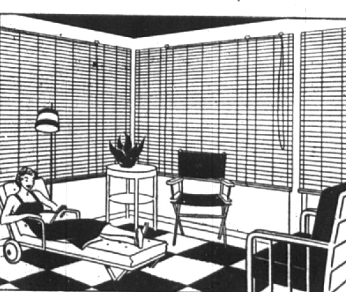
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