BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FOR THE WEEKS immediately preceding a Birmingham city election, it is a rare occurrence NOT to see at least one candidate for the commission sitting in the audience, watching how a meeting is conducted and listening to the variety of subjects that must be dealt with. Last Monday, for instance, five candidates listened to the proceedings.

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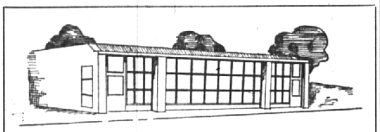

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Derby Road Bids Again Postponed

Acceptance of water and sewer construction bids for the Derby road improvement has been delayed a second week by Troy township board members.

Board members Monday night agreed to postpone the March 22 date to March 29 to give contractors an opportunity to bid on changes in the contract involving the moving of sewers from easements to the street line and also to bid separately on the sewer and water construction.

The bids formerly were called for March 17 and delayed to the March 22 date.

Meanwhile, board members referred the final plat of the Adrian Manor subdivision on the north side of Derby between Coolidge and Eton to township engineers for study and report. The 36-lot subdivision is owned by Myron Komer.

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THEY ALSO referred to the zoning board a request of William F. Dohaney to rezone property on the northeast corner of Derby and Coolidge from residential to commercial.

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night set Monday, April 19, as the date for a public hearing to decide necessity of two assessment districts in the area to finance road paving.

Paving of Derby from Eton to Coolidge would be assessed entirely on developers, while pavement on Edenborough from Pembroke to Derby and on St. Andrews from Pembroke to Derby would be shared by both property owners and the city.

Sidewalks to Help In Lions Club Drive

Sidewalks at street intersections in downtown Birmingham will be adorned with a message from the Lions club in the latter part of April.

The messages will read "Support Lions White Cane Charity Drive" and will be a part of the club's campaign to raise funds for charitable work in the community. Permission to paint the signs on the walk was granted Monday night by the city commission.

The club works with persons suffering defective vision, buys raincapes and belts for safety patrol boys, contributes to Community House activities, and finances boys' trips to summer camps.

Burglary Loot Still Missing

Over $2,600 worth of clothing, household goods and jewelry taken in the March 17 daylight burglary of the Robert Craig home on Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, still is missing, according to Police Chief I. C. Banks.

The bulk of the jewelry about $800 worth, was found in an ash can in Ferndale, Banks said.

A suspect in the case was released last week when he was cleared by a lie-detector test, Banks said.

Wichman Named Local GTRR Agent

Harry J. Wichman, 1439 Humphrey, an employee of the Grand Trunk Railroad for 20 years, has been named the new agent of the railroad's Birmingham station.

Wichman fills the vacancy left by the recent death of Mr. Everett E. Carl, who had served as Birmingham agent for 10 years. Mr. Carl died March 4 after a short illness.

Jury Acquits Driver On Drunk Charge

A jury of three men and three women deliberated ten minutes Monday before finding Thomas Kaiser, 45, of 1335 Humphrey, not guilty on a drunk driving charge in Birmingham justice court.

An officer from the Michigan state crime laboratory told Associate Justice John C. Emery and the jury that an intoximeter test of Kaiser's breath registered .156 and testified that a reading of .15 indicated intoxication.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

WILLIAM ROESER, Southfield township supervisor: "House Bill No. 30, designed to enable townships to finance construction of public improvements by a wider spread on assessments, passed the state senate today (Tuesday) with an amendment tacked on to it that members of the house of representatives would not go for. The bill has been returned to committee and will probably be delayed for a few days."

Troy Rejects Bids On New Well Pump

Bids for the installation of a pump at Troy township's No. 5 well were rejected Monday night by board members who voted to readvertise for the pump.

One of the three bidders failed to receive specifications for the bid by mail and through an error in a telephone conversation with the township engineer, failed to include all equipment under the bid.

Because the mistake was on the part of the low bidder, the Pot company of Detroit, board members rejected all bids and set March 29 as the date for opening new bids.

Well No. 5 is the new well located on the township hall property.

Insurance Award Accepted By Agent

Roland D. Benscoter, 30005 Lahser, general agent of the Detroit office of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance company, accepted a plaque for the Detroit office's sales record from company officials this month.

The award was presented in recognition of the agency's lead in sales over all agencies throughout the country and was made at the annual meeting of general agents and managers association held in Florida March 8 to 11.

Planners Approve Bowers Crossover

The Birmingham plan board Tuesday night voted approval of City Manager D. C. Egbert's plan to develop Bowers street as a crossover from Adams to Hunter boulevard.

Egbert said the street was better suited to be used as a crossover than Hazel street because of the latter's residential character.

Included in the planned development is the moving of the Hazel traffic signal to the Bowers intersection of U.S. 10.

City Approves Lease On Land Fill Dump

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved a lease on the Walker gravel pit property on Maple with the South Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish authority from July, 1954 to October 31, 1954.

"Authority members using the land as a sanitary land fill dump agreed to pay the city $600 a month in terms of the lease.

BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAURICE M. CLEMONS has been appointed Chief Engineer of Sahlin Engineering Company, 267 Ferndale, manufacturers of Iron Hands and other automation equipment. Previously, Clemons was associated with General Motors Corporation for 25 years, more recently as Master Mechanic of Chevrolet Cleveland Pressed Metal Division. A graduate of General Motors Institute and a Registered Professional Engineer, Mr. Clemons served as a Chairman of the Joint Industry Conference for Punch Press Standardization in 1953.

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New Singer Manager

Robert Baker of Pontiac became the new manager of the Birmingham branch of the Singer Sewing Machine company Monday, March 22. He was transferred here from the Pontiac store. H. Bradbury, formerly the manager here, has been transferred to the firm's Highland Park store.

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Drafting Supplies Added to Store Line

Win Faulkner, agent for W. B. Gregory & Son, Inc., 347 S. Woodward, this week announced installation of a new department providing complete service on drafting room equipment and supplies.

The new department will be headed by Howard L. Stiffler, 1316 Villa, formerly associated with B. K. Elliot Co., and later sales manager of the Ostermann Co.

Faulkner said the new department is the first step in an expansion of facilities in this area.

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New Beauty Salon

Don for Hair Styles, a new beauty salon operated by Don Hughes will open Monday, April 5, at 4605 No. Woodward, just south of Fourteen Mile road. Hughes, formerly a stylist at Leon's Parisian Hair Dresser for 2½ years, was the gold trophy winner for haircutting in the 1954 North American beauty show.

Fewer Killed, More Injured On Highways

There were 126 persons killed and 4,860 injured in 17,474 traffic accidents in Michigan during January, according to the State Police monthly report.

The death toll was 13 less than the number killed in January last year, but considerably higher than the 100 average for the same month during the seven year period of 1946-1952.

Injuries and total number of accidents exceeded all previous records for January, but this was attributed in part to more complete reporting.

The figures show, however, that while there was a nine per cent drop in deaths, 139 down to 126, injuries increased 10 per cent, or from 3,954 in 1953 to 4,360 in 1954, and accidents gained 15 per cent, or from 15,152 to 17,474.

No figures were available on travel mileage for the month and the death rate per 100 million vehicle miles.

Would Add 28 Acres To White Chapel

A request of the White Chapel Cemetery association to dedicate 28 acres of land for cemetery use was tabled by board members Monday night until the next regular meeting of the Troy township board.

A representative of the cemetery explained that the association sought to enlarge its present cemetery use by a 17-acre parcel to the south and nine acres to the east.

Board members asked that the request be tabled for study.

20 Trees to Fall At Quarton School

Twenty trees will be cut down at Quarton elementary school, the board of education decided Monday night.

The board approved the expenditure of $300 for the removal of the trees after Supt. of Schools Dwight D. Ireland said the area taken up by the trees was needed for playground space.

The school playground has been diminished by the addition of several new classrooms to the school.

Roll Call Stands $2,000 Below Goal

Community House Roll Call receipts are still lagging nearly $2,000 below the 1954 goal of $45,000.

A report issued Tuesday by Mrs. Berrien Ketchum, revealed that slightly more than $43,000 had been received at that time.

"There were some who were missed during the door-to-door campaign," she explained. "These, with former donors who were out of town during the Roll Call will receive letters this week asking their cooperation.

"We are extremely anxious to get all contributions in so volunteer workers may be released and Roll Call books closed," she concluded.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop B-4 Members Learn Signaling

Signaling instruction for members of Troop B-4 was conducted Monday night by Assistant Scoutmaster Ned Landis. Scouts learned Morse code, played code games and learned to make their own sending equipment.

Green Bar members also met Monday night to discuss plans for the troop's mystery campout to be held soon.

★ Smile a Minute . . .

As the troopship, laden with battlescarred veterans of Korea, pulled into the West Coast harbor, the happy sergeant said to Private Smith, "Well, farmer boy, are you glad you are going to hear the roosters crow and the old donkey bray again, eh?"

It'll be mighty nice to hear the old donkey bray," replied the private. He added, "And not give orders."

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"Think it will rain this afternoon?"

"I wouldn't be surprised. I've got a new hat, a fresh shoeshine, and I've just had my car washed."

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VACATION AND CLOSING OF ALLEY IN CAMPBELL'S SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, March 29, 1954 at 8 o'clock P.M., to hear objections to the proposed vacation and closing of alley running parallel to Hazel Street between Hunter and Elm, and abutting Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 10 of Campbell's Subdivision.

This Notice is published in accordance with Chapter XI, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Birmingham and Resolution No. 190 (1954).

RESOLUTION NO. 190

Moved by Commissioner Beier, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson, Whereas, this Commission has received a request from the owners of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 10 of Campbell's Subdivision, for the vacation of the alley abutting on the rear of the aforesaid lots, and

Whereas, the Planning Board has not disapproved such request,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Commission does deem it advisable to consider the request for such alley vacation at a Public Hearing, and

Be It Further Resolved that a Public Hearing be held Monday, March 29, 1954 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Commission Room for the purpose of considering vacation of the alley running parallel to Hazel Street, between Hunter and Elm, and abutting the rear of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 10 Campbell's Subdivision.

Yeas—5,
Nays—0.

IRENE R. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

March 16, 1954 (1-2)

Not the Time for Exemption Boost, Believes Dondero

"Debate during the past week over the bill to revise the internal revenue laws of the United States," said Congressman George A. Dondero this week, "centered largely around the proposal to increase exemptions from $600 to $700 now, and perhaps to $1,000 later on. Advocates of this action asserted that further tax relief must be voted, in order to give indivduals more money to spend so that an economic recession might be prevented.

"These fears, it seems to me, are groundless in view of the fact that tax relief measures now before the Congress already provide for putting more than $5 billion annually back into the pockets of taxpayers, while at the same time government spending this year has been cut by a comparable sum.

"Substantially more than half of this $5 billion in tax savings, incidentally, goes to families and individuals with small incomes. Already $3 billion has been saved to the taxpayers by a deduction of 10% on individual income taxes.

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"BUT NOW," Dondero continued, "in spite of the fact that tax savings are to be provided in substantially the same amount as government spending has been cut, it was proposed that tax exemptions be increased.

"The proposal was made in spite of the fact, too, that wasteful government spending in the past, and national defense needs now, probably will cause a federal deficit of about $2.2 billion this year, and $2.9 billion next.

"An increase if personal income tax exemptions from $600 to $700 is unwise at this time because it cannot do otherwise than take away from the federal government funds so badly needed for national defense and for balancing the federal budget. It could easily wreck the plans now being carried out to put the government back on a sound financial basis.

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"WHILE THE proposal to increase tax exemptions by $100 now sounds good to over-burdened taxpayers, nevertheless it would mean little to them and would be dangerous to government solvency and credit. It would put only about 45c a week into the pocket of the average wage-earner, it is estimated, and would cost at least $2.5 billion in lost tax revenue to the government.

"When all of these things are considered," declared Dondero, "it seems to me that the time further to boost personal income tax exemptions will come only when this Congress, or a subsequent one, finally cuts federal government spending to a point where such tax relief may be voted, without risking the happiness and welfare of the American people, and without endangering national security."

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD—Recharging cast-off fluorescent light tubes has become a thriving business for Bernard J. Patton of Los Angeles, Cal. He fits the dead tube in a machine seen above and approximately 80 per cent of them come out with 2000 hours added life in them. Patton claims he does not understand why.

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