

## Receive Degrees

Matthew D. Maloney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Maloney, 819 Greenwood, and Lucius E. Jackson, 645 E. Lincoln, will receive bachelor of science degrees from Western Michigan college at commencement exercises Sunday afternoon.

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## Planning Board Recommends Alley Petition Denied

Birmingham planning board recommended denial of a petition to vacate an alley between Eton road and Mansfield along 14 Mile road which was submitted by the abutting property owners.

The undeveloped easement is not used by the city at present but the board did recommend to the city commission that the property owners be allowed to use the land until such time as the city decides to develop the alley.

PLANNING board recommended denial of two rezoning petitions and put off action on a third pending further study.

Petition of Jean Pierre Auto-chaud to rezone his property on the northwest corner of Adams and Forest from residential to business was recommended denied along with the petition of four property owners on east side of Bates street between Frank and Brown streets to change zone from single residential to double bungalow.

The petitions were not approved because the board is reluctant to change the residential character of the city, especially the private home areas of the city.

PETITION of Lawrence E. Nelson and Eric K. Marshall to rezone two lots on Pierce street south of Brown, from residential to business B, was set aside until a study is made of the area. The southeast corner of Brown and Pierce is now zoned for business.

The board discussed advisability of rezoning 200 feet on the east side of Southfield north of 14 Mile road from residential to business C classification.

Owner of the property, Frederick K. Graef, was denied a request last fall to change the zoning of the property from residential to business A. The board will recommend the business C classification to the city commission.

## School Board Buys 3 Buses

Purchase of three new school buses was authorized by the Birmingham school board Tuesday night to alleviate the crowded conditions on present buses.

The three new buses, all with GMC chassis, were purchased from three different body manufacturers who submitted identical bids of \$6,011.85. Each unit will seat 60 students.

Other board action included letting of bids on furniture for Derby junior high school and scheduling of a special meeting of the building committee of the board for Tuesday morning to review preliminary plans for elementary school to be constructed on the high school site.

Furniture bids will be opened at a special Feb. 14 meeting.

## Lawyer

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quisition totals \$1000 per car for Lot A, or an over-all total of \$1,300 per car space.

A second platting of Lot A, to provide for 174 cars, has not been decided upon as final.

LOT 1, at Pierce and Merrill, cost \$1080 per car space for land, plus \$300 for improvement, or \$1,380.10 per total car space. This included parking meters.

Egbert said acquisition of Lots E & F on the west end of the south side of Hamilton, would cost \$1,800 per car space, plus \$300 for improvement, or \$2,100 per car. He declared his belief that this is too high for economical operation.

Lots E & F would park 88 cars.

Lot H, at the east end of the south side of Hamilton, has been projected within the past two weeks as a substitute for Lots E & F. Egbert estimated its per car space to be \$1,400 for land, plus \$380 for improvement, a total of \$1,780. Fifty-eight cars could be parked there.

HE ALSO said it is estimated the cost per car space for a parking level to be built on Lot A would be \$1,200. Salary costs of operating such a parking structure would consume the revenue of about 100 meters, he figures.

Another off-street parking project by the city commission, to serve East Maple and contiguous business areas, would be the purchase of land to house 88 cars, located at the corner of Brownell and Forest.

Egbert's figures for this project are a total of \$1,500 per car.

NEXT MONDAY night the commission plans to pass a resolution for a Feb. 13 public hearing on necessity for Lot A, perhaps, H, and/or E & F.

Another off-street parking project to be completed as soon as financially possible concerns the north half of the block just south of Shain Park, fronting Merrill, which will park 32 cars, at a total project cost of \$109,800.

Egbert points out that this area is the most costly yet considered, because only two-thirds of its land area can be used for parking, the remaining one-third devoted to a screening "green belt."

It is the city's hope that by early next fall, at least the Hamilton project, including Lot A and either Lots E and F or Lot H, may be ready for use.

## This & That

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