

Will Try Once More For Negotiated Sale

A final attempt will be made to negotiate the purchase of several properties needed for a 53-car municipal parking lot at Hunter and Hamilton, Birmingham City Manager D. C. Egbert said yesterday.

Then he will recommend to the commission that it begin condemnation proceedings on those pieces which have not been negotiated, he said.

The city's policy is to offer 10 per cent in excess of what is believed to be fair appraisal of property value.

Owners involved in this lot have been asking for more than the city feels it should pay, Egbert explained.

Annual Report Evaluates Civil Defense Progress

An adequate air-raid-warning system was cited as the most urgent of Birmingham's future civil defense needs in the progress report submitted by Dana Whitman, Jr., director of the office of civil defense.

"Since about 1953," the report stated, "this need has been pointed out by previous civil defense directors."

In 1954 permission was secured from the Michigan Bell telephone company for the erection of a Chrysler air raid siren, costing \$7,000, on the roof of their building.

Whitman's report said that federal funds would probably be available to match the amount of local funds used in the purchase.

The Chrysler siren, according to the report, would provide complete coverage for Birmingham. Its sound is distinctive so that it would not be confused with fire signals.

"The change of our general alarm is not desirable as, in large fires, we are still rather dependent upon our paid-pair fire answering the alarm," the report added.

"This problem requires some additional study and consideration," the report continues, "before a definite recommendation for purchase can be made to the city commission during the fiscal year 1956-57."

LISTED AMONG other future needs was purchase of additional communications equipment, the operating of training programs for key personnel and citizens of Birmingham, and an expanded public information program.

Plans are underway to organize training courses in first aid, home nursing and rescue and evacuation. Informal arrangements were made earlier this year with Niki Jones in this area to provide the tornado warning to communities that are in the path of an approaching tornado.

CONTINUING efforts will be

made to improve the warning system for natural disasters, the report said. A tornado warning base, employing radar equipment, operated jointly by several communities, is one possibility.

A temporary control center, one of Birmingham's civil defense needs, has been established. James Abbott, communications director, is installing radio equipment there. Procedures for notifying all civil defense workers during tornado alerts is another of this year's accomplishments.

THE LOCAL civil defense organization, embracing all municipal employees as well as auxiliary policemen, part-paid firemen, and key volunteers, presently provides over 200 individuals who are "quite well trained," according to the progress report.

A \$4,500 appropriation has been allocated for civil defense for the coming year.

The proposed budget included in the report allots \$2,000 for the director's salary; \$200, telephone; \$350, auxiliary police; \$1,000, public information; \$500, equipment; \$150, insurance for the auxiliary police; with the remaining \$150 for miscellaneous expenses.

DURING THE past year, several items of multiple-use equipment have been purchased.

All items are of the type currently used by the Birmingham police, fire and forestry departments, and if never used in a disaster situation would be made available and used over a period of time by these municipal departments, the report said.

Shooting of Dog Deemed Necessary

When a frightened resident reported to Birmingham police that a mad dog was straying through the neighborhood, Sgt. Richard Brown found it necessary to shoot the animal Sunday.

Dog Warden Al Sundell said the dog, owned by T. S. Edwards, 1783 Yorkshire, had been under treatment for a serious case of distemper and was having convulsions.

Story Hour, Movie Stated at Library

Story hour has programmed "Cinderella" and "No Room" from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, to be told by Mrs. Kathleen Burgess at Baldwin public library.

Another in the series of films for elementary and junior high youngsters will be shown Monday. The half-hour movie about Detroit, "Portrait of a City" will be screened at 2 p.m. in the library auditorium.

Two Women Hurt in 3-Car Smashup

TROY—Two women were injured when their car ran a stop sign at Crooks and Long Lake roads and crashed into two other autos, according to Patrolman Robert Mortenson.

Mrs. Lillie Fredericks, 44, of Royal Oak, suffered head injuries and a passenger, Eda Blount, 45, of 3249 Woodside court, Bloomfield township, and arm cuts. Both were admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Mortenson said Mrs. Fredericks' car, eastbound on Long Lake, ran a stop sign and was struck by an auto driven by John F. Lintol Jr., 32, of Lake Orion. The Fredericks car was then pushed into a car driven by Sidney C. Roberson, 45, of 3249 Woodside court, Bloomfield township.

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Jaycees Elect Albert B. Firth As President

The newly-elected president of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce is Albert B. Firth, 33, of 1505 Derby road, Birmingham.

Firth, an automobile salesman at Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc., has been an active Birmingham chapter Jaycee for several years.

Other newly elected officers for the coming year are William Bennett, of Royal Oak, first vice president; Roy M. Nelson, 1516 Henrietta, second vice president; Everett C. Larson, 501 N. Eton, secretary; C. R. Hanson, 583 Broadview, is the new treasurer, and directors are Robert LeMay, 219 S. Williamsbury, and Richard Ernst, 4334 Orchard Hill.

News copy submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

County Highway Planning Gains B'Iram's Support

Plans for future highway development in Oakland county by the county board of supervisors this week received Birmingham city commission's official support.

One addition to the county program expansion of Fourteen Mile as a two-lane primary from Southfield to Orchard Lake road, was urged by Birmingham.

Fourteen Mile, in the county plans, is shown as a four-lane county primary from Stephenson highway to Southfield, then as a two-lane county primary from Orchard Lake to Walled Lake.

INCLUDED in the plans supported were:

An extension of the Southfield expressway, designated as a four-lane traffic artery, northwesterly crossing Maple at Lusher road.

Construction of 4-lane pavement on Coolidge.

Grading this year of Sixteen Mile, shown as a four-lane county primary extending from the Macomb county line to intersect with Southfield at Lusher.

There is presently some doubt as to securing this construction due to projected plans for the Ekergreen interceptor sewer, portion of which will be constructed within the right-of-way of Sixteen Mile between the River Rouge and Chesterfield.

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Leonard Pays Visit
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