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## Communities Eye Sewerage Plant

### Officials Bow To Merchants; Parking Stays

Congestion, particularly in the downtown area, is one of the chief problems confronting Southside today. Commuters attempting to move rapidly through town; local residents en route hurriedly to the downtown shopping district, battling for parking space; pedestrians crossing the street—these are causes of congestion.

And congestion, specifically in the Woodward-Maple business area, was the problem tackled by the Birmingham city commission again Monday night.

Commissioners decided not to accept police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's recommendation to restrict parking on Maple.

Although in favor of such a ban, commissioners bowed to the thinking of merchants and decided to maintain present restrictions.

City officials had requested Moxley to study the situation, and his report Monday night was based on the left turn on Maple and the removal of 4 to 6 p.m. daily.

Removal of all parking on the north side of Maple between Bates and Southfield.

Moxley contended that these steps would permit two lanes of traffic to start forming just east of Bates and move west when the signal turned green, thus eliminating the congestion of cars.

His proposition met with much better response than his previous ones, which complained that the 4 to 6 p.m. ban would hurt business.

After an hour and ten minutes of discussion, Mayor Florence (Mrs. C. Howard) finally suggested that the commission postpone a decision and study the matter further.

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"PERHAPS SOME study of these items could save some of our traffic problems," the mayor stated.

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"CUSTOMER shopping will suffer," said Cummings, if such a ban is imposed.

He pointed out that the greatest number of people are up-town shopping between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., which also is the peak time.

### Here's How Shoe Fits on Other Foot

Madison Heights knows how the shoe fits on the other foot today. Objecting to the proposed change in the city of the proposed 12-town drain, Madison Heights blocked the plan because of the other communities involved had no other recourse than to send their sewage out-pipe through the Red Run watercourse, which flows eastward through Madison Heights.

TODAY, Madison Heights is complaining about pollution of the Red Run. And it has filed in circuit court for an injunction against Birmingham, Oakland County and 11 other area communities to prevent them from using the drain for that purpose.

The Birmingham city claimant. "This building has been in the city's legal counsel to make an appeal in circuit court on the change."

Also named in the bill of complaint are Berkley, Clawson, Farmington, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy and Royal Oak Township.

### Sparks Gives Mural New Sparkle

Painter Joseph Sparks of Detroit (on left) explains how he will go about retouching the mural in the Birmingham post office.



### Communities Financially Healthy

Birmingham and its neighbors of Franklin, Bingham Farms and Wood Creek Farms villages are in ruddy financial health.

All four communities emerged from the battle of the fiscal budget with flying colors and money in the bank.

Likewise the cities of Lathrup and Southfield.

Beverly Hills financial report was not complete at press time. According to Mrs. Fannie Adams, village clerk, auditors are still working on the books and a new system of bookkeeping. She expects the report soon.

BIRMINGHAM FINANCE Director James Parkins and his assistants were unable to supply a figure for the city's total budget surplus. But they confirmed Birmingham would up its fiscal year "in the black" with at least a \$15,000 surplus in the general fund and other funds in healthy shape.

With \$1,262,750 appropriated for the general fund, \$1,348,542 was actually spent.

Auditors are currently going over the city's books to prepare a detailed report for the treasurer and city commission.

The surplus reported by Birmingham's neighbors were small, but in burgeoning young communities striving to keep up with the demand for new and expanded services in the face of continually rising costs, any black ink is pointed with pride.

LEVYING A VILLAGE tax of one mill and a road tax of eight mills for the first time in its history, Franklin budgeted \$18,880 for its general fund and \$19,902 for road construction.

Receiving \$21,591 from sales and intangibles tax, building permits, fines and liquor licenses and in spite of exceeding their budget, expenditures, Franklin still emerged \$2,724 ahead of the game in the general fund.

All but \$19,254 was used of the 8 mill road construction money will continue to operate under the \$667 more than the \$178,888 received from state gas and tax funds. However this was a tax refund. However this was a tax refund.

HOWEVER, HE gave way to the immediacy of the merchants' opinions an aside, "I'm not going to impose anything on them that they would hurt them."

Ingraham also said he would accept the mayor's proposed study if it would include study for a means to relieve downtown congestion.

Commissioner William H. Burgeson said that, if not now, the city some day will have to invoke a parking ban on Maple.

### Maple-Pierce Building In Birmingham Sold

Sale of one of Birmingham's oldest downtown business corners was transacted recently when Mrs. Ruth (Charles J.) Shain sold her property at W. Maple and Pierce to George Cartos of Huntington Woods.

This building, constructed originally in 1860, house Shain's Druggery, Sherman's Shoes and Mortimer's men's furnishings. These concerns will continue to operate under the new building ownership.

The sale price was not disclosed. "This building has been in the possession of my late husband and myself for 50 years, and naturally, we've had a strong sentiment concerning its various contributions to our community," Mrs. Shain said.

"At one time it housed the general office of the Birmingham Telephone & Telegraph Co. and was the headquarters of the Birmingham Telephone & Telegraph Co. and was the headquarters of the Birmingham Telephone & Telegraph Co."

### To Join Against Detroit, County

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### Plan New Bank Here

The Detroit Bank and Trust company announced today that it plans to build a unique banking office at Woodward and Oakland in Birmingham offering, principally, automobile drive-in and pedestrian walk-up facilities.

In addition, there will be one or more customary teller windows inside the lobby for transactions that require special attention.

In making the announcement, president Raymond T. Perring, 645 Yarbrough, Bloomfield Hills, said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity of expanding our banking facilities better to serve the needs of downtown Birmingham and surrounding communities."

The decision to build a fourth office in Birmingham was made after exhaustive studies showed that it was impractical to provide automobile drive-in and pedestrian walk-up service at the existing offices.

"WE HAD hoped for an earlier announcement, but delays in land acquisition and construction prevented action until this time. We were extremely pleased when we had the opportunity to fulfill this hope."

"Studies indicate that Birmingham needs this unusual style of banking installation. It supplements and broadens to the fullest the facilities of our two downtown Birmingham offices at Woodward-Hamilton and the Wabash office and will bring the latest available banking services close to the economic heart of the city. The new office will be contemporary, blending the architecture to harmonize with newer buildings near-by and the character of the community."

### Religious Art Show Extended to 4 Weeks

More than 100 artists have accepted invitations to show their work in the national religious art exhibition to be held Oct. 3 to 31 in Birmingham.

Exhibition officials said exhibitors have prompted a change in dates, extending the show to four weeks. Originally, it was scheduled to run for only 10 days.

William Woulfeaton, curator in charge of the exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts and a member of the general committee, said the number of early acceptances by outstanding artists, plus the highly successful showing of the best in contemporary religious art.

"It is significant that more than one-fourth of the persons to whom invitations were sent have already indicated they will exhibit this year," he said.

"THIS IS the best evidence we have that this exhibition, which has achieved national prominence. All sections of the country will be represented, including as such names as Virgil Cantini, Robert Davidson, Charles Eckhardt, Marjorie Strengell, Edna Bartley Jeffrey.

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