

Signal Light Parts Bidding Limited To Two Companies

By voice consent, Birmingham city commissioners this week decided to limit bidding on traffic signal needs to the Eagle Signal company, Moline, Ill., and the Cruse-Hinds company, Syracuse, N. Y.

Ralph W. Moxley, who explained that the department relies on the traffic signal division of the Oakland county road commission for maintenance of traffic signals. This division reports that only the above named firms carry signal repair parts in stock at the present time. Plans call for replacement of obsolete equipment at six intersections and possible installation of new equipment at two other intersections, Moxley said. Available for this purpose is a total of \$5,653.83.

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Business and Politics

Cong. William Broomfield came to Birmingham the other day to discuss issues with local businessmen. With him are (from left) Henry Johnson, president, Birmingham Federal Savings & Loan; Harvey Kresge, president, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Broomfield; Art Lake, Lake

Jewelers; and Richard Wilson, Wilson Drugs. They discussed state and federal aid to education, Michigan's stand on Fair Trade practices, the budget for national defense and the effect of state and local taxes on business.

Run

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engine in Decoration Day parades down Woodward.

Merritt would like to have "Old 99" as a keeppace and also to give neighborhood kids a few kicks by taking them for Sunday runs.

"Like other kids said Merritt, "I was just crazy about fire engines."

Olsen's been in here so many times measuring and checking the old pump," said Peppereil, "it'll break his heart if he doesn't get it." He's even showed up with a yardstick to see if he can squeeze the engine in his garage.

ALTHOUGH IT'S a mite too long, Merritt says he has access to other larger garages.

Asked if he thought he could keep in in "as good a shape" as the fellows at the fire house, Merritt chuckled and said, "I'd probably find a good furniture polish and try to keep up with the shines it got at the station."

The frustrating thing is that nobody seems to have the slightest idea as to what level to begin the bidding.

"People keep calling in for hints on the bidding," said Peppereil, "but we don't know ourselves where to start."

The fire department has received several sealed bids to date with the public opening of the bids scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at the Chesterfield Fire Station.

ONCE THE BIDS are opened, each bidder will have one final chance to bid again in an amount of not less than five per cent above the highest bid.

The city commission will then determine who gets "Old 99" upon the recommendation of the fire department.

"Old 99" isn't just any fire engine. It has quite a history.

Peppereil recalls the controversy that dragged on before the purchase of the American LaFrance model 75 pumper. There seemed to be some doubt among city officials whether the city should lay out the money for a pumper.

"WE'VE GOT a ladder engine and that should be enough," was the talk around town.

When it came to fires, the department relied on relaying water from River Rouge at the W. Maple bridge and that seemed to work pretty well.

But a major fire at the Field building on Maple where Danby's now stands, which necessitated going to Fontaine for the proper equip-

Contractor Granted Extension of Time

An extension of time of 59 days has been granted to the O'Angela and Policelli Construction company for completion of the Southfield-Northland-Pleasant arterial water main from 15 Mile to Maple.

Because the contractor made "a genuine attempt to complete the work within the specified time," Birmingham city commissioners this week decided to grant the extension without payment of damages for the delay. Scheduled completion date was Sept. 8.

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Four Homes Burglarized In Birmingham

Four Birmingham homes were broken into this week, each thoroughly ransacked, according to Birmingham police detectives.

Two of the break-ins were discovered last Thursday and two more on Monday.

More than \$775 in cash, linens and other items were taken last Thursday from the home of Elgin Gillespie, 2320 Northlawn, Birmingham.

Gillespie told police he left the house about 5 p.m. and returned at 8. Burglars, who broke into the home through a door in the breezeway, ransacked the home, looting the bedrooms and linen closet.

A wrist watch, transistor radio and old coins were also taken.

THE WILLIAM Logan home, 1220 W. 14 Mile road, was also entered last Thursday, according to police. The home was empty, they said, because Logan had not yet moved in.

THE HOMES of Charles H. Welch, Jr., 1338 Latham, and Daniel M. McLaughlin, 1581 W. Lincoln, Monday were reported entered.

Old coins, \$15 in cash and other things were taken from the McLaughlin home. Welch, out of town when the burglary occurred, has not yet determined what was taken.

DET. LT. MERLIN L. Holmquist, noting the increase in burglaries, has cautioned residents to be alert for suspicious circumstances or persons.

"Please notify the police department or neighbors when you will be out of town," Det. Holmquist asked. He also advised residents to leave a light on in the house when no one is home.

B'field Man Named Vice-Chairman Of Air Reserve Unit

Col. John W. Richardson, 612 Bennington drive, Bloomfield Hills, has been appointed vice chairman of the Fifth Air Force reserve region. Col. Richardson will head the reserve augmentation staff at the region headquarters at Selfridge Air Base, Mt. Clemens.

His civilian job is manager of automotive fabric sales department with E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and company, Detroit office.

Col. Richardson is a member of the Bloomfield Hills country club, The Detroit Athletic club and the

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Two Hearings Set

The hearing for confirmation of the roll for Island View parking lot is set for Monday and Woodward lot will be held Nov. 7, Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night.

Thus, this hearing will be held on the same night as that for the second of Island View drive, Park street and a driveway involved in the parking lot project.

"YOU CAN'T BEAT those automatic starters and heated cabs," said Peppereil.

The money received from the sale of "Old 99" will go into the general city revenue fund.

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