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The lines of ad copy in the AAA BUDGET STORE SQUIBB ad of Nov. 29 which read: "Get it from the man your doctor trusts... your pharmacist" inadvertently appeared in this advertisement. This copy was part of a prepared ad and did not apply to this store—as no pharmacy is maintained at this store, nor was there any intent to imply that a pharmacy existed at the AAA BUDGET STORE, at Maple and Woodward.



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City Faces Decision On Oakland Widening

Should Oakland Ave. be widened for one block only or for three blocks?

This question faces Birmingham city commissioners and the city administration today.

Commissioners directed City Manager L. R. Gare Monday night to prepare a report on "a total project" as soon as possible.

In a written report submitted to the commission this week, Gare pointed out that he had submitted cost estimates in January, 1961, for widening the street between Woodward and Hunter.

THOSE ESTIMATES included the cost for the single block between Woodward and Ferndale and for the two additional blocks between Ferndale and Hunter.

Widening would be either 13 or 16 feet, all to be taken from the south side of the street. Total cost for the single block, including land acquisition and construction, was estimated at \$36,800.

For the other two blocks, the cost was placed at \$56,750.

Legal fees in event of condemnation were not included, Gare explained.

And condemnation may become necessary.

GARE POINTED out that at their Jan. 9, 1961, meeting the commissioners authorized him to negotiate for purchase of the 16-foot-wide strip along the south side of Oakland between Woodward and Ferndale.

Two property owners are in-

voled. One has indicated that he would be willing to give the City an option for his property, although an adjustment in the negotiated price might be necessary, Gare stated.

The second owner, however, has failed to give the City a definite answer.

"IT APPEARS to me now," said Gare, "that the commission must determine if it wishes to proceed with this project and if so, then... the attorney should be instructed to prepare the necessary condemnation resolutions for the acquisition of the property."

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juvenile officer of the local police department. But this service was stopped by court order that year, because it was "an unauthorized practice."

GARE SAID the number of juvenile court cases here in 1960 and 1961 "appears to be disproportionately high when compared to neighboring communities on a juvenile population - court case basis."

"Regardless of what other communities are doing and ignoring statistical comparisons in which all the factors are not known or should not be compared," said Gare, "it is unfortunate that somewhere between 54 and 62 of our approximately 1,900 thirteen-through-sixteen-year-old juvenile population are becoming the subjects of juvenile court records."

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This & That

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Funny manner of thinking some people have... not too long ago President Kennedy called Khrushchev a liar because the Russian declared that the military stuff he landed in Cuba was only "defensive" not "offensive." Actually, it was weapons that were solely for the purpose of reaching the U.S.A. Yet, when Khrushchev tells Kennedy that he has already moved big missiles from Cuba, and will do likewise with all other "offensive military weapons," our President believes K... even though our own agencies have not actually seen those missiles close-up. Mr. Kennedy either has a short memory or else a naive and trusting soul.

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