

B'ham Considers Charter Amendment

by George R. Averill

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Birmingham Board of Education awarded construction contracts to chaining 4883-444 for school additions at a special meeting Tuesday nieth. The board accepted low his for The board sceepted low his for and electrical work upon the recommendation of Birmingham architect Linn Smith. went to Lealic Construction to of Ferndale for general construction at a cost of struction to of Ferndale for general construction at a cost of struction of Nermodale for general construction at a cost of struction of Ferndale for general construction at a cost of struction of the struction of Ferndale for general construction at a cost of the struction of the structure of the structur

trie Co. of Detroit for elegical work at \$37,755.

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pieted for the fall school term.

IN OTHER ACTION the board designated Tarapata and MacMahon Associates, inc., of Bloomfold Gluster Hills, as architects for the new built on the Valley Woods and the Towns 14 Mile and Bellevine Roads. The board's decision came after constitution of the MacMahon and the Towns 14 Mile and Bellevine Roads. The board's decision came after constitution with the MacMahon and the Towns obsulted in the MacMahon and the Towns 14 Miles and Bellevine Roads. The board's decision came after constitution with the MacMahon and MacMahon and MacMahon and the MacMahon and MacMaho

Ford Is Seeking Award Nominees

2 to 5 p.m. daily, except Monday.

DIRECTOR OF Education Roger
Crispell said the addition of new
the enlarged facilities occupied last
June by the BAA. Crispell said a
record number of 142 adults enterminated and control of the control
Students come from as far away
as Brighton, Clarkston, Lake Orion,
Plains to study with well-known
ratisst and craftsmen, he said.

Cerminat and sculptor Stona
current composition. Mondays from
9:30 to noon for advanced, to
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Jan. 31, 1992. Nomination forms the contribution of the contribu

AUTOMATIC GATES are installed at each entrance. Parkers will still use both entrances but will leave at only the Woodware exit, thus making possible the one man operation for payment of park

exit, thus making possible the one-man operation for payment of park-ing tickets. Gare explained that the single man set-up will be conducted on a trial basis to determine whether it should be continued throughout the year, except for peak periods such as during the Christmas season.

Talk on Michigan

Ceramist and esuiptor Sees Milten instructs a class in "Sculb-ture Composition" Mondays from 9:30 to non for advanced, 13:30 p.m. for beginning, and 7 to 75 p

Behind Our Front Page





Realtors Receive Fire Safety Award

Fire Chief Park Smith (second from tation was made Friday. Based on a firm's partment's fifth annual certificate of merit for fire safety to Ferd M. Broock (second from left) and Fred Pew (extreme right) of Max Broock Inc. as Fire Marshal George Max Broock Inc. as Fire Marshal George Max Broock is chairman of the board and Pew is president of the real estate stallation of fire walls and catwalks at several of the buildings.

Bank Exec Planning Busy Retirement



Old Hands--New Vistas

Two long-time Birmingham residents exchange information on plans for retirement activities. Former Publisher of The Eccentric, George R. Averill, (left), claiming a few months retirement seniority, gives Herbert H. Gardner a few tips on "slowing down." Gardner, who retired as a senior vice president of the Detroil Bank and Trust Co. last week, wears a look that seems to say, "look who's talking."

Exchange Club Plans B'ham Business Volume Exceeds Quota in 1961

NEW YORK — Birmingham's of hard goods, such as cars and business indicators are moving upward. Local consumers, armed with a such as the s memoration data a gathered from assets were at a high level and were made not all takes in every section of the fiscal year, in the six months cedured during the latter part of the fiscal year, in the six months ending June 30. They look part of the fiscal year, in the six months ending June 30. They look part of the fiscal year, in the six months ending June 30. They look part of personal taxes, at \$84,047,000 and taxes, at \$84,047,000 and \$

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He will remain active president of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co.
He will remain active president will succeed Gardner.
He will remain active companies in addition to contributing his services to the Birmingham Community House, Kaiamazoo College, Oakland Hespital Authority, Birmingham's municipal retirement program and Cranbrook schools.
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AFTER A TRIP to Arizona in February with old friend and february with old friend and former publisher of The Birming-ham Eccentric Cartner hope to vist Europe.

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BECAUSE THE "only avenue to ge education, if one han the evenings, was at College of Law," Gard a law degree in 1916. (See EXEC., 5-A)

Warner Drops Out Of Race for Mayor

Asks Rewording Of Ballot Question

By KEN/WEAVER
Managing Editor

Birmingham city commissioners are expected to act next Monday the spring election, to amend the city charter.

They debased a proposed amendative city charter, the city attorney to reword it and report back next week.

The amendment would affect the Under the present charter provision, the City must publish in a newspaper circulating within the With the codification of city commissioners asked the city for the codification of laws asked Mayor provision, the City must publish in a newspaper circulating within the With the codification of city commissioners asked asked the provision of the codification of city commissioners asked the city and the codification of city commissioners asked the city and the codification of city commissioners asked the city and the codification of laws asked Mayor provision the city must publish in a newspaper circulating with the codification of laws asked Mayor provision the city must publish in a newspaper circulating the publishing of city commissioners asked the city and report because the commissioners asked the city commissioners asked Mayor provision the city must publish in a newspaper circulating with the codification of laws, asked Mayor provision the city must publish in a newspaper circulating with the codification of laws, asked Mayor provision the city must publish in a newspaper circulating with the world the city must publish the codification of laws, asked Mayor provision of the city must publish in a newspaper circulating with the world the provision of the city of the city and the city of the city and the city of the city

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Propose of proposed Charter Proposed amendments to be printing in a public place as manufacture with the proposed amendment and the proposed amendment and the proposed amendment of the proposed amendment of the proposed amendment and the proposed amendment of the proposed amend

AN EDITORIAL

Assure the Opportunity

Birmingham city commissioners must be given credit r the noble goal they have in mind in seeking to amend

for the noble goal they have in mind in seeking to amend the city charter. Conscious of the load on taxpayers, they wish to avert heavy costs of publishing a lengthy codification (simplified listing) of city ordinances.

The only way this can be done is to change the charter to make possible some method of informing the public other than by publishing in a newspaper, as is now resuired.

required.

Commissioners debated a proposed amendment Tuesday night that would provide an alternative and offered two other possible methods. (See story above for details.)

The Three alternatives discussed were:
Posting of ordinances in a public place, publishing a summary in a newspaper, publishing a notice that an ordinance had been passed and was available at city half or public viewing.
We agree that in the case of codification, posting in a public place would be sufficient inasmuch as the laws being coded have already been published. But as worled Tuesday night, the proposed amendment makes no guarantee that any ordinance would be published in a newspaper. It provides that ordinances be EITHER published or posted.
City Manager L. R. Gare said it would be advisable to publish new ordinances.

NOW, WE don't doubt that under the present administration this practice would be followed. But there is no assurance, no guarantee that subsequent administrations would adhere to it.

The Eccentric believes that all new laws should be published, because given the opportunity to read the Citizens should be given the opportunity to read the cornot. The important thing is to have them available. Citizens are more likely to read them in a newspaper, delivered to their homes or purchased nearby, than at a public posting.

The newspaper is the best medium for informing the public.

AT THE VERY minimum, we believe that at least notices of adoption of laws should be published. This would at least serve the intent of informing the public. Lest it be said that we are concerned about the prospect of losing advertising revenue, let us point out here and now that publishing of city ordinances provides only a small amount of our income. Publishing of laws is a traditional basic requirement for municipalities. It offers protection to the people against possible improper legislation, by making it possible for them to keep informed.

Birmingham should not be the city to break this tradition, it should not be the first to remove this basic requirement.