

**Commission Accepts Tree Sprayer Bid**

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night authorized purchase of a tree sprayer for the parks and forestry department.

Acting on recommendation of DFW Supt. T. C. Brien, they accepted the low bid of \$4,320 from the C. E. Anderson Co. A used tree sprayer is to be traded in for \$250.



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**Seek Personnel For Federal Aviation Agency**

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced a new examination for filling positions of aviation safety officer, paying from \$2,355 to \$8,955 a year, and airplane pilot, paying from \$6,435 to \$10,635 a year in the Federal Aviation Agency.

A few positions will be filled in Washington, D. C. but most are located throughout the United States. The positions involve considerable travel.

**NO WRITTEN TEST** is required. Applicants must have had progressively responsible experience in aviation activities pertinent to the optional area for which they apply. A specific number of flying hours is also required for some of the positions.

Announcements and application forms may be obtained from many post offices throughout the country or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

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**Paved Roads on Increase In Central, South America**

Paved road mileage in 16 Central and South American countries increased 53 per cent from 1958 to 1960. It was reported recently at the Automotive Engineering Congress and Exposition.

Paved road mileage in 1968 was 18,049 miles compared to 27,028 miles at the end of 1960, according to a paper delivered by Robert O. Swain, executive director, International Road Federation.

SWAIN SAID work progress has been encouraging on the Pan American Highway System, which will provide all-weather land communication between North and South America, but it is impossible to forecast a completion date because of the obstacle of the Darien section of Columbia and Panama.

The Pan American Highway System today is 50 per cent paved and only 3 1/2% of the route still defers vehicular travel.

"HOWEVER," Swain said, "just because enormous strides have been made toward the ultimate realization of the Pan Am system, it does not mean that there is not a lot of hard work remaining before the average motorist can sample the fruits of an uninterrupted first class highway."

When completed the Pan American highway will stretch from Alaska to Chile and link most of the major cities of North and South America.

**OF THE ECONOMIC** aspects of the highway, Swain said "The impact the completed Pan American Highway System will have already has been made abundantly clear. With a multiplicity of feeder roads tying into the system already opened vast agricultural, timber, mining, and industrial areas to exploitation."

Because of the Alliance for Progress program of the Kennedy Administration, Swain said, it is expected that great progress will be made in the expanded program for highways in Latin America.

"ALREADY," Swain said, "man-

many plans with adequate financing are in the history of South and Central America.

At the end of 1960 Brazil with 6,102 had the most miles of paved roads in Latin America while Argentina was second with 5,250 and Venezuela third with 5,091. Honduras with 83 miles had the least.

**Phrase Added To Ballot Proposition**

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved a slight change in the ballot question for the April 2 general election.

To be added to the question is a phrase that will authorize inclusion in codification of laws provisions that may not already be contained in any ordinance.

The ballot proposition seeks an amendment to the city charter to make possible the putting in a public place of the codification of City ordinances.

AS NOW worded the specific ballot question will read:

"Should the City be authorized to publish any codification of City ordinances by printing copies of such codification and making such copies available for public inspection and for distribution to the public at a reasonable charge therefor as an alternative method of publishing such codification by printing it in full in a newspaper circulating within the City, and to authorize inclusion in such codification provisions that may not already be contained in any City ordinance."

Purpose of the amendment is to authorize publication of the codification in a newspaper and thus save the City several thousand dollars.

**Use of 'Short Form' Saves Time, Effort Tax Bureau Says**

The Internal Revenue Service announces Monday that each year more and more taxpayers are saving time and effort by using the "short form" 1040-A income tax return.

Taxpayers can use the Form 1040-A if their wages, subject to withholding, are less than \$10,000. Up to \$200 can be shown on the 1040-A if it is from interest, dividends, or wages not subject to withholding. However, if any combination of income adds up to \$10,000 or more, taxpayers cannot use the Form 1040-A.

R. L. Nixon, district director of Internal Revenue, urges all taxpayers to investigate the possibility of using this simplified return, Form 1040-A.

**Group Objects To Rezoning For Parking**

A group of residents who protested to a proposed rezoning during a plan board hearing last week appeared before the Birmingham City Commission Monday night.

The group objects to a plan to rezone a series of eight blocks of triangular lots at the west side of Woodward between Lincoln and

Bird from two-family residential to parking.

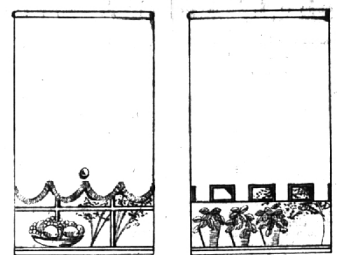
Involved are lots behind Birmingham Drugs and Uncle John's Pancake House.

**SPEAKING FOR** the group Monday night was Louis A. Raab, 912 Ruffner. He said property owners would be notified of that hearing and could be heard at that time.

properties would be devaluated by approximately \$1,000 if the rezoning was approved.

Mayor Florence H. Wittke informed the group that once the plan board makes its recommendation to the commission a public hearing will be called. Abutting property owners would be notified of that hearing and could be heard at that time.

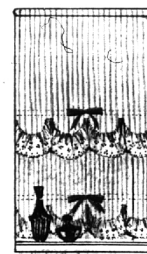
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**Ge, Thanks, But No Thanks, Congressman**

Thanks, but no thanks, Birmingham city commissioners said in effect Monday night to Cong. William S. Broomfield.

He directed City Manager L. R. Gare to arrange a meeting with Broomfield (R., Royal Oak) when he returns to the city for the Republicans' Lincoln Day banquet.

Commissioners are not satisfied with a bill Broomfield recently introduced in Congress to exempt the city from local improvements from the Federal income tax.

They feel that his measure is "all-inclusive" and thus will never pass.

Birmingham's wish is to win exemptions for certain local improvements, especially municipal parking lots. The commission had written Broomfield expressing its views before he introduced his bill.

**2 Birmingham Men To Observe OTAC Equipment in Alaska**

U. S. Army Ordnance Tank-Automotive Command (OTAC) specialists are going north for the winter.

Sixteen Detroit-area employees will observe performance of OTAC tanks and trucks in Arctic tests at Ft. Wainwright and Ft. Greely, Alaska, late this month and in February.

OTAC IS responsible for designing, developing and providing the U. S. Army with tracked and wheeled vehicles capable of operating in any place in the world for maintaining such vehicles.

William N. Weak, 7171 Riverstone, Birmingham, a Combat Vehicle Design engineer, will leave next Thursday, Paul D. Denn, 2601 Buckingham, Birmingham, a supervisory automotive research and design engineer, will leave Feb. 8.

**Deficiency Roll OK'd for Lot 5**

City commissioners directed the city assessor Monday to spread a deficiency roll of \$16,633.98 for Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 in downtown Birmingham.

Total cost of the lot was reported at \$50,094.51, including \$501,782.11 for cost of land and \$36,212.40 for construction.

The roll was spread originally on the basis of an estimated total of \$550,000, with benefiting property owners to pay 40 per cent.

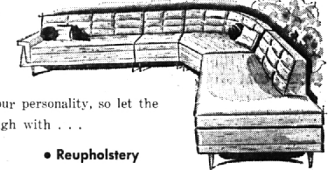
Construction of the 400-space lot in the Willis-Bates area is virtually completed.



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