

Renew Efforts For 14 Mile Relief Sewer

Birmingham is renewing efforts to initiate action on the proposed 14 Mile Road relief sewer.

City Manager L. R. Gare reported to city commissioners Monday night on the status of the sewer. He said he had been informed that Beverly Hills engineers have started a survey on the entire Acaia Drain district that will be completed within 60 days.

Commissioner Carl Ingraham wondered if Birmingham would have to pay the entire cost of the 14 Mile sewer, proposed for the area east of Southfield and north of 14 Mile, if it were the sole petitioner.

Commissioner William H. Bursum asked the city administration to gather information relative to cost, length of time needed to prepare drawings and plans, time factor in obtaining state approval and the extent of basement flooding in the area in 1960 and 1961.

INASMUCH AS the project dates back to the request from 63 petitioners in January, 1960, commissioners questioned whether Birmingham should proceed alone rather than await Beverly's decision on joint participation.

Commissioner Charles Renfrew asked if some action could be taken by working through the health department.

Gare was directed to check back on the subject further and report back to the commission.

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Golden Keys to Birmingham

Receiving golden keys to the city from Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett were four foreign students attending Seaholm High School under the Michigan Council of Churches and American Field Service programs. From left (above) are Mayor Willett with Rolfraud Breisenick, of Germany, and Nilla Wennerberg, of Sweden. Boys in rear are (from left) Peter Hotzl, of Austria, and Chris Hoffman, of Germany. At right, at Groves High School

(are from left) Bruce Risk and Groves Principal Charles E. Lundy; sharing the moment with Bruce's "brother" for the year, Hans Kupper, of Switzerland, following presentation of a key to Hans. The ceremonies were a follow-up to the city commission's formal welcome extended to the foreign students last October.

Derby to Present Two-Day Exhibit Of Science Work

Derby Junior High School will hold its second annual Science Fair Tuesday and Wednesday in the school gymnasium. Hours on opening day will be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third place winners with 10 honorable mentions in each of the three grades; seventh eighth and ninth.

THE JUDGING will take place Monday evening. Preliminary judging will be done by five judges from the Engineering Society of Detroit. Final judging will be done by two Barnum Junior High School teachers, F. Radloff and Dale MacGrady.

The fair which will be open to the public, will include exhibits of projects prepared in science classes at Derby.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS will be a project that has been conducted by Mrs. M. Decker's science class over a month-long period. The exhibit will feature experiments conducted on a white rat that has been subjected to a series of tests involving the "aging" of airplane glue. The detrimental effect of such a practice will be graphically shown.

Move the Cars, Move the Streets; But Don't Remove the Trees!

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

Sacred are the trees! In Birmingham, you don't cut down a tree unless you have a health certificate saying it has died of old age.

And everyone knows that trees live practically forever.

Street widening programs, curbs, sidewalks—all give way to trees in Birmingham, "the city of the trees."

Now there's a tree on Westchester St. just south of Maple Road that's causing us a little concern.

It seems that it gets in the way of moving vehicles.

SAID JOHN W. Sigler, M.D., residing at 1356 Greenlawn, in a letter to the city commission: "And is to call your attention to a potentially lethal driving hazard. In the course of events a lonely tree has been removed from the very center of Westchester St. . . .

"As are so many streets in Birmingham, Westchester is lined with young trees, not only adding to the beauty of the street but also outlining the lateral boundaries of the thoroughfare."

It would be a miracle if some unsuspecting driver would not sooner or later hit this tree. Let's remove this hazard before tragedy strikes."

THIS TREE, mind you, has been under consideration here for the commission a number of times. Each time, a decision was made to delay its demise.

The last time being last week. Commissioner Bill Bursum, concerned about safety, said, cut the tree down.

But colleague Bob Page said, no, they'd better hear from the residents on Westchester first.

No need to call in all of them, said Mayor Willett; just the property owner involved. Explain the history of tree

and of the young ones planted in recent years and now budding into adolescence, was the idea.

IT WOULD BE appropriate to contact them all, said Page, who already had talked to some residents. Some agree, some disagree that the tree should go.

Can't see any reason to cut it down at this time, said Treeling Page.

Rather save a life than a tree, commented Commissioner Ralph Main.

Hesitate to take action without proper notice to the property owners, said the man who sits next to Main—Charles Renfrew.

THAT WAS last week, with Manager Dick Gare—the man who's ultimately responsible for all trees, just as he is for all other matters in the city—to report back this week.

So, Monday night. Nothing happened. Nobody mentioned the sacred tree on Westchester.

Ground-Breaking For County Drain Set for Saturday

Official ground-breaking ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday to inaugurate the start of construction in South Oakland County of the 12-Towns Relief Drains project.

The ground-breaking will take place at 12 Mile Road and Stephenson Highway in Madison Heights.

Communities in the Birmingham area that will be served by the facility are parts of Birmingham, Southfield, Troy and Beverly Hills.

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B'ham Schools Receive Honors In Music Festival

Students from Groves, Barnum, Derby and Seaholm Schools placed in the two top divisions of district four's third annual Michigan Band and Orchestra Festival Saturday.

A total of 312 Birmingham students participated in the event which was held at Fraser and Doro High Schools.

GROVES JUNIOR High Orchestra, directed by Joan Gasaway, earned a division two final rating.

ON SATURDAY, the Seaholm and Groves senior bands will play at Troy High School. The Seaholm band, directed by Robert Kutcher, will play at 10:30 a.m. The Groves senior band at 11:25 a.m. The Groves Junior High band will play at 2:15.

Planning Board Tables Rezoning Request by Doctor

City Planner William R. Brownfield has recommended that the Birmingham Planning Board deny a request for rezoning of land on the northeast corner of Hazel and Elm.

The planning board tabled the matter pending a report from the consultant in a study of additional business (B-1) zone lands in the city in connection with the 701 Master Plan.

Brownfield's recommendation for denial of Dr. John Wood's rezoning request to construct a doctor's office on the site cited five objections.

BROWNFIELD said the construction of such a building would increase traffic on Hazel and surrounding streets; would increase on-street parking on Hazel and Elm; and would introduce a non-compatible use.

He also said the change would involve side and front lot lines where the side lines of residential district and where front lot lines are set back from a residential district. Finally, Brownfield said there might be possible increased flow of storm water runoff created by such a building.

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Snow, Ice Removal Leave DPW Deficit

If you're wondering just how much snow Birmingham has had this winter, consider the report from DPW Supt. T. C. Brien on snow and ice removal.

Expenditures through Feb. 18, Brien told city commissioners, are nearly double the amount budgeted.

Through Feb. 18, a total of \$23,691.35 had been spent for labor, hauling salt, rental of extra equipment and material. Since \$12,143 was budgeted for this purpose, the present deficit is \$11,548.35.

"A severe winter, beginning approximately Dec. 1, has contributed to the present deficit," said Brien.

City Manager L. R. Gare said, however, that no appropriation will be requested until after the final ratings.

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