

City Engineer Recommends Two-Way Peripheral Route

One-way streets have more disadvantages than advantages, concludes Birmingham City Engineer William T. Killen in a report on the city's proposed peripheral route. Killen recommends that the peripheral route, intended to provide traffic relief for the downtown portion of Maple Road, should be a two-way thoroughfare.

The proposed route would circle the central business district along Chester Street on the west, joining with Brown on the south, Brownell on the east and Willis on the north. The proposal is part of the Central Business District development plan.

THE Birmingham City Commission has tabled consideration of the proposed route, pending introduction on an alternate plan by Commissioner Ralph A. Main. Killen told City Manager L. R. Gare that one-way streets force motorists to drive extra distances

to reach certain locations. The one-way traffic confuses motorists, particularly out-of-towners, Killen pointed out.

He added that businesses along one-way streets suffer from loss of traffic in a second direction. The one-way routes create an additional problem by encouraging use of local residential streets as "short cuts."

KILLEN said traffic experts recommended establishing one-way streets only when a nearby parallel street can accommodate traffic moving in the opposite direction.

The lack of nearby parallel streets, Killen believes, would be another disadvantage if the peripheral route were one-way.

The engineer's report outlined advantages of one-way streets, too. They accommodate more traffic than two-way streets. They increase traffic speed by eliminating opposing streams of cars.

One-way streets also reduce accident rates, and improve pedestrian movement. They permit passing of slow-moving vehicles on streets otherwise too congested for passing maneuvers.

"IT APPEARS to me," concluded Killen, "that a two-way route would be about as good as a one-way route would create some inconvenience for already oriented traffic.

"Therefore," he said, "I feel that the peripheral route should be two-way."

Killen's one-way route would be 61 feet from curb to curb with a 15-foot median strip (divisional island) for trees and landscaping.

ALONG WITH the aesthetic value of the plantings, the median would reduce the accident rate and provide control of cross and turning traffic. It would permit left-turning vehicles to be separated from the traffic flow in a protected case, Killen said.

Other advantages Killen listed for medians include provision of pedestrian refuges and a decrease in traffic signals needed. The median

Note of Glamor To Spark County GOP Activities

All Oakland County girls interested in a position as an "Oakland Girl" for the county Republican organization have been invited to attend a special meeting on March 28 at 8 p.m.

The meeting, to be held at Oakland County Republican Headquarters, 744 South Adams, Birmingham, has been called by County Chairman Charles L. Lyle to give the girls an opportunity to learn the purpose and duties of the "Oakland Girl" program.

First initiated during the 1900 political campaign, the "Oakland Girl" program was set up as an adjunct to regular party activities in an effort to lend a little glamour to special events and meetings.

"MANY GIRLS have already advised us of their desire to participate in the program," Lyle said, "but the March 28 meeting will be open to all county girls who are interested."

"At the meeting," Lyle continued, "the girls will have the opportunity to meet each other, to see the design and material for their dresses and will be given the complete details of their duties as Oakland Girls."

The girls, ages 16 to 30, will serve as the Republican party's guides to guests and usherettes at party functions.

"Requirements for participation," Lyle concluded, "are girls who are single, willing to work, attractive and have the spare time necessary for the program."

REPUBLICANS are hopeful in getting girls from all county districts and areas to participate in the program.

Young women interested in a position as an "Oakland Girl" may attend the March 28 meeting or call Mrs. W. Kenneth Boutte, program co-ordinator, at GOP Headquarters.

Brooke Michal, of Birmingham, will serve as director of the "Oakland Girl" program.

The early Incas may have had the first charge accounts. Peruvian Indians recorded debts by tying knots in colored cords at definite intervals.

Records for enemy shipping sunk by U. S. submarines are held by the USS Flasher which sank 100,231 tons of Japanese shipping, while the USS Tautog holds the record for the most ships—25.

B'ham Man Receives Professional Award

Don Miller, 2351 Yorkshire, Birmingham, was presented with an award Tuesday night by the Detroit chapter of the American Women in Radio and Television.

Miller, radio-television production supervisor for Campbell Ewald, has directed several Grand Prix winning commercials.

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Romney Describes Con-Con Progress

George Romney of Bloomfield Hills Friday predicted "amazing progress" for Michigan's Constitutional Convention.

In the same breath, the Republican gubernatorial candidate for governor asked for an energetic, irrefragable and exaggerated statements from "critics and obstructionists" on the lack of progress in Con-Con.

Romney's views were expressed before an audience of 800 persons attending an Adercraft Club luncheon in the Statler Hilton Hotel.

A VICE PRESIDENT of Con-Con, Romney, who is forestalling his campaign for governor until major Con-Con decisions have been resolved, promised his audience that his speech would not be political because of his non-campaigning pledge and the fact that he accepted the engagement long before he announced his gubernatorial candidacy.

According to his current evaluation of Con-Con goals, Romney said that 75 per cent of the objectives "that anyone will agree are ideal," will be achieved by Con-Con.

He outlined at least eight major proposals which, if approved, would individually more than pay for the cost of financing Con-Con. Some of these have already been approved, he said.

AMONG THE PROPOSALS mentioned were the civil rights clause which has been approved; elimination of spring elections; reorganization of the educational, executive, and administrative setups; raising the state debt limit; giving home rule to counties; and revising procedure for filling Supreme Court posts.

Romney referred to Con-Con progress as including "an amazing number" of improvements, especially in the face of opposition.

He said Con-Con would have been "destroyed at the start" if

the 99-Republican members among 147 delegates had declined against exercising restraint and organizing on a non-partisan basis.

THE GUBERNATORIAL candidate listed essential Con-Con benefits as being greater unity, improvement of the national impression of the state, important first move in stopping the flow of power to Washington, and a means of breaking Michigan a leader among the states.

Police Lt. Reed Attends Meeting At East Lansing

The public's right to know doesn't necessarily include everything that goes on in a police department, according to a veteran Flint police reporter.

Police news should not be based necessarily on what will make a good story, which in turn will help to sell papers, but on what is in the light of general community interest, said Sgt. William Reed, Michigan Journal at a conference of Michigan law enforcement administrators, Michigan State University Friday.

PARTICIPATING in the conference was Lt. William Reed of the Birmingham Police Department.

Occurrences of police brutality, graft and incompetence, which Wagor admitted were in the minority today, should be reported. But he added, such events as misconduct firings and the ordinary day-to-day trials are not really news and should not be reported as such.

Wagor suggested two ways in which police departments could further better police-public relations.

FIRST, he said a good police department doesn't attempt to hide a story. The story may never reach print, but police officials should not attempt to hide police activities under a self-conceived bushel.

Second, he advised the policemen to be honest with reporters. News-men, he said, are paid to report the truth, and will do so if the truth is given them.

In conclusion, Wagor pointed out that if a police department is doing an effective job of law enforcement, this can be passed along by the police reporter to the general public through the press.

To Develop 68-Lot Site In B'field Hills

Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, Inc. this week announced the sale to Harry Shapiro and David Freedman of 68 lots situated in Bloomfield Hills, on the north side of East Long Lake and west side of Eastways Road, immediately adjacent to the Bloomfield Hunt Club property.

These 68 sites will be developed by Shapiro and Freedman in the immediate future. Development plans call for installation of complete sewers, blacktop roads, gas and the usual conventional utilities services.

PAYING in excess of \$200,000 for this platted land makes it the biggest transaction of vacant property heretofore known in the City of Bloomfield Hills.

Shapiro and Freedman plan for unusual and interesting housing, ranging in price from \$32,500 to \$25,000, which will be complete with all modern construction details, such as built-ins, modern heating equipment, family room, first floor utility service and other features.

THE SALE WAS executed by Mrs. Margaret M. Richards, associated with the firm of Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, Inc.

Servicing the new subdivision will be the Bloomfield Hills School System, together with the St. Hugo's Parochial system. St. Hugo's is located less than a mile-and-a-half away. Full shopping facilities are available at the intersection of Woodward Avenue and Long Lake Road.

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