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See Problems In Initiatory Legislation

If Detroit decides to fluoridate its water supply and Birmingham adopted an ordinance opposing fluoridation, what would happen? "We would go back to the well system," said City Commissioner William E. Roberts. (Birmingham buys its water from Detroit.)

The subject came up at Monday night's commission meeting.

The City's legal counsel, Dean Heier, acting on a request for more information from the commissioners at the previous week's meeting, said giving citizens the power of initiating legislation could pose some serious administrative problems.

BEIER SAID he was advised by the Michigan Municipal League that about 50 per cent of the cities in Michigan do have a provision in their city charter permitting initiative, referendum and recall by the public.

Although the basic power of the commission rests with the people, general observation in other communities has shown, said Beier, that "initiative has been the cause for some axe-grinding in the way of petition for legislation."

"THIS MAY be a thing you should live with," said Beier. But he pointed out that special interests groups could possibly succeed in getting legislation passed that would hamstring the city in its normal operations.

"You sometimes come up with some administrative monstrosities," said Heier. "Such legislation can actually block effective action by the governmental body," he explained.

Commissioners agreed that there was no need now to amend the city charter to give citizens the power of initiative, but accepted Beier's offer to submit a written report on the possibility of initiating a charter referendum.

Parking

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—but the motion failed for lack of support.

Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley pointed out that parking is now prohibited at those hours on the north side of Maple from Adams to Hunter.

"I know," said Ingraham. "I'm talking about all the way through."

INGRAHAM suggested also that consideration be given to vacating "all or a portion" of Fernvale.

He thought it might be incorporated into the municipal parking lot (No. 2) on Fernvale between Oakland and Hamilton, creating something of a plaza "around the stores there."

His suggestion was taken under advisement.

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Even the youngsters enjoy Sam Levenson and Bill Anderson, student at Seaholm High School, is no exception as he and the humorist share a chuckle or two backstage. Levenson was the first lecturer to appear in Birmingham Town Hall's current season.

Parent, Teacher Meetings Slated At 3 B'ham Schools

As a pilot program this year, three Birmingham public elementary schools will provide school time for parent-teacher conferences. In the past, these conferences have been held on an informal basis, usually after school hours. In recent years, parents and teachers have indicated the need for conference time during the school day.

As a result of this growing interest, Franklin, Harlan and Westchester schools will provide school time for parent-teacher conferences. A fall and spring conference time, corresponding to the first and third report card, release dates will be scheduled with the parents of every student, kindergarten through the sixth grade.

The students will be dismissed one afternoon a week for three consecutive weeks at each reporting time.

THIS PILOT program will offer an opportunity for planned uninterrupted conference time. The parent and the teacher will have a better opportunity for a mutual exchange of information leading to a better understanding of the student and his educational requirements. In discussing what is behind the student's performance and what his marks really mean, the parents and the teacher will be in a better position to help him.

At the end of the school year, the program will be evaluated by both the parents and the teachers. Based on the effectiveness of this pilot parent-teacher program, the program may be adopted system-wide later.

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City, County To Sponsor CD Course

The City of Birmingham and the Oakland County Offices of Civil Defense will co-sponsor a course in community welfare during an emergency.

Classes will be held for ten weeks beginning Tuesday from 8

to 10 p.m. at Birmingham's Seaholm High School.

The course is free and open to all citizens.

Also, for professional architects and engineers, the Federal government is sponsoring a series of two-week courses on the fundamentals and techniques of fallout shelter design and analysis. One of the places in which the course will be taught is the University of Michigan; classes there begin Nov. 5. Additional information may be obtained from the Michigan State Police headquarters in East Lansing.

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Change

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might to refer to the plan the petition to rezone the Birmingham property, after discussing the possibility of deferring action until settlement is reached in the court suit.

DEAN BEIER, city attorney, suggested that they might wish to hold off action until they see what the court's decision is.

Commissioners decided, however, that normal processing of the petition might well consume the necessary time and thus make it possible to ascertain the court ruling without the City being accused of a delaying action.

In the Navy Now

Richard L. Swaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swaney of 31496 Fairfax, Birmingham, is undergoing nine weeks of basic recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

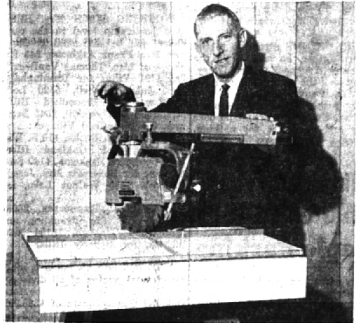
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