

Public Hearing Set On Maple Widening

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A hearing of necessity on the proposed widening of E. Maple between Adams and Coolidge will be held before Birmingham city commissioners Nov. 12.

Commissioners set the date for the hearing at their regular meeting Monday night.

The widening has been proposed by the Oakland County Road Commission as part of its three-year, \$7 million major road improvement program.

But to date, city officials and the county road officers have been unable to agree on what width the street should be.

CITY COMMISSIONERS voted 5 to 1, Monday night to resubmit their proposal of last June to the road commission.

That request called for widths of

40 feet in the stretch from Adams east to Columbia, 42 feet from Columbia to the Grand Trunk Railroad viaduct and 44 feet from the viaduct to Coolidge Road.

Commissioner Robert Page cast the only "no" vote. A resident of Manchester Ave. in the northeast end of town, he has consistently opposed the widening. So have residents of the area.

COMMISSIONER William E. Roberts brought the subject up for discussion Monday night, pointing out that Birmingham's representatives on the county board of supervisors had been requested by the city commission to confer with the county road commission.

He did not indicate whether such a conference had been held or, if so, whether the results were favorable or unfavorable to Birmingham.

"Why are we resubmitting the

Accept Barton's Bid on Vacated Oakdale Avenue

Birmingham city commissioners Monday accepted a bid of \$4,250 for the purchase of the vacated portion of Oakdale Ave. just adjacent to the Hunter water tank.

The bid, the only one received, was submitted by Carl O. Barton, owner of the shopping center on Maple east of Hunter.

The city has advertised and advertised the property for sale the past several months.

Barton resides at 199 Pierce. He is expected to use the property for additional parking space for the shopping center on Maple.

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about 34 per cent of the recreation dollar.

The department, in addition to director Martin, employs two other full-time workers, Patricia I. Huemann, supervisor of recreation, and Mrs. Marcia Dorais, secretary.

ACTIVITIES OF the department are carried out by 75 part-time workers at the various pools, parks, gyms and playgrounds.

Prior to 1956 the job of the recreation director was primarily a part-time one. Frank Whitman, now athletic director of Birmingham Schools, functioned as the dual city school recreation head. A city recreation program was carried on only during the summer months.

Since the construction of the Eton Park artificial ice rink in 1956 the department has been providing an intensive year-around program.

BIRMINGHAM meets the recommended standards for recreation and parks acreage for a city of its size and ranks near the top of all Oakland County in recreational facilities.

At present time the city has more than 288 acres of active and passive recreational facilities or about 11.7 acre per 1,000 persons.

(Next week's article will give a detailed information on recreational activities provided for both children and adults at the various times and the year-around recreation program.)

At Henrietta, he crossed the street and toward Harris Machus, president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Continuing down Henrietta, Romney was greeted by the entrance to Shain Park by Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham and his family representing the city of Birmingham.

Some 500 supporters, led by the blue and white clad "Romney Girls," greeted and cheered Romney as he strode arm-in-arm with Ingraham to the center of the park.

UNABLE to find a spot in the street from which to speak, Romney strode over to the GOP soundtruck and climbed aboard with the agility of a high-school athlete.

While waiting for a portable loudspeaker to be brought from his car, Romney reached down and scooped up two of his grandchildren, Jody Keenan, and little brother Brett, 3. The youngsters are the children of Romney's daughter, Mrs. Larry Keenan, 2604 Bradley, Bloomfield Township.

"They're better than Caroline," quipped the proud grandfather.

ROMNEY EXPRESSED regret that Birmingham's lady mayor, Florence H. Willett, was ill and unable to attend the rally. (Mrs. Willett had been sidelined by an inflammation of the hip.)

In his short talk Romney lashed out at Gov. John B. Swainson and charged that the governor is "politically desperate."

Referring to his TV debate with Swainson a week ago Tuesday night, Romney said the governor's "interpretation of statistics is dangerously misleading."

Romney charged that the 4.9 unemployment percentage with which Swainson backed his claim of economic improvement did not take into consideration the 126,000 workers who dropped out of the Michigan labor force.

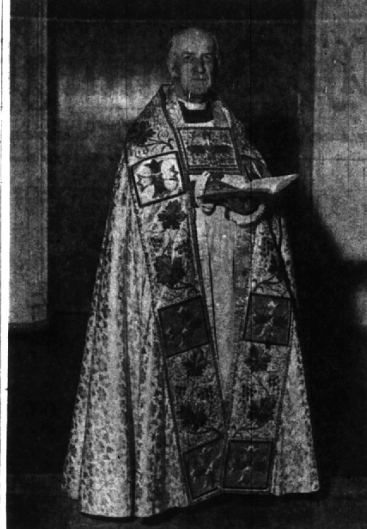
"THE FACTS are that employment is lower now than two years ago," he said.

He pointed out that Michigan's increase in per capita income in recent years was lower than those of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

Romney added that citizens shouldn't be misled by Michigan Employment Security Commission figures and that the economic situation in Michigan is not improving.

"I NEED your help," he concluded. "I can't do it alone."

Accompanying Romney on his tour was L. William Seidman, GOP candidate for the state auditor's post.



LORD FISHER, RETIRED ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Fisher Royal Oak Man Dies From Fall

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bishop will preach at no other Michigan churches.

Dr. Gass first met Lord Fisher in 1968 during a trip to Spain. During a stopover in London, he was invited to stay for 12 days at Lambeth Palace, official residence and home of the archbishop.

During his stay, Dr. Gass took part in several services both in the palace and St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

A MEMBER of the House of Lords, Dr. Fisher became archbishop of Canterbury in 1945 and retired in 1961. He was the 100th archbishop of Canterbury in an unbroken line extending more than 13 centuries to St. Augustine of Canterbury.

The archbishop is noted for his sense of humor. In 1952, while in the United States to attend the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, he preached a sermon in Old North Church, Boston. Asked to sign the church register, he wrote as follows, quoting Paul Reverie: "1775 — The British are coming." 1952 — The British have arrived."

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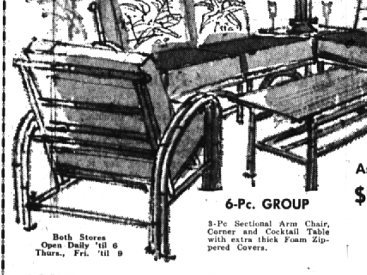
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Ballot Question Seeks Authority to Sell Site

There's a local proposition on the Birmingham ballot for the Nov. 6 general election, but some residents don't know quite what it's all about.

The city clerk's office has had numerous calls in the last several days from people applying for absentee voters' ballots, asking for information on the local issue.

It requests permission for the City to sell an 11-acre site it owns on Coolidge, in Troy.

BIRMINGHAM bought the property 13 years ago for \$8,000, to use it for an open ditch for drains in the east end of town. With completion early next year of the Coolidge branch of the Twelve Towns relief drain system, Birmingham will have no further need for the property.

City Manager L. R. Gave has said that with the paving of Cooks

SALE OF THE property must be approved by the electorate under a city charter provision that requires the sale of any City-owned property with a value of more than \$2 per capita be approved by a majority of the electors.

The City is in the process of filling the property now and hopes to have it ready for sale within the next few months if the citizens authorize the sale.

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