

City Tables Lease with Kresge Co.

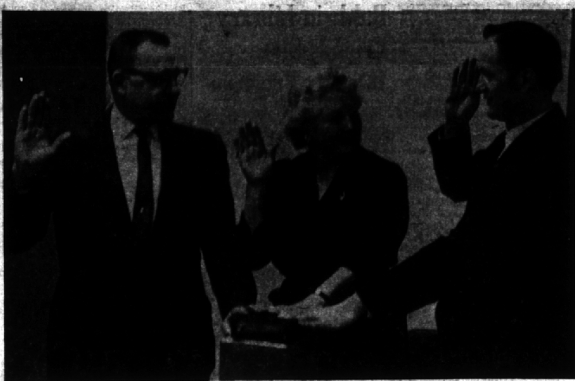
The signing of a lease agreement with the Kresge Co. for the operation of a parking lot at the rear of the store was tabled for two weeks by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The delay was set to allow the administration time to study the possibility of constructing a wall around the lot as part of the downtown beautification program. The City has been leasing the lot from the firm since Sept. 1954. City

Manager L. R. Gare said both the administration and Kresge's feel the operation of the lot by the City is mutually beneficial. Under the agreement, the City supervises and maintains the lot although the property belongs to Kresge's. The City also annually pays the \$600 to \$1,000 tax on the property.

NEWLY ELECTED Commissioner Charles F. Clippert and Commissioner David P. Brock both said they would like to see if a wall could be built along the Martin side of the lot.

Gare estimated that such a wall could cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. He added that there were no requirements under the zoning ordinance for such walls on lots abutting commercial property.



Swearing-In Ceremonies

Newly sworn-in members of the city council of Lathrup Village are (from left) Vincent A. Zattel, elected to a one-year term, and Elizabeth W. Mitchell, filling a two-year term. Newly-elected Councilman Lloyd Barron, replacing Lawrence Till, missed his first council meeting as he was in Puerto Rico.

City Clerk Stephen Richvasky (right) later re-installed Richard N. Cogger to his post as mayor and Mrs. Mitchell for her position as mayor pro-tem. It was announced at the council meeting that it cost Lathrup Village \$2.25 per vote for the 198-citizen turnout at the polls last week.

B'ham Seeking New Rubbish Contract

The City of Birmingham is going to start looking for a new rubbish collection firm.

City commissioners Monday night instructed the administration to advertise for bids on a new rubbish contract. Commissioners have been faced with the problem of rubbish collection for several months because the present contractor, the Detroit Rubbish Co. has been having labor and maintenance difficulties.

The firm has asked either to be relieved from its present contract or for an adjustment of rates. Thomas Kavanagh, an attorney representing the firm, has repeatedly asked the commission to take some action to provide relief for his client. "We are a slowly dying business," Kavanagh said.

HE SAID the firm made a mistake in its original bid and since the contract was awarded about 18 months ago the workers have unionized, causing labor costs to rise about 30 per cent.

"I don't think the City would be hurt if the contract were canceled and the company would certainly be helped," Kavanagh said. Commissioners expressed concern over asking for new bids while the present contract was still in force, but city attorney James Howlett said since it was a service contract rather than a construction project the City would be within its rights.

COMMISSIONER William H. Burgum said he felt better bids would be received if the contract were lifted but added "I don't see how we can terminate the contract without exercising the bonding clause."

Detroit Rubbish was required to post a \$25,000 performance bond when the contract was first awarded.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham said he did not think the City would jeopardize its position by asking for new bids.

"We are just seeking bids elsewhere," Ingraham said, "Detroit Rubbish is still bound to perform."

Commissioners said Detroit Rubbish would not be permitted, as a matter of policy, to bid on the new contract.

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare said his only concern was whether or not the bids would be representative if the City did not intend to let a new contract.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew said he wanted it clearly understood by Detroit Rubbish that "no adjustment would be made in the present contract and the City had no intention of canceling the agreement" until the new bids are studied.

Purchasers Meet At Oakland U.

"Program for Purchasing Progress" seminar, cosponsored by the Purchasing Agents Association of Detroit and the Division of continuing education, Oakland University, will be held on the University campus April 16 to 18.

Speaking Thursday will be Dr. Joseph McPherson, psychologist for Dow Chemical Company and George Kiba, Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, who will moderate a discussion on airlines, railroad and trucking traffic.

ON FRIDAY, Dr. I. V. Fine, Wisconsin University, and W. Ebert Welch of International Telephone and Telegraph and Orland Ellis, Franklin Village justice, will speak.

Wilbur Pierce of Detroit Edison and Raymond Berg of Carborundum will speak Saturday.

Young GOP's Meet

The Young Republicans of Oakland County will meet April 21 at 8:30 p.m. in The Birmingham Community House.

John Martin, Michigan's national committeeman, will speak on the national convention and delegates. The meeting is open to the public.

Lathrup OK's I-696 Route On 10 1/2 Mile

The fate of Interstate-696 through Lathrup Village was decided Monday night by the newly sworn-in city council.

The route will run along 10 1/2 Mile Road from the southwest corner of the city to the east city limits.

Main reason for acceptance of this route, according to council members, is that the only building that will be demolished is the AAA office. Seven other homes, located in Southfield, will also have to be destroyed.

EXIT RAMPs, according to the mapped route, would be located at Greenfield, Lahser and Evergreen roads.

Cost of the route will be \$523,500, for condemnation procedures compared to \$501,100 estimated for a previously-proposed route.

"The initial suggestion would destroy two tiers of land and homes along 10 1/2 Mile Road. The accepted route will leave the second tier of lots undisturbed," said Mayor Richard N. Cogger.

COGGER SAID that if the AAA people would not relocate in Lathrup Village, a \$200 tax loss according to their assessed valuation would be incurred. He compared this figure to the \$1 million loss estimated if the route would have been planned along 11 Mile Road, as originally proposed.

Officials of the AAA declined to comment on future plans, stating only that "nothing definite is planned, and the decision to relocate in Lathrup would be made downtown (main offices in Detroit)."

Secretaries To Get Week

As one of his final duties, former Mayor William H. Burgum proclaimed next week, April 19-25, as Secretaries Week in Birmingham.

The mayor said the efforts of these workers are usually taken for granted and urged "rightful" recognition be given them.

"In keeping with the best traditions of their profession, secretaries are accepting vital responsibilities and are performing important roles in commerce, industry and government," Burgum said. "I ask that all business and industry join in giving due recognition to this group, paying special attention to Secretaries Day April 22," he said.

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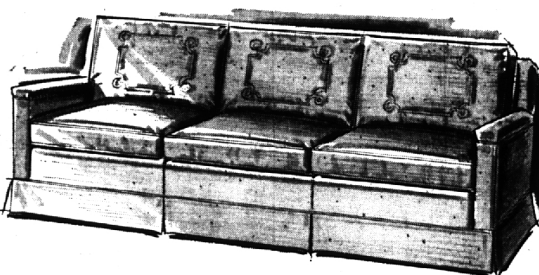
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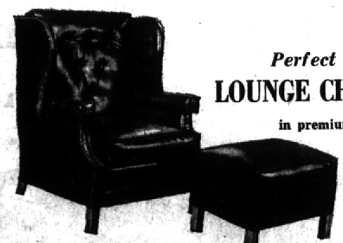
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