Report to the People

Two Years of Council-Manager Gov't Described





C. H. RICHARDS

A TYPICAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

When the Mayor opens meetings in the Council Chambers of City Hall, the above group of men are usually present. Clockwise around the council table beginning at the left are Harry H. Bargdill, Fourth Ward; Vice-Mayor Paul B. White; Lee S. Landsittel, At Large; City Clerk Russell E. Bayliff, Mayor Edward A. Flahive; City Manger Robert F. Mott; Robert W. Meyer, First Ward; Harvey H. Wenger, Second Ward and Kenneth B. Creasy, Third Ward. In the back row are City Attorney Fred-

erick D. Puckett, City Engineer Donald E. Mackley, Police Chief D. M. Morris, and K. C. Virtue, Gazette report-er. C. H. Richards, Second Ward Councilman for the first two years of the Council-Manager system, and J. Chad Wirthman, Third Ward Councilman for the same period, are pictured separately on this page. Both served until Nov. 30, 1955. Absent when picture was taken was Finance Director Robert E. King.

(Photo by Apple-Cryder)



The Athenian Oath

We will never bring disgrace to this city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.



DILAWARS. OHIO

March 14, 1956

Many thanks to all those who have aided so much in this wo Congratulations to all the administrative officials for a splendid start during the past two years and best wishes to those who will continue it big job.

Very sincerely, Paul Bellite



MARCH 14, 1956

Robert & most ROBERT F. MOTT





Charter And Code Control City

Municipal Court Busy Since Succeeding Mayor Court

City Charter Voted By People in 1951

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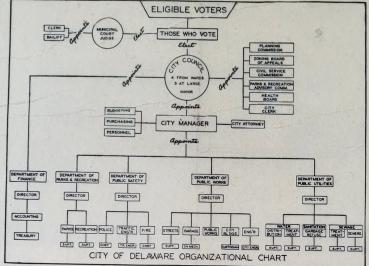
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Responsibility and Authority Are Charted

Commissions, Boards

PLANNING COMMISSION

Cloise A. Gillett, Chairman Russell D. Kissner, member Earl E. Warner, member Harvey H. Wenger, member
Robert F. Mott, member
Donald E. Mackley, non-member Secretary

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

3. Provisions for the control of dangerous buildings, abandoned excavations for basements, abandon. Robert F. Mott, member Reynol V. Ullom, member Arthur S. Tompkins, member Kenneth B. Creasy, member

Frederick D. Puckett, non-member Secretary

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Donald Zerbe, Secretary
Robert B. Foster, member
Joe Moses, member

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HEALTH BOARD

Joy Evans Dr. M. S. Cherington

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Donald E. Mackley, Director of Public Works & City Enginee D. Jack Lemon, Assistant City Engineer Robert Higley, Engineering Aide Nicholsen Nutt, Superintendent of Streets Division Dale L. Simpkins, Chief Mechanic

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION Robert F. Mott, Director of Parks & Recreation and Supt. Recreation Division

Donald E. Mackley, Superintendent of Parks Division

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Donald Mackley, Director of Public Utilities
D. Jack Lemon, Assistant Director of Public Utilities D. Jack Lemon, Assistant Director of Public Utilities
Frank A. Lanning, Superintendent of Waterworks
Harold B. Smith, Superintendent of Swater Distribution
Ray Mantor, Superintendent of Sewage Plant
Nicholsen Nutt, Superintendent of Sewerage
Harold H. Hedges, Sanitation Superintendent
MUNICIPAL COURT

John R. Anderson, Judge Richard Firestone, Relief Judge Nelle Lyons, Clerk of Court Charles Riddle, Bailiff

Went Into Effect On Jan. 1, 1954

City Attorney **Defends City**

With the taking effect of the char-contrects and prevention of Illegal ter and the beginning of the coun-payments of city money, the duty cil-manager form of government, the elective office of City Solicitor was abolished and the position of prescribed duties and the institution City Attorney to be filled by ap- faxpayer suits regarding misappointment of the city manager was contract obligacreated. The charter requires the lions and performance of duty by ap- faxpayer suits regarding misappointment of the city and present the contract of the city and present the contract obligacreated. The charter requires the lions and performance of duty by ap- faxpayer suits regarding misappointment of the city and present the contract of the city of the

8 DELAWARE, O., GAZETTE SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1956



Charter was adopted by the voters in November of 1951 and went into effect on January 1, 1954. The Code was the first recodification of city ordinances since 1901. It was adopted by City Council in November, 1954, and went into effect on January 1955. The Code replaced more than 2500 separate ordinances passed from 1901 to

City Council



STAFF OF THREE HANDLE MUNICIPAL COURT PROBLEMS - Presiding or bench is Judge John R. Anderson, who succeeded Henry W. Wolf as Municipal Court Judge on April 1, 1955. His assistants are Nelle Lyons, Clerk, and Charles W. Riddle, Bailiff, both of whom have served since the municipal court replaced the Mayor's Court on January 1, 1954. The large number of cases, both civil and criminal, coming into the court through citizens, city police, sheriff's office and high-

Engineering Unit Pays Dividends

Planning Brings Service, Savings

When the Water Superintendent Willard Smith left the city to take a better position in Cambridge, O., in 1954, the city did some reorganizing.

At about the same time, Frank Lanning passed the state examination for an "A" license as a waterworks operator and Ray Mantor passed the state examination for a "B" license as a sewage plant operator. These qualifications meet the requirements of the state for our types of plant operation.

So instead of hiring another person as water superinten-dent, the position was abolished, the duties shifted among various personnel, and a new position of Assistant City Engi-neer was created at the same salary. This reorganization proutstanding results during 1954 and 1955.

D. Jack Lemon was employed as assistant under Donald Date: Lemon was employed as assistant unner Dofinal Mackley, who serves as Director of Public Works, Director of Public Utilities, Parks Superintendent, Building Inspector and Plumbing Inspector as well as City Engineer. Engineering Aide Robert Higley and Stenographer-Clerk Betty J. Brey, who also serves in the same capacity for the City Manager, round out the complement of that office.

DURING 1954 and 1955, the engineering division made the engineering studies, prepared the plans or designed and supervised the construction of public works projects which would have cost the city more than \$20,000 in engineering fees had outside engineers been employed.

Among these projects were Parking Lot No. 1 on East Winter Street (completed), River Improvement (completed except for seeding), sewer for fairgrounds (completed), water main for Carlisle School (completed), water mains for Belle Ave. and Joy Ave. (under construction), sewers for Belle Ave., Joy Ave., Curtis St., Euclid Ave., Lincoln Ave. and S. Franklin St. (under construction), Parking Lots 2A and 2B (under construction), relocation of water main on Rt. 23 (plans completed, ready for letting contract), sidewalk, curb and gutter on S. Washington St. (plans completed, ready for letting contract), water mains on London Road, Fair Ave, and Wootring St. (plans completed, ready for letting contract), sewer on Fair Ave. (plans completed, ready for letting contract), storm sewer for Curtis St. (planning stage) and elevated storage tank (planning stage).

The continuing increase in the number of inquiries by contractors, builders, utility companies, prospective businesses and industries and Mr. John Q. Public would seem to indicate that one of the most appreciated services rendered by the engineer's office is that of furnishing information and evaled storage tank (planning stage). evated storage tank (planning stage).

In connection with these projects it is well to note that surveys made and plans prepared for projects, or phases of projects, which have not materialized would have cost the ity engineering fees, also. Most significant of these have in the dams for the river and parking lots. These have not been included in the \$20,000 savings figure.

THE PERSONNEL of this office have the responsibility for many other activities other than engineering. Among

- 1. Enforcement of subdivision regulations.
- 2. Plumbing inspection and enforcement
- 3. Enforcement of zoning laws.
- 4. Handling of house moving permits.
- 5. Handling of street excavation permits
- 6. Handling of signs and billboards permits.
- 7. Enforcement of weed control laws
- 8. Preparation and spreading of special assessments
- 9. Supervision over the municipal garage.
- 10. Supervision over streets, sewage, water, garbage, trees, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic signs and signals, parking lot maintenance, etc.

Subdivision Regulations Modern, Effective

AS A RESULT of the rapid expansion of the city, the ed for modern subdivision regulations was recognized. And was developed and submitted to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission modified it some and recomended its passage by City Council which has been done. These of the trees damaged by the storm removed and some diregulations require the developer of a subdivision to put in seased ones too. But this program was but a dent in the total all of the water mains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streets etc., before the plat is accent. A program for 1956 has been set up which calls for rede by the city. The future problems in these matters are eliminated by putting these facilities in properly at the beginning.
This is only one example of planning for the future made

possible through adequate engineering personnel.

With the advent of automatic washers, sink disposal of garbage and other modern devices, the importance of proper plumbing has been emphasized in recent years. A comparison of plumbing permits in recent years demonstrates this grow

PLUMBING PE	KWI 12 122	UED	
Туре	1951	1953	1955
New Home	64	47	60
New in Existing Home	38	41	86
Add'n in Existing Home	17	21	30
Commercial	0	0	0
Total	119	109	190

The cost of providing for plumbing inspection is offset to some extent by the license and permit fees. In 1954, the fees were \$513.00 and in 1955, they were \$1,625.50.

Zoning Law Enforcement Increases

With the growth of the city, the land use has occasio ed more notice of the zoning laws. In granting of building and occupancy permits, the engineering office issued more in 1955 than any other year (see table for 1950-1955). There is a zoning board of appeals that hears all appeals from the building inspector's refusal to issue a permit or appeals



WHAT'S THE NEXT PROJECT? - Both present and future planning, supervision of construction and admi tration of public works, utilities, plumbing, zoning, parks Higley, Engineering Aide and Deputy Plumbing Inspector; D. Jack Lemon, Assistant City Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Utilities; and Donald E. Mackley, City Engineer, Director of Public Works and Director of Public Utilities. Engineering fee savings to the city during 1054 1055 appears the complete and the city during the

pair of sewers, 114 for water, 75 for gas and 2 for electric. The increase in the fee schedule for street excavations, increased in the code for the first time since 1948, made possible the proper replacement of the street surfaces from the revenue of fees.

Weed Program Successful in 1955

Under the code, a procedure was established for weed control throughout the city. While most people have taken care of the weeds on their properties, vacant lots had been a source of complaint for many years. The program initiated in 1955 showed 32 complaints having been received by the

The complaints were investigated by personnel of this of the many activities include: office and courtesy notices were sent out from the city manager to the property owners to have the weeds cut. The cooperation was exceptional as 21 complied with the courtesy no tice. The remaining 11 were reported to the city council who in turn ordered the sending of an official notice to cut or the city would cut at the owners expense. Another four owners complied with this notice leaving only seven to be cut by the city. These were done and the owners were billed with two of the owners paying immediately. The remaining five were certified to the county auditor for collection as taxes. A similar but broader program for sidewalks, curbs and gutters will be initiated in 1956.

It took a severe windstorm on July 14, 1954, to awaken the entire population to the need for a good tree program. In that storm city forces were able to perform an outstanding service and open all but one street to traffic within 3½ hours from the time the storm struck. It cost the city more than \$7,000 just to clean up the trees and branches that fell.

A program for 1956 has been set up which calls for re-

o live and to work

The 12-man street division crew, under Street Superin endent Nicholsen Nutt, is an important division of the De partment of Public Works. Its is responsible for the upkeep of about 40 miles of streets besides many related duties. Some

- 2. Maintenance of streets through seal coating, patching basework and grading.
- 3. Snow and ice control.
- 4. Erection and maintenance of traffic signs and signals.
- 5. Painting of traffic and parking lines.
- 6. Repair street excavatios made for utilities purposes.
- 7. Storm and sanitary sewer cleaning and repair
- 8. Catch basin cleaning
- 9. Leaf collection

10. Street sweeping.

The materials used in street work assume large propor- N tions as demonstrated by the fact that in 1955 the street division used 66,637 gallons of emulsion type asphalt, 19,235 gallons of medium curing asphalt, 1,600 tons of T-35 asphaltic concrete, 3,800 tons of crushed stone and 239 tons of cold mix asphalt for patching.

This material was applied to more than 12 miles of streets as follows:

T-35 on Franklin St. from Lincoln to Pennsylvania, on

Reorganization Produces Results

Franklin to Elizabeth, on Washington St., from William to Central and on William from Sandusky to Franklin, a total o. 11 blocks having a length of 1.3 miles and an area of 25,886 square yards

Penetration type asphalt on Spencer, Kirkland, Bern and Chestnut from Heffner to Pennsylvania, on Euclid Ave. from Central to Westgate and from Lincoln to Pennsylvania, on Neil St. and Sheldon St. from London Rd. to Oak Grove Ceme Neil St and Sheldon St. from London Rd. to Oak Grove Cemetery, on Smith St. from Joy to Wilder, on Wilder from Smitt to Channing, on Chamberlain St. from Channing to railroad on Prospect St. from Lake St. west, on Parsons from Flax to Delta, on Delta from Parsons to Carlisle, on Carlisle St. from Delta to Flax, on Milo St. from Flax to Central, on Branch St from Potter to Channing, on Fair Ave. from Channing to East, on Hammond, Parker, East and Moore from Fair to Central, on Foley St., on Wade from William to Central, on Richardson St. from Central to William, on Renner St. from State to Cheshire, on Cheshire from Renner to Hayes, on Henry St. from hire, on Cheshire from Renner to Hayes, on Henry St. from Hayes to Olentangy on Orchard St. from Sandusky east and on Washington St. from Harrison south, a total of 45 blocks having a length of 4.7 miles and an area of 48,510 square

Sealcoat on Pennsylvania Ave. from Sandusky to Euclid, on Mason Ave, from Liberty to Forrest, on Forrest from Foun-tain to Heffner, on Union from Fountain to Heffner, on Dun-lap from Gruber to Curtis, on Toledo, Columbus and Montrose and other activities keep this three man Engineer Division active continuously. Shown left to right are Robert uation, one case went all the way through the courts to the Supreme Court before finally being decided.

The handling of house moving permits assumed substantial proportions in 1955 as 27 were issued. Much of the activity had to do with the cutting up and removal of the temporary housing units of this Wesleyan University to make room for the construction of new dormitories. These units have been leated in various parts of the city and with proper foundations and siding have made some decent low cost housing to william, on Lewis from Winter to William, on Frank from contractors, builders, utility companies, prospective businesses and industries and Mr. John Q. Public would seem to indicate that one of the most appreciated services rendered by the engineer's office is that of furnishing information, and take that one of the most appreciated services rendered by data for planning.

Considerable time and effort has been spent in compilating records, maps and plans of all phases of city work. Such information had not been available since the city hall burned down in the 1934 fire. The value of this service to a person wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application to down in the 1934 fire. The value of this service to a person wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business or a factory cannot application of seal coat to 67 blocks on wanting to build a home, a business of the company of the properties of the properties of the company of the properties o

for 1956. And a T-35 program involving 17 blocks of 5 streets having a length of 1.7 miles and an area of 32,142 square yards is planned

The following is a summary of the various street program

Street Programs

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1950	1.55	23,680	23,680	0	0	0	0
1951	4.65	50,200	21,100	17,270	0	11,650	105,000
1952	9.95	175,960	133,560	34,700	3,570	4,130	105,000
1953	11,04	175,154	135,643	- 0	27,241	12,270	110,000
1954	8.54	135,630	66,070	35,190	34,370	0	120,000
1955	12.37	146,040	71,650	48,510	25,880	0	110,000
1956	13.40	186,000	115,000	35,000	32,000	4,000	70,000
		892,664					620,000

STREET SWEEPING DATA

	1952	1953	1954	1955	
weeper Mileage	1947	2567	3068	1720	
lo. Loads	525	637	604	420	
Cubic Yards	1050	1274	1208	840	
No. Days Sweeping	164	216	220	174	
Janhours Sweeping	698	1231	1122	678	

Does not include any time or labor on other street cleaning categories (catch basin cleaning, etc,) Reduced in 1955 due to decrease in budget revenue.

LEAF COLLECTION DATA

	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. Loads Collected				
Collector	114	182	961/2	84
Trucks	0	98	270	313
Cubic Yards Collected	1596	2940	2231	2428
Manhours		18001/2	1497	1330
No. Days Collecting		52	34	33

Street Lighting Program Expanded

One area to receive prompt attention with the council-anager form of government was the matter of street lighting. In 1954, about one-third of the requirements for an adequate street lighting program was initiated. This program was slowed in 1955, due to lack of funds, but will be renewed in 1956. When the 1956 program is completed, the illumination from street lights in the city will have been increased by more than 65 percent.

The following summaries show the prograss made in this

area;						
	19	53	1956 TOTAL			
	TO	OTAL				
TYPE LIGHT	NO.	LUMENS	NO.	LUMENS		
1,000 lumen		104,000	6	6,000		
4,000 lumen	158	632,000	352	1,408,000		
10,000 lumen	41	410,000	48	480,000		
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T-35 IN 1955 — A typical scene of the city's street division personnel resurfacing a city street with asphaltic concrete (T-35). Used on streets with adequate base and curb and gutter (such as old brick streets) this more permanent type of surfacing material results in lower annual maintenance cost s. Other types of work include penetration

ire, Police Departments Progress

lice Improve **Procedures**

past two years have seen some marked improve-n the Police Division of the Department of Public Some of the changes have been physical and some en in procedures. This division, under Chief D. M. or the past six years, has had many handicaps, rangn manpower shortages to equipment deficiencies to r procedures. A number of these were overcome durt and 1955.

he rearrangement of city hall space to accommodate form of government in 1954, it was possible to con-s former "flop room" for transients into a police om. This room has facilities for lockers, showers, om. This room has factures to to-cless, slowers, conferences, storage of emergency equipment such uns, etc., and an area for parking meter maintenance, sstead of putting up more than 600 transients a year, of are offered a place to sleep in the jail area, and the livision has room to operate. At the same time an of-s provided for the Chief of Police in the police head-

intensified training program initiated by the city r, who also serves as director of public safety, has ta-off into a routine training program under the Chieff ce. The facilities of the police squad room make this. A number of important phases have been covered in bgram. In addition to normal subjects such as fingerg, operating the lab setup for making urinalysis tests ks, procedures of arrest, etc., the operation of various partments, the courts and other law enforcement agen-

HE STATISTICAL records show the result of this trainr example, an outbreak of felonies in 1954 was handwell that the 1955 cases were less than in 1953. There 42 known or reported felonies in 1953 with 22 cases olved by the arrest of 22 persons. In 1954, there were own or reported felonies with 47 cases being solved by est of 30 persons. And in 1955, there were 123 known orted felonies with 17 cases being solved by the arrest

nat area of felonies showing the most marked improve-was the category of breaking and entering. This is one most difficult crimes to solve. And the record of the are Police Division can be compared favorably with the est departments in the country.

1953, there were 23 known or reported cases with no ns. In 1954, there were 59 known or reported cases 7 cases solved by the arrest of 20 persons. And in 1955, were 28 known or reported cases with 8 cases solved by rest of 8 persons.

NOTHER INNOVATION in the police division was the ation of parking meter fine boxes and the change in g meter tickets to envelope type in June 1954. In adto accommodating the motoring public, there has been ted increase in percentage of fines collected.

There under the old system all offenders had to report police station to pay their fines, figures for 1955 show ercent of tickets paid through the fine boxes, another ercent paid by mail and only 36.6 percent paid in perpolice headquarters.

ecords also show that in 1953 only 70.0 percent of the g meter fines were collected at all. In 1954, there were ercent collected and in 1955, there were 84.2 percent ed. A followup system and the jurisdiction of the muniourt has made it possible to collect all but out of coun-out of state violators. A post card followup on out of violators results in many of these fines being collected.

TOMOBILE accidents have received considerable atten-the police division, and despite the growing number of es and increased miles traveled per year, there were ex-400 accidents in each of the years of 1953, 1954 and

owever, the seriousness of the accidents has been in ng. For example, there were no deaths from motor ve-accidents in 1953, but one from a car-car accident in nd one from a car-pedestrian accident in 1955. Also, in there were only 49 accidents in which 67 persons were d, while in 1954, there were 64 accidents in which 86 is were injured, and in 1955, there were 68 accidents in 98 persons were injured. Currently, studies are being as to types and causes of accidents in order that emin enforcement can be placed upon the proper viola-

I 1955, the city council passed a bicycle license ordi-in order to meet the growing problem of stolen bicyad unsafe bicycles. The inauguration of the program rried out through the cooperation of the officials of the le Court, school and city. The launching of the program ordinated by Leonard Brubaker, principal of Conger , and consisted of a safety program and preregistration tion at each school. Then, on a scheduled day at each the police officers, probation officer, teachers and sparticipated in the inspection and licensing of over bicycles. Numerous bicycles were required to have, etc., fixed before licenses were issued. The result of pgram relative to stolen bicycles was rewarding in that in 1954 there were 58 bicycles stolen, in 1955, there



READY TO RESPOND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY - Here are two police cruisers, hook and ladder truck and two pumpers. Cruisers average about 5,000 miles per month each in patrolling the entire community. Need for modern aerial ladder truck to replace old hook and ladder truck is only basic equipment need in fire division. Police motorcycle was not available when picture was taken.

running at large were picked up by the police and those hav-ing no licenses were turned over to the county dog warden. Where there were licenses, the owner was notified that the dog had been running at large and had been picked up. It is well to note that of all the dogs returned to owners there were

Another new duty for the police division in 1955 was the enforcement of an ordinance adopted by council regulating taxicabs and taxicab drivers. Inspection of taxicabs for mechanical safety is now being done at regular intervals and all taxicab drivers are investigated by the police division before a license to drive is issued. A general improvement in the taxicab service has been noted.

The filling of vacant positions in 1954 brought the police division up to full authorized strength of 13 men, including one parking officer. And the operation of two police cruisers started for the first time in 1934. The combination of the two has made it possible to cover more school crossings, render a better check on traffic conditions and answer calls more promptly.

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Firemen Continue With Good Work

The reputation of the Delaware Fire Division continued at its high level in 1954 and 1955. Also, the Fire Chief, Jerome Pllickebaum, was recognized for his fine work by the Chamber of Commerce in selecting him as honor citizen of the year 1955.

The training program of the fire division inaugurated by Chief Pllickebaum for the ten "minute men" volunteers as well as the other seven regular firemen continued to result in excellent performance. In 1954, there were 101 fires at which the fire division held total damages to \$74,682 on property valued at \$2,296,685. In 1955, there were 89 fires and the fire division held total damages to \$15,785 on property valued at \$1.994,350. ued at \$1,994,350.

Fire prevention received a good portion of the fire division's effort during the past two years. While complete statistics for 1954 are not available, the present system of reporting shows that, in 1955, inspections were made for 685 business buildings, 99 apartment buildings and 119 residences. In all, 122 complaints on fire hazards were received, 496 violations were noted and 509 corrections were made.

Equipment of the fire division, except for the need of an Equipment of the fire division, except for the need of an aerial ladder truck, was put into top condition. In 1954, enough hose was purchased to provide for a complete reload of each pumper. Since the drying of hose is essential to good performance, especially in winter months, the reloads allow the hose used at a fire to be put in the hose drying tower and still have the pumpers ready to respond to any new calls. Also in 1954, salvage equipment to minimize water loses and weather losses at a fire were procured.

Equipment purchased in 1955 included a madio for the second pumper to insure close contact in the event of multi-ple fires or an accident to one of the pumpers and a polaroid camera for recording violations of the fire code

Parking Problem Is Eased

A very serious problem in all 12-minute limit have been created. streets; five cents per hous. These spaces are at or near those has been eased somewhat in Del- place are at or near those has been eased somewhat in Del- place are at or near those has been eased somewhat in Del- place are at or near those has been eased somewhat in Del- place are the past two years. One unto fit the problems facing the city was at the lack of turnover in parking at street meters.

Numerous parking studies were street meters.

Numerous parking studies were deciding the meters all day" was depriving any of the motoring public of a chance to park. The surveys showed the average parking time per car per space to be about 30 minutes. Thus, each all day parker, legally putting money in the meters provented from parking was even more.

The city council passed new street spaces in 1944 so that the maximum time of cars accommodated has been reduced to £5.

Yet since the first four weeks of This lot will accommodate about 5 cars, should be lock bounded by Sandusky, William, Franklin and Winter Streets.

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E. WINTER STREET PARKING LOT SELF- SUPPORTING — This is a typical scene at the city's first parking lot on E. Winter Street. Originally designed for 84 cars but subsequently altered to 65 cars due to wide ning of stalls, this lot is producing more

TRAFFIC SITUATION MORE COMPLICATED

With the continuing increase in that many stop signs be removed the number of cars on the highways and yield right of way signs put in and streets, the problem of keeping and the part was a sign traffic flowing continues to a proposed as are changes in the mount. A great deal of time has direction of one way streets. These been spent in the past two years by the city in developing proper methods of handling this problem. Numerous studies have been made of localized situations.

The installation of proper traffic signs and signals must continue to the state high ways which pass through Delasigns and signals must continue to the controllers for traffic signals in or a better flow of traffic.

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FIGURE IN THE OLENTANCY RIVER — Stagnant pools of shallow water, flourishing weeds and undergrowth as shown in the picture created the Olentangy River problem. Mosquitos and other insects bred freely. Noxious weeds grew rapidly. And odorous materials deposited in the low flow months. Cleaning up and planting the banks and impounding sufficient water was necessary to eliminate these problems. THE PROBLEM IN THE OLENTANGY RIVER - Stagnant pools of shallow



AS UPPER DAM TOOK SHAPE - Forming the nucleus of the Olentangy River beau-AS OFFER DAM 1008 STATE — rothing the indicates of the Otenhang Mrtt activities of the City were built — one (shown under construction in picture) between Winter St. and Central Avenue, the other between the NYC Raëroad bridge and Hayes Street. Savings of this program over original plans amounted to more than \$30,000.

1954-55 Active Years for Parks, Recreation Here

The years 1954 and 1955 were years of issues and action in the field of parks and recreation. The river beautification, parks and recreation administration and acquition of Bine Limestone Park were the biggest issues to arise. Beginning in 1954 with a balance of about \$33,000 remaining from the \$33,000 bond issue for river beautification voted by the people in 1954 and faced with a minimum estimate of coxt of \$76,000, to carry out the original large of the council of \$76,000, to carry out the original large of the council of \$76,000, to carry out the original large and the starting from scratch with preliminary surveys of the entire river between the sewage treat ment plant and Mingo Park, the engineering department came up with a design for two low head dams in lieu of the original large dam and by simplifying construction features came up with a new cost estimate of \$43,000 for the project. Channel excavation was started in late summer of 1954.

Certain economies effected in 1955. Thus, by the end of 1955, the entire project except for seeding, which will be done in the spring of 1956, wos completed as a savings of about \$30,000.

WITH THE ADOPTION of the charter and code, the former administrative boards for parks and for recreation were abolished. In their place was created a Department of Parks and Recreation, for which the city manager are revealed interest to parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors, Dick Coyle as summer recreation parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors. They handled craits of parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors, Dick Coyle as summer recreation parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors. They handled craits of parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors, Dick Coyle as summer recreation parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors. They handled craits of parks has been handled by the dividual playgrounds supervisors, Dick Coyle as summer recreation programs bec



MODERN PROBLEMS REQUIRE MODERN EQUIPMENT — More than \$100,000 of motorized equipment is necessary to keep the various departments and divisions of the city operating smoothly and efficiently. Parked in front of the municipal garage on Potter Street is the equip-ment of the public works and utilities departments.

Trucks range from special packer-type garbage collection trucks down to pickups. Equipment in back row includes street sweeper, motor grader, asphalt distributor, high lift loader, sewer rodding equipment and leaf collector. Mechanic Dale Simpkins is responsible for maintaining all guide patterns of the air. taining all such equipment of the city.

Building Permits Issued During Six Years

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AS IT WAS BEFORE - Open Dumps With Rats, Flies and Odors - Former City San s Director Donald Mackley stand beside a typ-

Zoning Board

The Zoning Board of Appeals has The Zoning Board of Appeals has its regular meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Special meetings for public hearings, etc. are advertised in the newspaper. These meetings are held at City Hall and are open to the public. George Breneman is Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Frederick D. Puckett is the nonmember secretary of the Board.



COMPLETED LOW DAM - Here is the lower Olentangy River dam to be completed this spring. The pool immediately to the north is three feet deep and the water then feathers out toward the upper dam between E Central and E. Winter Sts. Both dams were built with money raised through a voted bond issue and a \$13,000 additional amount granted by city council. The lower dam is south of the New York Central bridge and north of Hayes St.

Garbage Program Makes Progress

In a survey by the Ohio Depart overcome in 1951, the city embarkment of Health in January, 1940, it was reported that "only an estitution in 1952, and the development of Health in January, 1940, it was reported that "only an estitution in 1952, and 1952, and 1952, and 1954, or of the development of the city of the ci



NEW BULLDOZER AT WORK - Newest piece of city equipment is a skid shovel-equipped bulldozer shown in use at the city sanitary garbage fill on the Olentangy River. The machine replaces a bulldozer purchased when the fill was opened five years ago and will also be used in



AFTER NEW SYSTEM - Sanitary Fill Reclaims Low-lying Property - One of the city's packer-type garbage and rubbish collection trucks unloads. Also shown is the city's crawler tractor with bullclam attachment which spreads, compacts and covers the material continuously. As well as eliminating the rat and odor problem and mini-



the testing place for city water. Waterworks Superintendent Frank A. Lanning runs a typical test. Tests of raw water from the river and water after treatment are essential to proper treatment and are under close scrutiny by the state health department. The amount and types of chemicals to be used in treating the water and their effect are determined by these tests.



INTERIOR OF WATER PLANT — These are some of the valves, gauges and filters which make the operation of the waterworks a technical problem requiring compet ent operators. Not shown are settling basins, chemical feeding room, laboratory and pump room. The waterworks is designed to produce 2,000,000 gallons of properly

Record Amount Of Sewage Treated By Local Plant

As human and industrial wastes, flect the effect of purchasing a have continued to increase, stream sewer cleaning machine in 1933, In pollution has become a major probl-1932 the cost per 100 feet of sewer less may be seen as the same streams that serve as the place for discharge of some cities wastes are also the source of water supply for other cities, sewage treatment plant treatment also become a necessity for urban ilvina.

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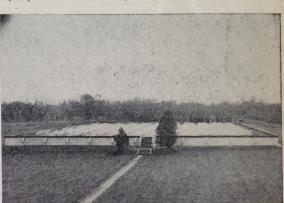
and reconstruction of a sludge bed, ment against the abutting property.

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Some interesting cost figures for the past five years show the following comparisons: 1951—18 The Planning Commission of the blocks totaling 7,159 lineal feet Clared, 1953—37 blocks totaling 13,200 lineal feet cleaned; 1953—49 blocks totaling 18,500 lineal feet cleaned; 1954—48 blocks totaling plated at the Clift Hall and are open 19,900 lineal feet cleaned; 1944—48 blocks totaling plated at the Clift Hall and are open 19,900 lineal feet cleaned; and 1955 to the public. Cloise Gillett is feet cleaned.

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LAB TESTS DETERMINE NEED AND EFFECT OF SEWAGE TREATMENT - Se age Treatment Plant Superintendent Ray Mantor, here in plant's laboratory, runs tests which determine amount of treatment needed and effect of treatment given. Closely regulated by state health department, these tests serve as continuous check on the plant's operation. Urinalysis tests in intoxication cases formerly run



FINAL STAGE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT — The final step in sewage treatment before the effluent is discharged into the river is the passing through the filter bed shown here. Treatment plant is thirty years old but is in excellent condition through

Debt Picture Relatively Unchanged

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Zoning requirements __ __



SENTINEL OF SAFETY - Located in the city park in

the block bounded by Liberty, University, Washington and Park Streets, the 250,000 elevated storage tank shown in the picture is the basic reserve supply of water for the city. A 250,000 open, standpipe near the waterworks has been ordered rehabilitated or removed by the state health department. Replacement of the standpipe

by a 500,000 elevated storage tank within the city limits

s contemplated for 1956 or 1957. During 1955, the aver-

age daily consumption of water in the city was approx-

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