

order that it might be properly looked after. After discussion of the matter it was moved, seconded and approved that the Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee be authorized to negotiate an easment with the owners of the land.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

J. Helen Dodd
Clerk

Frederick L. Peets
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DEC. 4TH, 1934.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft.

Meeting called for the purpose of public hearing, as advertised, in connection with the adoption of Traffic Regulations for the Town of Takoma Park. Proposed regulations were read by the Clerk, and the following Ordinance presented by the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee after discussion of the proposed regulations.

ORDINANCE NO. 532 *see 674*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, that, pursuant to and by virtue of the powers vested in it by the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, and by the provisions of the Code of Laws of Maryland, Article 56, Title "Licenses", Sub-title, "Motor Vehicles, as amended, the following Traffic Regulations, applicable to all vehicular traffic, Motor Vehicles included, in the Town of Takoma Park, be and the same are hereby prescribed, enacted and adopted.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

ARTICLE 1. These Regulations shall be applicable to all vehicular traffic of every nature and description, motor vehicles included, within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and shall become operative and be in force and effect on and after the 15th day of December, A.D., 1934.

ARTICLE II.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. Wherever in these Regulations the following words or terms are used, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:-

(a) COMMERCIAL VEHICLES - Any vehicle designed or regularly used for carrying freight or merchandise.

(b) CROSS WALK - The continuation of sidewalk space across all intersections, streets, highways, or public ways.

(c) DEVICE - Any marking, sign, or other traffic direction, erected for the purpose of directing, warning or regulating traffic.

(d) DRIVER OR OPERATOR - Any person who is in actual control of a vehicle.

(e) INTERSECTION - The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then of the lateral boundary lines, of two or more highways, which join one another at an angle, whether or not one such highway crosses the other.

(f) MOTOR VEHICLE - Every vehicle designed, constructed, or intended to be propelled or drawn by any power other than muscular power, including motor-cycles, motor micycles, tractors, and trailers, and excluding such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks.

(g) ONE WAY STREET - A public highway upon which vehicular traffic is permitted to move in one direction only.

(h) PARKING OR STANDING - Leaving any vehicle standing on a public highway, whether or not attended.

(i) PEDESTRIAN - Any person afoot.

(j) PRIVATE ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY - Every road or way not open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(k) PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR HIGHWAYS - Any street, road, way, or thoroughfare in the Town of Takoma Park used by the public for vehicular travel.

(l) ROADWAY - That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines, or that part improved and intended for vehicular travel.

(m) SIDEWALK - That portion of a public highway between the building line and the curb line designed for pedestrian traffic.

(n) TRAFFIC SIGN - Every device or sign erected or placed upon or along a highway for the purpose of directing, warning or regulating traffic thereon, including "Stop" signs, "One Way Street" signs, "Slow" signs, and all "Parking" signs regulating the time of or forbidding parking.

(o) TRAFFIC - Includes not only motor vehicles, but also all vehicles of every description, and pedestrian and animals.

(p) VEHICLE - Any conveyance or appliance moved over a highway on wheels or by traction tread, including those propelled or drawn by motive power, draft animals, and beasts of burden.

SECTION 2.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in these regulations, (a) The singular shall include the plural; the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter, as requisite.

(b) The word "Person" shall include individuals, corporations, partnerships and associations, but shall not include the State or any political subdivision thereof.

ARTICLE III -TRAFFIC SIGNS

SECTION 1. In the regulation and supervision of traffic, the Supt. of Public Works of the Town is hereby authorized to place, erect and maintain upon and along the public highways in the Town such traffic signs and devices as the Mayor and Council have heretofore or may hereafter direct, at such locations as may be or may have been, from time to time so directed. Any person who shall damage, cause to be damaged, remove or otherwise interfere with any such traffic sign or device, or who shall fail to comply with, disobey, or disregard the directions or instructions contained upon or displayed upon any such traffic sign or device, shall be guilty of a violation of these regulations and shall be punished accordingly.

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ARTICLE IV.OPERATION OF VEHICLES

SECTION 1. The driver or operator of any vehicle, intending to draw out from the curb or from any parking space, shall indicate such intention by extending the hand and arm horizontally from and beyond the left side of the vehicle, and shall not draw out in such manner as to interfere with moving traffic approaching from either direction.

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SECTION 7. No person shall drive or ride any vehicle or animal across the line of a funeral procession; provided, that funeral procession, in order to be recognized as such, must have displayed on each vehicle two illuminated head lights.

SECTION 8. The driver of any vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicle, and the traffic upon and the condition of such highway.

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(No. 577)*

SECTION 9. No driver or operator of any vehicle shall turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction, unless such movement can be made in safety, without backing, and without interfering with traffic.

SECTION 10. The driver or operator of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made in safety.

SECTION 11. The driver or operator of a vehicle shall not drive within, on, or across any sidewalk area, except at a driveway.

SECTION 12. No person shall drive or operate any vehicle on, over or across any unprotected fire hose, nor obstruction, nor impede, nor pass, nor drive in front of any police or fire vehicle when responding to an emergency call.

SECTION 13. No person shall drive any vehicle across or over any public highway, at which there is a barrier, sign or authorized person indicating that said highway is closed.

SECTION 14. No vehicle shall tow more than one disabled vehicle, and the space between such two vehicles shall not exceed ten feet.

SECTION 15. No person shall drive or operate any vehicle in, upon or over any public highway, whereon official "One Way Street" signs shall have been erected, in a direction contrary to the directions or instructions contained or displayed on any such sign, nor enter any such highway at the end thereof where such sign directs the traffic thereon to proceed only in the opposite direction.

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ARTICLE V. STOPPING AND PARKING

SECTION 1. No vehicle shall be stopped, left standing, or parked in any of the following places, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer.

- (1) Within an intersection.
- (2) On a crosswalk.
- (3) On a bridge, or underpass, or approach thereto.
- (4) Within 20 feet from the intersection of curb lines.
- (5) Within 25 feet from the approach to any "Stop", "Slow", or "Speed" sign, located at the side of the highway.

- (6) At the exit or entrance of a private road or private driveway, alley, court or garage.
- (7) Upon any highway in front of or along the side of any school, public or private, during such hours as the school may be in session.
- (8) Along side of or opposite to any street excavation or obstruction.
- (9) On any highway, for the purpose of making repairs, except those of a minor nature, and then only in case of emergency.
- (10) In front of any barricade or sign that has been placed for the purpose of closing a highway.
- (11) Within 3 feet of the front or rear of another vehicle or vehicles parked at or parallel with the curb.

SECTION 2. No vehicle shall be parked, or left standing in such a manner as shall interfere with or prevent the free passage of other vehicles in both directions.

SECTION 3. No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle in or at any of the following places;

- (1) At any time, at any place or within any area where official traffic signs, or "No Parking" signs, have been, or shall hereafter be, erected prohibiting standing or parking at any time.
- (2) At any place or within any area where official traffic signs, or "Parking" signs have been, or hereafter shall be erected prohibiting parking within certain hours, or for more than a given period of time, within those hours during which parking is so prohibited, or for a longer period of time than is so prohibited, as indicated respectively by any such sign.
- (3) On a sidewalk space, or on a public parking between the curb and building line.
- (4) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (5) In front of any fire station.
- (6) On any highway or roadway for more than 18 consecutive hours. *Repealed by 26-58 (No. 1091)*
- (7) Any commercial vehicle on any public highway, in front of, alongside of, or in the rear of any private dwelling, except when actually unloading merchandise.
- (8) In any public alley, where official signs prohibiting such parking have been or shall have been placed, except when actually engaged in receiving or unloading merchandise.
- (9) In or upon any public highway, street, alley, court or roadway, when such parking will obstruct the open ingress or egress of other vehicles thereto.

SECTION 4. Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs, the driver or operator of any vehicle shall not stop, park or leave standing such vehicle in

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any public highway or roadway, other than parallel with the edge of such highway or roadway, and headed in the direction of traffic, with its right side to the curb and within 6 inches thereof; and no double parking shall be permitted, except in the case of a passenger vehicle only long enough to take on or let off passengers, and in the case of a commercial vehicle only while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise, if no curb space is available within a reasonable distance.

SECTION 5. No vehicle displayed for sale shall be left standing or parked upon any public highway.

ARTICLE VI. PEDESTRIANS

SECTION 1. The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing a public highway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block or at an intersection, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is regulated by a police officer.

SECTION 2. All vehicles emerging from alleys, garages, driveways, private roads, or places of business, shall STOP, and then yield the right of way to pedestrians before crossing the sidewalks

SECTION 3. No driver or operator of any vehicle, approaching from the rear of any other vehicle, which has stopped at a crosswalk or at an intersection to permit pedestrians to cross, shall overtake or pass such standing vehicle.

SECTION 4. Every pedestrian crossing a public highway at any point, other than as described in Section 1 hereof, shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon such public highway.

SECTION 5. All persons walking upon a highway without sidewalks shall face in the direction of approaching traffic.

SECTION 6. No person shall stand in or upon a public highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. Except upon such roadways as may be designated by the Chief Police Officer of the Town from time to time and roped off or protected by signs, it shall be unlawful for any person to coast, slide or skate on any roadway.

SECTION 2. No person travelling on any bicycle, motorcycle, sled, scooter, roller skates, or any toy vehicle, shall cling to or attach himself or his vehicle to any motor vehicle.

SECTION 3. No procession or parade (except funerals) shall be allowed in or over any public highway except by a permit issued by the Chief Police Officer of the Town, which permit shall designate the time and the route of such procession or parade, and no part of such procession or parade shall move except according to the terms of such permit; and no person shall conduct or take part in any parade or procession except pursuant to such permit.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Chief Police Officer of the Town and his deputies and Police Officers to enforce the provisions of these regulations, and full power and authority to so enforce these regulations is hereby conferred upon said Chief Police Officer and the Police Officers of the Town.

ARTICLE VIII.

PENALTY CLAUSE

SECTION 1. Any person violating any of the provisions of any section or paragraph of these Regulations, or any person driving or operating any vehicle in any manner contrary to any of the provisions of any section or paragraph of these Regulations, or any person who shall cause or permit the driving or operation of any vehicle in any manner in violation of any of the provisions of any section or paragraph of these Regulations, or any person who shall refuse or neglect to obey or comply with any of the provisions of any section or paragraph of these Regulations, or with the directions and instructions of any traffic sign or device, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00, or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, and in default of the payment of any fine so imposed by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding 30 days, or until such fine shall have been paid.

SECTION 2. Nothing contained in these Regulations shall be deemed to apply to any driver or operator of any vehicle of the Fire Department or Police Department when responding to an emergency call or when engaged in the performance of their official duties, except as specifically provided herein. 53 = 20.153

ARTICLE IX.

REPEAL AND REVIVOR

SECTION 1. Nothing contained in these Regulations shall be construed as repealing, annulling or in any way superceding any provisions of the Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, or of any Ordinance or Regulation of said Town heretofore enacted and passed, except insofar as the same may be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions hereof, and all such provisions which are inconsistent herewith or contrary hereto are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 2. All offenses committed and all penalties incurred prior to the date when these Regulations take effect may be prosecuted and punished in the same manner and with the same effect as if these Regulations had not been enacted, the repeal of any prior regulation by these Regulations notwithstanding.

ARTICLE X.

These Regulations shall be known as the Traffic Regulations for the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and may be referred to and cited as such.

Passed, enacted and adopted this 4th day of December, A. D., 1934.

Mr. Taft moved the adoption of this Traffic Regulating Ordinance, motion being seconded by Mr. Orcutt, and the said Ordinance was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote:-- Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft voting Yea. Voting Nay, none.

At this time Mr. Sherburne moved that the public hearing be closed, and that Council go into executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Remsen, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated that he had gone over the data in connection with the proposed Culvert under Dogwood Ave., and advised the Council that the question of some discrepancy in the exact location of Dogwood Ave., had arisen, and suggested that this matter be looked into thoroughly before any definite action.

After discussion of the matter Mr. Conger moved that the Chairman of the Street Committee be authorized to order the necessary survey to establish the proper location of Dogwood Ave. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

The matter of petition of residents in North Takoma in connection with the opening of Brashears Ave. through to Chestnut Ave., was discussed at length, and Mr. Conger moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the petitioners stating that the finances of the Town do not permit the undertaking of this project at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Sherburne, Chairman of the Police Committee, presented to Council for consideration a Standard Consolidated Police Dept. monthly Report, and stated that these blank reports could be purchased for \$1.70 per hundred. Mr. Adams moved the purchase of 100 of these forms. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Sherburne stated that the one month trial appointment of Alex. Robertson as desk clerk at Police Station would expire before the next Regular Council meeting, and moved that Mr. Robertson be reappointed for another month. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

Mr. Sherburne stated that since the resignation of Lt. Davis as Chief Police Officer of the Town, that the Dept. had been operating without a Chief Police Officer, and that due to the necessity of issuing permits, combined with other duties, that he thought it very necessary at this time to appoint a

Chief Police Officer for the Town.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that Sargeant Thomas be appointed acting Chief Police Officer of the Town, to hold said office at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Mr. Conger moved that the motion be amended to read "at the pleasure of the Mayor". Amendment accepted and motion approved.

Mr. Sherburne brought to the attention of the Council the dangerous traffic condition at Laurel and Carroll Aves., brought about by the unloading of passengers from the street cars in the middle of the street right at this intersection, and stated that he thought some action should be taken with the railway officials in an effort to remedy this condition.

After discussion of the matter Mr. Orcutt moved that the Chairman of the Police Committee be authorized to take up the matter of the possible relocation of the street railway tracks on Laurel Avenue at the terminus of this route with the railway officials, with the view of ascertain what, if any, relocation can be effected. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Mr. Sherburne also stated that it was a difficult matter to see the traffic officer stationed at this point in the evening for the purpose of directing traffic and asked that the Lights Committee give some study to more adequate lighting at this point.

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee, made the following report on the petition presented at last regular Council meeting in connection with the lot in the rear of 10, 16, 18 and 20 Lincoln Ave.

Your Committee has considered the petition of H. O. Sikorra and others, dated Nov. 19th, 1934, relative to the alleged nuisance existing on the premises formerly occupied by the Sligo Lumber Company, located in the rear of Nos. 10, 16, 18 and 20 Lincoln Avenue, and has carefully investigated the complaints alleged in the said petition as to the use of said premises therein objected to, and finds:-

(1) That said premises consists of an inside lot, excess to which is had by a right of way from Lincoln Avenue, the premises being entirely surrounded and enclosed by a high concrete wall and metal fence, except on the side thereof facing Lincoln Avenue, where the lot is enclosed by a high wooden fence and gate.

(2) That the wooden building upon said premises is in a substantially good condition.

(3) That these premises heretofore have been and are now being used for commercial purposes, and that the same are not adaptable to use as a site for residences.

(4) That several old, dilapidated, and abandoned automobile trucks are now stored upon these premises.

(5) That some refuse building matter has been dumped upon these premises.

(6) That these premises, in their present condition, are unsightly.

It is self evident that so long as these premises are under private ownership, the powers of the Town as to its present use are very limited.

Inasmuch as the Town contemplates the purchase of these premises for the purpose of providing headquarters for the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town, your Committee has conferred with the Superintendent of Public Works, and is advised by him that, in the event of the purchase of these premises by the Town for the purposes aforesaid, the abandoned automobiles and trucks now stored upon the premises will be removed therefrom, as well as the refuse building matter now stored upon these premises, that the premises in general will be cleaned up and the present unsightly condition will be eliminated, and that the premises will be kept in an orderly condition.

In view of the fact that these premises, as your Comm. is advised, have been heretofore used only for commercial purposes, your Comm. is of the opinion that the proposed use of these premises by the Town for the purposes aforesaid will eliminate the sources of the several complaints set forth in the said petition, and that such use of these premises will present no reasonable objection to the surrounding premises.

Your Committee recommends that, in the event these premises shall be purchased by the Town, the use of the buildings thereon for commercial purposes be discontinued, and that reasonable notice be given to the present tenant to vacate the same.

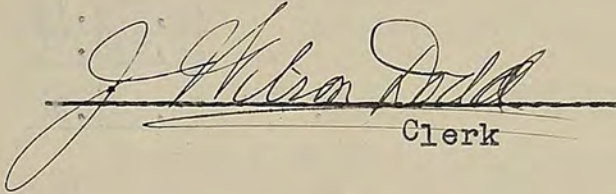
Mr. Conger moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

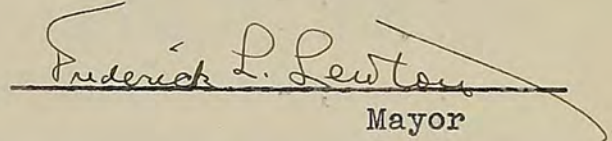
Mr. Sherburne moved that we direct a letter to the Board of Commissioners and ascertain whether or not this property can be used for the purpose for which it is contemplated without coming in conflict with the Zoning Regulations. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mayor Lewton stated that the Morgue Master of the District of Columbia had called him on the 'phone in regard to the removal of the body of a baby from Takoma Park into the District, and that same had been left at the District Morgue and abandoned. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Conger

moved that the Health Officer be instructed to investigate same. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 11:10 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DEC. 17th, 1934

Meeting called to order at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Sherburne and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 19th, and special meetings of Nov. 26th and Dec. 4th, were read and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of November was read by the Treasurer and approved, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$2,949.61	
Less Discounts-----	16.00	\$2,933.61
Interest and penalties-----		63.65
Charges-----		8.50
Special Assessments-----		457.63
Building Permits-----		22.00
Electrical Permits-----		10.00
Excavation Permits-----		1.00
Dog Tax-----		1.50
Vendors Permits-----		4.00
Fines-----		50.00
Montgomery County Board of Education-Playground Agreement-----		4,000.00
Share State Business Franchise Tax-----		7.50
	Total	<u>\$7,559.39</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	\$2,594.19	
Deposits in Nov.	235.24	
Nov. 30th, - On hand		\$2,829.43
Oct. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	14,511.07	
Deposits in Nov.	7,324.15	
	<u>21,835.22</u>	
Withdrawn in November	3,237.85	
Nov. 30th, - On hand		18,597.37
Nov. 30th, - On hand both banks		<u>21,426.80</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	\$1,900.61	
No deposits in November		
Nov. 30th, - On hand		<u>1,900.61</u>
Oct. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	11,934.14	
No deposits in November		
Nov. 30th, - On hand		<u>11,934.14</u>
Nov. 30th, - On hand both banks		<u>13,834.75</u>
Nov. 30th, - Total funds available both accts.		<u>\$35,261.55</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS

Labor	400.40	
Materials	372.14	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>96.76</u>	869.30

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor	75.75	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	23.85	
Street Lights	<u>479.41</u>	749.01

POLICE

Salaries	450.35	
Gas-oil- Auto Upkeep	134.39	
Tels.Lights-Coal-Supplies	79.81	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
New Station Expense	<u>179.14</u>	883.69

OFFICE

Salaries	450.00	
Tels.Office Supplies	<u>49.10</u>	499.10

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor	62.40	
New Playground Expense	<u>46.09</u>	108.49

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Printing Supplements Town Ords.	7.11	
Dog Impounding Exp.	4.65	
Recording Fees	1.50	
Rental	55.00	
Salaries J.P. Mont. & Pr.Geo.Co.	<u>60.00</u>	<u>128.26</u>

Total \$3,237.85

Bills in amount of \$1021.78 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

From C. Olsen in regard to bus stop at Jefferson and Carroll Avenues. Referred to Police Committee.

Letter from F. D. Kitwell opposing the construction of curb and gutter in front of his property on Old Carroll Ave. Referred to Street Committee.

Letter from Leroy H. Freemire stating that he had tendered his resignation to the Governor of the State as Justice of the Peace for Prince Georges County, and advising that he would not be able to act in Town cases in Prince Georges County in the future. Referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Comm.

Letter from Mrs. L. E. Beacock, President American Legion Auxiliary, Takoma Park Unit No. 28, soliciting subscription for the purpose of purchasing a stand of colors for its unit. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from the Young Mens Democratic Club in regard to the Municipal Playground now being constructed by the Town at Philadelphia and Holly Avenues. Mr. Sherburne moved that this communication be tabled, as it was an insult to the intelligence of the Town tribunal. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, and same was approved.

Letter from Dean and Louise Hodges Judd requesting that the Town remove the dirt placed on their property in the construction of the new Playground at the corner of Philadelphia and Holly Avenues. Referred to the Civic Improvement Comm.

Letter from the Federal Housing Administration asking information as to prices of materials and labor in this vicinity. Referred to Finance Committee.

Dr. Jordan addressed the Council and stated that the letter from the Young Mens Democratic Committee, and signed by him as Chairman of the Sub Committee, was not intended in any way to cast any reflection upon the Mayor and Council, but was merely written to offer any assistance possible in the Playground project.

Mr. W. H. McClennon spoke in regard to the laying of sidewalk and the general improvement of Cedar Ave. from the present concrete paving to Philadelphia Avenue.

Miss Vivian Simpson, Atty., in behalf of Mr. Harry Hobart, laid before the Council a blue print of a sub-division of the one acre tract, owned by Mr. Hobart, in Block 87, Holmes and Austin Sub-Division. Blueprint also showed the continuation of Valley View Avenue through to Willow Avenue. Mayor Lewton advised the interested parties that the matter would be given consideration and acted upon as promptly as possible.

Mr. F. D. Kitwell addressed the Council at length, stating his reasons for opposing the construction of Curb and Gutter in front of his property on Old Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Harry Dodge addressed the Council in regard to the proper location of Dogwood Avenue, and stated that a survey had been made of this section in 1923, the costs of same having been paid by the Town in June of that year.

Mr. Herman Heffner spoke to the Mayor and Council, and stressed the fact that a Police Justice, with authority to try State and County Traffic cases, should be stationed somewhere in the immediate vicinity of Takoma Park, as it was now necessary to go to Rockville for hearings, thereby necessitating the loss of considerable time, along with considerable inconvenience, and suggested that some steps might be taken to remedy this condition at the coming session of the Maryland Legislature. Mayor Lewton stated that the matter would be turned over to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee to be looked into.

Mr. Harry Dodge stated that recently he had had considerable difficulty in getting in touch with the Police Department, due to the 'phone in the station being busy, and suggested that the Mayor and Council consider the installation of another 'phone in the station.

Mr. Joseph Martin inquired as to whether the Town had purchased the lot in the rear of Lincoln Ave., and was advised that the purchase had not been made up to the present time.

Mr. Irving Johnson addressed the Council and asked that immediate steps be taken to put Cedar Avenue in shape for traffic through the Winter months.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Conger, Chairman, gave a summary of the activities of the Fire Dept. during the month past, and stated that the Town during that time had not had a fire of any consequence.

POLICE COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, gave a report of the activities of the Police Dept. during the past month, and stated that a policy had been adopted of detailing a police officer to direct traffic at all church functions, weddings and school functions. Also that in so far as the force will permit that an officer will henceforth be placed at the elementary school on Philadelphia Ave. to direct traffic at all times when children are entering or leaving school, and at all Parent Teachers meetings and all special functions. The Principal of the school has been requested to keep the Police Dept. advised of all special schedules in order to receive the fullest cooperation.

The Committee recommends that the "STOP" signs on Tulip Avenue be moved as close to Maple as possible in order to

give more parking space along the street. Committee recommends the installation of "STOP" signs at the intersection of Maple Avenue with the East-West Highway, formerly Philadelphia Ave., as it is a bad intersection, and since school children cross here it is thought wise to protect them at this point as much as possible.

Committee reports that steps have been taken to improve the traffic situation at Laurel Avenue and Carroll Avenue, and hopes to have a plan for a permanent solution to lay before the Council at an early date.

Committee reports that the present disreputable news dispensers located at Laurel and Carroll Avenues will be replaced by a different type and the old method of support done away with.

On motion, duly seconded, the Police Committee report with therecommendations was accepted and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that Stewart Gay, Edwin Russell and Howard Drew, be reappointed as Special Officers to cover the Washington Sanitarium Grounds. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In connection with the communication from Mr. Carl Olsen in regard to bus stop sign at Jefferson Ave., Mr. Sherburne stated that this matter had been taken up with the Transit Company, and after investigation they advised that a Bus Stop sign there was impractical.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, stated that he had no formal report to make, but with reference to the letter from the Young Mens Democratic Club he felt that a report was due the Mayor and Council on the present status of the playground.

Mr. Orcutt stated that the contractor has not completed the work, and all that has been done is the rough grading. The shovel has temporarily been removed to another job, but would be returned in a few days to complete the work. The grades around the playground would be easy grades, and not the least bit dangerous to the children using the playground. Mr. Orcutt stated that the Committee, in laying out this work, had the utmost consideration for the safety of the children, and would continue to exercise the same careful consideration. The Committee have discussed and had under consideration the possible necessity of erecting fences at certain points, but did not deem it prudent or wise to recommend anything about fences until the work is completed. The Board of Education has very splendidly cooperated with the Town that it will construct an approach and steps leading to the playground. Mr. Orcutt stated that the question of supervision has also been adequately taken care of, and at the proper time the Comm.

will give full and proper consideration to the necessary equipment thereof. Committee also wishes to advise that it has been fortunate in having the advice on supervision and equipment of a nationally known supervisor, which has cost the Town nothing, and will have no trouble in making the proper recommendations to Council.

Mayor Lewton made a brief report on the business transacted at the Dec. 10th meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, a copy of this report in full being on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

STREET COMMITTEE:-

In the absence of Mr. Remsen, Chairman, who was unable to attend the Council meeting, Mr. Sherburne of the Committee made the following report:

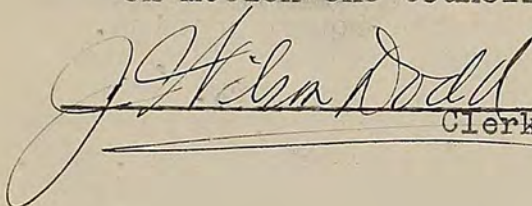
The Union Paving Company, who are the contractors of the East-West Highway work are again at work on the curb and gutter construction between Saratoga and Chicago Avenues. Also the work on the intersection of Philadelphia and Takoma Avenues has been taken up and should be completed within two weeks, weather permitting.

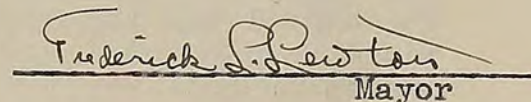
A temporary walk on Park Avenue over the former playground has been constructed by the Town forces, and a permanent walk will be constructed after proper settlement of the fill, which will be in the Spring.

On motion properly seconded, the report of the Street Committee was ordered received and filed.

The matter of temporary improvement of Cedar Ave. was discussed at length, and Mr. Conger moved that a temporary sidewalk be placed on both sides of Cedar Avenue at once. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

On motion the Council adjourned at 10:15 P.M.


Clerk.


Mayor