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STORM SEWER TO BE STARTED

Early Fall Set As Date For Southfield, Royal Oak Projects

Two big storm sewer construction jobs in Southfield and Royal Oak townships will be begun by early fall, Arthur W. Specker, county drain commissioner, announced today.

About 12 miles of drain will be included in the two jobs, which will serve the six square miles to the west of Royal Oak which is now served by the Royal Oak system or this will be served by the Southfield system which is to be begun in July. About \$1,600,000 will be required to complete the jobs.

The jobs will be known as Southfield No. 3 and Royal Oak No. 1. The territory which is bounded by the Eleven and Eight Mile roads on the north and south and the limits of the present system and the city lines of Ferndale and Royal Oak on the west and east will be served by the new project. (Concluded on Page 5, Part 2)

Glimpses of BIRMINGHAM

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

THIS IS IN CONFIDENCE, the latest spiritual to be favored by persons who go in for such things is "I ain't got no-body."

AND IF ANY SPIRITUAL ever bothers me half so much as that idiotic Constantine song I hope Tin Pan Alley has trouble with the labor leaders. I have finally gotten so I can spell the fool right in time and I trust now I may forget the whole affair. I shall try to avoid everyone in the future who looks as if he may like to whittle.

"WHAT" ASKS A "CORRESPONDENT," is the idea of continuing to call your column "Glimpses" when the subjects written about have strayed far from home? (Continued on Page 5, Part 2)

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

For fine herbarious, perennial roses, particularly adapted for cemeteries and lawns, call on Mrs. E. Perkins, Southfield.

John Baldwin went to Detroit one day last week and the next day he returned with a little stumpy tailed, one-eyed bull dog warranted in one year to clean-up, fight, whip and lick any other canine in the country.

Dr. C. M. Haynale has a large gang of men engaged in building his new barge. When completed all our young friends have the gum chewing fever and have it badly, too.

Corson & Co. are giving their store an internal coat of paint.

Samuel C. Mills has painted the front of his property on Maple avenue and occupies a part of it for a dwelling, making a good city marsh.

The Center boasts of a wagon-maker once more.

Andrew and Charley Parks and Andy Davidson have returned from Big Rapids not finding wages and work to suit.

"Bridget, I hear you have given up roller skating." "Yes, Maggie, I see the missus' daughter and all her friends has got to skatin', and the thing hez become quite too vulgar."

They do say there is to be an other busy wedding in the vicinity. We have yet to be informed who the high contracting parties are, however.

Ward and Mills were out fishing one day last week and brought home one 8-pound picker. They had two others hanging over the side of the boat for about two hours and the fish succeeded in chewing the rope apart that held them and gallantly sailed away before the horrified gaze of these two descendants of Isaac Walton.

The two fish weighed about 10 and 12 pounds each.

Every village in the state, except Birmingham, which has a lively paper do the square thing by paper and the citizens have the council proceedings published so that people may know what is being done to advance the interest of their village.

Walter Allen has gone to Sand Beach to grow up with the country in the baker business with his brother Frank. Success, Walt.

Big Beaver Mrs. C. H. Gibbs is entertaining her cousin, Miss Carpenter of Cleveland, Ohio, who intends making her home in Michigan. She is a milliner and dress maker. Mr. Gibbs house seems to be open to all the old maids and widows that come along.

Sam James and son have finished the plastering of the house on the George Coman farm. Linus Bookham does the painting.

The M. E. Church is slowly on the decline because the members do not work together.

25 YEARS AGO

Jack Whitefoot went fishing at Gilbert Lake last Saturday night for bullheads and caught about twelve, but just Jack what luck he had. Honestly, we dare not even tell that he went fishing.

Thirty-three liquor dealers have handed over their cash to the county treasurer.

Learning that "A Hot Time in the Old Town" is our national anthem and battle hymn, Frau Wagner greatly fears that "Parafal" will be vulgarized in America.

Mount Greenwood cemetery of Chicago, declared through its secretary that mounds raised over waves are injurious to the appearance of the lot and a constant expense to the owner.

Master E. Kelley is visiting his aunt, Mary Wilkinson.

The most daring, reckless, daredevil act we have witnessed in Durward Wilkinson who stopped Furxworth and Barker's big grey mare runaway hitched to a light wagon. This running was a most fierce one, the equine came down Pierce street between a row of horses and wagon hitched to high sides of the street and never touched a one, turning east to the left, throwing Wilkinson to the ground with a heavy thud and then slowly stopping his mad career because the plucky man held tight to the lines and, we are glad to say, walked off as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Southfield Mrs. Kittie Locke visited her sister Effie on Saturday last.

Arthur Alexander has hired out for the summer to Dave Brooks.

Rue Van Every, an influential citizen of Southfield, has decided to study veterinary surgery.

Tommy Shepard was taken with a severe cramp on Friday afternoon. Dr. Prowley was called and gave instant relief.

Dr. Prowley is proud to announce that the smallpox patients are well, and they were released on Monday last.

R. F. D. No. 1 Mrs. C. G. Jackson has just finished painting her buggy.

Mrs. Albert Bradway has finished house-cleaning.

Wm. Dohany has just sold a nice black horse to Detroit parties for \$245.

C. G. Jackson is painting his house. William Roat wields the brush.

John Baldwin had a most successful year in the cheese business and the prospects are that this will also prove a successful season.

County Moves To Keep Roads Abreast of Development

A tour of the roads in Oakland County near Birmingham reveal the steps that are being taken to cope with the constantly increasing demands for roads to keep abreast of the growth of the district.

A 40 foot belt line pavement is being built around the south and west ends of Pontiac to accommodate through traffic and relieve the congestion in the heart of the city. The new pavement leaves Woodward at the Square graph road, to join the Woodward again at the northern limits of the city. The Telegraph road itself is being built on a new 120 foot right of way from the Wayne county line, a 20 foot pavement for the present to connect with the wider width at its junction with the Square Lake road. This road is Pontiac's direct outlet to Ypsilanti and other points. Its length is 11 miles. At the present time grading and an installation of drainage structures is under way.

Another road of importance is the Lasher road, being built from Lake road, a distance of nine and one-half miles. The Thirteen Mile road is being paved between the Orchard Lake road and the Woodward superhighway a distance of nine miles. The Fourteen Mile road from Woodward east to the Oakland-Macomb county line, through the village of Clawson where the pavement is doubled in width. These roads provide more and needed travel arteries between Pontiac and Detroit. Another outlet for Pontiac to the north is being built to the intersection of the Scott Lake road and Telegraph, four miles west and three miles north to Waterford. The John R. road is being continued from its present terminus at the Big Beaver road seven and one-half miles north to the Dodge State park near the village of Rochester. Rochester and Pontiac will be connected with a 20 foot pavement along the north road from Rochester to Trunk Line 10. This road will be an excellent approach to Pontiac from the north.

In addition to these projects which are actually under construction, work is progressing on the great Northwestern highway, which begins Wayne County and bisects the territory between the Grand River and the Woodward superhighway. Surveys have been made and some grading done, and it is expected that the State highway department will shortly award the contracts for its construction.

Also surveys for the new Sunset boulevard, another diagonal road midway between the line of the Great Northwestern and paralleling pavements are a superhighway right of way. It is hoped to construct the first section of

this boulevard this season, from the Eight Mile to the Twelve Mile, from the Myers road to a point just west of the Southfield road.

There are also several gravel road jobs under way, but the major effort of the Oakland County road commission's program this season will be concentrated in the greater Pontiac area, and according to the commissioners, G. Ross Thompson, Luther D. Allen, and Thomas Lytle, this is most necessary in view of Pontiac's unprecedented industrial growth.

REV. H. S. EVANS IS TO RETURN

The Rev. Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, will occupy the pulpit again next Sunday after an absence of two months during which he has been in the west, attending to word received here yesterday.

He is now in Pennsylvania with Mrs. Evans on his return journey. A welcome is being planned by members of the church.

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EAST MAPLE STORES RAZED

Work Started On Making Way For New Building

Razing of buildings at 116 and 117 east Maple avenue is under way today for a new building to be constructed for a syndicate of local men.

The land, which was occupied by a laundry and Deere's Barber shop, was bought by the syndicate, which is made up of the following: Halley D. Wagner, Edward W. Taylor, James W. Taylor, Ed. M. Allen, for these blocks.


Only 30 feet of it were bought by this group of men, however. The remainder of the 50 feet was purchased by another syndicate composed of: Luther D. Allen, Seymour A. Adams, Ralph C. Moulthrop, James W. Taylor, Edward W. Taylor, Charles A. L. Llett, Robert W. Chalmers, A. L. Moses, Harley D. Warner, Edgar S. Pierce, and Mr. Allen.

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