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2 OBJECT TO ALLEYS CLOSING

Commission Calls Second Hearing When Proposal Meets Protests

The proposed closing of the alleys in the block bounded by Stanley, Watkins, Hanna and Wacker streets found two objectors when the matter was brought to public hearing before the Village Commission Monday night, resulting in the adoption of a resolution calling for a second hearing a month later.

The objectors were Fred E. Wilson, 892 Stanley street, and F. I. Rainey, 647 Kennedy street, both of whom claimed they use the alleys as a driveway to reach their homes. Wilson also claimed that a hedge on his property would have to be moved in the alley way closed, and that the damage to him at \$200. He does not occupy the property himself, he explained, but rents it to tenants.

The resolution adopted by the commission instructed the village attorney to prepare estimates on the cost of moving the two garages and hedge if necessary. The matter will be discussed at the second public hearing, and if the closing is approved the expense will probably be prorated between all property owners whose land abuts on the alley.

About 20 citizens appeared for the hearing, several of whom spoke in favor of the closing. J. M. Rental, 511 Hanna street, pointed out that a move was first made to close the alleys in 1927, and urged that the matter be brought to a close at this time.

E. W. Kurth, 516 Wallace street, who presented the petition for the closing several weeks ago, claimed that the alleys are not used sufficiently to warrant their remaining open.

Village Manager Parry also spoke in favor of the closing after pointing out that the policy of the village is not to spend any money on the maintenance of alleys which have not been paved.

Churches To Hold Series Of Union Summer Services

Sunday evening union services in which all evangelical churches in Birmingham will participate will be held during the remainder of June, July and August in the Birmingham Baptist Church, beginning next Sunday night, it has been announced by the Birmingham Ministerial Association.

The services will begin at 7:30 P. M. Local ministers and outside speakers will alternate in preaching the sermons. The tentative schedule of speakers, as announced by Rev. D. D. Woodward, president of the association, is as follows:

June 21, Rev. Henry S. Evans, of the United Presbyterian Church; June 28, Reverend Woodward of the Birmingham Baptist Church; July 5, outside speaker to be announced; July 12, Rev. R. M. Atkins of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Aug. 2, 9 and 16, Reverend Woodward; Aug. 23, Rev. W. W. Clarence Wright of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church; Aug. 29, ex-Congressman Grant M. Hudson.

Y. M. C. A. To Direct Bible Study School
Plans for a children's Bible study school with morning sessions every day except Saturday and Sunday are being completed by Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. Classes will be held in the Pierce School building and will probably begin on or about June 29 and continue to Aug. 7, Mr. Lynd says.

The school will be open to children from pre-school age to 10 years old, and will be divided into kindergarten, primary and junior divisions. The classes, to include Woodway Bible story, play and handicraft periods, will meet from 9 A. M. to 12 noon.

Similar schools were conducted by the Y. M. C. A. for three consecutive years until 1930, when the idea was temporarily abandoned. Mr. Lynd anticipates an enrollment of about 100 children in this year's school.

Europaragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

Notes from an Eccentric staff member's 12,000-mile motor tour of European countries.

Unlike the youths and beautiful maidens that guide us to seats in the American talkie places, the Roman theater ushers were old women, evidently picking up the few coppers that are expected as a tip for the privilege of showing you to a seat that isn't the one you wanted anyway.

Showing of an ordinary American eight-reel film is evidently too long a period for an Italian audience to sit still, for in about the middle of the show the lights were turned on and the screen announced a five-minute intermission.

"The only soda fountain in Italy" is the proud boast of an upper-crust establishment which we entered upon the advice of its advertising. To procure a regular American ice-cream soda after several weeks of no such thing, we estimated we had the 30 cent apiece we paid.

As part of the regular pension rate in Italy and many other European countries includes three meals, we have here and there had our lunch put up for a picnic on the countryside, and have found it very pleasant. To procure a regular American ice-cream soda after several weeks of no such thing, we estimated we had the 30 cent apiece we paid.

At Rome we stayed at the same pension where my mother had stayed 21 years ago. The pension was run by Swiss and turned voyagers were treated as the honored guests of the house. This pension is run by Swiss and enjoys a very cosmopolitan clientele, which numbered during our stay Americans, English, French, Germans, Italians, Swiss, and two upper-class Hindus.

Though we had often heard it said before coming to Europe that the color line American's draw does not exist, we are continually surprised at the fraternization between members of the white and other races. Mixing of troops, a thing never done in the States, is not considered anything out of the ordinary; whites, Negroes and Orientals mix everywhere on the street and in other public places.

Though every language has its own version of the word "stop," the English word has been used in each of the countries we have so far visited. All warning signals on the back of autos use the word, and it is used in spoken orders, with a pronunciation somewhere between "and" and a word rhyming with "alope."

Dashboard ornaments for motorists, many taking the form of small pictures of patron saints, and others of good-luck emblems, are common on the European cars.

One of the daily evening pleasures of Romans in the vicinity is that function usually associated only with Buckingham Palace—the changing of the royal guard. Clarence Wright of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church; Aug. 29, ex-Congressman Grant M. Hudson.

From Rome we took a brief run to Naples and Pompeii, neither of which need describing. I was particularly interested in the far-famed beautiful Bay of Naples. In Munsing last summer I was told that Chase Osborn, former governor of Michigan, called Munsing the Naples of America on account of its beautiful harbor, and said the Upped Peninsula town was second only to the Italian city in beauty of water-front. After seeing the Bay, though not a bit disappointed, I am bound to say (and aside from all patriotism) that the Munsing harbor compares most favorably with it.

On the road to Naples we made a brief stopover to see the work at Lake Nemi, where the government is recovering the two floating palaces of the Roman emperors, sunk and buried in the muds of the Silius in 1826. The process of draining the lake and recovering the ships has been going on. One lake was entirely drained and under cover, and the other is located in the process of removal. When the work is complete the water will be restored to the basin.

Those who like speed like the Autostrada, or speedway, from Naples to Pompeii. This road is privately owned and a toll-road. All crossings are grade separations, so that the entire distance of about 16 miles may be made without stopping speed. Under the present government private companies have been permitted to build and operate a number of these fine highways, which are practically by only concrete roads in the kingdom. At the end of 30 years the roads will revert to the state.

Shortly after leaving La Spezia, Italy's naval base south of Genoa, we were halted when stopped for

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"Suppose I forgot your salary for several months?"

The manager and I were having a little friendly talk about bills. Nothing serious, but I got the impression that he was checking up on me.

"What do you think of a fellow who lets his bills slide?" he said, "... who doesn't pay them until they're long past due?"

Thinking of myself, I replied: "Well, the man may not be dishonest as far as I can see... he probably has other more pressing demands. Besides," I blurted out, "his creditors aren't losing anything. They know they'll get their money some time!"

He was thoughtful a minute before answering. "Not losing anything, eh? Bill, did you ever stop to think that the money you owe your creditors is food and clothes and rent? They

have bills to pay, too. How would you get along if I forgot to pay your salary for several months?"

I admitted that I hadn't thought of it that way.

"No, most men don't. Another thing they don't realize is that they hurt themselves when they fail to keep their credit good."

"It's this way: When you buy a suit of clothes on credit, you promise to pay within a certain time. The 'certain time' passes and the amount is still unpaid... creditors become skeptical and your good name suffers. Then the time comes when you need credit badly... and you're out of luck!"

"Another thing, Bill," he went on, "if you ever want to make real money in this world and keep it, you've got to have a good credit standing..."

lack of credit causes more failures than lack of brains!"

I admitted to him before I left that I would be doing myself a favor if I kept my credit good.

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