

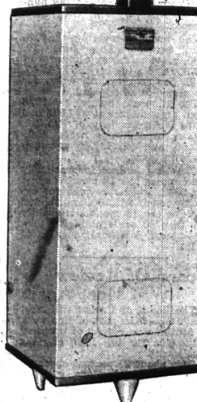
**PROPRIETOR WATCHES YOUTH'S ROB STATION**  
 Although he had a loaded revolver at his disposal, Ralph Ryder, proprietor of the Maplewood Gas Station, Maple and Telegraph roads, failed to use it early Sunday morning as he watched from an upstairs window while three youths broke a lock on one of the gas pumps and broke into a candy stand behind the station.  
 About \$40 worth of candy, cigarettes, ice cream and gasoline were taken by the youths, who drove off unmolested in a small truck.

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 thousands of boys and girls, men and women, have come under the understanding influence of "Uncle Ben" Comfort; in many places all over our land there are folks who, in their heart of hearts, must love their old schoolmaster; the fine things he did for others, the personal sacrifices he made to inspire youth to fit itself for the world's work, are the real and enduring monuments in the life of Mr. Comfort. His well developed sense of humor has made him impervious to the cruelties that life somehow tries to impress upon most of us. As one of his old pupils said at the banquet, "He has fought a good fight. . . . God will give you, Mr. Comfort, as you smile your way to the threshold of another and greater school!"

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**Bits O' Birmingham**  
 By THE WANDERER  
 Clarence C. Cummings, Sr., has been selected by officers of the Birmingham Masonic Temple Association to head up a committee to stage a three-day carnival this fall. The affair will be held on the Temple grounds, South Woodward avenue, during the month of September. Mr. Cummings, some years ago, was in charge of a similar carnival, which proved successful. The proceeds will be used to reduce the indebtedness of the Temple Association.

George H. Van Buren, of Hazelwood avenue, is back again on his job as receiver for Ferrandale and Berkeley closed banks following his recovery from a recent illness. "It's good to be back in Birmingham, where I have become so keenly aware of the wealth of friendship that is so happily mine," said Mr. Van Buren this week.

Stressing the need for more alert and constant activity of citizens in matters of government, George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, spoke to local Exchange members Tuesday noon at the Community House. He was introduced by Oliver H. Kirk, Birmingham attorney in charge of the program. Mr. Averill pointed out that the success of government depends upon the intelligent interest that citizens take in solving the common problem; he compared it with the food that one eats to assist in building a sound

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One of the world's most distinguished architects will be the guest of another architect of at least equal fame this week-end when Eliel Saarinen of the Cranbrook Academy of Art entertains Ragnar Ostberg, of Sweden, over Sunday and Monday. On his way to Cranbrook, Mr. Ostberg stopped off at Washington, D. C., where last night he was awarded by President Roosevelt with the medal of the American Institute of Architecture for his design for the city hall at Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Ostberg will be accompanied by his wife, and the two will be the honor guests at a dinner to be given Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. Saarinen at their home.

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 for the support of local government. I sincerely hope that the Commission will find a better way to handle traffic on Woodward avenue than to eliminate the present angle parking.  
 Ralph A. Wilson, druggist: "The merchants may be motivated by selfish reasons, but angle parking does help business—there is no question about that. There do come a few times on Sunday afternoons, and possibly on some other days, when Woodward avenue would be wide enough for the traffic even if there were no parking of any kind. But the traffic can be slowed down to minimize the hazard. The City Commission should take nothing away from the business men."  
 Joseph Stroup, market proprietor: "The Commission is giving the merchant 25 per cent of consideration in this thing, and the outsider 75 per cent, when it ought to be the other way around. After all, the merchants are furnishing a good share of the revenue which goes to the support of municipal government. From a business standpoint, angle parking is highly desirable, and traffic can be controlled."  
 William G. Olsen, market proprietor: "I don't know any reason why we shouldn't have angle parking. I don't know of any serious accidents that have been caused by it directly, and people seem to be more generally satisfied when they are able to park at an angle to the curb. Often protective shoppers, if they can't find a place to park, merely drive off, disgusted. I don't know why angle parking objects unless it is thinking of something we know Birmingham has."  
 Howard C. Holab, manager, Birmingham Theatre: "There is nothing better than angle parking for my business. Where we used to be able to park only 15 cars from the building to Fore street by the parallel system, we now park 25—and have had no accidents because of it, either. Even if I didn't have a selfish interest, wouldn't feel Woodward avenue was too narrow for angle parking, providing the traffic is regulated correctly."  
 Mrs. Irwin H. Neff, 136 Linden road: "Woodward avenue is plenty wide enough for angle parking. If we're abolished, people would simply stop shopping there, I

very often go around to Woodward instead of trying to park on Maple. It's ridiculous to want to straighten out those cars."  
 Mrs. G. Wesley Kimball, 439 Brown street: Angle parking doesn't make the town attractive, but for convenience sake it's a fine thing, and I think it should be continued. I believe the woman appreciate it even more than the men for their stops are generally shorter, and it is much easier for them when they just want to skip into a store and out again. Now that we're used to it, it would be a great nuisance not to have it.  
 Frank C. Kane, 415 Lake Park drive: "I'm all for angle parking, and I think the merchants deserve to have it. Often when I'm driving through other towns I would like to stop, but if I can't find a place to park easily I drive on, and I imagine it's the same with other people driving through Birmingham."  
 Mrs. Charles N. Zylman, 581 Hazelwood avenue: "I'm all for the world's worst parking, and I'm going to park on Woodward avenue all day, there isn't much of it, but I'll park there."  
 From the standpoint of a motorist just driving through I prefer the parallel system but I believe the shopper should be given preference.

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 commander of the local post and past 17th district commander, will serve as toastmaster.  
 The meeting will open with registration at the Community House at 2 P. M., followed by a luncheon at 3. At 3:30 the business meeting will convene for a busy session in the Community House, and members of the Auxiliary units will hold a similar session in the auditorium of the Public Library. A parade is planned at the conclusion of the business meetings, which will start at the American Legion House on South Woodward avenue will follow the parade.

**Ask Display of Flags**  
 Commander Bailey and Reginald Robinson, who is in charge of the decorations and ornaments for the banquet, have both requested that merchants display flags in front of their stores throughout the day.  
 Mrs. Robinson is general chairman of the affair.

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Mrs. Norman Lytle, 1347 Yorkshire road: "There would be fewer reckless drivers in Michigan if the state had a rigid compulsory insurance law like that of Massachusetts."  
 Among the dinner arrangements other committees are as follows: Mrs. A. D. Cooley and Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey, hostesses; Mrs. Agnes Baynes and Mrs. Fred Samuelson, tickets; Mrs. Jack Gill, badges and registration; Mrs. Edward Appel, frame; Mrs. Glenn Moore and Mrs. Joseph F. MacGregor, table decorations."

The prominent Legionnaires and Auxiliary members expected to attend the meeting are: Mrs. Alma Vierger of Grand Rapids, past department president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Ethel Sear of Detroit, also a past department president; Mrs. Carl S. Shrumpt, Niles, and Mrs. Earl Fisher, Big Rapids, department vice-presidents; Mrs. Bertha Prosser, Saginaw, department secretary; Mrs. Bader, department treasurer; Leslie Keefe, Bay City, national legion department chairman; and Mrs. Lyons, child welfare chairman of the Legion.

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