

Affix Light Change Meets Opposition

Brandt, Hulbert Object To State's Intention Of Installing Automatic System

After members had voiced objections to the installation of traffic-actuated lights on Woodward avenue in Birmingham by the State Highway Department, the City Commission Tuesday night tabled until next week a contract, covering the terms on which the new lights would be maintained.

The cost of making the change to the traffic-actuated system, including the moving of the lights at Oakland and Woodward avenue closer together, and the transference of those at Brown and Woodward to opposite corners, would be assumed entirely by the state, which would also pay 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance, the other 20 per cent to be borne by the city, according to City Manager James W. Parry. The annual maintenance cost is estimated at \$250, of which at present the city pays the entire amount.

Commissioners Arthur J. Brandt and Lawrence Hulbert both objected to the proposed change, maintaining that traffic-actuated lights here would cause traffic congestion and increase the danger of accidents. Mr. Parry replied that he believed the city had nothing to lose, inasmuch as the lights would be adjusted with the understanding that the city could return to the present system of synchronization if it found the automatic signals unsatisfactory.

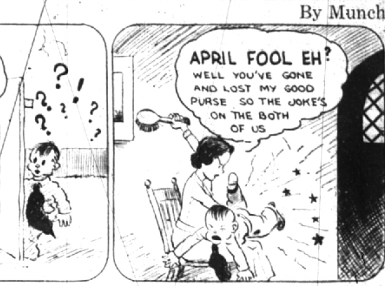
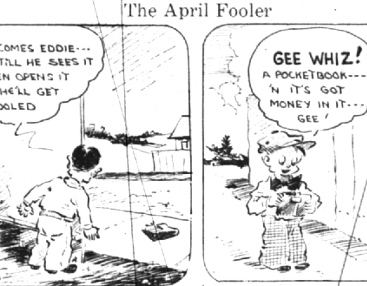
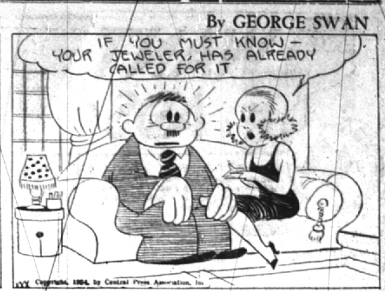
LENTEN PREACHING SERVICES PLANNED

The Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be assisted by four visiting Methodist ministers in a series of Lenten preaching services at the church next week. The services will be held nightly at 7:45 P. M., beginning Monday and continuing through Friday.

Monday evening the preacher will be the Rev. S. S. Closson, of the Fourteenth Avenue Church, Detroit; Tuesday evening, the Rev. C. F. Becker, of Wyandotte; Wednesday, Dr. Hopkins; Thursday, the Rev. Chester Brewer, of the Henderson Methodist Church, Detroit, and Friday, the Rev. G. W. Olmsted, of the First Methodist Church of Highland Park. The Friday evening service will be especially for young people.

Special music will be provided at each service.

Commissioners Arthur J. Brandt



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Obituary

WILLIAM HOWARD WOOD

William Howard Wood, brother of 31 Arthur J. Tugney of Birmingham, died suddenly of a heart attack last Thursday morning at his home, 80 Minnesota avenue, Detroit. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Wood, a tailor, had lived in Detroit 28 years, coming there from Toledo, O. He was born in Springfield, Ill.

Surviving besides Mrs. Tugney, are four sons, Lyndon, Glenn, John and Neil, all at home, and a brother, Malcolm H. Wood, of Silver Lake.

The Rev. Asa Richardson, pastor of the Birmingham Community Church, conducted the funeral services, which were held at 2 P. M. Saturday from the Manley R. Bailey Funeral Home here. Burial was in Park View Cemetery.

What's What at a Glance

WASHINGTON D. C. WORLD

Central Press Washington Bureau
1200 S. Street

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt's "press conference" do not draw as well as they did earlier in his term.

Not more than half as many correspondents attend them as did a year ago.

They are less productive of news; that's the reason.

Washington has its contingent of reporters who specialize on the White House; spend all their working hours in or around its press room; do nothing else; are there anyway, picking up what they can get, much or little. These "boys" are a stable group.

The capital also, however, is the headquarters of a small army of scribes whose duty it is to "cover," as they say, everything. Such news-gatherers must concentrate, day by day, upon what seems to them of most immediate importance, disregarding the relatively inconsequential, since they can't be in several places at once, naturally. Time was when few members of this coterie deemed any "date" more urgent than a presidential conference.

These are the chaps, due to whose defection, the size of such conferences has so dwindled. They can employ their time more profitably elsewhere. Not that other sources are better than they were; the White House isn't as good as it was.

A TRIFLE DISPIRITED

The President doesn't appear to be less inclined to be communicative than heretofore; the correspondential verdict is that apparently he hasn't his former publicity inspirations.

He gives the impression of being fagged; a trifle dispirited; unequal to the furnishing of prime journalistic "copy" semi-weekly.

The difference is not easy to define, but that there is a difference is no mere one man's opinion; it is reported by such remarked on. As common a question as one hears asked at the National Press Club is, "Were you at today's White House conference?" "I had to miss it," and the answer as uniformly is, "Don't worry; you didn't lose anything." From Mar. 1, 1933, and through-out most of 1934, few correspondents missed a White House conference.

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