

I have known men in public office who got there, and stayed there, only because they agreed with everybody on everything—and did little for anybody.

SIXTY-SECOND YEAR—NO. 19

JULY PERMITS \$48,000
Seven new single family residences, representing a total value of \$48,000.00, were started in Birmingham during July, according to figures given out by James Barnes, city building inspector. Other types of construction, including alterations, represented additional values of \$104,000.00. During July of 1938 13 permits were issued, valued at \$35,410.00.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Mrs. Robert C. Hargreaves, of Cranbrook road: "The development of one's spiritual self is an experience open to everyone. I do not think it within the scheme of God's plan that the Christianization of masses of people is the only way to bring God's plan to the human family. I agree, too, that giving only an hour a week to listening to a message from a pulpit is not sufficient to making Christians."

Latin as Spoke
The child that says, "Them's what I want," follows an old Spanish custom. The Roman soldiers in Spain in the days of the Caesars never used any case but the accusative, although there were five Latin cases from which to choose.—Household Magazine.

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Mex-o-Craft Shop Announces Opening

With the opening of the California Mex-o-Craft Company this Saturday in Birmingham, the East and Middle West will be introduced to a new form of novelty giftware, called "Mex-o-craft."

Owned by Edwin Ostrander and Arthur Otley, partners in the business, this new business came from Los Angeles, California, where it has operated for two years. The new quarters in Birmingham are located at 279 South Woodward.

Mex-o-craft, although comparatively new in the eastern part of the country, is very popular on the West Coast, according to Mrs. Ostrander, wife of Mr. Ostrander. "Mex-o-craft is another name for woodcraft novelties, which are gayly painted and decorated. All the novelties will be made in Birmingham and sold wholesale from here."

Otley, in addition to sharing the operation of the business, is a skilled artist who paints and decorates the various things turned out in the shop. There are a large number of companies such as ours on the West Coast," stated Mrs. Ostrander, "but only a few in this section of the country. Our entrance into this area is more in the effort to introduce this part of the country to the woodcraft novelties which are so popular in the West."

In addition to the Mex-o-craft, the gift shop will carry a line of colorful pottery. According to the season and demand, Mrs. Ostrander will have on display a number of various kinds of artificial flowers. People who have a definite idea of what kind of Mex-o-craft article they want may have it made for them.

On the Road

It is not an uncommon thing nowadays to see two roadsters neck and neck with the occupants of both of them doing the same thing.—The Louisville Times.

Poor Fishing Due To Hot Weather

LANSING, Aug. 9.—Periods of scattered rains and cooler weather brought on better fishing prospects, it is disclosed by reports on conditions in most sections of the state, according to the fish division of the department of conservation.

Sectional reports of the past week showed wide variance in results. The hot weather and dryness had caused trouble for anglers, although some good and even excellent catches were cited. In the upper peninsula, bass and bluegills were the main attraction in the western part and near the Wisconsin border, while trout were slow in streams that continued at low level. Trolling for trout in Lake Superior in the western counties had receded, but off eastern shores was reported to be increasing in popularity with a good season in prospect.

Upper peninsula lakes were getting heavy crowds, and good luck was frequent, especially with pike in eastern waters. Some central counties said small streams would be helped by rains, although fishing was good on rivers there. On the Manitowish lakes, fishing for bass at night was increasing and bringing satisfactory catches.

The excellent catches of bass and bluegills were reported in lakes just south of the Straits, and trout fishing was good, although spotty. The tier of counties at the Manistee level offered good pan-fish and bass and were striking in some quarters. Trout had fallen off but the improved fishing was better. North of Grand Rapids and Muskegon the improvement in lake fishing was noticeable. In some counties likewise predicted better lake catches, with reports of bass and bluegills being taken in bass and bluegills.

BITS OF B'HAM

Tom Mills, pharmacist at Wilson's Drug Store, last month won the first prize in a national window display contest sponsored by a nationally known pen company. The window display rules required that at least part of the presentation of merchandise consist of Mr. Mills' pencils of that company.

Local interest in the recent appointment of Edward G. Kemp as assistant Attorney-General of the United States comes about because of the fact that he is a brother of Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp, of Farmington road. Edward G. Kemp, a classmate with Attorney-General Frank Murphy in Ann Arbor college days, also served Mr. Murphy as legal adviser while the latter was Mayor of Detroit, Governor-General of the Philippines, and as Governor of Michigan.

If you are passing one of Birmingham's five public school buildings these days and detect the odor of paint or sawy water, just know that this is part of the annual summer clean-up business of Birmingham schools. The schools are being cleaned for children. School buildings, be it known, are just as susceptible to dirt as homes are. The more kids and youngsters, the more "clean dirt" is apparent.

When Birmingham's City Commission meets next Monday night at 8 p. m., the presence of Mayor John E. Martz—the first weekly meeting Hixson has missed in four years of service on that body. With Mrs. Martz and two children, the Mayor left last Saturday by motor for Providence, Rhode Island, to join another son, Philip, who has been attending school there. Because Frank S. Packard, Mayor pro tem, is temporarily located in Tarrytown, New York, the Commission appointed Commissioner E. W. Moody to serve in that capacity next week.

For street lighting for the year ending June 30, 1939, Birmingham appropriated the sum of \$13,200.00; actually during the year \$11,513.35 was spent for that purpose.

Report of the loss of an electric motor, Saturday afternoon, was made to local police by the Thornton Plumbing & Engineering Co., of South Woodward avenue. The pump was taken from a new house at Fairfax and Pine streets during the day.

At one o'clock last Saturday morning Merrill Smith, of Southfield road, drove through a cross-over sign at Lincoln and South Woodward avenues. He was uninjured, although his car suffered minor dents.

Display of a copy of the Reader's Digest in Braille, the edition published for the blind, is offered by the Wilson Drug Co. for the ensuing week. The edition sells for ten dollars per year and is supported largely through voluntary subscriptions sent to the magazine. In fact, it is about the size of the Saturday Evening Post.

Sunday and holiday traffic through Birmingham continues to get thicker and better. Many a local person trying to cross Woodward avenue is heard to mutter: "Boy, it'll be nice when through traffic is routed over the new cut-off, so that one can cross here the same hour one starts."

As Fire 'Ate' Western Wheat



In path of flames, which swept 4000 acres of wheat in southeastern section of Washington state, burn at Walla Walla turns to burning fury. Many bushels of crops went up in smoke, one farmer lost his life in fire.

Oakland County Briefs

HOLLY: Dr. F. J. Burt has been elected Commander of the local American Legion Post for the coming year. For the same month a year ago the permits reached only \$31,000.

ROYAL OAK: Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Kenney, of North Washington avenue, last week celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have lived in Royal Oak for the past 24 years.

BERKELEY: This community will celebrate its fourth annual civic holiday with a parade, floats, citizens in masquerade, etc., Aug. 25 and 26, according to word given out by Mayor Ernest R. Baldwin, general chairman.

CLAWSON: The body of Mrs. Emergia Morrone, 65, who lived with her son, Frank Morrone, was found seated in a chair on the porch of the home. Police, according to Coroner Donald S. Bell, was due to a heart attack.

PONTIAC: Officials of the Pontiac Motor Co., together with other units of striking M. M. employees, last week reached an agreement with union officials, thus ending a strike among tool and die makers that lasted a month.

PONTIAC: Charles F. Dull, 54, former president of Bartlett & Dull, contractors, died here last Friday. He had been ill many months. A widow and one daughter survive.

ROYAL OAK: Roy L. Reuther, CIO president of the WPA Local 169, advised 200 WPA workers last Thursday here that they

should perform a "solid organization to solve the WPA and welfare problem." He opposed the recent Congressional action that lengthened the WPA month to 130 hours.

FERNDALE: Litigation in the Circuit Court of Oakland County ordered to give back to Miss Anna E. Moore, of Detroit, the deed for 1200 acres of land in Oak Park. Failure to materialize its proposed \$200,000 h-wildling program brought Miss Robinson's action against the College.

MILFORD: Next year's annual school budget amounts to \$58,000.00 which includes an item of \$10,000.00 to pay off the last bonded indebtedness.

ROCHESTER: Jesse White last week was elected Commander of the local Homer Wing Post of the American Legion.

Edison Display At County Fair

One of the outstanding and unusual interesting exhibits to be seen at the Oakland County Fair at Milford, which opened this Saturday, and continues through Thursday, is one made by the Edison Institute. The Institute, as operated by Henry Ford in conjunction with his famed Greenfield Village. In their exhibit at Milford, the Institute demonstrates the evolution of transportation, and for this purpose will have on display vehicles and articles relating to the subject. The Edison Institute probably has the most complete collection in America from which to draw material and their exhibit will be highly interesting. Fair visitors will find more attractions and exhibits than ever at Milford. Saddle horse and pony races, horseracing, livestock parades and pulling contests, a big circus and rodeo, on Friday and Saturday, fireworks and a score of other amusements and entertainments.

CANADIAN PICNIC
Detroit District Canadian Legion Post, comprising zones one and two of the Great Lakes Command, plan a mammoth picnic and reunion at Walbridge Lake Park, Sunday, August 13, according to announcement by James W. Noble, zone 2 Commander. This week More than 300 prizes are to be awarded winners of various contests, for young and old. Dave Maylen, of Local Post #2, is on the day's sports committee.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Arthur J. Kane, City Commissioner: "With all the going on, and with more to come, one might suggest that the modern, structured method of covering a community's streets would be to place tippers on their surfaces—then to get down into the earth all the department of public works will have to do is to zip 'em up, and go ahead with internal improvements."

The Considerate Gourmet
The gourmet does not mistreat his food. He is ready for contest after it has been prepared for him, or by bringing his liquor, or by dining on a ham sandwich and coffee and staying two hours.—Gourmet Society Code.

Blame in Right Place
The guest met his host in the garden and commented: "I say, old chap, who is that awful frump over there?" "Why that's my wife," came the reply. "Oh, stammered the embarrassed guest. 'I beg your pardon. That's my mistake.' " "Oh, no," said the host easily "It's my mistake."

U of M Artists For Choral Concerts

Ann Arbor, Aug. 9.—Ten World famous artists and musical organizations will be presented on the 1939-1940 Choral Union Concert Series at the University of Michigan.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, pianist, will open the sixty-first annual concert series on October 24. On November 6, Fritz Kreisler, noted violinist will appear. He will be followed by Just Bojerling, tenor, on November 16.

The New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of John Barbirolli, will present the fourth concert on November 27. Alexander Kipnis, bass soloist, will appear on December 7.

On December 14, the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Serge Koussevitzky conducting will play at the University. The seventh concert of the year, on January 15, will be given by Kirpton Flagstad, Metropolitan Opera soprano.

The remainder of the program includes Robert Vroval, violinist, on January 25, Bartlett and Robertson, pianists, on February 14, and Arthur Rubinstein, pianist, on March 6.

State May Speed Up Slow Drivers

Lansing, Aug. 9.—Possibility of minimum speed regulations on state trunkline highways loomed this week when State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner launched a study of the situation.

Condemning "small drivers" as nearly as dangerous as speeders, the commissioner asked the state highway department's legal division to determine the extent of his authority to impose minimum speed regulations outside of municipalities. He asked the planning survey division to make a study of the danger caused by slow drivers on holiday weekends with the possibility of conducting experiments on a few trunkline highways to determine how effective minimum regulations might be.

He also pointed out that minimum speed regulations are already in effect in other states.

Radio Education.

When the rising generation hears Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, he is likely to exclaim, "Ah, that's the pink soap piece."—The Utica Observer-Dispatch.



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