

# Willowden, Hunter Blvd., Fetes in Next Week's Spotlight

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### THINGS and THAT

By G. R. A.

#### A Great, Good Man

Over in the nearby village of Milford, ten days ago, a great and good man was buried. His name wasn't known very far beyond the confines of the little community where he lived in his last days for many years. He was not, as the world judges, a brilliant success. He was modest, almost to the point of retirement; but, nevertheless, in my humble opinion, he was a great man. His name was Grant S. Rowe, and for 39 years, together with his devoted wife, he published The Milford Times. To bereave his passing are seven daughters and one son; the latter, Bob, continues his Dad's work. I have known the late Mr. Rowe for 20 years, and I deeply regret that he was out of the State and thus unable to attend his funeral. In fact, I didn't even know that he was out of the State until last Friday when, glancing at the front page of The Milford Times, there I saw the kindly face of Grant S. Rowe, the caption over his picture being the familiar "Printer's '50," which in printer's parlance, means "the end." Perhaps the mortal end of a great and good man, who will be missed and great and good influence that will live on.

#### Halloween's Night in Birmingham

is going to mean a lot of good, clean fun for the youngsters in this town. The city's official committee that has for a number of years supervised this annual event, is going to give its orders out for youthful "Halloween's Night" in going to keep the kids busy with all sorts of fun of food, movies, and a dance.

#### Lotus Taxes

In the late January of Twentieth, the whole Detroit metropolitan district, which includes Birmingham, Michigan, was hit by a tax increase. In the three or four real estate boom; new taxes were levied for roads, sewers, and other utilities. Few people, in those days, cared much about stopping the "boom" in the city. It exploded, and tax delinquency set in. The most recent case of plenty of taxes to pay is in the form of an assessment levied against Oakland Hills Country Club, for its share of the cost of the new state highway. (If our memory serves us right, both these drains were started by a former Oakland City Commissioner who exceeded his legal authority in approving the taxes.) Oakland Hills Country Club is going to carry its case to the highest Court possible.

#### A Rough Game

Several Birmingham physicians have volunteered to attend the game between the Oakland and Baldwin High visiting teams. "Just in case," of course, the game should be rough. Wurster in hoping these professional services will not be needed in the game, says that modern football isn't exactly a parlor game.

#### Staying Out of War

Every dollar that American business makes by selling war materials to the warring European nations is a dent upon the armor of our nation's ability to stay out of that war. Of course, there are other considerations involved in the sum total of circumstances that may get us into this war, as the threatened defeat of Britain, and France, and the subsequent rise of the Education March of Nazism, Communism, etc. In a world that is still pretty much in the jungle, it is very hard to make a set of rules for the guidance of any non-warring nation in this connection. Perhaps the best safeguard we have is to (See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

### Will Interview 242 In Survey of Youth

Birmingham has been chosen as one of the cities where the Michigan Vocational Survey will be conducted. Superintendent of Education, Supt. Howard D. Crull reported Tuesday night.

An interviewer will come here to ask questions of 242 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24. Purpose of the survey is to determine the problems this out-of-school group is facing, and what has been done to solve them. The school experience to their present status. The State Department of Public Health is conducting the survey. State groups interested in youth work are sponsoring the survey.

J. B. HOWARTH, A SON

Good insurance is not cheap. Good insurance is not stock.

## Indian Tribe To Pitch Tepees On Hunter Boulevard

Against a background of modern concrete superhighway construction a tribe of Indians will pitch their tepees in Birmingham next week and will live there until the Nov. 3 dedication when the new final link in wider Woodward avenue north of Detroit will be officially opened to traffic.

The Indians will be Chief Black Cloud will take part in an historical pageant in connection with the opening of the Birmingham cut-off. In sharp contrast to the ribbons of concrete which will soon carry traffic around the business district of Birmingham, the Indians will make their camp on the Maples avenue intersection. They will remain there observing their usual customs just as they did in the days before the arrival

of the first white settlers in the Birmingham area.

The theme of the pageant will be built around the arrival of the John Hunter family which marks the founding of the community known as Birmingham. The Village Players of Birmingham are arranging for the presentation of the pageant under the direction of George M. Dweil.

The ceremonies will be started at a dinner at the Birmingham Golf Club. The pageant and outdoor dedication will be staged at the Maple Avenue corner under specially erected lights of 10,000 candlepower.

The dinner as well as the outdoor program are open to the public. Reservations for the dinner can be made at 139 Bagley Avenue, Detroit, or the Municipal Building, Birmingham.

## City Requests State OK On Angle Parking

Birmingham is likely to see a return angle parking on Woodward avenue at an early date if the State Highway Department and State Police fulfill assurances given City Manager Donald C. Egbert early this week by Louis M. King, a deputy State Highway Commissioner.

Formal Resolution

A formal resolution requesting a change back to angle parking was passed unanimously by the City Commission, Monday night, removing any doubt as to that body's stand on the issue.

(There had been a report current that part of the Commission or city officials was opposed to angle parking.)

The resolution was sent to Lansing, Tuesday, and the Retail Merchants Association is hopeful that permission would be received at an early date, perhaps at the end of the week.

For the second week in succession, a delegation of merchants wanted to request a change from parallel parking which went into effect here Oct. 1 in accordance with the new state law. Ralph Wilcox, Retail Merchants Association, district manager, was spokesman at the retailers Monday night.

Maintenance Question

The question of whether the City would lose state maintenance of Woodward under Hunter boulevard is opened was raised. It was the consensus that the City would eventually lose it anyway.

It doesn't seem to me that the State is likely to maintain two highways through Birmingham," said Mayor John E. Martz.

Manager Egbert reported that he had talked with highway officials at Lansing and had been told that if the City Commission would favor angle parking, that the request probably could be granted. Several other cities have retained angle parking on state trunk lines.

## City Fathers Toil For Hours Over Changes in Zoning

Two changes in Birmingham's zoning ordinance were made Monday night, and three others were proposed in a lengthy session which attracted a crowd to the usually-empty Commission chamber for the first time in months in session until 11:45 p. m.

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## Cars Wage Battle on Local Streets

The resounding clatter of fender against fender has been heard frequently within the past week on Birmingham streets as auto drivers continued to make business good for the repair men, and caused a great deal of inconvenience. The doctors have lost out, for no automobilist was hurt, fortunately.

The score is as follows:

Henry Wolf, 27, 16234 Berkshire, Birmingham, vs. Ronald L. Agnes, H. Baynes, 21, Telegraph road, vs. Robert F. Watt, 50, 364 Hanna, Woodward at Merrill, at 5:30 p. m., Monday.

A. J. Underwood, 45, 524 Williamsburg road, vs. L. A. Chambliss, driver for the Chevrolet Motor Division, 141 Woodward and 141 Mile road, Monday at 8:05 p. m.

Mr. Elizabeth, V. Viet, 29, 1988 Gordon court, vs. Harry Kennedy, 23, Wheeling, West Va., Saturday, noon, Hunter boulevard.

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## School Board Needs \$14,305

Birmingham schools won't have entirely the cash needed to meet all payroll obligations for the year, Dec. 10 when the city taxes will begin to come in, but confidence was expressed Tuesday night that the money would be raised in some way.

If the State Primary Fund money was to come in as fast as it has in other years, there would be no shortage. Treasurer J. H. Roscoe told his fellow.

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## Contest Prize Award Set For Monday

Winners in the two contests which were conducted in connection with the civic survey will be presented with their prizes by Mayor John E. Martz at the next City Commission meeting at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

The winners will be notified to appear by mail. One of the contests was the "Womanless Wedding" and the other by the City.

## Current World War to Be Briefer, Preston Sumsell Tells Large Audience

That the present European struggle cannot possibly last as long as the First World War was stressed by Dr. Preston W. Sumsell, professor of history at the University of Michigan, in his first lecture Tuesday evening at the Community House.

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## Lions Put Bottles Out to Catch Small Donations

In order to raise funds to support the Leader Dog Foundation, an organization to train animals to help the blind, the Birmingham Lions Club announced at its meeting Wednesday that it planned to place 1000 small bottles in stores and offices about the city where small donations may be received.

The club plans to raise \$100 in this endeavor which is separate from the \$1000 raised by the club last year for the correction of defective vision.

Richard H. Fleming is in charge of the venture, assisted by James J. Kelly and Paul Savage. The foundation's headquarters is at Rochester, N. Y.

Those who are now in training. To fit each animal and its blind master costs \$600, it was said.

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## Seek 'Mile of Pennies'

A "mile of pennies" is the goal of Birmingham's Girl Scouts in a novel stunt to be tried Saturday on Maple avenue to raise funds for the new cabin. Passers-by will be asked to donate pennies to the parade, while the dancing for the members of Troop 7, are SARA GROVES, 12, 647 Hanna; NANCY BURDICK, 13, 648 East Lincoln; DORIS MINCK, 12, 1211 Henrietta; and LOUISE BOLZ, 12, 788 East Lincoln. (Eccentric Photo.)

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