

Old Tax Suit Will Be Tried

An old, old lawsuit involving property bought by the State Highway Department near the railroad will be cleared up within the next two months, Manager Donald C. Egbert told the Commission, Monday night.

The suit goes back to 1931 when the Highway Department bought some 300 lots so that trades could be worked with persons who owned land on the old railroad right-of-way which the state was acquiring for Hunter boulevard. Ordinarily, land used for public purposes can not be taxed, but not convinced that 300 lots were being used for a public purpose, the village assessor put them on the rolls and sent the tax bills to the Highway Department, which apparently threw them in the wastebasket. Taxes were levied from 1931 until 1936.

The City can easily forget about its stake, but the County of Oakland and others want this money, and ask that their share be reassessed over the state's share. Whether the County will press this point in the future is not known. An effort will be made to secure an early trial, Egbert said.

COUNCIL

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seeds and plants were made available.

Will you support this? Yes () No ()

(b) Cooperation is also asked in the planting of seeds in vacant lots both for beautification and weed extermination. This has been tried out and found to be very effective and your support this spring is urgently requested. Will you plant seeds and get at least one other to do so? Yes () No ()

3. Public support of the Bill-board ordinance. The decision on this is before the courts now. May Billboards? Yes () No ()

4. Public ownership of Quanton Lake, for the benefit of the community. This, with the various lands around it which have been offered to the city, could be a very beautiful part of our park system. Control of contamination could be more rigidly enforced. Are you in favor of ownership? Yes () No ()

Do you think private drives should cross the 35 feet of state-owned and to-be-landscaped land adjoining Hunter boulevard on both sides? (Traffic hazard and appearance to be taken into consideration) Yes () No ()

Deb Is Named Cotton Queen

Lida Pickett Willey, 21, Memphis, Tenn., debutante, was named as queen of 1940's cotton festival in Memphis, May 14 to 18. Miss Willey was chosen for Smith's greatest party by secret committee.

POST OFFICE

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the beautiful new structure. Sufficient equipment will be in use to show how the office functions.

Byrne, the moving job will be completed by June 1.

"Our new building is so substantial that this will be the last major addition that the Birmingham will see for a good many years," Byrne said Wednesday.

The Birmingham Stamp Club, under the leadership of Dr. James Howell, will prepare a stamp display and also a special carrier for stamping envelopes that day.

Reception Committee

The following persons have been appointed to a reception committee for the luncheon: Dr. and Mrs. John K. Howard, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. K. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. John, Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lambie, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Heacock, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Draper Allen, Dorothy K. Roosevelt, Mrs. J. C. Charles, J. S. Shain, Mr. and Mrs. Angus D. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broad, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Averill, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Jones, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Crull, Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Averill, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Egbert.

High School Band Plays for Rotarians

Baldwin High School Band with Arnold W. Berndt, director, will appear in a short concert Monday night before members of the Rotary club at the Community House.

The Birmingham Rotary has organized a new club at Clarkston. Organization work was largely done by B. H. Swearing and Walter Fausser who were aided by others in the Birmingham club.

Eccentric classifieds pay!

DR. MARQUIS

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be attended by the faculty, the student body, and the Board of Directors of Cranbrook School.

Others who will be present will be Dr. and Mrs. Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Booth, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cadigan, and members of Dr. Marquis' family.

The program has been arranged by Vergen B. Kelleff of the Cranbrook faculty.

The tablet was designed by Richard Pattenberg, a member of this year's graduating class, under the supervision of Charles Price and Lloyd Waite of the Art Department of the school.

Young Pattenberg not only made the original design, but also made the pattern and assisted in casting the finished tablet in bronze in the school's craft shop.

Says Troy Officials 'A Little Happier' About City Dump

To assure Troy Township that Birmingham's new dump in the old gravel pit out East Maple road will be operated in agreeable fashion, a measure was passed by the City Commission, Monday night, ordering a fence covering of debris with earth as fast as it accumulates, no burning, and closing of certain roads leading into the pit.

"Troy officials seem to be a little happier about the situation," Manager Egbert reported.

Park St. Sewer Project Planned

A hearing will be held May 20 on a proposed relief sewer for Park Street, the City Commission decided Monday night after heavy rains flooded many basements in the area.

Manager Donald C. Egbert explained that plans call for a relief line which would connect at Hunter boulevard, go west on Oakland and then turn south on Park, a distance of 424 feet. The cost, \$1,424,500, will be spread on an area basis on the lots benefiting. The cost for the average lot was estimated at \$4 a year for 5 years.

The city at large will save money because it costs so much to clean and maintain the old sewer," Egbert said.

GLEE CLUB

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his music seem to ask. He is a talented young man and there seems no apparent reason why he should not succeed.

W. Carleton Scott was programmed for three tenor solos and sang "Hills of Home," "See, We're Here," "Thoughts of You." He seemed best at home on the "Sea Fever" number which is a musical setting to John Masfello's poem. His voice has rather a large range, but is particularly interesting in the middle section which is at times mellow and yet possessed of a peculiar richness.

In Lighter Idiom

Charles Savage, also appearing as soloist, would play "Tales," musically, how Paul Whittford, Eddy Duchin and finally I would like to say "The Straw." His second number, the lighter item, was a melody of "Indian Summer," "See, We're Here," "Both one time. His Parlor Classics, Responding to an encore he played a short piece of his own, "Just something I divined up," he described it.

The club opened with Handel's starty "Whoever You Walk" and ran the gamut of musical taste, concluding finally with a vocal setting to Sibylla, "Fandango," "Fandango," "Fandango." Particularly striking was the chorus' interpretation of "Cossack," some bringing pictures to mind of a most forgotten band of men who ruthlessly rode the steppes.

The Club opened next at home when given an opportunity to sing religiously in a most earnest concert for the musical nation. It was magnificent program planning.

Accepting the statement in the opening of the concert, the club need never fear that their beloved art will disappear. It is not on the wane. Rather, it is increasing with a steadiness that is nothing short of amazing when one considers that art and culture are something that America is only learning to cultivate. As long as there are musical organizations capable of presenting programs such as heard Tuesday evening music will never die. N. H. M.

THIS AND THAT

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lars and then buy yourself a lot on a back street in Meigs, which you can treasure for your own, where you can go and plant your morning glory seeds and squash hills and a grape vine at a neat tree.

"And because I have also a hero worshiper of the potatoes, build a log cabin. I want you to build a log cabin on your land, too. I want you to gather stones from your own land and build a fireplace with your own hands, even as your father, who built five."

"I see if you a lover of books and in your log cabin I want you to have a shelf of books that will overfill the other shelves. With your own hands you must dig out a cellar under your log cabin and have a trap door going down out of the kitchen in the autumn when the corn is in the shock I want you to fill a little bin with potatoes and squash you cultivated with a hoe."

"For so did the mothers, and they were the salt of the earth. You hear the church bell ring of the new, safety, security, modern and humble riches are yours through life, not as a piece of driftwood tossed upon the waves, but you have found anchorage in a quiet harbor. Such is the peace of little towns."

"I see you, I see you on the wild blackberries on the edge of the hills, the same peace of the children's road, the rattle of Lake Michigan in the distance, the patter of rain on your cabin roof, the treasures of poetry in Fernwood and Woodward, the twinkle of the evening stars and the right to wonder as you walk the long long trails."

Slow-Witted Maid

Mrs. Cattington: Your new maid seems a trifle stupid.

Mrs. Talkington: Yes, one day I told her to go to that hotel Mrs. Burleigh that I was out, and now when I am really out she tells her that I'm in.

Business News

B'ham Hardware Reveals Contest

Perhaps you do not want to write the great American novel but you probably will want to write a simple 25-word statement and win the Fiesta 1940 dinner ensemble that's to be awarded to a resident of this county.

According to L. J. Slusser, Birmingham Hardware company, 152 North Woodward avenue, dealer in Lowe Brothers Paints, for the Fiesta ensemble, table service, a fine color. And in addition to a complete set of gouache Fiesta dishes in a service for six it includes blenders and glassware, spoons, tumblers and glassware, company.

Said Mr. Slusser in a statement today: "I imagine that every woman would like to have this ensemble for her home. It's sold by department stores, the world over, and it's made by the world's largest maker of pottery. This weekend to see our Fiesta Color Fiesta and to get the facts on this contest, we have arranged a test statement. We have arranged a colorful, animated Play Fiesta Fiesta and a streamlined Fiesta Fiesta to give you all the facts about Play, the Universal Beauty Finish."

"Furthermore we have samples of Play when will be given away absolutely free as will free contest." According to which to write the 25 word prize statement.

According to Mr. Slusser the contest will be open to anyone except employees of his store or three families. The judges are the local people: J. B. Honerth, of the Library Board, Ray A. Palmer, City Commissioner, and John H. Hayward, managing editor of The Eclectic. There is no obligation to buy anything and no fancy fee to enter. All entries will be judged on the simple merit of the statements and in the event of a tie duplicate prizes will be awarded.

So, concluded Mr. Slusser: "We wish to have the best of the opportunity to visit our store this Friday and Saturday and enter the contest on local contest."

New Type Chair At Serra Salon

The New Serra Salon recently located in the Birmingham Tribune Building and managed by Francesco Serra, Jr., in addition to being beautifully appointed in a most modern manner, features a new type individual shampooing chair to lower, turn it around and place the patron's head over an aperture for washing and rinsing the hair without requiring the customer to walk to another unit.

Raising the lid of the complete table you will find the complete washing unit underneath, the patron's head fitting comfortably into a curved portion of the side of unit.

Instead of the old style walled-in booths, Serra has fitted the Salon with venetian blinds between the booths, thus permitting better natural light, fresh air and comfort.

Two Drivers, Both 75, Involved in Crash

An unusual accident from the driver's standpoint occurred last Saturday on Woodward avenue when two operators, both 75 years of age, were involved in a crash. Driver of one machine was Allen Van Horn, of 715 South Bates, Birmingham. The other was Ernest Hunter, of 715 South Bates, Birmingham. Hunter was not great.

Gasoline Station Has New Owner

Formal announcement was made.

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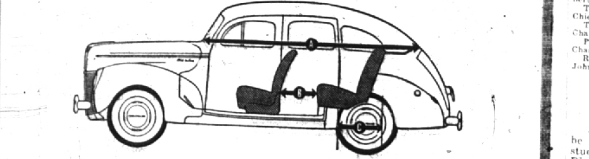
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