

Builders Confident Properties Won't Have Large Price Drops

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Silk and Our Destiny

Use of silk for various items of women's wearing apparel has been the custom for generations, even centuries; its lightness, sheerness, softness, its ease of care, its adaptability to cling and accentuate, its suppleness, a chief reason for its use in brief, is its ability to display themselves as artistically as possible before the world. We have found that silk does a pretty good job. Now, since our country's relations with silk-raising nations are such that the importation and use of silk may be discontinued for women's apparel, I believe it is time that all men earnestly to the aid of their country by declaring something like this: "Ladies, don't worry about the necessity of silk to keep you partially covered, or to accentuate your beautiful extremities; we men have seen so much of you in late years that we are definitely convinced of your public utility. In compensation over Grecian goddesses, your streamlined modern design; in compensation over the women of your own country, your ability to give up your own country and, so far as the men are concerned, they will continue to be interested in you."

Builders Say Priority Won't Affect Housing Activity

Preference Will Go to Houses Under \$6,000 Cost

Government officials announced Saturday that priority will be given to materials for new home construction less than \$6,000, but that does not mean it will be impossible to build a home costing more than that figure, it was announced by Robert F. W. Watt, secretary of the Real Estate Board this week.

The restrictions will apply only to materials of which there may be a scarcity, and is not an absolute embargo, according to Robert F. Watt, secretary of the board.

It will, \$6,000-and-up houses were stopped, building of new homes here would be cut in half, Watt estimated. For the month of July, 17 new homes averaged \$7,417 each.

Watt's statement, issued on behalf of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, reports new items in certain of the Detroit papers have given the impression to many Birmingham people that it is almost impossible to attempt to build a home at this time costing over \$6,000. Members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board who have been in contact with Kuhlman, executive vice president of the Detroit Builders Association who has been in close touch with the whole situation, Mr. Kuhlman deplors the situation, but says that the board has been given out on this subject, particularly because it has caused a great deal of trouble in their plans for building a home at this time.

Explains Kating that the policy of the government with respect to construction of new buildings is to give priority to the building of new homes.

Lightning Strikes; Car Is Wrecked

Who said cars are safe from lightning? The Birmingham fire department would remember, some years ago, when fire burst out in the expensive Edson and barn in the neighborhood of Bloomfield Hills; in those days Birmingham's insurance was available, and when the local pump arrived on the scene it was discovered that the Edson house connection would not fit the pump—and so, although there was plenty of water available, the fire couldn't be thrown into the fire. Here was a case of thousands of dollars' worth of property being destroyed because of a bad connection.

Chimney Struck By Lightning

Lightning struck the chimney on the home of Raymond H. Smith, 6217 West 11th street, on Sunday afternoon. Bricks were scattered about the house, and several people were injured by the lightning.

School Will Start Again Sept. 8

Schools will begin in Birmingham on Sept. 8, Supt. Howard D. Crum announced. He said that the schools will start on Monday, Sept. 8, and that the schools will be open for the first nine months of the year.

Moody Charges Taxicab Companies Cut Prices But Ask for Higher Rates

New taxicab rates to go into effect Sept. 15 were adopted by the City Commission Monday night. The new rates will be cutting some 25 cents off the rate for the first mile and five cents for each additional quarter mile.

Police Ask Auto Club to Survey Traffic Here

A traffic survey of Birmingham has been requested by the Police Department and a crew from the Automobile Club of Michigan is now at work, headed by C. A. Parkin, head of the club's safety and traffic division. There is no cost to the City.

Parkin is former director of the Detroit Police Department and has been on the faculty of the National Traffic Officers Training School, Northeastern University. He is being assisted by T. A. Webb, William L. Park and J. H. Hopper.

Citizen Complains Of Excess Speed

Lawrence Hulbert, former City Commissioner who lives at Southfield and Brown streets, complained before the City Commission Monday night, and asked that "something be done to curb the traffic on the streets, which he said were getting worse. Another citizen, John C. Ruffner, of 1510 Huron, was also present on the same errand.

The speeding and noise on Southfield and Brown is very annoying," he declared. "It seems a shame that our streets should be turned into a speedway."

Mayor John S. Burtch replied, "Yes, I know there have been complaints about the speed and noise on Southfield and Brown, but it has caused early in the morning."

Girl Hit by Army Truck Passes Away

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the home for Betty Jane Roth, 23600 15-Mile road, who died Sunday night as a result of injuries she received July 25 when her car was struck by an Army truck. The girl was 19 years old.

Luncheon Clubs Pleasure-Bent

Annual field day of the Rotary Club was held Monday at the home of George Baldwin, Upper Charles street. The club had 38 members, two visiting Rotarians and three guests.

Late News On Stocking Situation

Latest news from the silk stocking front reveals that for the first time since the war began by the situation—as they are called—has been broken. The price of stockings has fallen to a point where it is now possible to buy a pair of stockings for less than \$1.00.

Bear in Man, Not In Trucks, Is Charge

Miss Dickinson, 35 years old, of 1616 East Street, Flint, Michigan, charged that a bear was in a truck on the street in Detroit. She said that the bear was in the truck when it was driving down the street and that she saw it through the window.

May Release Drafted Men Over Age 28

State Asks List; 22 from District Now in the Army

Birmingham drafted 28 years old and over pay release from the Army, perhaps now, or when the year of training ends. It was reported that last week when draft boards all over Michigan were asked for lists of the 28-year-olds.

Wants City to Cut Use of Water

Frederick H. Aldrich, of Southfield Township, attorney, appeared before the City Commission Monday night in behalf of Mrs. Roy L. Rosenthal, of Evergreen Road, Southfield, who has a complaint against the Birmingham Municipal Building. The other complaint against the Birmingham Municipal Building is that of the new Southfield well.

JOSEPH VICTOR LADEROLTE, 67-year-old leading Canadian tenor, has accepted the leading role in Miss Merrill's musical comedy which opens at WH-O.

Way next Tuesday. Learning that he was her birthday anniversary, Laderolte offered to sing at the musical comedy which opens at WH-O on Tuesday at 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday.

Musical Comedy Will Open Tuesday

Opening Tuesday evening at WH-O will be "The Nightingale," a musical comedy which opens at WH-O on Tuesday at 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday.

City and Schools Unhappy Over Their Equalization

Birmingham will appeal to the State Board of Education for equalization granted the City last week by the County Board of Supervisors. The County Board of Supervisors, on Monday night, reported to the State Board of Education that the City's tax rate was higher than that of the other cities in the county.

Powder Pays Call At Merrill Adams'

The powder is active again. At 9 o'clock Monday night, Merrill C. Adams, 1616 Kensington, reported to the City Commission that a powder call had been received at his home. The powder was active again.

Edison to Remove 27 Light Poles

City Manager D. C. Eberhart notified the City Commission Monday that the Edison Electric Company planned to remove 27 of its iron poles along Woodward avenue from 11th to 12th streets. The poles are a heavy type used to hold trolley wires, and the company wants to remove them to make room for a new street car line.

State Official Coming On Pollution Issue
Milton P. Adams, secretary of the State Stream Control Commission, will attend a meeting here tonight of Southfield residents and the Birmingham City Commission at which time alleged pollution of the River Rouge will be held in discussion. The other complaint against the Birmingham Municipal Building is that of the new Southfield well.