

New Plan To Rid Cities of Alleys Is Ready In Detroit

A brochure describing the method of converting an alley into an easement has been prepared by the staff of the Detroit City Plan Commission and is not ready for distribution to those who are interested in doing away with alleys and obtaining more yard space.

In the publication entitled "How You Can Get More Yard Space," the City Plan Commission presents in easy steps the method of enlarging recreation, work, or garden space in back yards by converting unnecessary alleys into easements. The brochure explains the means of getting Common Council approval for the elimination of alleys and making way for development of the area thus freed for other uses.

Questions on the method of removing refuse, the placement of utility poles and other problems are answered in the pamphlet which may be obtained by writing to the Detroit City Plan Commission, ninth floor Griswold Building, or by calling Cherry 3660.

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Michigan Mirror

By GENE ALLEMAN

There's gold in the preservation of outstanding historical landmarks. Such is the experience of nearby states such as Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio, all of which have purchased and are maintaining many historical sites and properties as a part of the state's recreational service to the public.

Michigan, the leading tourist state in the Mid-West, has lagged in this field. As we pointed out last week, under state ownership and control and is perhaps the best known tourist spot of the entire state. It proved the setting for the 1945 governor's national conference last July.

Through the efforts of county boards of supervisors, local historical societies and interested citizens, many historical sites in Michigan have been suitably marked and thus memorialized with tablets and monuments. But few original properties have been preserved.

In addition to Old Fort Drummond and to the old Mormon printing house at St. James, Beaver Dam, which we publicized last week as affording opportunities for preservation of unique historical landmarks that would appeal greatly to Michigan people and to outside tourists, there is a stretch of the Clinton-Kalamazoo canal between Utica and Rochester which still survives today as a relic of a century-old pioneer period.

Part of this waterway is being utilized by the Utica Milling Company, Utica, for purpose of water-power.

It would be very simple for the State of Michigan to set aside a portion of this canal as a historical memorial. Canal land has been purchased already by the state conservation department in its development of the Southeastern Michigan recreational program.

This canal was started in 1839 as part of an ambitious state improvement program designed to provide transportation by boats from Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan via the Clinton and Kalamazoo rivers. Michigan's boy governor, Stevens T. Mason, headed the movement. When money ran out, the canal was abandoned.

Our calendar records this week revealed the fact that the Indiana department of conservation is occupying a 14-mile stretch of the old Whitewater canal between Brookville and Laurel for preservation as a historic memorial.

Formerly a relic of the property, financed by the Whitewater Canal association, is expected to be completed this month. Announcement was made Nov. 1.

In Indiana the state government, through the department of conservation, is "cashing in" on public interest in early Indiana history. The state has acquired the following properties and is preserving them as recreational spots: George Rogers Clark memorial, Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial, Corydon State Capitol memorial, P. O. Lanier memorial, old Gothen Rouch memorial, Pigeon Roost memorial, Tippecanoe Battlefield memorial, and the Wilbur Wright birthplace memorial.

The Whitewater canal memorial would be added to the above.

In Wisconsin the preservation of historical landmarks is conducted under auspices of the conservation department as the operating agency for maintenance.

Like Michigan, Wisconsin has an active state society for historical research and publications. But groups of this kind are not equipped to administer the needs of properties and hence the conservation department is the preferred medium.

The Wisconsin conservation department is charged with the preservation of the following: Star Line Dunes at Star Line Park at Cassville, consisting of original buildings on the farm of Wisconsin governor, State park, 1925.

Wisconsin's first capital building at Belmont, Gift in 1924.

Cushing Memorial park at Dalefield to Civil War family prominent in Wisconsin history. Gift in 1915.

Tower Hill pioneer memorial park at Spring Green where lead shot was made. Gift in 1922.

Other potential tourist attractions which would afford a delightful Sunday automobile trip for Michigan residents and an interesting stop for visiting tourists:

Oldest covered bridge in Michigan, a relic of pioneer days.

Oldest remaining pioneer water-powered mill. A historic mill is in the Southeastern Michigan area, having been acquired by the conservation department.

Authentic restoration of lumber camp in north Michigan woods. Tourist access by lumber railroad, financed by small fee per passenger.

Indian mound and Indian historical museum.

Historical landmarks, such as these, would enrich Michigan's tourist industry in our observation. Finance, preferably by private contributions and administered by the conservation department, would be a sound business investment.

A major handicap, according to Harry H. Whitely of Douglas, a member of the state conservation commission, is an "extreme lack of funds." The state mark budget cut across by the legislature from

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

This is a fine example of how a posed picture can retain the excitement and surprise of a casual shot.

SERGEANT Jim and Corporal Sue have their heart-strings tied to just one place—"home." And, next to coming home, they want, more than anything else, new snapshots from home.

When you're catching up on pictures of the family remember that one of the major advantages of amateur photography is the chance a small camera offers to snap people on the spot. In action. For that reason good snapshots have an irresistible freshness and appeal.

It's often effective to snap people as you find them, especially when you're after candid pictures. But you can frequently get even better results if you take time to "plan" your pictures in advance, and scout around for a few props if necessary to make the scene even more interesting dramatically. Have all your pictures tell a story.

The above illustration is a fine example of how a posed picture can retain the excitement and surprise of a casual shot. This picture looks as though Dad just happened to be in the garden, and Betty just happened to have her camera in hand at the moment he went after the latest onslaught of bugs.

The very simplicity of the photo-graph fools you. Actually, the composition in this picture is no accident—Betty planned it that way. She was clever, to see that the flowers she incorporated were just the right height, fine specimens of Dad's prowess as a gardener. She took a position where the flowers cut across at an angle, and posed Dad carefully in relation to it, with his left arm parallel to the line of the flowers and the spray gun forming the other side of a nice compositional triangle.

The sky, of course, makes a beautiful background for the formal portraits, and in order to use the sky in this way Betty took the picture from a kneeling position. She got as close to her subject as she could, for maximum dramatic effect. In spite of all this planning, the picture is completely natural; and because she planned the snapshot is particularly effective.

Pictures from home are always welcome to those in the Service. And, these days, when the mail scarce, it's a smart idea to use a little imagination in pre-planning your shots. Then you aren't guessing—your home snapshots will be more interesting. Think over your shots! It pays.

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Mr. Colbert spent five years on duty in the South Pacific Theater of Operations as a pharmacist. He is a graduate of the Michigan College of Mortuary Science of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Colbert have taken up residence at 820 East Maple Street; they formerly resided in Detroit.

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Basketball Squad Is Already Busy Under Coach Lloyd Cooper

By DON BUELL

When a basketball coach gets his boys moving in the middle of football season it's a good sign to hope for something big. That is the case of Birmingham High with Coach Lloyd A. Cooper.

A few veterans from last year's team have been shooting baskets for quite a while though official practice was not called off last week.

Spotting the starting "squad" of over 20 boys were returning: Vernie Dick, Eisenhower, Chuck Murray and Gene Sutton.

Boys who are expected to show considerable promise are Jack Moses, Charlie Renfrew, Bob Damscher, Gerry Harber, Hugh Morrow and Ed Rindley.

Others who attended were Donald Degan, Rolly Davies, Jim Run-

Calhoun county J.H. boys and girls will join with other club members in the state this year in exhibiting their fur at a special fur show to be held in conjunction with Farm Week at Michigan State College Jan. 28 to 31. This will be the first show of this kind.

July is the danger month for 5-24 year olds. In 1943, over 12 per cent of the annual total of accident deaths for this age group occurred in July.

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