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Local Street Improvements Do you, as a Birmingham citizen, feel that the City's attitude toward payment for street improvements should be changed?

The City generally assumes not less than 15 per cent of the cost, plus cost of street intersections... This portion being considered a general public benefit.

There is a good deal of interest in this matter, not only in the northwest section of town but in other parts, too. It is a healthy interest, and not signalized by animosity or sectional feeling.

"In this connection, I have heard several persons suggest that the time has come for the city to look upon the whole problem of modernization, including paving, in a broad way than has been customary."

"My own opinion, which is shared by at least some others, is that the Oak Street improvement is one of importance, to the entire city and that the cost probably should be spread on the general rolls."

What do you think on the subject?

Will We Jeopardize Victory?

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who led our armies to victory in Europe, says that as long as we have the problem of occupying enemy countries, the Army will not be able to get along with less than a million men.

The General has just returned from the Pacific. He knows about the conditions in Europe. He points out that the job that the nation must do is immense and that it is "unfair for the same men to stay on and do it."

The Administration, according to Secretary of the Treasury, may ask an increase in taxes on individuals and corporations "if prices get too far out of hand."

The idea is to take away some of the spending funds available to individuals and business in order to reduce the inflationary pressure.

When the record of the late Harry Hopkins, closest of all FDR's personal friends, is written, we believe that most of his public acts will be shown to have been motivated by "politics."

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Happenings of Long Ago

30 YEARS AGO August 6, 1916

"Jack the skulker" is creating a reign of terror in our village and they are after him' marshal and all. We opine that if Jack and the law and order people ever do meet you'll hear a Fourth of July celebration and blood will flow knee-deep in the vicinity of Town Hall.

"If you have company, or go away, or if anything has transpired within your knowledge that would be of interest in the newspaper we would esteem it a favor if you would let us know all about it."

"There will be no Oakland County Fair this year," a man I got around to it, the managers say. "They have tried to hush it up, but the public will not let them off for the first time and that is this: Misses Carrie Blodgett and Della Cromwell are going to be married on a date recently and started on a tour abroad."

"With this issue, Raymond G. Gardin, for the past year member of the editorial staff of the Birmingham Daily Press, assumes duties as managing editor of The Eccentric. He has contributed articles to several magazines and done considerable special writing in addition to other newspaper work."

"Police today are seeking the men who looted the carpenter's shed near a construction job on Cranbrook road and escaped with two complete sets of carpenter's tools, and the University of Notre Dame. It is a native of Detroit, 23 years old and—"

"Tom Riley mashed a couple of fingers seriously last Friday when he tried to open a door and didn't take his hand out quickly enough. He rushed down to the drugstore for a terrible misery to get some pain-killer. They didn't have any left but they told him they had some more ordered which would be here in about a week."

5 YEARS AGO August 7, 1941

"Talk about the blushing brides—consider the plight of one bride's maid at a recent Birmingham wedding! When getting dressed just before the wedding he discovered that the tailors had pulled the old trick of altering one one trouser leg twice and the other not at all. Much scurrying around was done to get the proud father into proper clothes so he could walk down the aisle with his daughter not an hour later."

"Ray A. Palmer, who surprised everyone with his marriage two weeks ago, is home with his bride, and he attended the City Commission meeting Monday evening, passing out cigars and treating the boys later with sodas and sandwiches."

"An unusual meeting of the City Commission and Board of Education to iron out recent differences of opinion was suggested by the Commission Monday night."

"Two problems have barred complete accord between the two bodies: (1) The school board has expressed alarm over the reduction of assessed values within the City, resulting in a cut in school income; (2) The school board feels the City ought to construct a new sewer on Martin street, alongside the High School."

"In both instances the City Commission feels that the differences can be straightened out in conference."

Uncle Sam's Bodyguards



People's Column

Michigan might have some good advice. Yours truly, Harry J. Porter.

To the Editor: The residents of Lincoln Road west will appreciate the publicity given in Thursday's Eccentric to Chief of Police Hackett's comments on their complaints of speeding.

Recorded complaints were made back in 1941, and in 1944 a very strenuous protest was made over the signature of every property owner west of Southfield.

It's not whether accidents are confined to minor ones that satiate the residents—the complaint is because of the noise which accompanies speed and the necessity of employing exceptional cars against the risks created by the speeder.

Major accidents on Lincoln are merely a matter of chance. Within ten days I have witnessed two near ones near our corner, each one a matter of a fraction of a second from seriousness.

As for me—this traffic forces me to move as soon as I can. Life can be miserable on a "super-highway by-pass."

Over 92 per cent of the traffic which passes my home is not operated by Birmingham citizens or owners.

We will not be here to enjoy the Chief's solution, but we hope for a quick one which may save a child's life and keep West Lincoln safe resident street.

Perhaps the Automobile Club of

Boy Scouts Spend Week in Woods on Camping Trip

A week's life in the north woods—sleeping in pup tents, cooking and eating all meals in the open—was the experience of Boy Scout Troop B-12 of Holy Name parish, Birmingham, during a trip to Higgins Lake State Park, near Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Scouts also passed boating and swimming tests at the lake, attended outdoor movies of wildlife, sponsored by the State Conservation Department and made an 11-mile hike to the State Conservation Training School.

A visit to the Ogemaw State Game Refuge, 30 miles southeast of the camp site, where hundreds of deer and fawns come to the roadside to be fed and petted, delighted the Scouts.

It also resulted in the expedition before the man started to cross Woodward.

Just in P. Buckeridge 507 Brookside

RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE

So You'll Find Them Open When You Go to Your FAVORITE EATING PLACES

THE NORMANDY LUNCHEON DINNERS 2 W. Woodward, Birmingham, Mon-Fri 10-11:30

BROOKS COFFEE CLUB FOR MEMBERS ONLY Noon to 7:30 10 to Midnight

FOX AND HOUNDS INN JOHN INGLESON, Prop. Woodward at Long Lake Rd.

ROFONDA INN LUNCH 9-11 A. M. Daily and 12-2 P. M. Daily

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Mother will find new hours of freedom in her kitchen where cabinets, automatic gas range, refrigerator, automatic water heater—all the units—work together smoothly for most leisure and pleasant living.

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