

**COUNSELOR**  
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"As far as the Birmingham veterans' problems are concerned," said Miss Brakley, "the importance of having discharges registered and of applying for claims and insurance adjustment should be stressed.

"While topics under discussion at the conference were helpful in administration work here, our biggest veteran problem is one that can only be solved by Birmingham people. We need rooms and apartments and houses for both single and married veterans. They are in desperate need, and every day there are several applications for homes which we of the council can do nothing about unless people will contact us who have room available for a veteran. Even if someone has only a room to rent temporarily until the veteran finds permanent lodgings, it would be extremely helpful."

**\$1,599 Over**

A \$1599 excess from the \$20,375 city employees' retirement fund for last year was reported to the City Commission Monday night by City Treasurer Russell T. Berger.

Berger also asked Commission approval to transfer the surplus to the city's contingent fund.

"That's one thing we'll gladly do," said Acting Mayor Colt Allee.

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**George Scott Will Head City's Fire Prevention Bureau**

George S. Scott, recently appointed fire marshal for the City of Birmingham by the City Commission, will head the bureau of fire prevention. Scott has been on the fire department since June of 1936 and a fire inspector since 1938.

As Fire Marshall it will be his duty to enforce the fire prevention ordinance and all other State or local laws concerning the prevention of fire. Other duties will include storage and use of inflammable liquids; installation and maintenance of fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment; maintenance and regulation of fire exits in public buildings; and investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires, and matters relative to the protection of life and property endangered by fire. For such duties, he is invested with the powers of a police officer.

The fire department's bureau of fire prevention was established in 1931 under the direction of V. W. Griffith, Fire Chief, who in the past divided his time between the bureau of water production, the fire department and the prevention bureau.

Scott stated, "Now that Birmingham is growing rapidly, the City Commission felt the bureau of fire prevention should be a separate entity. The bureau, located on First Municipal Building, the place where every citizen, merchant, businessman or any public group in the city can secure information and help toward fire prevention.

"Some fires," he said, "are unavoidable, but 90 per cent of them are preventable. It is this 90 per cent, or 10,000 lives and \$450,000,000 annual fire loss, we want to prevent."

**Wants To Beautify City Property, But City Is Undecided**

Clark H. Stevens, 1886 Lakeside, wants to beautify a little piece of city property, but the city can't give him an official okay, according to the belief of Acting Mayor Colt Allee.

Stevens wants to landscape a small triangular piece of ground which belongs to the city just north of the bridge on Lakeside drive, south of Reding drive. He wants to put a fence along the front of his property and to the bridge abutment.

Not wanting to establish some sort of precedent, the Commission referred Stevens' request to the City Manager for consultations with Stevens.

**Boy, 3, Is Bitten By Stray Cat Friday**

Last Friday afternoon little 3-year-old David Anderson, 747 Benaville street, was bitten by a stray cat, his mother reported to the police.

Saturday afternoon police were called to Buffey street, a few blocks north of Benaville, to pick up a stray cat reported in the vicinity. Believing it might have been the one which bit little David, police took the cat to the city pound where it is under observation for rabies.

**Dorchester Hearing Set For August 12**

Monday, August 12, was the date set by the City Commission Monday night for the hearing on the Dorchester street improvement, between Adams and Rugby.

The date was set on the recommendation of City Manager Donald C. Egbert who informed commissioners that Dorchester residents were anxious to get started on this project as soon as possible.

By 1980 we probably shall have reached our peak population—150,000,000.

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**OAK STREET**  
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some day we will all see the result of it. Perhaps it is too late to save a life."

In Shakespeare's "As You Like It," the title character says, "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons."

Those old-timers did see Woodward avenue widened and a better road opened to the cemetery. But in 1946, some persons figure that the present Oak street is not maintained as the thoroughfare that it is considered in the minds of some people. This is evidenced by the proposals to the City Commission to make it a paved street.

**Josephine Lives**

Oak street residents are on one side of the fence, maintaining an air of road is sufficient for what traffic there is ever served, and that paving would only increase the traffic and jeopardize the lives of school children in that neighborhood.

Squared off against the Oakers are those persons who live on the northwest section of Birmingham who would like to see paved a road that they say cuts a narrow rattle in their cars every time they drive over it. These northwesterners haven't taken any collective action with the city as yet, but they may in time.

For under the present city charter, there are three ways of obtaining permanent surfacing of any street in Birmingham:

(1) Those persons owning property fronting the street may request the improvement of the city, and if the commission finds the necessity, it can be done.

(2) The city itself can determine that the improvement should be put in.

**Area Served Can Ask**

(3) Those persons served by the street can ask the city for its improvement because of the area which the street can be improved. However, in the first instance the property owners fronting the proposed street improvement would have to stand most of the cost.

In the second and third case, it would be up to the fronting property owners to show how the improvement would benefit the city-at-large and ask for a proportionate reduction in the amount of the cost of the project they would like to have started.

"Whether it be July, 1946, or July, 1948, "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons."

**Suzanne Burnside, Patty Price Awarded Illinois Scholarships**

Two students at the University of Illinois were awarded one-year scholarships to the University for next year.

Suzanne A. Burnside, daughter of Mrs. K. A. Burnside, of 620 Lakeside, and Patricia Ann Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wales Price, 655 Oakland, received the LaVerne Noyes awards. The awards are made on the basis of scholastic standing and were made available under the will of LaVerne Noyes, wealthy manufacturer whose son was killed in World War I. Only veterans or their descendants are eligible.

**Both Are Juniors**

Both girls are junior students at the University and are graduates of Baldwin High. Suzanne was on the business staff of the "Ullin," university yearbook. She is majoring in economics and psychology, and is affiliated with Phi Beta Kappa Sorority, being scholarship chairman. In her freshman year at the college, she was elected to Alpha Phi Delta Delta sorority, the Phi Beta Kappa equivalent for freshmen. While at Baldwin, Suzanne was class salutatorian, president of the National Honor Society.

Patricia Price received the highest junior honorary award for her work on the editorial staff of the "Ullin." She was elected as one of the junior editors of the yearbook next year. While at Baldwin she was on the staff of the National Honor Society. She is affiliated with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and a member of the Illini Pep Club.

**Golden Earrings, by Yolanda Foidis.** Mildly spicy story about an Englishman who escapes from an Italian prison camp who is concealed and helped on his way by his wife's ex-boyfriend (of course she was pretty).

**Mr. Peabody's Mermaid, by Guy Pearce Jones.** Hilarious yarn about a man who found a mermaid while vacationing on a Caribbean island. He parked the pretty creature in his wife's bathtub—and the fireworks started.

**Aloha, by Arline von Tempack.** A follow-up to the author's best seller, "Born in Paradise," an account of her early life on a Hawaiian ranch.

**The Boy I Left Behind Me, by Stephen Leacock.** The author in candid writing his complete memoirs, but death intervened before he had done more than complete this account of his boyhood.

**Starling of the White House, by Thomas Sugrue.** Highly personalized reminiscences of the presidents, from Wilson to Roosevelt, by the man who guarded them, Col. Starling.

**Talk Through My Hats, by Lily Daesche.** The lightness with which this is told does not conceal the strength of the famous hat designer toward her goal.

**The Tempered Blade, by Monte Barrett.** Historical novel based on the life of Jim Bowie who died at the Alamo, a pistol in one hand, his famous knife in the other. A stirring tale of frontier days in Texas.

**Wake of the Red Witch, by Garland Roark.** Action filled sea story of adventure in the wild and woolly South Sea islands. Complete with horrendous villains and beautiful gurls.

**The Takers of the City, by R. H. Hays.** Historical novel based on the Spanish conquest of Mexico.

**Hollow Triumph, by Forbes Murray.** Ingenious story of a man who murders a famous psychiatrist and successfully impersonated him for years, in an infamous get-rich-quick scheme. Possible banal plot saved by unusual and haunting twist at the end.

**Dangerous Honeycomb, by Axel Kjarud.** Playing hide-and-seek with the Gestapo, an American newspaperman risks her own and her husband's life to smuggle important information out of Germany. Thriller.

In the gumshoe and gore department:

**Lois Like Velvet, by Donald Henderson.** Spine-chiller in which famous radio announcer plays vital part.

**The Devil's Steps, by A. W. Upfield.** Mystery with an unusual twist is laid in Australia. Some of the slang is strange, but it does not detract from the story.

**The Cat in the Convey, by W. G. Schofield.** Hair-raising account

**Library Suggests Many Good Books For Vacationists**

By Linda Moore

Whoosh! . . . and the first vacation days of the year! If you're off to the sea-shore, or the mountains, or just following the highway, don't forget to slip a book or two into your bag. What's a vacation for, if you can't catch up on your reading? (Besides, you just might, though Heaven forbid, but the bendix and have to spend twelve hours in South America.)

And if the family car's state of decrepitude is such that your holiday is slated to consist of long hot days of hammock slung in your own garden, why it's all to the good—a couple of books make perfect accompaniment.

There are so many of the new books just now at Baldwin Public Library that it's hard to choose among them. Following is a list of suggestions. (And if you find a stack of slightly older books, you can have them on "vacation man—that is, until after Labor Day.)

**Police Arrest Two Drunks Saturday**

Two men appeared before Associate Justice of the Peace, John Gaffill Monday morning in the Municipal Building on drunk and disorderly charges and each paid a \$10 fine.

Donald Furlong, 46, 222 Windsor, Royal Oak, was arrested early Saturday morning after he failed to accostiate the turn where Greenfield dead-ends into 14 Mile road. According to police, Furlong went straight ahead and knocked down the directional sign on the north side of 14 Mile opposite Greenfield, blew two tires on his car, and finally wound up in the middle of a vacant field.

Saturday night police were called to the bus station where they arrested Joseph Coats, Negro, 434 S. Saganaw, Pontiac, for being drunk and disorderly. Police held Monday morning in the Municipal Building till Monday morning when he appeared before Justice Gaffill.

**City Okays Hard Top For Three Streets**

Three street improvement hearings scheduled by the City Commission Monday night went off without comment from property owners concerned. The commissioner in each case directed the assessor to spread the roll in each of the three assessment areas.

The first hearing was for the construction of a two-inch bituminous topping for Henrietta street to the 14 Mile road. The proposal to put a two-inch top on Buckingham from Adams avenue east to Rugby. The street already has a curb and gutter.


**F. J. Walls Now On Foundrymen's Board**

F. J. Walls, 629 Pierce, manager of the Detroit office research and development division of the International Nickel Co., completes his term as president of the American Foundrymen's Association and will take office as a member-at-large of the gray iron division executive committee of the AFA at the annual board meeting in Chicago tomorrow, July 25.

Walls previously served as a director of the society in 1939-42 and as vice-president in 1945.

**Benefit performance, by Richard Sale.** Noted actor plays the greatest role of his career, without curtain or props, in an effort to track down the man who wanted to murder him.

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**Re-Appointed**

Alice Upward, 836 Purdy, was appointed assistant city treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 by the City Commission Monday night at the request of Russell T. Berger, city treasurer.

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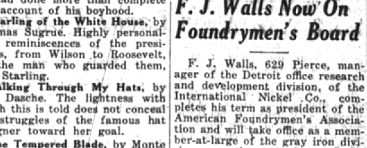
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