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## Bits of Birmingham

How and when will the City of Birmingham ever be able to lend its services in permanently improving local gravel streets? Perhaps that answer may be found in the remark of one of the City Commissioners who recently said: "We want to do everything possible to improve our streets; but on some of them the folks who reside there are, in part, unwilling to pay the cost; so it appears that the only way to rouse them to action is to let the streets get so bad that the abutting property owners will finally agree to meet the cost."

When a large bouquet of flowers arrived at the Birmingham Fruit Market last Saturday morning, the Sam Brunis wondered if there wasn't some mistake until they opened the card to read: "Congratulations on completing 21 years of service to Birmingham." Then the Brunis recalled that on June 22, 1925, they purchased their present store and became a Birmingham business establishment. The flowers were from Mrs. Clara Schwarz, 3125 N. Adams, who stopped at the store that June day 21 years ago and has been trading with them ever since.

Now that Congress has raised the price of silver, thus increasing the value of what silver objects you have in your home, maybe a number of women in Birmingham and vicinity who would be interested in knowing how to care for their silverware, what makes it tarnish and the best methods of helping prevent it from tarnishing. This Wanderer knows of a man with almost 50 years experience in silversmithing and working who would write a short series of articles on this subject provided there were enough people interested in the idea. If you will drop the Wan-

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Among the recent visitors at the Monday night Commission meeting have been a variety of big and little insects. Gaining access through the unsecured windows, they swoop and soar around the high-ceilinged room and occasionally light on some person who doesn't appreciate being a landing place. According to one commissioner, there never have been screens on the commission room windows.

Now that summer has finally decided to come around and see us this year, the youngsters have begun their regular summer "cooling-off" program via the garden hose and the sprinkler.

In this same vein, cloudbursts also give the young fry a good excuse to "get out and get under." During the recent storm, the Wanderer saw a number of little boys and girls racing up and down the flooded curbs and alleys, and were shortly after the main downpour shocked off.

"Let's hope this is the housing discussion to end housing discussions," said Mayor Milton Mendenhall after Monday night's commission meeting.

If you checked the Bloomfield Hills Democratic primary totals which appeared in The Eccentric last Thursday, you may have noticed that the majority of persons voted for the Democratic ballot had the lone number "2" after their name, all the other names having nothing after them. D'you suppose that it was a man and his wife who marked those ballots? Looks to this Wanderer that it might very well be just that.

Tuesday was "Report Day" at the Exchange Club. Members John Cassinair and Rice Howell gave reports on their attendance at the Charter night exercises at the newly organized Exchange club at Manchester, Monday night. Club President Fred Mock and Vice-President Frank Quisenberry also

attended. Gerry Hughes and Dwight Egbert gave reports on their attendance as youthful representatives of the club at the Wolverine Boys' State at Lansing last week; Walter C. Morgan, club secretary, gave a report of the State Exchange Club Convention which he attended at Traverse City recently. Next week the club will hear Wm. Schultz, Cranbrook School scientist, talk on a timely subject, "Atomic Energy."

The City of Birmingham is going to have to look for another voting booth for Precinct No. 1. Commissioners Monday night were reading a letter from officials of the Lutheran Church on West Maple avenue asking that the church be discontinued as a voting place. Reason for the request, according to the letter, was that the Lutheran Sunday school needed the space that was being used for storage of the voting machines. Commissioner Bill Moody mentioned that maybe the voting booth might have to go back to Quoniam School, where it was for many years.

"What Birmingham needs for us men," exclaimed a portly local chap to this Wanderer Tuesday, "is to start a fashion that allows the masculine to go around in his underwear. Not only at home and around the yard, but downtown, too. After all, the women wear open-toek shoes, so why should us men, at least equal to the women, have to suffer the way we do? Come to think of it, though, some of us'll not have enough shirts to go around, unless the OPA encourages underwear manufacturers to catch up with the demand for summer undies for us males. Oh, dear, dear, dear . . . gee, but ain't it hot?"

In the estimation of one woman on Elm street between Forest and Chestnut, the City is slipping in its ability to put down a good road in his undergar. "It's like talking on a bucket of tar, she complained in a phone call to this Wanderer. "You can hardly walk across the street. We have had the city do it in previous years and they did a very poor job. It's the Milwaukee Journal that says soap opera is improving but most are still only fair to maudlin.

## Grand Trunk Asks City To Close Part Of Elm Street

Closing of Elm street from Worth street north to a point just beyond Webster has been requested of the City Commission by the Grand Trunk Railroad.

The railroad owns a piece of triangular-shaped land at this point which cannot be used because of its present shape. City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the Commission, and the railroad is anxious to work out some agreement whereby this Elm street closing could be accomplished and certain properties they own transferred to the City.

This parcel of land is part of the area where the City Planning Commission has proposed an estimated cost of \$180,000 a local traffic street parallel to Hunter boulevard. The Commission postponed a decision on the Grand Trunk request until a later date when both the request and the proposal of the Planning Commission will be decided upon.

## Wants Tree Removed

Milo A. Fisher, 488 Harmon avenue, has requested the City to remove a large poplar tree from the front of his property.

According to the City Manager, 60 per cent of the top of this tree is dead and there is possible danger from falling limbs. The commission set a hearing for Monday, July 2, at 10 o'clock.

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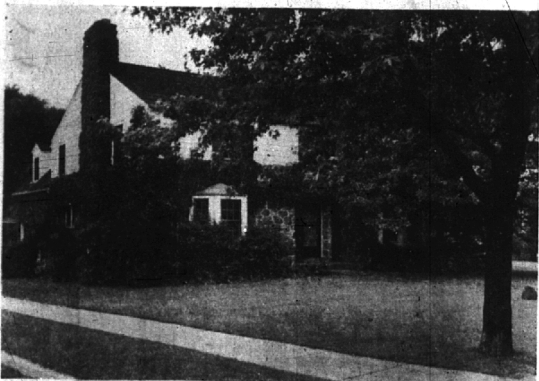
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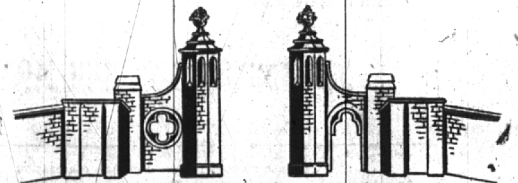
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