

It seems to me that the dominant intention of Divine Providence, in favor of the human family is concerned, in to bring mankind's thinking to the very loftiest, most elevated, so that the various relationships may become ever increasingly happy, I cannot believe that so much concern should be manifested for mankind's material possessions.

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City Has Excellent Start on Conversion of Gravel Roads into Blacktopped Streets



(Photos by H. P. Eaton)

ABOVE: Looking south on Glenbury from the Brookwood Court intersection, an excellent view is obtained of a residential Birmingham street with curb and gutter and permanent 2-inch blacktop surface.

UPPER RIGHT: This picture of Pierce street, from Lincoln avenue south, illustrates the conditions of most city streets which merely have been oiled. Notice the ragged edges of the street, as well as the big hole in the foreground indicated by arrow.

TO THE RIGHT: Here is a close-up of the hole indicated by the arrow of the hole indicated by the arrow. The hole is about 30 inches long and 20 inches wide, this type of obstruction ultimately pits gravel streets shortly after the roadway has been oiled.

THIS and THAT

A Cheap "Play-Boy"—Selfishness Personified

With recent weeks many American newspapers have carried comment on the personality and performances of one Elliott Roosevelt, whose father held the office of President of these United States for over twenty years. Seems as though Elliott, the widely heralded "play-boy" of the Roosevelt household, got himself mixed up in a war-time airplane contract between the U. S. Taxpayers and one Howard Hughes, multimillionaire Californian. You have read much about this case in recent weeks—how Hughes, Elliott's undesirable war escapades when he sent a dog by airplane to his Fay Emerson, thus grounding several GIs from that plane; also about Elliott's shipping a horse to the States, and how freight cars were needed to carry war goods; etc., etc. In Elliott's earthy record there for one may surmise that, in spite of what should have been a cultural upbringing, a person may be cheaply mixed up with all the connotations that word implies. I know many fine young men and women whose background was less favorable than Elliott's, yet whose adult performance have been given credits to themselves and their families. Apparently, however, Elliott is just a "play-boy"—the kind who are too cheap to pay the genuine price for their fun.

State Police Part in Strikes

Perhaps you will like to know, folks, the manner in which members of the Michigan State Police are dispatched to the scene of some strike, there to maintain law and order with respect to life and property rights. The State Police, of course, an arm of the Executive Office, under which Gov. Kim Sigler presides. When, as in the recent case of the strike in Clinton, it becomes clear that the local law enforcing officers cannot meet the situation that exists between pickets and employees who want to return to work, it becomes necessary for the Mayor of a city, or the Executive Office in Lansing of that state, to enlist the aid of the State Police. In the case of Michigan, long and 20 inches wide, this type of obstruction ultimately pits gravel streets shortly after the roadway has been oiled.

Lightning Knocks Down Feeder Line; NE Area Affected

The northeastern portion of the city was without electricity for an hour and 35 minutes Tuesday afternoon when a lightning bolt struck a feeder line which was knocked down by a lightning stroke during a brief storm.

Ireland Abandons Pierce Bus Site

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland announced this week that he has abandoned any plan to construct a bus garage on Pierce School property.

Unpaid Tax Penalty Begins September 1

Only ten more days remain for Birmingham taxpayers to pay their 1947 city taxes without penalty. City Treasurer Russell D. Berger reminded citizens this week.

Rooms Are Needed for City Teachers

Birmingham teachers now are beginning to look for rooms prior to the opening of school on September 2. Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland announced this week.

Animal Welfare Society Is Investigating Reports of Cruelty to Animals

Oakland County does have an animal humane society. This statement was re-emphasized this week by R. F. Connor as the result of an interview with Mrs. Wm. G. Ferguson appearing in The Eclectic and concerning the reported excessive cruelty to domestic animals in the Birmingham and Bloomfield areas.

Live Ammunition Is Discarded in Rubbish Pickups

S. V. Huntley, caretaker at the city's dump on Eton road, this week warned residents not to include live ammunition among the things they set aside for collection by the city.

Chryslers Edge Village Market in 1st Playoff Game

Bunching four of their five hits in the first inning, Birmingham Chrysler's staged starting hurler Niedoewicz from the box and downed Village Market 5-1 in the first game of the Southern Oakland County's double elimination playoffs.

If Present Rate Continues, Most of Birmingham Streets Will Be Paved in 15 Years

By George Wm. Averill
Within the next five years, the City of Birmingham will be well on its way to becoming the "City of Beautiful Residential Streets" rather than continuing with present gravelled roadways that some residents believe gives the community a village atmosphere.

Commissioners Learn How to Get Rid of Starlings; Put an Owl in the Tree!

Of course! Why didn't someone think of it before? All that was needed to rid the community of those pesky starlings were a few owls. It matters not whether they are stuffed or live, Arctic or barn owls according to City Commissioners Don Bell and Milton Mallen. Any kind will work.

Home Turned Into A Squirrel Cage, House Sends SOS

Although the State's duck hunting season doesn't open till early in October, George W. House is offering any looter hunter a bit of free shotgun practice.

Whitney Terms Summer Program 'A Huge Success'

As the Birmingham summer recreational program drew to a close last Friday, the first jointly sponsored program of the city and school district was termed a grand success by Frank Whitney, superintendent of schools.

Quarion Assessment District Vacated; Study Larger Area

Since residents of the southern portion of the Quarion Lake Estates subdivision still vigorously opposed the assessment district created to pay for the proposed storm sewer on West Maple avenue between Fairfax and the Rouge River, the city commission Monday evening abandoned the project and proceeded with a resolution approving a preliminary study of the whole area with the view of putting in a sewer along Maple as well as one along Pine street.

Parking Plan Postponed For Seven Weeks

Although city officials have repeatedly maintained that the original Maple sewer is designed as a purely storm sewer, with incidental relief to an assessment sanitary sewer system during periods of heavy rainstorms, property owners again Monday evening protested the assessment district on the basis that the area to be assessed would benefit should the Maple sewer be installed.

Series of Public Hearings Suggested Before Adoption

Further consideration of Birmingham's off-street parking ordinance has been postponed for seven weeks for permit city commissioners, local business men and real estate groups to more fully investigate the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

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