

You cannot expect the notions on this earth to be any better than their own composite ideas and aspirations. Do you who read this, for example, know many, many men and women who are living the type of lives that we live here more and more people, if happiness and peace are to be achieved, enduringly by mankind?

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By G. R. A.

Our Police Department

City Manager Donald C. Egbert plans, approved by the City Commission, to modernize and make uniform the reporting and enforcement of local ordinances in the Birmingham police department.

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That there is room for improvement locally is agreed upon by all who are aware of the situation. Uniformity of enforcement of the end that all violators of local ordinances and laws are treated alike, is always desirable to maintain both police and citizen morale; better records of accidents, traffic and law enforcement should not be as up-to-date and efficient as

Above all, improvements in the administration of the police department, so that a higher esprit de corps is maintained among the men who wear the uniform, are long overdue.

Complaint Manager Egbert for bringing the matter to the attention of the Commission, and for similar credit to the Commission for getting behind the City's chief executive officer regarding the state of the Birmingham police department.

Birmingham long has had the reputation of being a city where the law is enforced. Under the leadership of Verne Griffith there is no valid reason why the law enforcement segment of City government cannot be brought up to standards commensurate with the commendation is forthcoming.

The Gadgets March On!

The march of human material progress shows the security of man in a world that always has been, so and always will, so long as mankind retains freedom.

Investment in the gadget has brought him from the primitive existence of cave and cliff dwellings to what we today are pleased to call "civilization."

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Shirley Spork Wins District Title at Oakland Hills CC

Red-headed Shirley Spork of Meadowbrook defeated Margaret Russell of Oakland Hills in the finals of the Detroit District Ladies' Golf Tournament at Oakland Hills last Friday. The tournament was a four-day affair and members of every club in the Detroit district competed.

Shirley was a finalist in last year's tournament and this spring she managed to "unseed" the intercollegiate title. Miss Russell won the district title in 1940.

Indian Tennis Stars in Exhibition Match

Two of India's best tennis players, who recently competed in the Wimbledon matches, will appear this afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Kingswood School Cranbrook tennis courts.

The two men are S. C. Mirra and Jimmy Mehta who are on their way for exhibition matches at Washington, D. C.

A guest at the match this afternoon will be Aljehar Grewal, of the Indian Embassy in Washington.

The exhibition is open to the public without charge.

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Mallender Scores City For Not Establishing Standard Street Widths

By George Wm. Averill

As long as he remains a member of the city commission, Milton F. Mallender will constantly press for the establishment by the commission of a standard by which the width of the various types of city streets may be determined in the event they are permanently improved.

He made this evident after Monday evening's commission meeting when he declared to a group which included this reporter, "I am going to vote against the confirmation of the assessment rolls on two proposed street improvements because I do not believe the suggestions made are great enough. I will do it even if I am the only dissenting vote."

What had led up to this announcement was Mallender's exchange of opinions with Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody. As the meeting was drawing to a close, Mallender asked his fellow commissioners why the Chesterfield project had been cut from a suggested width of 32 feet to a 22-foot width.

"I was on vacation July 24 when the commission approved the 22-foot proposal and sent the project to the assessor for the determination of the assessment rolls," Mallender explained. "I'd just like to know why we abandoned the 32-foot plan."

Moody simply offered the reason. "It was simply that the residents along Chesterfield street didn't want to have a speedway made of their street and they believed the 22-foot width was sufficient."

He also objected to a resident of the street—Woody is at 253 Chesterfield—he spoke against the proposed 32-foot width.

Mallender then took the floor and objected to the commission's apparent inability to arrive at a standard by which to determine street widths.

"A group of residents along Cambridge or Rugby streets appear before the commission and state that a 32-foot width is too great, yet the commission, without a quiver, goes ahead on the basis that a 32-foot width is certainly not too wide for a residential street in the City of Birmingham," Mallender criticized.

Then along come the residents on Chesterfield and Oak street and the commission agrees that 22 and 24-foot widths are perfectly all right for those improvements.

"On the one hand, we say to a residential area, 'Sorry, but high-

Motorists Warned To Expect Heavy Labor Day Traffic

Local residents who are planning to vacation over the coming Labor Day week end were warned by Chief of Police John P. Hackett to drive carefully, if they would not endanger their lives.

"It is expected that 10 per cent more traffic will be on the highway this week end compared to the same period last year," Hackett stated. "Therefore, it is to be expected that there will be more accidents unless motorists obey every rule of the road and observe precaution."

"Each driver must not only watch his own driving, but that of the other fellow, too. It's not worth it to take any chances."

Hackett also pointed out that State police officials expect the travel peaks to be on Friday evening and on Saturday between 8 p. m. and 10 p. m.

Included among returning travelers will be hundreds of cottagers returning home for the opening of schools, he added.

Two-Game Loss Drops Chryslers from Playoffs

By Jim Millsbradant

Inability to score one run sent the Birmingham Chryslers to defeat twice in the last week and eliminated them from the Southern Oakland County playoffs in which they had been the dark horse favorites.

Saturday night they engaged in a nineteen-inning marathon with Frank Wentland and came out on the short end of the 4-3 score after leading 4-2 until the sixth inning.

Wentland opened the game by scoring in the first inning on a walk by Dick Irwin, an infield out, and left fielder Lamm's single.

Four Runs in Fourth
Birmingham, however, got to Post hurler Ken McElvird for four tallies in the fourth frame when Dick Garrett was hit by a pitched ball, Bill Eade and right fielder Serber both drew walks, and second baseman Soronen and pitcher George York came through with successive hits to center field.

Legion got back one of these runs in the same inning on an infield hit by Dick Garrett.

Commission Approves Paving of Alley

Paving of the Lincoln-Landon alley at a width of 18 feet was approved by the city commission Monday evening and the project was sent to the city assessor for determination of the assessment roll.

Four Yellow Lines Would Clear Up the Traffic Problem at Woodward and Maple

The City of Birmingham's traffic ordinance contains a provision which is violated by 100 per cent of the motorists who make left turns off Maple onto Woodward.

On the other hand, motorists who wish to turn left from Woodward into Maple adhere to the ordinance and thus create a bottleneck at the intersection when two or more cars attempt to turn left and are blocked off by drivers wanting to make left turns in the opposite direction.

The three photos above and to the right illustrate the present situation.

In the picture directly above, a pickup truck and a coupe are waiting to make a left turn onto East Maple while two sedans desire to turn onto West Maple. They are obeying the city traffic ordinance which requires at unmarked intersections that drivers "shall proceed to the center of the intersection, turning to the right side of the center line of the street, and pass beyond the center line of the intersection street where he shall complete such turn."

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City Schools Will Re-Open September 3

Full-Day Sessions Will Begin Next Thursday, Sept. 4

Birmingham schools will open for the 1947-48 school year on next Wednesday, Sept. 3, Superintendent of Schools Dwight E. Ireland announced this week.

Elementary pupils will report at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at their respective schools while secondary students will report at 8:30 a. m., Ireland said.

"Pupils will be dismissed at noon for the remainder of the day, and school buses will run on the regular morning and noon schedule," he explained.

Teachers' Conference
Ireland has scheduled a pre-school conference on Tuesday Morning at 9:30 for all teachers. In this general meeting, overall plans for the school year will be discussed.

That noon a luncheon will be held at the Community House during which all new teachers will be introduced to present faculty members. The Teachers' Club is arranging the luncheon.

Tuesday afternoon teachers will return to their respective buildings where the several school principals will make detailed announcements concerning the next day's activities.

Beginning Thursday morning Sept. 4, school will be in session for full days till next summer, Ireland stated.

15 Days for Christmas
First "break" in the school year will come on Oct. 9 and 10 when the teachers will attend the fall meeting of the Michigan Education Association in Detroit.

During the first semester, the Thanksgiving recess will extend (See SCHOOLS, Page 2)

Dick Blauman Leaves for Sandlot Tourney at Dayton, Ohio

Dick Blauman, fast right-handed pitcher on the Baldwin baseball team for the past two seasons and this summer a member of the pitching staff of Sam's Class B team in the Detroit Federation, left yesterday for Dayton, Ohio, to pitch for his team in the National Junior Sandlot Tournament over the week end.

Sam's won the tournament last year and are favored again. Dick's record is four victories against five defeats.

1-Pound Tomatoes Plucked from Local Vegetable Garden

First of the local vegetable gardeners to report an unusually good crop of home-grown tomatoes was Fred Mallender of 1444 Chesterfield street.

He called The Eccentric Tuesday afternoon to report that this week he had obtained two luscious, red tomatoes that weighed one pound and two ounces each.

"And that certainly is nice what with the present price of tomatoes," Mallender declared.

And right out of the middle of his tomato patch is a 13-foot sunflower. Long as it is, it's still growing, too," he confided.

Local Groups to Participate in UN Observance

Birmingham's participation in the United Nations Week observance, Sept. 14 through 21, is being directed by members of the Birmingham League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. Both local groups have joined forces with the more than forty organizations in Detroit and Windsor which are co-operating in plans for the celebration.

Dates for United Nations Week have been set to coincide with the opening of the United Nations Assembly in New York next month.

Mayor Jeffries of Detroit and Mayor Reame of Windsor have issued proclamations calling upon all citizens to pledge their loyalty and support to the United Nations.

Plans Are Outlined
At a meeting of the board of the League of Women Voters at her home Monday afternoon, Mrs. F. G. Garrison, president of LWV, outlined the plans for Birmingham's part in the UN Week celebration.

Pastors of all local churches will be asked to stress the purposes and problems of UN in their messages to their congregations during the week.

Window displays are being prepared for retail stores. The schools will be asked to plan (See GROUPS, Page 2)

Seek to Blacktop More City Streets

Improvement of three additional blocks of city streets with blacktop surfacing was proposed by the city commission Monday evening.

The areas affected are Holland, Webster and Cole, all between Torrey and Elton roads.

A hearing has been set for September 29 to determine the necessity of the projects.

Lincoln Interceptor Sewer Is Approved By City, Residents

Assured that the construction of a large interceptor sewer originating at Henrietta and Brown streets and which will connect with a giant 60 and 72-inch sewer on Woodward below Lincoln, will entirely eliminate the flooding of basements, the majority of residents of the Woodward-Lincoln-Bates-Merrill area asked city commissioners Monday evening to proceed as rapidly as possible with the proposed improvement.

At Monday's meeting, commissioners approved the necessity of the project and tentatively set September 22 as the date when the assessment roll will be reported back to them for approval.

During the discussion of the improvement, City Manager Donald C. Egbert admitted that the combined storm and sanitary sewer undoubtedly would not be finished in time to prevent basement flooding during next spring's rainfall.

Grid Sessions To Begin on September 1

First football practice for the 1947 Birmingham High School squad is scheduled for 9 a. m. on Labor Day morning, Vincent C. Seconline, new head coach, announced this week.

All interested boys are invited to report to Pierce Field for this work-out and as many as possible are urged to report on Saturday morning at the same time, so that equipment can be issued and players may receive the required physical examination. If this program is followed no time will be lost in the initial drills set for Monday, he stated.

Seconline pointed out that his squad will be exceptionally green this season and there are only 15 days available for practice before the season's opener with Dearborn here on Friday, September 19, at 3 p. m. These two factors make the task of preparing the squad for a tough campaign unusually difficult, he added.

Needs Linemen
From early indications he believes that the biggest problem lies in the development of capable linemen where relatively no varsity experience exists.

One thing is certain, according to the coach. There are now 20 positions on the varsity squad and no one has a position cinched. At least 75 boys are expected to be on hand for the opening practice and each one of them will be given more than the usual opportunity to show what he has.

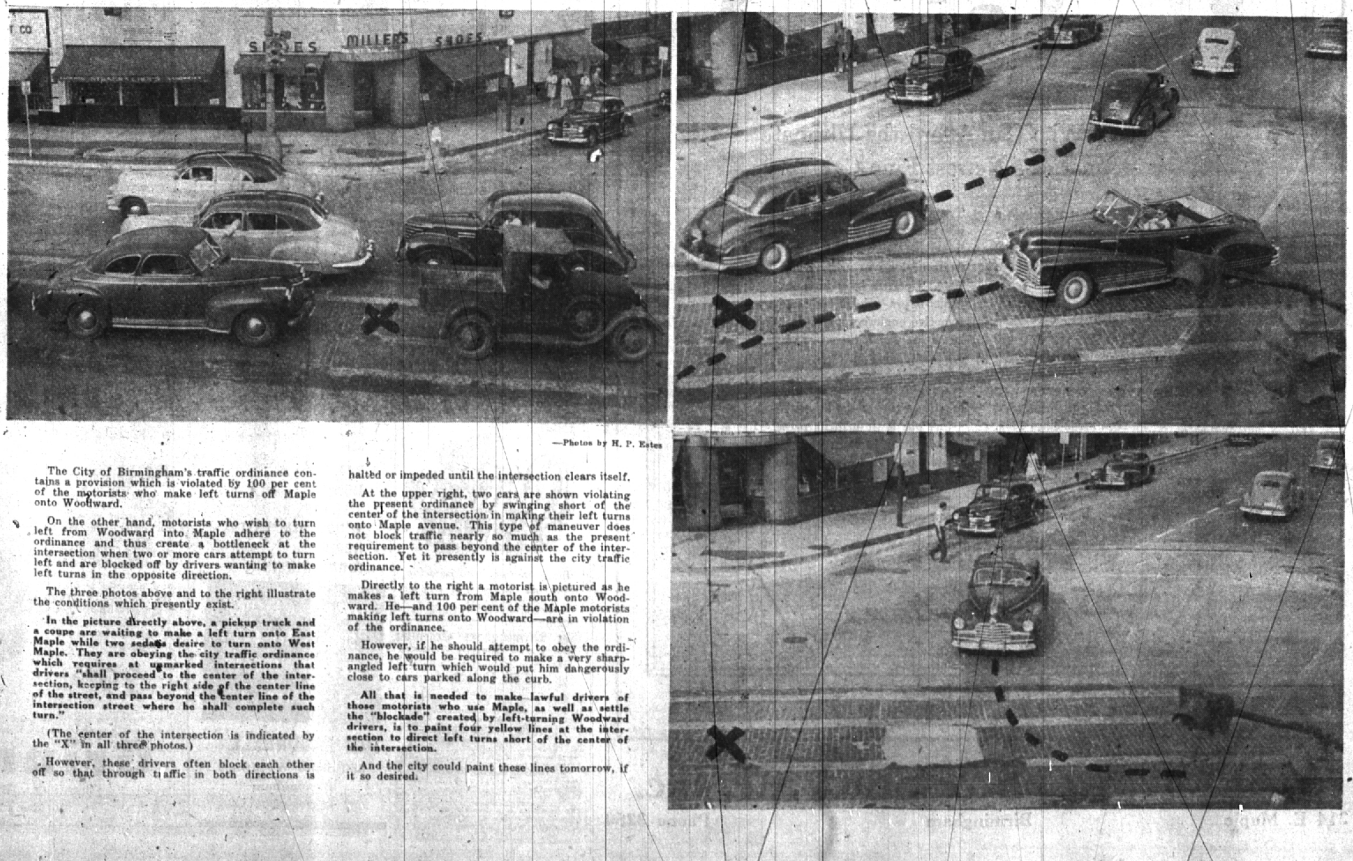
When Birmingham takes the field against Dearborn, it is certain that the 22 men who have proven that they have what it (See FOOTBALL, Page 2)

Practically all of the residents of the area who have been asked to contribute money to the project have agreed to do so.

Therefore, while today we have no legal obligation to assume the added 5 per cent burden, I believe we have a moral obligation to do so."

"That is the reason for the flooding of many of the basements from Lincoln north to Merrill street," he declared.

He admitted that even the Municipal Interceptor project would not be finished in time to prevent basement flooding during next spring's rainfall.



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halted or impeded until the intersection clears itself.

At the upper right, two cars are shown violating the present ordinance by swinging into the center of the intersection in making their left turns onto Woodward. This type of maneuver does not block traffic nearly so much as the present requirement to pass beyond the center of the intersection. It is presently against the city traffic ordinance.

Directly to the right a motorist is pictured as he makes a left turn from Maple south onto Woodward. He—and 100 per cent of the Maple motorists making left turns onto Woodward—are in violation of the ordinance.

However, if he should attempt to obey the ordinance, he would be required to make a very sharp, narrow left turn onto Woodward—very close to cars parked along the curb.

All that is needed to make lawful drivers of those motorists who use Maple, as well as settle the present controversy, is to paint four yellow lines at the intersection to direct left turns short of the center of the intersection.

And the city could paint these lines tomorrow, if it so desired.