

75 Building Permits Issued During July

Seventy-five building permits were issued during July by the City of Birmingham with a total of \$552,365, according to building inspector Scott A. Hershey.

During the same month last year there was a total of 30 permits issued with the valuation of \$141,340.

In the first seven months of this year, 206 building permits have been issued with a valuation of \$1,389,168. Last year from January through July, 232 permits had been issued with a valuation of \$1,235,468.

Forty-five of the 75 permits issued were for single residence homes.

More from the private notebook of your Michigan Marco Pole:

We stirred up things with our critical blast against lagging state parks in the Upper Peninsula, promoted by our personal experiences in four parks from Lake Gogebic to the Straits. Now comes an interesting letter from Harry H. Whiteley, a veteran member of the state conservation commission and a newspaper editor at Dowington. Harry calls 'em as he sees 'em. He has been doing this for years. We can't recall when he withheld a punch. He has contributed thousands of hours to public service.

"Your comment as to parks, OK as far as it goes, does not hit the spot," says Harry. "The lack of park facilities is purely due to lack of money. We are obligated to operate parks with inadequate manpower.

"Until we get a different attitude on the part of legislators, we cannot do any part of a job in our parks. . . . Everybody wants more and better parks, but no one pins the direct responsibility where it belongs. . . . on the legislature and on the building office. . . . Give us money, and we will give you park services.

State parks are visited literally by hundreds of thousands of people each year. They are popular, and rightly so. They afford an opportunity for wholesome recreation and much needed relaxation.

"Michigan is way ahead of the average state in its public recreation program. It recently started to purchase 100,000 acres in the southeastern section of the state near Detroit, and it is committed to buy some 20,000 acres in the Porcupine Mountain state park area in Upper Peninsula.

This acquisition of land has prompted a new spirit which I have been hearing with increasing frequency. It is this: The state is ever seeking to acquire more and



By Gene Allman

more land, but is ever neglecting or delaying to open up this land for public use.

Surely one of the big jobs ahead is the development of state lands, the purchase of more land. How can this be developed to the benefit of the state?

To remedy the lack of funds whereby the state might provide better and more facilities—a "must" if the public is to use the land—the conservation commission sponsored a bill in the 1947 legislative session. This measure—House Bill 269—proposed to give the commission authority to charge (if it desired to do so) a public fee for three things: Admission into a state park, parking within a state park, and camping overnight within a state park. The bill was defeated in the Senate.

We have no delusions that our views are any better than anyone else's. If I have always felt that it is one thing to charge admission into a state-owned park, it was quite another thing to charge a fee for the use of SPECIAL services to those who asked for them. If you wish to reserve a locker in a bathroom for your clothes, why shouldn't you pay a reasonable fee for that privilege? If you wish to use a log cabin at Mirror Lake in the Porcupine Mountains, as we did, why shouldn't you pay a reasonable fee? If you wish to reserve a tent for your own use, why shouldn't you pay a reasonable fee for it?

A use fee, limited to special services such as these, would be one happy solution of the problem as presented so frankly by Mr. Whiteley, conservation commission member. Those who desire better park facilities should be given an opportunity to help pay for them. We predict that such a use fee is coming in Michigan.

HOW TO Care For Your Dog

By Erik Bergisagen

Ferocious, well-known Birmingham authority on dogs, Erik Bergisagen, a welcome letter from readers concerning several dog problems. Write him in care of The Ecce-TRIC.

Wearing a Puppy

Puppies after they are three weeks old may be fed a meal type of dog food. More water should be added to the meal than is usually used in feeding older dogs. In this way, a gruel is prepared.

As the puppy grows older, the amount of water used should be gradually decreased until at about seven to eight weeks of age, a normal mixture is being fed.

Many puppies after they are completely weaned will prefer a cube or biscuit type of dog food. They seem to prefer this type of food to the meal as it is a good medium for them to exercise their teeth on and aids in teething.

Young puppies should be fed small amounts of food at each feeding but should be fed at frequent intervals. Feeding a young pup four or five times a day is too frequent. In this way, the digestive system can handle the food in an adequate manner.

All puppies should have a mineral supplement and cod-liver oil.

added to the diet to supply the necessary nutrients for proper growth and horse development. Your veterinarian can give you much valuable information on a feeding schedule and on a diet and can also aid in prescribing a special diet in cases where problems arise.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Room of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 2nd, 1947, at 10:00 P.M. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed change and location of York-shire road, between Eton Road and the Grand Trunk right-of-way, all in Birmingham Estate Subdivision. This notice is published in accordance with Chapter XI, Section 5, of the Charter of the City of Birmingham, and Resolution No. 420 (1947).

RESOLUTION 420 Moved by Commissioner Martin, Supported by Commissioner Hall, WHEREAS the owner of property on both sides of York-shire, between Eton Road and the Grand Trunk right-of-way has requested that that portion of the street be closed, and

WHEREAS the city manager has approved the vacation of said street, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT this Commission does hereby vacate and abolish the vacation of York-shire road between Eton Road and the Grand Trunk right-of-way, retaining such easements as may be necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this commission shall meet Tuesday, September 2nd, 1947, in the Commissioner's Room of the Municipal Building in the hearing any objections to the proposed vacation and abolishing of said street.

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IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk. 22-23

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Eighth Army Shifts

Pfc. Joseph Daudelin, who is serving with the 457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, of the 11th Airborne Div. Artillery in Japan, has been transferred to "A" Battery of the recently inactivated 17th Battery, an Eighth Army official release stated this week.

Daudelin enlisted in the Army in September of last year and received his basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex. He was sent overseas in December, 1946.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daudelin of 478 W. Brown Street.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
EYON ROAD SEWER—BUCKINGHAM TO DEBY

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Tuesday, September 2nd, 1947, at 9:00 P.M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on an extension of the Eton Road sewer, including the drainage structure at its junction with the main sewer. The Commission proposes to create a cost of this construction and add the amount thereof to the assessment of the following described property:

Lots 109 to 125 inc.
Lots 126 to 132 inc.
Lots 133 to 139 inc.
Lots 140 to 156 inc.

Plans and estimate of cost of this project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk 22-23 August 21, 1947.

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By HAROLD TURNER

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