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## Asks Business, Housewives for Cooperation

By G. R. A.

Admission that he violated the City Charter by carrying on a road project without advertising for competitive bids was made by Mayor Donald C. Egbert last week. Egbert's quick willingness to assume full responsibility is to be commended, of course, but it does not allow it to be repeated. In the operation of the various segments of government there is a great tendency, I have discovered, for career public officials to expand further and further their activities—such expansion will always need careful scrutiny before allowing it to become a perpetual burden upon the taxpayers.

One of the most salacious incidents in the history of the Birmingham public school district occurred one day last week when a classroom window was broken. The culprit was dismissed, the exit door could not be opened for 20 minutes—and then only by taking off its hinges. Miss Lola B. McCormick, teacher of a 7th class at Barnum, told her students during the "vitamin" I'll wager that, 50 years from now, some school teacher will remember the incident when they have forgotten most of what they learned that day. I'll bet the workings of memory in later life.

Recently I witnessed another marvelous invention of this marvelous mechanical and scientific age. It was a television set in operation, revealing a football game at Ann Arbor. The use of radio television made it possible to see the game as it was played. I visited a friend's home in Detroit, and heard my first radio broadcast ever. I was struck by the terms of which was a bed partner. If human morality were half as advanced as the scientific world is, what a paradise this earthy existence could be!

In this column I've mentioned often the unfriendly and dangerous attitude toward the establishment of works of art. The opinion of experts whose views have been expressed in the past, the Soviet doesn't want peace established—because peace is the end of the democratic process, and Russia is a totalitarian form of government, in itself operation. It is the fighting a skunk it hardly helps to use rosewater—and Russian tactics are as malicious as skunk spray!

Since I have been connected with State government in Lansing I have had frequent contact with various contractors. I've come to the conclusion that it never will operate to suit everybody. It is a business, and it means to cover the question of the morality of a State selling and contracting liquor. It is a business in the actual handling of problems that arise between government officials and those who are making laws and rules, plus those who seek license. In other words, it is a business, and it is a difficult member of society to control.

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## Everyone Cooperates

During the past week—which also was Fire Prevention Week—the Birmingham Fire Department received no fire calls, according to Chief Verdy Griffith. "It was too bad that Fire Prevention Week isn't held every week," Griffith added.

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## Smoke and Garbage Problems in Need of Remedying

Henry Johns, city sanitary inspector, this week appealed to both businessmen and housewives to cooperate in the city regarding the smoke and garbage nuisances.

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## Mayor Will Appoint Committee in Food Conservation Effort

In accordance with a telegram received from Charles Luckman, Secretary of the National Council on Food Conservation, Mayor Ralph A. Main said he will appoint a committee to coordinate the city's food conservation program.

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Representatives of some of the community houses regularly use the Community House as a meeting place each month for the monthly board meeting for help to raise the \$9,000 needed for 1947-48 operating expenses if present program and personnel are to be maintained.

## State Considering Final Details for Adams Intersection

Plans for eliminating the city's most hazardous intersection have just about reached the crystallization stage, according to Leland Gunn, city planning engineer.

## Acts of Vandalism at Pierce Field Draw Criticism

Becoming increasingly alarmed at the misconduct of groups of small boys who persist in destroying public property at the Pierce field, school officials this week asked and received the cooperation of Birmingham police who will pick up individuals trespassing on the football field during hours when the grounds are not being used.

## Details of City Planning Subject of League Meeting

What city planning is, how it works and what it attempts to do will be discussed next Monday morning at the regular monthly meeting of the Birmingham League of Women Voters in an afternoon discussion at the Community House.

## Builder Foresees Rapid Expansion for Birmingham

Rapid expansion of public improvements, including sewers, water, and gas, was forecast for Birmingham last week by George Miller, president of Miller Homes, Inc., the largest builder in the metropolitan Detroit area.

## Chesterfield Paving Dropped as Majority of Commission Sides with Mallerder

Milton F. Mallerder's personal campaign to prevent Birmingham streets from being permanently improved if they gained great momentum Monday evening when a majority of city commissioners, indirectly moved by Mallerder's impassioned speech, voted to drop Chesterfield paving of streets to a width less than 18 feet.

## Two Water Pumps

Two additional pumping stations will be placed in operation as soon as the new River water pumps, purchase of which was authorized by the city commission Monday evening.