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THE HILLS

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By G. R. A.

Improving Our Streets

There are a few fundamental public service requirements in every community that are very essential to the comfort and physical safety of its residents. Among them are adequate water and sewer service, passable streets and sidewalks, and a program that will, finally, result in arteries and veins of transportation that will bring Birmingham's streets up to a par with its many other services.

The Owl Is a Wise Bird!

I observe by a recent issue of this newspaper that City Commissioners Donald A. Bell and Milton F. Mallender have developed an apparent solution to the problem arising from flocks of starlings that now and then roost in the trees of an area. For many years, you may recall, various sections of Birmingham have been plagued with starlings; among the efforts to rid a neighborhood of them, even the fire department has been called out to squirt heavy streams of water into the trees, but the starlings would always come back. Now, however, Bell and Mallender, with the aid of a local ornithologist, have developed a solution for the presence of those birds in the trees of Birmingham.

A Few Vacation Notes

As this is being written, August 27, I've enjoyed two of the three weeks of my vacation that I spent in my home town of Littleton, near Ludington. Not in a good many years have I enjoyed a vacation so much. I can say, vigorously, that I've had plenty of work since I joined up with Gov. Kim Sigler's campaign more than a year ago. I'm reasonably tanned, get plenty of sleep, and enjoy some good old home cooking—an acceptable diet and quite different from the hotel and restaurant menus of Birmingham.

Schedule Various Classes

First business on the executive calendar was the scheduling of a public speaking course, all beginning the week of September 8. Registrations are already beginning to come in for the most popular class of the early registration week—September 15-22. The ceramic and silver jewelry classes, among the most popular of the early registration week, will begin on September 15. The schedule of the classes follows: Millinery: Meets Mondays from 8 to 10 o'clock. Instructor: Mrs. Bernice Kirby of Birmingham. Hooked Rug Making: Meets Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 3:30. Mrs. T. C. Rigney, instructor. (Clothing: Meets Tuesday from 8 to 10 o'clock. (See RE-OPENING, Page 2)

New Stop Street

Placement of stop signs to require motorists using Torry street to halt before entering or crossing the city commission Tuesday evening.

Beautiful Scenery

A flight over the southern shore of Lake Ontario, from Sault Ste. Marie to Little Current, when we passed over Thessalon and Blind River, then over Little and big islands, was like looking into a Queen's jewel box. The land surfaces in Georgian Bay would vary in size from the top of small rock protrusion to islands of hundreds of square miles. It required but an hour on the Wilgerson to go from the Sea to Little Current; I have made that trip by yacht some years ago and it requires two days.

While in McGregors Bay

Commander McDonald took us over to meet Powell Crossley, of Glenview, Ohio, who owns a wood-lined boat there. Mr. Crossley has a fine Grumman Mallard amphibian plane, capable of carrying 12 people, and he had his pilot take me part way for a trip over McGregors Bay, another aerial treat. I secured you.

Mr. Powell also extended us

the use of his airplane for our return flight to the Sea on Monday, August 28; that trip of 175 miles, after much of the same lovely scenery, was made in exactly 55 minutes. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

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India's Davis Cup Team

Plays Against Detroiters in Kingswood Exhibition

By Wayne Smith

S. C. Mirza and Jimmy Metts, Davis Cup tennis players of India, gave a colorful exhibition before Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills tennis enthusiasts at the Kingswood-Clarksbrook courts last Thursday.

Tuesday Marks Re-Opening of Civic Center

Executive Committee Sets Up Calendar of Various Classes

Closed during the month of August, the Community House came back to life and full activity on Tuesday, September 2, when the teachers of Birmingham and the Retail Merchants Association launched there on the first male and female classes on a recently installed gas stove.

Maroon and White Varsity Will Be Green This Fall

By George Wm. Averill

Your lettermen were all that could be counted among the aspiring gridmen that turned out for the initial football practice at Pierce Field on Labor Day. Of these, three are backfield men and the other a tackle. Although some of them have been in the successful reserve squad are sure to play some good football this season.

Reserved Tickets Placed on Sale

Four hundred reserve seat books for the five Birmingham School varsity football games home are now on sale, Franklin Whitney, high school sports director, announced this week.

Bloomfield Hills Child, 3, Drowns In Fall from Dock

Phillip A. Hart, Jr., three-year-old son of Mr. Phillip A. Hart and Mrs. Mary, of Bloomfield Hills, drowned last Saturday night in Lake Huron at his family's summer home on Bois Blanc Island near Cheboygan.

Three Injured in City's Only Labor Day Auto Accident

One serious accident occurred on Woodward just south of Redwood road on the Labor Day week and involving the hospitalization of three persons and considerable damage to both cars.

Police Will Arrest Homeowners Who Dump Refuse in Street

Householders who deposit grass cuttings and other yard rubbish in city streets will be given police orders to stop dumping refuse in streets.

4 Local Piscatorial Experts Reveal Details of 15-Day Trip to Canadian Wilderness

Four brown, sunburned British Columbia anglers, who returned from a 15-day fishing trip to Quetico National Park, Ontario, 104 miles west from Fort Shumway at the head of Lake Superior.

School Tuition Rate Boosted to \$260.70

Tuition for school pupils not residing in the Birmingham school district will pay \$260.70 for the 1947-48 school year.

New Sidewalks for Birmingham's Business Section

Ready-mixed concrete is poured into forms in the city's shopping area as the Birmingham sidewalk repair program is being rushed to completion. The project is about three-quarters finished to date.

India's Star Netters Give Local Exhibition

At Kingswood last Thursday afternoon, Ajmer Grewal (left) of the Indian Embassy in Washington, talks with Jimmy Metts (center) and S. C. Mirza about the latter's experiences at the recent Wimbledon tennis matches. Metts and Mirza are India's top tennis stars.

Limit Length of Matches

The play got under way promptly at 2:30 p.m. and continued until 3:30. Only a limited time was available as Metts and Mirza had to catch a train in Detroit for Washington. Thirty minutes was allowed for each of the one-set matches.

Mirza and Hetszek paired off in the first match of singles. Mirza had a cannon-ball serve, acting Hetszek repeatedly to take the first game.

At 10 o'clock, the other player had a game point in his favor while his opponent was serving.

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Master Zoning Plan for Hills Includes 3 Major Changes

A master zoning plan for the City of Bloomfield Hills will be presented next Monday evening at an open meeting of the Hills City Planning Commission when commission members consider the advisability of taking three far-reaching steps in a plan designed to maintain the community's residential nature.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m., Sept. 8, at the city high school on Vaughn road, and is expected to draw a considerable number of residents who wish to comment on the proposed program.

Prepared by the architectural firm of Strickland, Swanson and Searns, the proposed plan suggests immediate consideration of three major problems:

1. Creation of a national "greenbelt area" between Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills to prevent industry or other undesirable features from encroaching on the residential aspects of the two communities.

2. Re-zoning of Woodward road in Bloomfield Hills from its present multiple dwelling classification to one of parkways and single-family homes.

3. Creation of a Hills shopping center on Long Lake road east of Woodward, with the main area of Swinging Long Lake road in a curve to the south and around the shopping center.

In discussing the advisability of establishing "greenbelt areas" around the city, the master plan states, "Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were settled as residential communities on the hillside, most wooded section of Woodward. Though the two developed in somewhat different ways, they have remained strictly residential towns, which draws them together rather than toward either industrial Pontiac or toward Royal Oak. There is a natural break between the residential area of Bloomfield Hills and the commercial cities to the north and south."

Establish Greenbelts

The report suggested that greenbelts should be established along the southern edge of Birmingham and on Square Lake road just north of Bloomfield Hills. The boundary on the west is now pretty well defined by Telegraph road, while the one on the east is a barrier could be the Grand Trunk right-of-way, the report said.

By maintaining these strong realistic boundaries, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham can be sure of protection from the encroachment of commercial and industrial growths of bordering cities," the master plan declares. "This does not necessarily require that the political city limits be changed if the realistic (See ZONING, Page 2)

Springman to Leave Oct. 1 for Glenview

Dr. John H. Springman, assistant superintendent of the Community House, will leave for Glenview, Ill., on Oct. 1, it was revealed this week.

The announcement was made Tuesday noon by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, school superintendent, in Birmingham. Teachers Club luncheon at the Community House.

Springman came to the Birmingham school system in 1935 as a social studies teacher at Baldwin High School. A year later he was shifted to Glenview elementary school as principal.

His assistant, Mr. H. R. Egan, will be moved to the main office as Ireland's assistant.

"I am very sorry to see Springman leave for his new job because he has been a very dependable position for the past two years," said Tuesday afternoon.

"However, I know him as an assistant superintendent and I am sure he will be a great asset to the city of Glenview for the type of position he has just accepted. It is a great opportunity for him and I am quite pleased."

Ireland stated that he is now conducting interviews with candidates for the vacancy Springman will leave when he moves to Glenview.

Doctors from Colorado

"I am going to spend some time with these interviews and get the man I want, rather than merely fill the position," said Dr. Ireland.

A graduate of Pontiac elementary school, Springman obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1931.

Police Will Arrest Homeowners Who Dump Refuse in Street

Householders who deposit grass cuttings and other yard rubbish in city streets will be given police orders to stop dumping refuse in streets.

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