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A Standard Width for City Streets as well as week vigorously objected to the long-standing heability of the city commission to arrive at a system of standard street widths if, and when, certain types of city streets are permanently improved. are permanently improved.

while Mallender periodically has needled his fellow commissioners con-cerning this hesitancy to adopt such standards, last week's outburst was his most vigorous and caustic.

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We second Mallender's argument that the commission should have a policy to which it adheres in determining the width of city streety.

Both City Manager Donald C. Egbert and City Engineer Harold H. Corson have repeatedly stated that any city street today should not be permanently improved at a lesser width than 32 feet from curb to curb.

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But when the commission conducted hearings on the proposed paving of Chesterfield and Oak streets, the commission did a quick about face. Property owners on this street were successful in having city commissioners whittle down the proposed width of Chesterfield from 32 to 22 feet, and of Oak to possibly 18 feet.

Cambridge—a street which will carry only local residential traffic—is to be made 32 'feet wide. Chesterfield and Oak—over which much traffic feeds into and out of the northwest section of the city—will be only 22 feet in width.

Just where is the logic in this policy of permanent street improvement?

Mallender points out that "there is no sense in merely paving cow paths. That is what the commission is doing when it does not provide for the ultimate traffic loads the street will carry."

loads the street will carry.

May we point out, too, that in paying streets for present-day requirements rather than for the future, it becomes a considerably more expensive proposition, a fact to which any qualified highway engineer will testify.

Over the period of years, the City of Birmingham could use this additional money for other vitally needed services.

Every home should have within it ood music. By exercising judgment, one can find good music on many radio pro-grams. Good music is as necessary to happiness as any other earthly creation.

"Little Below We hasten to com-mend the "Little Below the Knee" club, reportedly organized in Dallas, Texas, by thirteen hundred women who are trying to instigate a nation-wide revolt against the proposed long-skirt fashion.

fashion.

The women make the very sensible argument that if fashion decrees longer akirts for women it will necessitate throwing away entire wardrobes. A more practical observation is made by Mrs. Warren J. Woodard, President of the organization, who insists that the women will wear the clothes that look best on them and asks: "Why should a girl cover up her legs—they may be her best selling point."

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The women were advised by the owner of a dress shop to fight the proposed styles. Herman Philipson, the dress seller, pointed out that the world is begging for material to cover its naked back and there existed no justification for any drastic fashions.

"I think the designers and dress indus-It think the designers and dress industry are trying to get away with murder," he declared, and pointed out that new fashions would not be tough on the rich and well-to-do but would be a tragedy for the poor little shopgirl who might be made to feel pittiful and tacky.

The action taken by the women in Dallas should be followed by women in Birmingham and throughout the United States. There is no sensible reason why the mass of women should permit a few designers and dress makers to junk their wardrobes.

wardrobes.

The possibility exists that a mass revolt might prevent the fashion change but, from past experience, the prospects are that the movement, unless generally supported, will be ineffective. Regardless of the wisdom of the attitude of the Dallas women the record demonstrates the fact that American women will follow anything in the name of fashion.

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time they have seen each other in 17 years. Since leaving home Frank has traveled many miles, seen many interesting places, and has some wonderful stories to tell.

In a recent drive to clean up the appearance of Birmingham, it was made illegal to post any advertising bills on Allage telephone poles. We are glad this step has been taken, for the tin tags, weathered and rusty, were most unsightly.

Building Permits issued re twice that of the pre Building Permits is are twice that of the month, the report shows, est single classificatio homes, with new stores r and. This shows a r healthy growth for our little city.

Mrs. Alice Hagerman Thurber of Oak street has 12 canvases hung in the exhibit at the Bon-stelle Playhouse in Detroit. The exhibit will run for the entire month of September.

J. Harold Corner, formerly of Toronto, has assumed his duties as organist and choirmaster at St. James Episcopal Church. He suc-ceeds Melvin Kates and comes to us highly recommended by all

Sept. 3, 1942

Hours are being changed at the Birmingham schools in order that children will be able to go to school during the daylight hours, as the winter approaches. This will also permit them to use the buses after the adult rush of the morning is past.

Birmingham is said to be the only city in the state which is fully prepared in the event of a poison gas attack against the area, according to Civilian Defense officials. Here a fully trained and equipped decontamination squad is ready to go into instant action.

When football practice opened Monday, 56 hopefuls appeared and were issued uniforms. Some are lettermen of last year's some from '46 reserve squad, and some are new players.

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