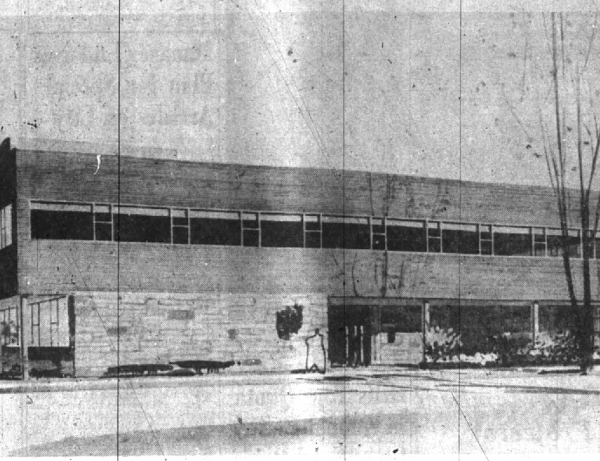


To learn the great art of patience is better than the accumulation of gold. How bright that, as children, we adults were never impressed with the thought that, in the hands of patience!

How New \$300,000 Telephone Building Will Look When Completed



New Birmingham Telephone building will look like this when it is finished next year. Construction of the \$300,000 structure will get under way within a week or two according to Walter B. Fauser, manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Outstanding feature of the new telephone building will be the large second story which overhangs the first floor. Space requirements for the first floor were not as great as for the second.

The building has been designed in contemporary architectural style by Minoru Yamasaki of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit, one of the country's leading architectural firms specializing in industrial structures.

Business office and administrative quarters on the ground level. The building will have a foundation and supporting columns for the addition of two more floors if future growth of the exchange here warrants.

Telephone company engineers and the architects at Detroit to select the exterior finish of the new building. A salmon-colored brick was chosen in order to harmonize with the city hall.

HS and THAT

By G. R. A.

... between throwing a few logs on the fire Sunday evening, March 28, 3 p.m.—Well, guess I'll throw another log on the fire in the living room so the old boys know I'm warm and animated picture in flame, and go into my library to write a piece for you to week.

... Last week... I drove on Monday morning an usual drive at two o'clock left for a meeting in Detroit with Kim and John A. Perkins, the budget director.

New Secretary Is Appointed by C of C

Charles Mortensen Resigns From WAA to Accept Position

Genaro Flores, president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, this week announced the appointment of Charles Mortensen as full time executive secretary effective April 5.

Mortensen will succeed Clarence Vliet who had consented to leave the position as acting full-time secretary could be selected. The board of directors of the Chamber and Flores, have commended Vliet for his public spiritedness and able assistance during the formative period of the organization.

Mortensen brings to his new position a long experience in administrative and executive work. After being graduated from the University of Michigan in 1930 where he majored in economics, he became associated with the Ford Motor company, leaving there to join the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army in 1940.

He remained with the Ordnance Department throughout the war and was promoted to captain in April for his outstanding work as administrative assistant to the chief of the general office division. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon by Major General Everett S. Hughes, Chief of Ordnance.

After the war, Mortensen took a leave of absence from the Ordnance Department and returned to Detroit to join the regional office of the War Assets Administration. After achieving a number of important assignments, he was appointed acting division chief a month ago, which position he is resigning in order to join the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Mortensen, who for four years has been teaching kindergarten in the Adams School, is already well known to many Birmingham residents.

For Cancer Control Mayor Ralph A. Main has proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month for Birmingham.

C of C Secretary Letter Leads Off Annual Community House Roll Call

First steps have been taken in the Community House Roll Call which opens April 19 for a two-week campaign. Approximately 80,000 homes in the area will be taken for granted that the city charter amendment permitting roll calling assessments will be approved by voters at the city election next Monday.

At least that is what is indicated by a petition which they sent to the city commission this week. The petition asks that the commission create a district for the billing of Pleasant between these two points.

A Roll Call Committee of 400, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Susie L. Miller, goes into action April 19 and continues on fast time until midnight, September 26, city commissioners voted.

Workers pledged by churches and a few organizations are still to be reported. One church has turned in the names of workers; the others are expected to do so before the week end. All have pledged themselves to provide quotas of workers for the Committee of 400.

A special gifts committee under the chairmanship of John K. Stuyvesant, is continuing on fast time until midnight, September 26, city commissioners voted.

Commission Okays Daylight Saving Time for City Birmingham will go on daylight saving time at midnight, April 4, and continue on fast time until midnight, September 26, city commissioners voted.

Thanks for Your World Trade Copies A sincere "thank you" is due those persons who responded to The Eccentric's recent appeal for copies of the January 22 "World Trade Edition".

What's more, the rest of the "band" have quite large buds on them already," she reports.

H-12 Speaker Commission Makes History Monday Night

And Does It With Meeting That Lasts Only Five Minutes For the first time since the city commission was created by adoption of the city charter on April 3, 1933, the city commission met and adjourned Monday evening.

Edgar A. Guest, beloved Free Press poet, will speak to members of the Birmingham H-12 Club next Monday evening at the Community House. It has been announced by Edward H. Brehm, the club's president.

Armored Infantry Battalion Based in Birmingham Birmingham is now headquarters for a battalion of the U. S. Army, according to an announcement made by Col. Bruce G. Booth, commanding officer of the 34th Armored Infantry Battalion, stationed here.

Two Injured Monday in Taxi-Car Crash Two persons were injured slightly Monday evening at the intersection of Hunter Blvd. and Oakland Ave., when a car and taxi crashed.

Spring Arrives at 175 W. Frank Most Birmingham residents may claim that spring is still a long way off.

Housecleaning Time Is Here! An Eccentric Classified advertisement will help you find someone to do your spring housecleaning.

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City Election Ballot Explained on Today's Eccentric

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Answers to three questions of general community interest have been received by The Eccentric from all six candidates to the city commission.

As is customary just before city elections, this newspaper invites candidates to comment on matters which are being considered by present commissioners, or which may come before them in the near future.

Candidates William Smith, Garland D. Tait, Oscar P. Peterson, Ralph A. Main, R. G. Hoover and Bruce G. Booth were asked to reply to three questions:

1.—Birmingham voters on April 5 will indicate whether they approve of a \$50,000 bond issue for the development of city parks and recreational areas.

2.—The city commission has been confronted with the problem of permanently improving city streets.

3.—Which do you believe the city should concentrate on: (A) maintenance problems such as garbage and rubbish disposal, street sweeping, graveling and grading (to the possible exclusion of the following matter), or (B) construction of such assessment projects as curbs and gutters, reducing to grade, and laying of gravel roads?

Candidates were also invited to write briefly on any other civic matter, if they chose to do so.

Without further comment, The Eccentric presents for the information of the voting public the written answers which the six candidates made to the three questions (in order to avoid repeating the questions, each answer is keyed with the numbers 1, 2 or 3 to correspond with the questions as outlined above):

BRUCE G. BOOTH: I wish to submit the following answers to the questions in your letter of March 20, 1948:

1. If the bond issue for parks and recreational areas is approved, I would recommend that this fund be used for capital improvements in the grading, graveling and laying of gravel roads.

I understand that there is, on the schedule for improvements during the year 1948, some four or five miles of streets to be repaved. I believe that this work should be made as soon as possible, in order to afford every resident of the City the best of service at all from his residence.

I believe that Birmingham should have a complete traffic plan contemplating the improvement of all streets as rapidly as possible so that the City can afford to do so.

Particular emphasis should be placed on the improvement of streets of service to the most people, but this should not be to the exclusion of streets of importance to other streets for which the residents have filed petitions.

Altogether, something like \$100,000 should be set aside for consideration by the Governor to place in the Session's agenda.

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RALPH A. MAIN: The following are my answers to the questions in your letter of March 20, 1948:

1. If the voters see fit to pass the bond issue for the development of city parks and recreational areas, then, in that event, if I am elected, I will do everything in my power to see that the money is wisely spent for the development and improvement of recreational areas which will benefit the city at large.

I see no reason why the above program should interfere with the improvement of those streets for which the property owners have petitioned and are ready and willing to pay the cost of the improvements.

2. The methods of handling maintenance problems, such as garbage and rubbish collection, street sweeping and street maintenance, are fairly well defined in policies, ordinances and regulations which are assigned by the manager. Nevertheless, it is the duty of the Commission to see that the maintenance and labor to perform this maintenance work which is a public health problem, is given precedence over new improvements.

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