Looks Good to Us

As long as the Michigan Bell Telephone Company gets its building completed in as short a time as possible so Birmingham gets its dial telephone service in short order, we have no complaint to make concerning the type of building which houses the equipment. We will trust Bell architects and engineers to give the community the best construction possible.

At the invitation of Walter B. Fauser, local manager for the company, this week we looked over the architects' colored sketch. It was very good, we thought. All attempts are being made to have the color of materials blend with that of the Municipal Building across the street.

From some of the comments floating around the city, however, we are led to believe that the building itself should be designed like the city hall or the public library. But just ask any reliable architect how much waste space there is in the two buildings, space that on a dollars and cents basis might be used to better advantage. In the design of these two buildings, appearance seems to have been the criterion rather than utilization.

Bell technicians could have copied the Municipal Building—if they had had a whole block upon which to build. And where would the money come from with which to erect such structure? Out of the pocket of each telephone subscriber. When it comes to a necessary service, we don't insist on police cars being convertible coupes, nor fire engines equipped with flower boxes along the sides. We want service at the least expense.

Former Postmaster General James A. Farley declares he's for a "get-tough policy with Russia," adding that the U.S. is about two years too late in establishing it. Better late than never, we believe. And each day we put it off, the closer "never" is coming.

A California dental surgeon has found out how to transplant wisdom teeth. So instead of high-priced bridgework, maybe the day of the buck tooth is not far distant.

Revolt or not, President Truman says he intends to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. In times like these it takes quite a bit to make a man change his job and give up a good house.

There are at least five million adults ready to give the June graduates their best advice.

It is now the time of the year for forward-looking organizations to plan their picnics.

The Highway Gambler

It is hard to imagine a gambler so desperate to win a very small prize that he would stake his own life, his family's or some other person's.

Unfortunately, it is not at all hard to imagine a motorist doing the same thing on the highway. Reckless passing, of which gambling is the prime ingredient, causes 49,000 accidents a year in which someone is killed or injured, according to accident reports. That is a lot too much gambling with life, and it does not include the thousands of chance-takers who have won the toss thus far. Unless they mend their ways, and soon, they or their victims will be next year's statistics.

The psychology of improper passing seems to be a blind optimism on the part of the driver that nothing is coming around the curve or over the hill to catch him while he is on the wrong side of the road. The fact that he has no possible knowledge of whether or not the way is clear—no second sight, no X-ray eye and no radar equipment to guide him—does not enter into his calculations at all. He is tired of poking along in line, it makes him feel superior to the other fellow to go whizzing past, and he feels pretty smug when he makes it safely.

"Smart driving," he tells himself. "I **knew** nothing was coming!"

What if he fails? Have you ever seen a bad accident? Do you remember the grinding of metal, the shattering glass, the screaming passengers, the blazing gas and oil, the blood on the highway?

Shocking? Of course. But so is our annual toll of criminally wasteful, preventable death and injury. Don't gamble with lives!

We wish to commend Hazel B. White for her recent 8-week series of articles concerning functions and activities of the Birmingham Community House. What could have been pretty dry statistics Mrs. White wove into a series which had great reader-interest.

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
April 29, 1898

Chester Marvin, 22, was killed Saturday morning at the W. B. Ewing saw mill, in some manner his clothing became entangled in a moving shaft while he was oiling the machinery, and his body was drawn into the gears.

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Nearly a hundred members of Palestine Lodge, F & A M, Detroit, were the guests of their Masonic brothers here last Friday evening. They came to inspect the new Masonic Temple which the local lodge has just taken over.

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Dr. Hopper of London, Ont., is spending a few days with his cousin, Mrs. N. T. Shaw.

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Mrs. Charles Parks celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary last week by giving a tea to a few of her intimate lady friends.

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A large appreciative congregation enjoyed the intensely patriotic sermon preached by Rev. Allen in the M. E. Church last Sunday evening.

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Mrs. M. E. Hemenway is having her new house rapidly pushed to a finish. Here's a good home for somebody.

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Say, whatever do ail our School Board? Are they lacking in patriotism? Are they penurious? Are they stingy, or what in the name of Gehenna is the matter? Why don't we see the Stars and Stripes flying over our schools?

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F. Hagerman says that our fire alarm system is damaged and at times rendered useless by boys knocking the glass brackets on the poles with rocks. He adds that, if caught, they will be punished to the full extent of the law.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
April 26, 1928

Kenneth Olson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Olson, is recovering from a flesh wound recieved when an "empty" .22 calibre rifle discharged. He was treated in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

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Members of the Baldwin High School debating team were the guests of the Lions Club at a luncheon held at the Chanteau Tea Room yesterday noon. The team took part in the recent state tournament.

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Plans are being made today in the Oakland County Sheriff's office to have a complete canvass made of all dog owners in the country. The canvass is being made to ascertain the number of unlicensed dogs.

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Bloomfield Village police today issued a warning that arrests and fines will follow if the practice of passing other motorists on the right is continued. This is strictly against all rules of highway courtesy and safety the police department reminded drivers.

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From the amount of talk around town one would gather that a number of local people planning to attend the State Fair this year. The promise of a spectacular display of fireworks which will feature the evening programs.

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Floor plans are completed for the Community House, and give promise for a beautiful building. The campaign now being held, is to raise $125,000 for the erection of this community center.

FIVE YEARS AGO
April 29, 1943

Fire Chief W. Carleton Scott announces that the new fire truck purchased by Bloomfield Village has been delivered. The truck is being tested and is ready for use.

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The board of education has authorized the construction of four tennis courts as a part of its stepped-up physical education program. They will be built at the old Hill School and at Barnum School.

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The Citizens Defense Corps will hold another general practice drill on Tuesday evening. The drill will be held in the northeast section of the city, and without the sirens.

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R. H. Calbeck's Boston terrier puppy, "Billy Westchester" was named best-in-match Sunday in a puppy show held in Highland Park.

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The Community House, like any other well run house, gets a spring cleaning. This year they came up with about 15 umbrellas, an assortment of gloves, scarves, galoshes, books and "things". If you've lost anything why not drop in and see if it's there?

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Local gardeners are asking help from the state on the rabbit situation here. The bunnies keep coming in and helping themselves to the vegetables which are being raised to help the food shortage.

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The clean-up committee met last night and completed plans for Clean-Up Week which will be held in Birmingham beginning May 17.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith who have moved into their new home at 1450 Pierce street from Detroit? Mr. Smith is assistant manager with the American Blower corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Patterson, formerly of Pontiac, who are making their home at 1188 Washington boulevard? They have a son, Joseph. Mr. Patterson is with Flores, Inc., advertising firm.

Former Detroiters Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weissmiller and their daughter Gay who moved to 4778 Lahser road? Mr. Meissmiller is with J. L. Hudson Co.

Shocked---In More Ways Than One

'Tis Washington

By The Duchess

Could be . . .

Political revolts by conservative Southerners has brought forth a lot of stories.

A South Carolinian, Edgar Morris, one of 31 Republicans in his home town, says "Southerners are Republicans 364 days a year and on the 365th day they go to the polls and vote Democratic".

But this is leap year . . . so anything may happen.

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Latest innovation in Washington is radio music in street cars and buses.

Some folk aren't in a singing-mood going to and from work. The place for music (like women) is in the home, 'tis said.

One government worker wailed "it's an infringement upon personal rights when it can't be turned off".

Another came up with this solution: "Let the radio stations pay the carfare since they inflict their programs on us at a financial gain to themselves".

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The best known New York doorman never takes a tip . . .

At the busy entrance to the NBC building in the radio center heart of New York . . . he pushed aside my quarter and said:

"Lady, you don't need to pay me to get you a taxi".

If he had taken the two bits he would have let down some mighty big radio people who had used the doorman "to prove to me New York wasn't as money-grubbing and hard-boiled as the people in this sleepy southern town of Washington think".

It was the first president of NBC, Merwin Ailsworth, who told me about the doorman. They "opened the building together" back when radio was in the crystal set stage of development.

It seems the doorman has never taken a tip and everybody in NBC is proud of it.

His name, amazingly enough, is Charlie McCarthy . . . but he doesn't work for Bergen, so his allowance is apparently more than 75 cents a week.

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The rules committee is "playing God" again . . .

The United States will be but a mere "observer", not a participant, in the World Health Organization meeting on June 18 in Geneva . . . unless something happens.

During the war, it was the United States which gave 3 life-and health-saving medicines (penicillin, sulfa drugs, and DDT) to the world, it now might not lead.

Always a chief exponent and leader in any humanitarian endeavor, the United States will be silent because the 12 men on a House committee are keeping the entire House silent. By refusing to clear the bill for action, the rest of the members will not have a chance to vote.

If the congress said "no" to this United Nations agency it would be disappointing enough to those who see the importance of fighting disease, but "no action" will certainly be difficult for the world to understand.

Difficult for Americans, too.

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Some justice exists in the Nation's Capital.

Asparagus at 72 cents proved it . . . Housewives can understand why elderly Cornelia Kirby drove through a red traffic light in her fury over ruining a dollar to buy a few sprigs of spring asparagus.

So could the Washington judge understand. He said:

"In the light of what you had to pay for your asparagus, any fine I might impose would be . . . er . . . superfluous. You are free to go."

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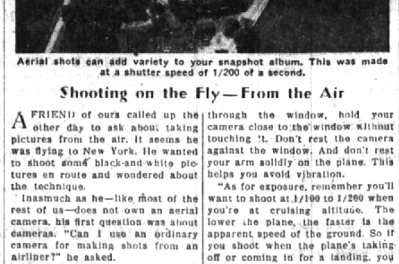

Aerial shots can add variety to your snapshot album. This was made at a shutter speed of 1/200 of a second.

Shooting on the Fly—From the Air

A FRIEND of ours called up the other day to ask about taking pictures from the air. It seems he was flying to New York. He wanted to shoot some black-and-white pictures en route and wondered about the technique.

Inasmuch as he—like most of the rest of us—does not own an aerial camera, his first question was about cameras. "Can I use an ordinary camera for making shots from an airliner?" he asked.

We told him that he could, adding that while box camera results are risky, but sometimes surprisingly good, almost any type of camera having a lens f/6.s or faster and a shutter speed of 1/100 yields satisfactory shots.

When it came to film we recommended a fine grain film of average speed, pointing out that he needed sufficient film speed to allow the use of a filter on the camera and at the same time needed a fine grain film since aerial shots always call for enlargement.

Since haze is present at high altitudes, we suggested he use a K2 filter. This filter, we told him, would serve for air shots and later be useful for shots on the ground.

"Grab a seat on the side of the plane away from the sun," we urged him. "Try to get one that's far enough back so you're not over the wing. Then, since you're shooting through the window, hold your camera close to the window without touching it. Don't rest the camera against the window. And don't rest your arm solidly on the plane. This helps you avoid vibration.

"As for exposure, remember you'll want to shoot at 1/100 to 1/200 when you're at cruising altitude. The lower the plane, the faster is the apparent speed of the ground. So if you shoot when the plane's taking off or coming in for a landing, you will want to use 1/200 or faster.

"Shooting at 1/100 with most black-and-white films you'll probably want to use a lens opening of f/8 for an average shot. A bright scene—such as you get when you fly over beaches—calls for an opening halfway between f/8 and f/11. And a dark scene, like a snowless winter scene, calls for a opening of f/6.3.

"These are the basic exposures. If you're using your K2 filter, however, you'll have to use openings at least one stop larger. For instance, at 1/100 your lens opening for an average scene is going to be f/6.3.

"And one more point, don't forget that your best pictures probably will be made in early morning and late afternoon. The shadows are longer then. And when long shadows are present, it's far more easy to recognize ground objects than when few shadows appear."

—John van Gulder

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
WORTH, RIDGEDALE AND KNOX
DUST PROOFING

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, May 3rd, 1948, at 8:00 P. M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on Worth, Ridgedale and Knox Streets, and to the creation of a special assessment district, created to defray the cost of construction of a temporary asphaltic oil surface on Worth Street from Maple to Oakland, Ridgedale Avenue from Poppleton to Adams, and
Knox Street from Poppleton to Adams, surfacing to be 20 ft. in width, and which would be maintained by the City for a period of five years.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Assessor's Plat No. 18
Lots 1 to 6 Inclusive
Highland View Addition
Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
H. A. Poppleton Addition
Lots 7 to 12 Inc. of Block 1
Lots 1 to 6 Inc. of Block 2
Edgar C. Poppleton Subdivision
Lots 4 and 5
Lots 7 to 14 Inclusive
Lots 17 and 18
Poppleton Heights
Lots 1 to 24
Lots 29

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

April 22, 1948

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk. 5-6

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
FAIRFAX AVENUE DUST PROOFING
OAK TO RAYNALE

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, May 3rd, 1948, at 8:00 P. M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on Fairfax described herein and for which petition has been filed; and to the creation of a special assessment district, created to defray the cost of construction of a temporary asphaltic oil surface, 20 ft. in width, on Fairfax Avenue from Oak to Raynale, which would be maintained by the City for a period of five years.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Casper J. Lingeman's Quarton Road Unit of Quarton Lake Estates, a resub. of Lots 569 to 680 Inclusive of Quarton Lake Estates Subdivision.
Lots 72 to 83 Incl.
Lots 108 to 119 Incl.

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

April 22, 1948.

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No. 32,614

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of April, A. D., 1948.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Belle Boughner, Deceased.

Leorine Wilkinson, daughter of said deceased, having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executrix named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 10th day of May, A. D., 1948 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that, proponent mail a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at the last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

CLARENCE W. BLENMAN,
Attorney-at-Law;
OLIVER R. KIRK,
Attorney-at-Law;
Wabeek Building,
Birmingham, Michigan. 5-6,7

PUBLIC NOTICE
REMOVAL OF TREE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, May 3rd, 1948, at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Municipal Building to consider removal of a Pine Tree at the North East corner of Oak and Hazelwood.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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