

The older one gets the more value one is apt to place upon the younger one. If you possess real friends, you own much of abundant value. Without friends, you own nothing.

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# Taxpayers Save By Eliminating Duplication

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### The Breach Has Widened—Black-Sigler Now Feud!

Twice, in this column over a period of several recent months, I have alluded to the widening breach between Governor Kim Sigler and Attorney-General Eugene F. Cass. I mentioned the right of Mr. Black to differ, objectively, with the man who hands down him for his present State job, and hoped that such difference would be confined to the matter of "personalities."

In the concluding paragraph of my last comment on this subject I said: "It is to be hoped, however, that such criticisms will be devoid of mere personal color, wherever they may arise. However, human nature being what it is, and during a political campaign, just how far public opinion will be carried, is a question in what they say.... so, we'll all just have to watch you will tend to determine the result of the verbal bout between Messrs. Sigler and Black will go."

Last week we all saw how the lengths to which Sigler is going in his lap of the political gods.

Insofar as I, as Sigler's executive secretary, am concerned, the matter stands by the side of this State... and shall do so on the record, alone.

### Black's Speeches Show Weaknesses

I am not unmindful of the weaknesses and the strengths of the Ford with which I am associated; that not only includes Sigler, but Black, other members of the press present at the family, plus plenty of men and women currently and in the past who have been active in local and national governmental units.

Gene Black came into the state political picture in the wake of the quest of Kim Sigler, in the mid-summer of 1946, right after Sigler was elected Governor of Michigan. For a long time Black had been in the State of Michigan, executive St. Clair County; he was appointed to inefficiency, graft and corruption in public office.

In 1946, as the nation's pre-war program got underway, he was recalled to military duty, and became head of the war department in Washington. He held the rank of brigadier general at the close of his tour of duty.

In 1946, when the Ford Motor company was swinging into post-war operations, Black joined their staff, and at the time of his death was vice-president of the company.

The survivors include his widow, Dorothy, and two daughters, Nancy and Martha, all of Bloomfield Hills.

### A. J. Browning, Ford Executive, Dies in Detroit

Funeral services were held from Christ Church, Cranbrook, Tuesday afternoon for Albert J. Browning, 49, who died Friday evening in a hospital in Detroit.

Browning, whose home was in Quanton road in Bloomfield Hills, suffered a heart attack while vacationing in Florida, and spent several weeks in a Miami hospital before returning to Detroit. The former big game general entered Ford Hospital for additional treatment several weeks ago.

### Re-elect B of E Officers; Boost Insurance Coverage

At an organizational meeting July 1, at the Birmingham Board of Education building, the present board officers elected to new terms.

Earl W. Sashols will continue as board president, Anos Gregory as secretary, and Wylie George as treasurer.

Although Sashols said he would favor passing the office around, necessarily his, the board members believed previous experience as an officer would aid the board in conducting its business.

Members elected to the board, and William Spence, serving his first term, were sworn in with the usual special meeting.

The board accepted the resignations of two teachers, Miss Irma Enokals, physical education instructor at Barnum, and Miss Laurice Tamber, upper elementary teacher at Adams, and appointed the new teachers were Hazel Bloss and a Latin teacher at Barnum, Grace Kerner, a third of the fourth grade instructor at Bloomfield Village, Josephine Cutter as third grade teacher at Adams, and Nancy Outter as third grade instructor at Pierce.

Elizabeth Schick was appointed clerk in the school system for the 1948-49 school year.

A painting contract in the amount of \$882.67 was awarded for work to be done this summer at Franklin elementary school.

### Groom Plans To Write Up City History

Efforts May Result in Formation of Historical Society

A small group of long-time Birmingham residents have met and decided on the formation of a Birmingham Historical Society in order to preserve in written form the past, present and future history of Detroit's most outstanding residential suburb.

Called together by the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, the group included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, H. M. Foley, Mrs. Charles A. Shain, Mrs. H. C. Corson and Clarence Vint.

Mr. Shain and Mr. Corson, along with interested in the work of this new organization, are expected to attend this first meeting.

"Although unofficial as yet, the group has established the purpose of uncovering local history, and ultimately presenting a complete history of the community," Rev. Wuggazer explained.

Hours of the Birmingham Eccentric, Rev. Wuggazer said, will be the first of the source materials in the Birmingham area, which will begin by endeavoring to reconstruct the period from 1800 to the present.

The following assignments have been handed out: Mrs. Allen—houses of the period; Mr. Foley—stores and business; Mr. Shain—village government; Mr. Shain—transportation; Mr. Vliet—schools, and Rev. Wuggazer—churches.

These assignments will occupy the next several months, and results will be reported at the September meeting to be held at the home of Mr. Wuggazer.

Mr. Wuggazer called attention to the apparent breadth and depth of the project, and urged that the project be completed and reported.

"Birmingham has such rich history, it would be our regret that it escape us and our children by being forgotten over the years," he pointed out.

He suggested that there may be a number of other local persons who are interested in this work and asked that they contact him if they wished to, or felt they could contribute in some other feature will be a huge kite pulling an automobile across the field.

### Mr. Stork Arrives Very Suddenly at Holland Ave. Homes

While most married couples create a unusual outstanding news by having babies, when next door neighbors have new arrivals at the hospital, and under unusual circumstances, then it does become the "man-bites-dog" sort of story, and that's what happened on Holland avenue this week.

Last week Wednesday Jack Emerson, 418 Holland, delivered his wife, Anne, of a new baby girl, Judith.

Soon a month early, Judy put in an appearance so suddenly that her Portine doctor couldn't be located in time to be present at the first getting Anne to the hospital, either, her husband related.

Then Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Marie Osworth, 1704 Holland, right next door to the Emersons, presented her husband, Bob, with a baby girl, Mrs. Osworth was unable to have her Detroit physician present, things happened to St. Joseph's Hospital, Police call brought Dr. Kenneth A. Stolman, Birmingham obstetrician, who arrived in time to take care of matters.

Mothers and babies were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Police called, where they all are "doing nicely."

But the excitement these two young girls caused in the block of the neighborhood, many of whom came over to the aid in the emergency.

### World's Largest Kites to Fly Here Next Thursday

The Birmingham recreation committee is sponsoring "Kite Day" will take place at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, July 16 at Pierce Field. Kites of all shapes and sizes will be flown over the city park grounds and in school work and craft shops.

"Kite enthusiasts can hardly wait for the big day which promises to be the greatest kite exhibition ever held in Birmingham, as witnessed," Frank Whitney, program director, said.

The city's largest kites will be flown including some huge "regulation" double-winged Navy kites, a very large local playground made product, will attempt to fly a kite made of paper and wire made by hand.

Parachuting fanny Tony Ziegler, nationally famous kite flyer, will fly from Monroe, Michigan, will be on hand with his extravagant array of kites, wallops and parachutes. A man-sized dummy will be carried aloft and dropped by a regular U. S. Army parachute crew. Another feature will be a huge kite pulling an automobile across the field.

The playground staff hopes to avoid the tragic happening that took place last year when a child crashed violently into the ground after a noble effort to stay aloft.

The day is sponsored by the city and the Birmingham Kite Club with their predictions for June 11. One group maintains that the kite that flew last year was not a kite, but a piece of paper that wings predict a sad fate for the mammoth kite which is resting in the hands of the city. It is an undisclosed place. It will be displayed in front of the Birmingham Park department several days before the big event.

### Who's Got the Answer to This Starling Problem?

Whether "Starling Drive," as it is commonly referred to, is located on the east or west side of town, the number of Birmingham residents, maybe there are two or more of them.

But what is of paramount importance, they argue, is to get rid of the bird that is eating up the area and have plagued several neighborhoods for a number of years.

Over on the west side, Mayor Milton F. Mallender is the principal force in the fight against the pest. The area which has already experienced "the raucous cries of thousands of these starlings."

At Wit's End. Then, over in the east side, or the Poppleton-Ridgedale-Knox area, residents are at their wits' end to figure a way out of the situation.

Rolfie C. Spinning, 816 Knox Dr. E. G. Crawford, 818 E. Maple, and Eugene Lee, 812 Ridgedale, each have asked the city commission Monday evening to "do something about it."

Spinning believes that if the city took down some of the trees which have been cut down already that lawns can't be grown because of the excessive shade.

"The birds make life a torture at our corner. The noise is very disturbing from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and there are some interruptions. Over 1,000 birds are present. The dirt in the air is unbearable. Please do the necessary, and quickly, too. We need your help."

Commissioners, every one of whom was receptive to these plans, were a lot to explore a way out of the situation. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the alighting birds have been present in strategic trees since June 10.

Who will be the answer is no one seems to know.

Meantime, the residents, in their clamoring for assistance, said that about six months ago, thousands of starlings, many of whom will win out and when few people are here.

### Postmaster Here for Four Years Will Retire August

In a sudden move which even caught his employees by surprise, Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne today publicly announced plans for his retirement from the U. S. Postoffice Department effective August 1.

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### Woodward, South of Brown, to Get Resurfacing in 1949

Woodward avenue, between Brown and Lincoln, is to be resurfaced sometime next summer, the city commission agreed Tuesday night in asking City Manager Donald C. Egbert to prepare this project for inclusion in the 1949-50 city budget.

Egbert recommended this action since that portion of Woodward which has been heavily traveled than that part north of Oakland, and the south part is seeing considerable expansion from a business standpoint.

He advanced two possible plans for this resurfacing: 1) cover the entire width at one time, which would save the city money in the long run, or 2) cover the larger center, heavily travelled part, leaving the narrow strips till some future date.

The commission also gave the green signal for the preparation of a preliminary tentative proposal call for a 36-foot width with integral curb. It was pointed out that some time before the city holds hearings on this particular project, depending on which construction season the work is to be included in.

Egbert said it would be probably two or three years before the project would be placed under construction.

### City Foresters Will Meet Here Next Wednesday

Foresters from several of the smaller cities in southeastern Michigan will gather for an informal meeting here July 14 John Johonnot, superintendent of the Forestry and Park Department, said this week.

This meeting will bring foresters from Flint, Lansing, Dearborn, Jackson, Royal Oak, Highland Park and Escanaba. Two staff members from Michigan State College will also attend.

The program for the day includes a tour of the city parks and golf course in the morning, lunch at Devon Garden and a discussion in the afternoon.

"Two hundred diseased trees on Aspen and Linden will be one of the chief topics of discussion," Johonnot explained. "The disease, necrotic canker, is very rare and can be detected only by a red spore on the top of the leaf. The city is now carrying on a program of spraying the diseased branches and by keeping the trees well fertilized."

Johonnot said this group meets every two months at a different city. At the get-togethers they hear over the various problems and swap ideas and compare notes and wage wars.

"The only thing that can prevent us from having one of our greatest days is the fact that we have no wigwag. To prevent this the Recreation board has taken out money for a wigwag for them to use with the Whitney-Larson Sure Blow Insurance Company," Whitney remarked.

### City Considering Dixie Street for Recreation Area

In recommending against the vacation of Dixie, between Adams and Brown streets, the city commission, instead has suggested to the city commission that some sort of park or recreational area be built up there.

Should the city vacate that portion of Dixie, the city would revert to the adjoining property owners, the plan in commission would be to close the city could use it to its own advantage as suggested.

The city manager is now the matter to the city manager for further study.

The city manager has a plan commission asked that a hearing be held on the rezoning of the Dixie area from Business B to Business A.

Commissioner Theron Van Duusen, who is in charge of the rezoning of the Hunter-Madison-Eim-Forest block. The commission is now carrying on a study for the larger of the area.

### James A. Farley, At the Next Session of the Congress, Byrne's Appointment by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was confirmed by the U. S. Senate, On May 7, 1934, Byrne officially became Postmaster of Birmingham, succeeding James W. Cobb, 163 Oakland, who presently was a drug store in Royal Oak.

Born in Albany, N. Y., Byrne obtained his elementary and secondary school education there and attended an Albany business college. He was assistant general manager of the Albany Railroad Express, a job he got after leaving business school in 1922.

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The lots are on the north side of Hedding road, to the west of Cherrifield. Several property owners in the neighborhood are interested in the annexation of the nine lots.

Byrne lives at 685 Southfield road.

### New Library Hours on Fridays, Saturdays

During the month of August and September, the Baldwin Public Library will close early on Friday and Saturdays, library officials announced this week.

Monday through Thursday the library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The former schedule will be resumed on September 1. The new hours were announced by the city manager, Joseph A. Byrne, at a meeting of the city commission.

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