. . . And He's Still In Business . . .

Just last week a Lapeer (Mich.) barber, in his late 70's, reported he had finally submitted to union demands to raise the price of his haircuts. He said he would now charge 50 cents, whereas his price for years had been just 25 cents.

In announcing his price increase, he remarked that he didn't see any reason why he should be getting 50 cents for haircuts. "Twenty-five cents was plenty," he stated.

We've got quite a bit of that "consumer resistance", particularly when we can remember back to the days when we paid 25 cents for our haircuts. Now it's five times that amount hereabouts, and that thought stiffens our "resistance." We like to "shop at home", but when bargains like this come along . . . well, we start thinking about the advisability of driving a few miles out of our way.

We Lose Some, But Gain More

Last week Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley observed that the city is bound to lose some revenue now that the word "police" has been painted in five different spots on the police cruisers.

We believe this is no cause for alarm among taxpayers: your tax bills will not go up to offset this financial loss to the city. By no means. Why? Because we've put this statement of Moxley's alongside another one he also made last week: right-turning motorists at Woodward and Maple are going to be handed tickets if they continue their attempts to run down pedestrians crossing with the green lights.

For some time to come, the additional revenue (at $10 per violation) from in-a-hurry-to-turn motorists should more than offset the drop in speeding fines paid the city.

No Way To Tell

The research professors, who delve into economics and other problems, advise that a sharp decline in prices is to be expected after the peak has been passed, but, unfortunately, they do not tell us when to expect "adjustments."

In fact, there is no way to tell when the present inflationary movement will disintegrate. Everybody expects that it will, because other inflationary movements have collapsed. The extent of the drop is uncertain but the probability is that we will not get back to pre-war price levels as a permanent thing in this country.

Again, we say: The democracies on this earth ought to band together, within the structure of the United Nations, and do what is necessary to preserve and strengthen democracy . . . instead of dilly-dallying with Russia on the theory that dilly-dallying pays.

Censorship Won't Do

Every once in a while, we find some one advocating a form of censorship in the United States. Some of these people are moved by the effort to "improve the minds of the young" but, in the end, the process of censorship will stagnate many minds.

In Czechoslovakia, on orders from the Kremlin, Communist librarians are going through bookshelves to eliminate "unworthy" literature. In this they are following the example of Germany, where frenzied Nazis hurled suspected volumes into the flames.

Undoubtedly, there are books which are worthless and some that are vulgar. The question is whether censorship, established to destroy such volumes, would not end by destroying valuable works.

Another thing for us to remember, in connection with the advocacy of censorship, is that there is no assurance that the so-called censors will be able to suppress even the most worthless books. They might drive them underground and, again, they might cause people to look them up more than before.

Berliners Honor Americans

The people of Western Berlin have erected a memorial to two American flyers who died in the crash of a plane, carrying food to the blockaded section of the German capital.

While it is difficult to know the extent of the sentiment expressed, it is interesting to note that the plaque includes these words: "You gave your lives for us. Berliners of the Western occupation sectors will never forget you. We stand deeply moved at this spot which has been dedicated through your death. Once we were enemies, yet you gave your lives for us. We are now doubly in your debt."

In addition, according to an Associated Press dispatch, groups of people in Berlin are collecting funds for the families of the dead airmen.

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Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 325, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing pavement and curb, together with proper sewers to provide relief to existing sewers, and other appurtenances on Humphrey between Grant and Woodward is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Tuesday the 7th day of September, 1948, at 8 P.M. to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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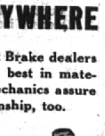

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

No. 20: The Police Department

Dogs, Cats, Doors, Funerals, Signs Also Concern Police Dept.

By George Wm. Averill

Handing out tickets for speeding and momentoes (which cost one buck) for overstaying the time you have paid for at one of the parking meters, are but two phases of the work of the Birmingham police department. There are a lot of other duties required in the preservation and protection of the public peace and order, an analysis of the department's activities shows upon closer investigation.

During the night, when most business establishments have closed, a check is made to see if doors and widows are shut and locked. Hardly an evening passes but what the officer doing the checking does not have to lock a door or window, or if he himself can't get the place locked up, get the store owner to come down and secure the establishment.

Dogs, Cats a Problem

Dogs and cats are a problem to the police. A city ordinance requires registration of dogs, and a dog warden is constantly busy picking up strays. Contrary to the opinions of some people, many of their neighbors do not like cats. So the police switchboard gets many calls on stray cats. Or dead dogs and cats. Each complaint is turned over to an officer for investigation.

Every once in a while someone is bitten by a dog. The police calls on the dog's owner to see that the animal is kept under observation for 10 days in the event it may develop rabies.

If you have the type of gun that requires registering, the police department is the place to obtain a permit. The department also has to approve taxicab drivers' applications. Drivers' licenses are processed here.

Few Serious Crimes

Among the miscellaneous items handled by the police are traffic details in connection with funerals and escort service to a local bank for a person carrying large sums of money for deposit from a local store.

Naturally, the department handles all manner of criminal cases. Fortunately for Birmingham, the years have seen practically no murders, rapes, manslaughters, or holdups. But there have been plenty of breaking and entering cases where cash and/or valuable items have been stolen.

And, every so often, the clerk is required to make an entry on the police blotter under "lodgers cared for". These include bums who just want a place to stay overnight, drunks who are locked up overnight or until they appear before the local justice of the peace, and such persons apprehended on suspicion of having done something unlawful.

Maintain Traffic Signs

The department is responsible for the maintenance of the various types of traffic signs, time limit, stop street, no parking, school, speed limit, and one-way markers, to mention a few. Cross walks, angle parking lines, and other marks designating cab stands, center of street, signal lights, etc., are the responsibility of the police department. They also collect the money from the parking meters, turning it over to the city treasurer's office.

The department personnel is divided as follows: police chief, lieutenant, detective sergeant, three sergeants, 11 patrolmen, one clerk, a maintenance man and a dog warden.

The lieutenant has charge of the uniform division and is responsible for the order and discipline of the members of the platoons. In the absence of the chief, the lieutenant takes charge.

Supervises Platoons

The detective sergeant investigates all of the more serious offenses such as robberies, burglaries, attempted assaults, etc., and obtains all the evidence possible for prosecution.

A patrol sergeant supervises the men comprising his platoon, checking them on their various posts and seeing that they properly investigate the various complaints.

The clerk keeps the records of the department, issues drivers licenses, broadcasts all radio messages, answers the phone and performs other staff functions that may be necessary.

NEXT WEEK: The Director of Public Works.

MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage dated September 19, 1947, executed by Earl W. Parrish and Ethel Frances Parrish, his wife, to Michigan National Bank, a National Banking Association, Flint, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 2160 of Mortgages at Pages 440-441, on October 3, 1947, and

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE and 37/100 ($[illegible]) DOLLARS and interest, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT and 32/100 ($188.32) DOLLARS, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said power of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) on the 27th day of [illegible], 1948, at 10:00 in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

A part of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Town 2 North, Range 10 East, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the west line of said Section 27, distant south 0 degrees 14 minutes 10 seconds east, 1075.0 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 27; thence south 0 degrees 14 minutes 10 seconds east 595 feet; thence north 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds east, 1190.86 feet; thence north 2 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds west, 616.57 feet; thence south 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds west, 546.16 feet; thence south 2 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds west 20.03 feet; thence south 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds west, 615.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing 16.294 acres, Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan.

Dated: July 22, 1948.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Association, Flint, Michigan, Mortgagee.

WILSON, HOFFMAN & DAVIDSON, Attys. for Mortgagee, 806 Mott Foundation Bldg., Flint 3, Michigan.

July 29, Aug. 5-12-19-26, Sept. 2-9-16-23-30, Oct. 7-14-21. 19-31

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Thanks to a filter which darkened the sky, the white horse and fleecy clouds stand out strikingly in this snapshot.

Sparkling Scenics

A FRIEND of ours stopped by the other day to proudly show me his latest snapshots—a parcel of pictures he had made on a recent vacation trip.

"Look at these shots," he happily urged me. "Best shots I ever made. I picked up a filter on my vacation and it's done wonders for me."

I looked his pictures over and couldn't help but agree with him. He had some fine scenic shots. His filter, a K2, had helped to darken the sky and bring out the cloud effects. It had helped, too, to cut down the haze that often mars distant scenic views.

"No question about it," I told him, "a filter will snap up a scenic shot whenever the day is bright. And you couldn't have picked a better filter to use than the K2. It's good for almost all shots."

The reason for this is that blue sky photographs almost white. A medium yellow filter like the K2, slipped over the camera's lens, cuts down blue light from the sky and darkens it on the film. As a result, white clouds contrast more strongly with their background.

Since most scenic views will include clouds, this helps to enhance them. It also can help to improve snaps of people pictured against the sky. Here, too, the filter heightens contrast between sky and subject.

In general, a filter such as the K2 is helpful for beach, marine, or snow scenes, distant landscapes and mountain shots, and for pictures of nearby people in marine, beach, or snow scenes. Also, for scenic views which include dark objects in the foreground.

Unlike some filters, which can only be used with panchromatic film, the K2 filter can be used with both panchromatic and orthochromatic films. All that needs to be done is double the normal exposure you'd use with no filter. However, box camera users can make acceptable shots with the K2 when shooting certain types of scenes, despite the fact that their exposure is fixed. This is because beach and marine scenes, like distant landscapes, are brilliant subjects—require less exposure than the average shot made by the Brownie fan. So the K2 helps compensate for the fact that these fixed exposure cameras are made for average subjects rather than brilliant subjects.

—John van Gulder

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
September 2, 1898

Farmers in this vicinity are getting sick of city "pot hunters". Each Sunday these men come from Detroit and Pontiac and all day the sound of their guns can be heard, as they kill bushels of birds regardless of the season. There are plenty of quail around, and the farmers take good care of them. They feel they should have some protection against these poachers.

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Several local people have reported to this office that they have seen a couple of eagles recently. This is the first time that these majestic birds have appeared.

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A visitor in town recently inquired if doctors and editors must obey the village laws. We answer, nobody knows, because we have never broken any.

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Almost everyone who owns a cow, leads it to and from the pasture. A few cling to the old method of herding the animal along, however, and many lawns and gardens along the route suffer. How about it, neighbor?

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A GAR veteran had his pocket picked here last Saturday. The thief stole about $20 and his old shot bag. The old gentleman hopes they will at least return the shot bag to him. We feel that anyone low enough to steal from a lame old veteran must be the sort of man who would swipe swill from a blind hog.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
September 6, 1928

Police today are seeking the identity of the masked man who robbed the Birmingham Ice company Saturday night. The man escaped with $17 after he had forced John Malarny, at the point of a gun, to stand facing the wall while he rifled the cash box.

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The widening of Pierce street, between Martin and Brown, is expected to start this week, state officials report. The work will necessitate the removal of seven large trees on the east side of the street, opposite the village offices.

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Superintendent Clarence Vliet said that 2,000 children had enrolled in Birmingham schools, and an additional 400 are expected to be enrolled by Friday. The extended vacations have slowed down the enrollment considerably.

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It seems that Birmingham more paving equipment on streets today than any other place in the world. But they are very some sights when one stops think that eventually their streets must be done and they will be gone.

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Firemen were called to home of E. W. Chapin at Ferndale Sunday morning. blaze greeted their arrival, smoke was to be seen, but two-year old daughter, who locked herself in the bathroom patiently awaited her rescue as brave men scaled their tall ladder to the window.

FIVE YEARS AGO
September 2, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Wagoner and family are to move their home here. So far as known, this is the first time history that a governor, or former governor, of the state has been a resident of Birmingham.

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John Harwood, managing editor of The Eccentric, with Mrs. Harwood, left recently for a ten-day fishing trip. We don't know what John might have caught, but we know what he did catch—orders to report immediately for active duty with the U. S. Navy.

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Vicinity residents have appealed to the city commission to provide places for them to park their horses and buggies. Several local women have said that if they had suitable places to leave their animals they would use this form of transportation for shopping, and save on the family car.

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GRA wants to know where you can get some good 24-inch wood for his fireplace. The past several evenings have been so cool that he has had to build a fire in the fireplace at this home, and woodpile is getting very, very low.

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Dr. R. D. Lindquist, headmaster at Cranbrook, has announced that seven new teachers have been engaged for the coming term. He has also stated that the school will again engage in inter-school athletics with the opening of fall term.

In order to give full recognition to the two inventors of the airplane, U. S. Navy records recently were changed to honor the memory of both Wilbur and Orville Wright in the name of the carrier U.S.S. Wright.

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