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Little Projects Worth While

Every citizen of Birmingham has an opportunity to promote its development by making a direct personal contribution to the life of the community.

This does not require that one be rich or even well-to-do. All that is needed is for the individual to realize that the welfare of every citizen can be improved as a result of multiplied unselfishness.

We do not advocate that a citizen entirely forget self-interest or that anybody neglect his, or her, business and interests. Volunteering some of your time, or a little of your money, for a public purpose is entirely compatible with every demand of absolute individualism.

It seems to us that many communities fail to accomplish little projects because they have their eyes on mammoth undertakings, entirely impractical under present circumstances.

We will not attempt to list these enterprising projects, for Birmingham has quite a few. Too, every resident has his or her own idea of the relative importance of each matter.

Yet we believe Mayor Milton F. Malender, as other mayors after him, will continue to whittle down these local problems by the appointment of citizen committees to study and recommend the best solutions.

When a solution is presented, let us look at it closely yet at all times with an open mind. If the answer is sound, let us by all means put that answer into action.

Unresolved problems remain a constant thorn in our collective sides. We can only forget them when they are solved.

An encouraging item comes from Latin America where Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama have decided to form a customs union.

Mutual tariff reduction and cooperation in economic matters are the objectives in mind.

Gradually, the people of the world are beginning to realize that the more commerce there is between nations the more profit there should be for all.

Trade represents nothing but the swapping of goods and services. It is perfectly logical for a nation, with a surplus of something, to use it to obtain something else from another nation.

Virtue will, in the end, always pay well. In spite of other well known arguments to the contrary.

Let Boys and Girls Develop

Too many parents and teachers have the idea that to educate a child means to teach him or her to think and act like parents and teachers.

If this is the real aim of education, we are wasting a lot of money in keeping our schools open. No one but an idiot believes that human knowledge is perfect.

Consequently the process of education, if it is to advance the human race, should lead growing boys and girls to analyze, question and test existing thought and institutions.

In order that this can be done intelligently, it is the business of those who instruct children—in the home or the school—to teach them the value of that which the race has found useful in its past experience.

Thus, in time, someone with sense enough to appreciate the benefits of present possessions, will have enough initiative to plan for improvement, without being hampered by inherited inhibitions, prejudices and superstitions as practiced in our generation.

We assume you are one of the more than 7,000 registered Birmingham voters. But we want to know: are you going to use that registration for what it is intended?

There is a state primary election next Tuesday, Sept. 14, in which a goodly number of candidates are asking that you approve them for their party's nomination for the various county and state offices.

If you do not intend to vote, why are you registered? If you are registered, why do you not intend to vote?

"Out of town" is no excuse, either. The city clerk will be happy to arrange an absentee voter's ballot for you.

It is quite possible that American military leaders want stronger forces because they think there might be war.

No. 21: The Director of Public Works

Director of Public Works Coordinates Operating Dep'ts

In order to coordinate the activities of the operating departments of Birmingham's city government—to see that departmental heads do not intentionally or unintentionally invade the responsibilities of another—the city commission last February, on the recommendation of the city manager, created the position of Director of Public Works.

The Director of Public Works (not-to be confused with DEPARTMENT of Public Works) is principally responsible for maintenance of public engineering and construction for the city. His job calls for the planning, controlling, coordinating and general improvement of the departments under his direction.

Reports to City Manager. These departments include Engineering, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Safety, Water, Sewage Treatment, Plant, and Standards and Survey. (Organization of each of these subordinate departments will be discussed in subsequent articles.)

The director reports to and is directly responsible to the city manager, with whom the director is required to consult on the formulation and determination of administrative policies affecting his division. He must see to it that these policies are carried out at the various departmental levels.

A very large amount of the authority is delegated to the director for the comparatively new city position is of necessity delegated to the director for the various departments under his direction has its own head, who is responsible for the organization and efficient management of the particular department.

A Few Examples. It is easily understood that Clarence W. Blomson, Attorney at Law, Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Mich., R. E. 53-145.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. A. D. 1948. In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the City of Pontiac, in and for the State of Michigan, A. D. 1948.

It is Ordered, That the 26th day of September, A. D. 1948, at which time the petition or to some other suitable person, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order 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.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate, 12-24-48.

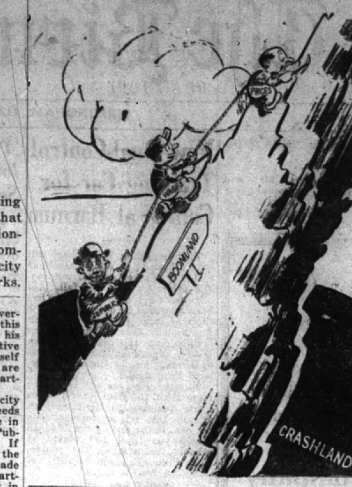
of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in the County of Oakland, Michigan, (that being the place where the City Court for the County of Oakland is held) on the 27th day of October, 1948, at 10:00 in the forenoon. The material premises are described as follows, to-wit:

1. A certain lot and quarter of Section 27, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, distant north 0 degrees 14 minutes 10 seconds east, 107.5 feet from the northwestern corner of said Section 27, 29 seconds east, 29 seconds east, 110.36 feet; thence north 37 degrees 20 seconds east, 618.37 feet; thence south 79 degrees 13 minutes 20 seconds west, 146.15 feet; thence south 27 degrees 14 minutes east, 618.37 feet to the point of beginning, containing 16,234 acres, Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan.

Dated: July 22, 1948. MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK, a National Bank, Pontiac, Michigan, Mortgagee. WILSON, HOFFMAN & DAVIDSON, Attys. for Mortgagee, 400 West Fitzgerald, Pontiac, Mich., R. E. 21-22.

Sept. 2-9-16-23-30; Oct. 7-14-21-28.

Anybody Wanna Turn Back?



Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO September 9, 1898. TO RENT—Rooms. For further information prospective tenants are asked to see Mrs. Skinner near the Power House.

A nice big shower Tuesday morning scattered the heat wave and did much to put everyone in a better humor.

One thing is certain. If we are going to induce people to make their homes in Birmingham, we must do something about sprinkling the main streets and keeping some of the dust down. The place looks like the Sahara.

Vend and Parley, expert well drillers, will boring for a well on the Goodwin farm near Royal Oak last night and struck a strong vein of gas. They had sunk 105 feet of pipe.

Farmers in this vicinity are being fleeced by a slick stranger who visits their homes, selling rangers. To demonstrate how badly their stoves are worn, he "taps" them with a hammer—and then you need a range. Another stunt is to accept board and room as part payment, and hire a member of the family here as assisting. Suddenly, he is gone, nothing is paid for, and there simply isn't any answer. Rochester has already fallen victim to this slicker, and they are sure are watching for him to show his nose there just once more!

NEXT WEEK. The Department of Public Works.

reported that he believes Birmingham is a fertile field for an electrician. He found that an electrician of every five houses has a door well, and that a good share of these do not work.

R. E. Grigg, who moved to Charlotte four years ago, is visiting friends here. He says he is astounded at the growth Birmingham has made in this short time, and predicts a glowing future for this beautiful community.

FIVE YEARS AGO September 9, 1943. Well over \$12,000 in war bonds and stamps were paid an admission to the out-door dog show held at Kendar Farms last Saturday. The prize as best dog in the show went to an English Springer Spaniel from Illinois.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, has announced the appointment of 22 new members to the teachers council of this city. This brings the total staff to 99 teachers and five principals.

Miss Blanche Braskey, city nurse in Birmingham for the past 11 years and who has been a member of the Birmingham Nurses Association, will leave next week to serve in a veteran's hospital in Biloxi, Miss.

Special services at the Franklin Community Church Sunday will mark the rededication of the church and the consecration of the new flags and altar furnishings. Dr. Luther Butt, district superintendent, will be the speaker of the day.

Jerro Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maynard, has returned home from camp. He has been awarded by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Comstock, riding instructors at the camp.

Not Even the Lawn Mower. "Haven't you missed the folks that used to live next door?" "No. The reason is that they never borrow anything, so we hardly know them."

A young man conducting a house-to-house survey here has

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HOME PLANNERS. Sidelighting helps make a pretty girl prettier in this informal portrait. Sidelighting Snaps. Today's picture serves as a good illustration of a sidelighted shot. Direct sunlight falls only on one cheek of the subject. The sun is to the left and the rest of the model. Naturally, since, in a shot of this type, the features are not lighted by direct sunlight, you want to use a somewhat longer exposure than you otherwise would. Increasing the lens opening a full stop will do the trick nicely. Or halving the shutter speed. An exposure of 1/25 at f/11 being used instead of the normal exposure of 1/50 at the same opening. However, there's one thing more to remember in making sidelighted or backlighted shots. Don't let the sun rays fall on your lens. They can be avoided in several ways: by using a lens hood, by shielding the lens with your hand, or by placing your camera so that the lens is in the shadow cast by your subject or some other object.

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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 Francis Parrish, wife, to the National Bank, a National Banking Association, Flint, Michigan, and a certain mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Oakland, Michigan, in Liber 2165 of Mortgages, Pages 40-41, on October 7, 1947, and WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of default has not been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT. BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING. Lots of our depositors can't sign their names. Among our most valued customers are those of early age, whose wise parents have opened savings accounts for them, and added the monetary gifts that birthdays and Christmas bring from fond relatives. These children grow up with the saving habit well established—and keep their accounts growing, too. Why not start your children's bank accounts right now?

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