

In a world so bewildered as the one we live in, there is the temptation to become cynical and callous. It is the privilege of the person who travels in perpetual darkness to give a ray of light and a blessing to an attitude of cynicism.

The Birmingham Evening Signal at 4-Mile

and THAT
By G. R. A.

(Several local townspeople are writing G. R. A.'s column for him while he is enjoying his current vacation in Florida. This week's guest columnist is Edwin F. Kirbert, who proposes a six-point program to obtain more safety for motorists and adult recreation in this area.)

By Edwin F. Kirbert

It is a privilege and a pleasure to receive a guest columnist in the absence of our good friend George R. Averill while he sojourns in a fishbowl near the vicinity of the Bahamas, taking a much needed vacation from his recent two years of interrupted work as the executive secretary to former governor Kim Sigler. Several fish heads have succeeded in his endeavors and will look forward upon his return to hearing about the "big one" that got away as well as the fish he caught.

Several weeks ago, the Birmingham Community Council held a regular meeting of representatives from the various adult community organizations that make up its membership, scored, or we might say appraised, Birmingham as a community on a scale of 100 points. The 36 delegates rated the community as 79.9 percent. The mean score of scoring ranged from 10 points for being highly successful to 0 points for complete failure.

Representative Group
Looking over the list of those who participated in the scoring, we find that they were very representative group of the community and included many prominent business and professional men connected with church and school organizations, as well as those who serve on various boards and committees of management of youth work agencies. Of interest to me were the appraisers in three of the ten questions asked; namely, (1) "The community is doing a good job of protecting the health and physical well-being of its children and adults," (2) "The best type of community provides adequate facilities for children and adults," and (3) "The best type of community has some real responsibility for cooperative planning and for continuing the advancement of the educational, recreational, and civic interests of its citizens." (See PLANS, Pg. 2, Pt. 1)

Circuit Court Halts City Collection of Hayward Assessment
A temporary circuit court injunction enjoins City Treasurer Russell T. Berger from collecting roadbuilding assessments levied on the property of Charles L. Hayward, was handed down Monday morning by Judge H. Russel Holland.

According to City Attorney Forbes Hascall, who appeared on behalf of the city, the decision was in the nature of a compromise, since the city is not prepared to collect assessments levied on other property in the assessment district. The suit was filed by Hayward two weeks ago, who claimed in his complaint that his 30 1/2 acre lot on Surfside and Flint is not benefited from any roadbuilding program. Hascall said the hearing on the complaint will be set for an early date.

Common Centers of Interest
However, for the purpose of this presentation to a community is a group of people living in a contiguous geographical area having some common centers of interest. It is big enough to have its own trading centers, its own library, and to possess such other institutions as the people of the community need.

Having passed on to you a little preliminary data, let us look at the scores on the various questions. The 36 delegates rated our city as follows: Question (1) was rated 62.9 percent, 4 of 11 stating that it was seriously deficient. Question (2) received a 62.9 percent. The scores would indicate that Birmingham is inadequately provided for whom recreation, that it does a good job in being concerned about the protection of the health and physical well-being of its children and adults, and that it does a superb job of cooperating with its neighbors regarding to community welfare.

PTA Members To Learn Of Building Plans Present, Future Requirements to Be Analyzed Monday

The future building program for the Birmingham school district, including a discussion of proposed plans for a new high school, will be presented by a panel of school board members next Monday evening at the PTA Council's annual open house meeting.

Starting at 8 p. m. in Baldwin high school auditorium, a large group of PTA members is expected.

The school board panel will elaborate on these five main points:
1. Advantages of converting the present high school into an elementary school to serve mid-town pupils when the new high school is erected.
2. Proposed additions to Walnut Lake school.
3. Improvement of the Franklin school heating plant.
4. Consideration of Torrey Field for an elementary school to take care of the increased population in the southeast part of the city; and those needed in the future.
5. Necessary additions to Quanton and Pierce schools.

Population Trend Studied
Board President Ernest W. Sasholin, at the Monday night meeting, will present to the audience plans and programs acquired after a careful, objective study of pupil population trend, present facilities and those needed in the future.

The elementary school system, including enrollment and needed additions and improvements to the system, will be presented by Board President Ernest W. Sasholin, at the Monday night meeting, will present to the audience plans and programs acquired after a careful, objective study of pupil population trend, present facilities and those needed in the future.

Directors Learn Latest Details From Parking Committee

James J. Hogan, chairman of Mayor Milton F. Mallender's special committee working on ways and means to finance city off-street parking lots, was closeted in a special meeting with directors of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Monday evening when he explained the progress of his committee's work.

Hogan said additional facts still must be accumulated before the committee would feel prepared to make the report public.

He revealed in detail the committee's work since August 28 when it was appointed, and suggested that the Chamber assist one of its members to the committee to act as liaison between the two groups.

Hogan said additional facts still must be accumulated before the committee would feel prepared to make the report public.

Hogan said additional facts still must be accumulated before the committee would feel prepared to make the report public.

East Maple Property Up For Rezoning

Way was opened Monday night for the immediate development of Maple avenue, east of Hunter, as a retail shopping center when the city commission set March 14 as the hearing date on the rezoning of the rear portion of the Poppleton property to Business A. It presently is zoned for single family.

The prospective purchaser of the property, Carl O. Barton of Detroit, has agreed that only the front 100 feet of the property will be built upon immediately.

The city commission's action followed that of the city plan commission, which last Thursday approved the rezoning, subject to these qualifications:

"There is no conflict between the proposed plan of development of that area and the plan commission's idea for its development," Egbert stated.

The plan commission also recommended that immediate steps be taken to secure an additional 17 feet of right-of-way on the north side of Maple to progress for the eventual widening of this portion to 100 feet.

Miss Addie Sly Dies Following Long Illness

Miss Addie Sly, 83, among the last surviving members of one of Oakland County's pioneer families, died at her home, 4377 West Maple, last week Wednesday afternoon, following an illness of about five years.

A daughter of the late George and Jane Sly, she was born in the home in which her grandparents built after receiving the land in government grant in 1824, and in which her father was also born.

After the death of her parents Miss Sly continued to manage the big fruit farm for many years. A member of several farm and garden clubs in this vicinity, she was noted for the excellence and beauty of the irises which she cultivated. She was also a member of the Franklin auxiliary.

Miss Sly is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Emma Sly Huop of Sault Ste. Marie, and Miss Martie B. Sly, at home.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with burial in the family plot Franklin cemetery.

Heart Attack Fatal To Local Businessman

Lawrence Colgrove, Realtor, Dies While Visiting With Son
Lawrence Edwin Colgrove, 69, prominent Birmingham member of 452 Puritan, died suddenly at 12:40 a. m. Friday at the home of his son, Byron P. Colgrove, in Flint, where he had been spending the evening. He suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Colgrove was born in Hastings on March 4, 1889. He attended the University of Michigan.

He was a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Birmingham Automobile Club.

He was a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Birmingham Automobile Club.

He was a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Birmingham Automobile Club.

Would Be Part of Coordinated Signal System Along US-10

If the State Highway Department can satisfactorily work out the engineering details, three additional traffic signals will be installed on Hunter and South Woodward, between Maple and 14 Mile road, to provide an orderly, progressive traffic movement on US-10 and give more safety to motorists and pedestrians now attempting to cross the super-highway at presently unprotected intersections.

This was revealed yesterday morning in a long distance telephone conversation between this reporter and J. Carl McMonagle, director of the highway department's planning and traffic division in Lansing.

One signal would be located midway between Maple and Lincoln, and the second about halfway between Lincoln and 14 Mile, and the third at 14 Mile.

McMonagle made it plain that the system would only be installed after the smooth work was done on US-10.

McMonagle made it plain that the system would only be installed after the smooth work was done on US-10.

Life of Crime Ends Abruptly For Detroiters

A brief, but fast-moving career in crime was ended for three Detroiters when they drove through a stop signal. The trio was arrested early Monday morning by police near St. Clair Shores.

Police said the boys began their crime wave after one of them had had an accident with his father's car while the latter was in Florida.

Police said the boys began their crime wave after one of them had had an accident with his father's car while the latter was in Florida.

Maples Must Down Pt. Huron to Win League Crown

The Birmingham basketball team has a chance to win the city championship of the Eastern Michigan League case proven tomorrow night in a game with Port Huron on the Big Red's home floor.

Port Huron led two players in being recent upset scorers by forward Alis Goetze and Don McElroy.

Birmingham is in first place, but the team has a chance to win the city championship of the Eastern Michigan League case proven tomorrow night in a game with Port Huron on the Big Red's home floor.

Maples in Lead

Birmingham is in first place, but the team has a chance to win the city championship of the Eastern Michigan League case proven tomorrow night in a game with Port Huron on the Big Red's home floor.

Birmingham is in first place, but the team has a chance to win the city championship of the Eastern Michigan League case proven tomorrow night in a game with Port Huron on the Big Red's home floor.

Birmingham is in first place, but the team has a chance to win the city championship of the Eastern Michigan League case proven tomorrow night in a game with Port Huron on the Big Red's home floor.

C of C Temporarily Extends Saturday Office Hours

For the next two Saturdays, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce office at 350 E. Maple will remain open until 5 p. m. to facilitate the issuance of 1949 license plates, it was announced Tuesday by C. O. Manager, Charles Mortenson.

Deadlines for obtaining new plates is midnight Feb. 28, he added.

Deadlines for obtaining new plates is midnight Feb. 28, he added.

Citizens Use Questionnaire to Comment on Community Matters

On Jan. 27 The Eccentric presented the tabulated results of its city questionnaire, as mailed in by local residents after its publication some weeks ago. There was a space marked "Other remarks," designed to give the respondent room to comment on community matters other than those touched on in the questionnaire. A number of "remarks" were submitted, and The Eccentric this week publishes some of the more representative, opportune or unusual comments sent back.

Have police enforce dog ordinance. Softened water is no good for drinking nor rinsing. We need some hard water.

The city as a whole has too many dark streets.

No more terrace developments. Annex no more territory. Pay as we go. Keep Birmingham a good place to live.

It would be almost impossible to obtain a drinkable water if it were softened at the city wells. For the little inconvenience encountered in the 'home softening', I would allow it to remain as is.

I do not agree with your (recent) editorial that there is an abundance of demand for streets and the retention of the village atmosphere. Your reporters who cover the (city) commission meetings know better. At least, the individuals who favor such a shortsighted, selfish, asinine policy appear to exert a good deal of influence on the decisions of our city fathers.

I should like to see graded curbs at corners of streets to make it easy to push baby carriages and buggys. Also wish could be organized a city club with small outdoor pool for children who cannot go away for summer (at small membership fee).

Why not a crossover at every street crossing Woodward?

In general, I believe the city government is efficient and foresighted. The operators of the police department want to show some improvement since Police Chief Moxley assumed his duties.

Activity at the Adams school is increasing constantly. A light at Madison and Worth would be helpful to both children and adults.

The entire Sheffield Estates subdivision needs street name signs, lights, slow signs and a GREAT DEAL more attention from the dog catcher.

Free garbage and rubbish collection. Consider addition of obtaining water from Detroit.

We need some public tennis courts in Birmingham and I believe a few good clay courts with a modest fee to pay the upkeep would be feasible.

In the past year we have had contact with the Forestry Dept., Police Dept., city tax office and dog catcher. On every occasion we have had pleasant, courteous, capable and helpful cooperation. This is today uncommon in private business and unheard of by employees on government payrolls.

Some of questions mean more taxes or special assessments which I am not in favor of. The future will adjust some questions as occasion demands.

Make people shovel walks, including vacant lot frontage.

I consider the condition of the streets in Birmingham an utter disgrace. With the high taxes that we pay, it is an insult. Where does the money go to, that we have to endure such conditions?

Would like to see a 25-mile speed limit really enforced in residential areas.

The water softener system seems a great need.

Regarding (a new high) school: I don't believe we need an extra school, but something should be done about transporting kindergarten children back home. Why a charge for garbage collection? Just what does my \$200 a year taxes cover?

For 10 years Redding Road has been in a terrible condition. Please, can't something be done?

Due to slowness in stores, the family feels an unfair advantage is taken of them as taxpayers when they get a ticket for overparking due to crowded conditions in retail establishments.

For goodness sake, stop pulling out trees. Let's keep this town looking informal and village-like—the way a town LOOKS is the way it IS.

I think we need a good substantial athletic fieldhouse and stadium. We also need some good athletic equipment. Considering the community as a whole, it is very lacking insofar as the above mentioned is concerned.

(See COMMENTS, Page 7, Part 3)

Man Surrenders to Hills Police; Faces Lie Detector Tests
William Walter Rominske, 34, of Detroit, is scheduled for a lie detector test Monday morning, according to Lt. L. L. Banks of the Bloomfield Hills police. Banks reported that Rominske appeared at headquarters on the night of Monday after his license plates had been checked through state records and found to be a 1948 license. Banks would provide greater safety for motorists and pedestrians seeking to cross US-10.

Hopes Plan Will Work
"There will always be some justification for a signal at every road intersection along an arterial highway such as US-10," McMonagle explained. "But that can't be permitted else it would greatly interfere with through traffic. Just to put a signal at 14 Mile." (See NEW SIGNALS, Pg. 4, Pt. 1)

Man Surrenders to Hills Police; Faces Lie Detector Tests
William Walter Rominske, 34, of Detroit, is scheduled for a lie detector test Monday morning, according to Lt. L. L. Banks of the Bloomfield Hills police. Banks reported that Rominske appeared at headquarters on the night of Monday after his license plates had been checked through state records and found to be a 1948 license. Banks would provide greater safety for motorists and pedestrians seeking to cross US-10.

Hopes Plan Will Work
"There will always be some justification for a signal at every road intersection along an arterial highway such as US-10," McMonagle explained. "But that can't be permitted else it would greatly interfere with through traffic. Just to put a signal at 14 Mile." (See NEW SIGNALS, Pg. 4, Pt. 1)