

It is no disgrace to make a mistake, even a very serious one. But, as someone of old declares, the real sin is in making the same mistake over again. These times have brought much hardship to the human race. Fortunately, indeed, are those who resolve to build more deeply on Character's foundation.

The Birmingham Eccentric

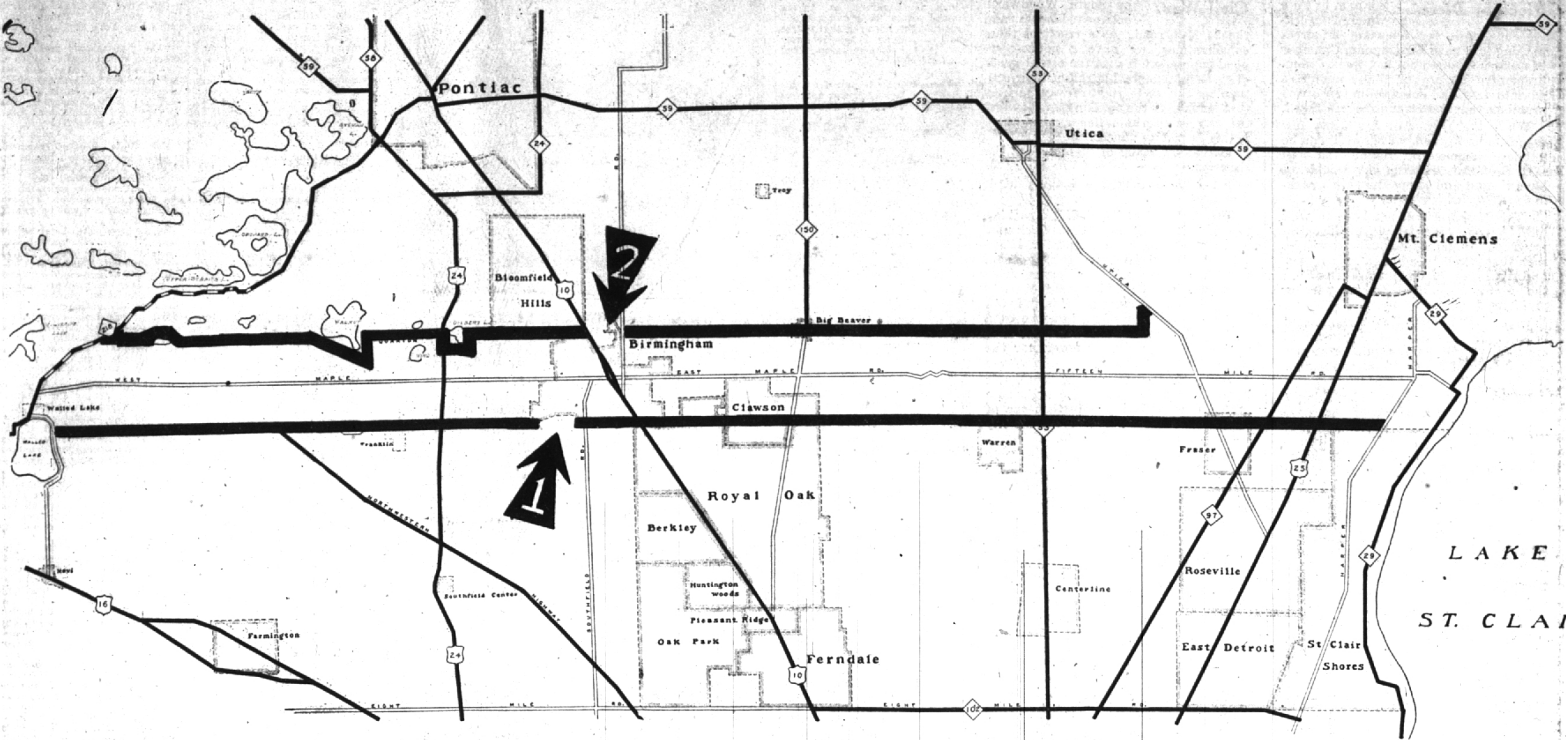
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When, If Ever, Are the County Supervisors Going to Put These Two Roads Thru?



Those two heavy black lines stretching across the above map are two roads which COULD relieve immensely the City of Birmingham's traffic problem on Maple Avenue—East and West.

The top line is Big Beaver road, which ends abruptly at Adams, then jumps about a mile to the west before beginning again as Quarton road. Walnut lake road (at Walnut Lake) carries this 16 Mile road further to the west where it connects with Orchard Lake Road and leads to Walled Lake, New Hudson and points west.

The bottom heavy line is the 14 Mile road. It starts approximately a mile east of US-25 (Gratiot Ave.), comes straight west through Clawson, passes south of Birmingham AND STOPS ABRUPTLY JUST WEST OF SOUTH-

FIELD. 14 Mile picks up again a mile further west at Cranbrook road and goes all the way to Walled Lake.

Dead-ends All Traffic

They could be through highways—but they aren't. Gap No. 1 (indicated by bottom arrow) dead-ends all potential 14 Mile traffic at Birmingham. Gap No. 2 on the 16 Mile road does likewise for that potential through highway.

There is no other east-west route between the 12 Mile road to the south and the 18 Mile road (East Long Lake) to the north... EXCEPT MAPLE AVENUE.

This means that practically all east-west traffic, from as far east as Mt. Clemens and as far west as New Hudson, use Maple avenue as a through highway. To all intents

and purposes, that heavy volume of traffic does the City of Birmingham no good. It does more than its share to wear out the surface of the road, as recalled by the city's recent resurfacing of the downtown section. THE COUNTY ITSELF WIDENED AND PUT A NEW, SMOOTH SURFACE ON MAPLE FROM THE WEST CITY LIMITS ALL THE WAY TO ORCHARD LAKE AVENUE. And everyone knows something is going to have to be done soon about resurfacing the road from Hunter, east.

Will Use Alternate Routes

All this through traffic clogs the Birmingham business areas, undoubtedly contributing to the city's and Maple Ave. businessmen's recent financing of the new, wider Maple between Woodward and Bates.

The City of Birmingham wants its citizens to have freer use of Maple Avenue, at least within the city limits. This will only come about with the through completion of both the 14 and 16 Mile roads.

East and westbound motorists don't care about driving through the congested Birmingham business area. But they have to because there is no alternate route. Give them one and they will use it.

This matter has been up before the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for a number of years. They haven't done anything yet but talk about the possibility and continue to stall Birmingham city officials.

LET'S PUT THROUGH BOTH THE 14 AND 16 MILE ROADS! AND SOON!

Cranbrook Displays Oriental Jewels

A treasure of oriental stones used for decorative purposes has been put on temporary display at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills.

These are of jade, garnet, rock crystal, lapis lazuli and other stones, worked by man from be-

tween the prehistoric period and the late 19th Century.

Their origins range from Mongolia to Ceylon and in consequence the variety of design is great. Most striking single piece is an ornate Mongolian woman's headpiece of silver set with malachite, lapis and coral.

These pieces were collected by Mrs. Paul L. Penfield of Birmingham, the late Frederick Stearns of Detroit, Dr. A. N. Goddard of Detroit, and George G. Booth of Bloomfield Hills.

Implications of a 2-Power World Is Subject of U of M Professor

The second of the eight week non credit series of lectures on the "Russian-American Conflict" will be given in Baldwin Senior high school tonight at 7:30 p.m. when Professor Russell E. Fildes will discuss "Implications of a Two-Power World."

Professor Fildes, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Michigan, is a graduate of Bates College, Maine, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. His dissertation in 1948 was on the thesis "Regionalism as a Principle in Internal Relations."

He has taught history in Maine secondary schools and has been an instructor in Springfield College, as well as the University of Missouri. In 1948 he was a visiting professor of history at the Nation-

al Wuhan University in Wuchang, China.

Historical Research Specialist He has rendered government service as a specialist in historical research in the Division of Research and Publications of the Department of State, working especially on far-eastern aspects of papers relating to foreign relations of the United States.

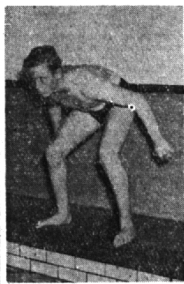
After passing his oral examinations for foreign consular, he was appointed vice-consul of career and secretary in the U. S. Diplomatic Service. In December 1945, he was assigned to the Consulate General in Hankow, China. There he was occupied with economic reporting on conditions in Central China entailing travel to the principle cities of the area.

Observes Japanese Regime In 1947 he spent two months in Formosa. Shortly after the Formosa Revolt against the Chinese he was able to observe the effects of the Japanese regime and the program of Chinese governors.

His publications include "Geopolitics at Munich" which was a Department of State bulletin, "Disposal of the Carolines, Marshalls and Marianas at the Paris Peace Conference," in the "Hispanic Review," and articles in the "Journal of Geography." He is publisher of a text in world political geography.

This course has attracted approximately 75 teachers in the Birmingham Schools and 25 persons in the community.

Varsity Swimmer



John D. Burleigh

HIGHTSTOWN, New Jersey... One of the top men on the squad, Burleigh swims in the 40 yard free style, the 200-yard free style and the relay events. This is his third year of varsity competition for the Old Gold and Blue.

A senior this year, Burleigh is also a member of the Camera Club and the Halls Council as well as having been varsity football manager this year.

His brother, David B. Burleigh, Jr. is a junior at Peddie and a member of the Model Makers Club. Another Birmingham boy, William B. Mainland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Mainland, 945 Glenhurst drive, is also on the swimming squad. A sophomore, Mainland played soccer here this fall.

Textile Designer Opens Store Here

William Funston, an Eastern textile designer, announces the opening of his new shop, Calico Corners, at 1640 S. Telegraph. The local store will be managed by M. C. Faulman, recently of Miami, Fla.

Calico Corners is one of a series of shops operated as textile mill outlets. It offers a selection of materials ranging from ailecloth to fabric taftets in about 500 colors and designs from knitting mills

in the east. Other similar shops are operating now in Westchester county, New York, and West Palm Beach county, Fla.

Have You Met . . .

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Harding and daughters, Patricia and Barbara who are now living at 410 Southdown? Mr. Harding is an assistant sales manager with Morley Brothers, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Carter and children, Mary Elizabeth and Tommy who, formerly of Detroit, are now living at 1855 Holland? Mr. Carter is a sales road man, with the American Can Company.



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Joins Staff of Wayne University

Ellen Jane Webb, 1161 Marriack, Detroit has been appointed acting director of the department of home economics education at Wayne University's College of Education.

Before taking the position at Wayne, Mrs. Webb was an art teacher in the Detroit public school system, and a homemaking teacher in the Highland Park school system.

She is a member of Pi Lambda Theta and Phi Upsilon Omicron. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo and Alice Gibbons who live at 764 Pierce street.

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