Parking Program
Can Be Adopted
Piece by Piece
Ing out details for financhig off-street
parking lots, gave Birmingham Chamber
of Commerce directors last week a comprehensive picture of the committee's
work to date, and described a few off the
problems that the committee has faced.
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while the plan still has some few details to be worked out before it can be publicly announced, Hogan did tell C of C officials that the city would not have to wait and adopt the entire parking program at one time.

"This program will not have to wait until the money is available for the entire program." Hogan explained. "It will be such that it can be adopted by degrees, and thus get Birmingham started on the eventual solution to its parking resolution." problems.

We call attention to Hogan's statement because when announced, the over-all expenditure will make a number of per-sons exclaim, "We could never raise all that money!"

By taking the program and placing it By taking the program and placing it in operation over a period of years, we don't believe it will be too much of a load. When the plan is officially announced, let's not make the mistake of looking at the entire plan as having to be adopted at once. Bear in mind that it will come about piece by piece.

State's Plan Seems to Be

Public officials-with one or two notable ex-ceptions—tend to be

details are worked out to the metals are worked out to the nth degree. When pressed for further information by reporters, they don't like to commit themselvas, in advance. They would rather have the exact plan speak for itself when officially announced.

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self when officially announced.

We feel this is the case regarding the State Highway Department's announcement.last week that Lansing is seriously considering a coordinated traffic signal system for US-10, between Maple and 14 Mile road. According to the highway department, three additional signals may be placed along this stretch of superhighway as a means of speed control. As far as many Birmingham citizens, and The Eccentric, are immediately concerned, such an arrangement would place a signal at 14 Mile road, one of the city's worst accident intersections.

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Not being traffic engineers, we can't state positively that this proposed speed control signal installation will work. But from the layman's point of view, we feel there is a good possibility that it will. Birmingham streets intersecting US-10 don't appear to be any further apart nor any closer together than these in Paval any closer together than those in Royal Oak, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge where the state recently installed traffic signals on a coordinated system.

We believe the state's engineering de-tails will bear us out on this statement.

Makings of a Business with some of the merchants doing business on South Woodward, between Lincoln and the 14 Mile road. As a result of these conversations, we have a not-so-verygood impression. It's not the actual words of these merchants, but rather their attice on this state rightof, way narking. tude on this state right-of-way parking that leads us to the opinion that they feel the city is discriminating against them in this particular matter.

That's how many of them look at the

We believe they are looking at it wrongly.

wrongly.

The city wants to PREVENT a parking, problem there similar to that which now exists along US-10 in Ferndale. HOW if is to be prevented is open to suggestion. ONE idea is the proposed service drive separated from US-10 by an 8-foot parking. way. There are others, and it is up to the city and these merchants to agree on a proper solution, which does not necessarily mean the ideal answer nor the

sarily mean the ideal answer nor the most expensive answer.

These South Woodward merchants have a committee working on alternate plans, and we feel certain that one of these plans will be acceptable to the city -and ultimately to the state.

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But what worries us more particularly is this undercurrent attitude of many businessmen in the south part of town that they are, and will be, subjected to undesirable pressures from uptown merchants. If the southern group believes this, it certainly is not beneficial to the commercial growth of the city. On the other hand, if the uptown businessmen DO went the acet this research.

other hand, it the uptown businessmen DO want to exert this pressure, the prob-lem is much more serious. The City of Birmingham needs a wholesome, forward-looking commercial section in its entirety. A sound, self-disciplined business center will attract many, many more customers, as well as keep the old shoppers. Each business keep the old shoppërs. Each business establishment will obtain its proportionate share of new business. What is good for the community is good for the individual, be they resident or businessman. Personal or business animosities, singly or by group, contributes nothing to

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50 YEARS AGO
February 24, 1899
There's nothing left of the
Ewing saw mill but the boiler
after the destructive fire which
struck there about 2:30 Friday
have no idea what caused the fire,
which is described as having
started with a "bang and a flash."
It is thought, however, that sparks
have ignited some kerosens surred
near the mill.

Mrs. S. T. Boyd has met with a second misfortune to her limb, the same one sparined a short time ago. The second sprain was caused when she slipped and fell some ten hear her door. We will her well.

A state round up of farmers will be held in the Pontiac Opera House of hursday and Friday. Splendid programs of great value to all tillers of the soil are planted to the state of the soil are planted with the special speci

ings.

John Hanna is now postmaster He has received his commission and will assume his duties or March 1st. The office will remair in the present location until John makes his room repairs which are to be very complete, light, airs and redecorated.

Two Earls badges will be awarded at a Scott Court of Honor planned for Friday evening, along with one life scott pin. Dumont C. Miles and James Winborn will receive the eagle badges, with the life pin going to Howard Senterey.

5 YEARS AGO
February 24, 1944
A presein in 3t. James
Episcopal Church Friday aftornoon will mark Birmingham's observance of the World Day of
Prayer Mrs. John K. Ormond will
diract the service for women of
the Baptists' Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches
here.

After gaining entry through a broken glass in the Woodward wavenue entrance of the Cunning-land Drug store, thieves looted the control of the Woodward wavenue entrance of the Cunning-land Drug store to the Woodward wavenue was discovered by the assistant manager, when he opened the store for business Wednesday morning.

The annual solo and ensemble festival of the Southeastern Michigan band and orchestra association and a steended by 50 local topical the solo and th

Subscriptions for the Piper, Baldwin high school year book will be for sale from Feb. 28 through March 3, according to Martha Eby, sales manager. She suggests getting your order in early since the WPB has set a limited amount of paper available to the school for its publication.

Lost Moon

I came near getting lost our yard looking for the moon, My fingers nipped by frost.

The stars were glistening diamonds
On a velvet cloth of blue
I thought that they looked lonely.
Did they miss the lost moon, too?

-BEATRICE McDONALD

Modern Martyrs



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By Gene Alleman

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People's Column

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ur local newspaper has begun to
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the situation that does exist.
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Internationally

repeat iself.

There certainly are strong tendencies evident aiming at keeping Germany economically partly intact—as long as its production will not be dumped into the world markets. France is watching these developments with concern, as are also democratic German elements. Let the American consults beware that our country will not suffer grieveous damage again.

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By Rugene Heaz

International Market Analyst

After World War I, German

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It has been dark these last few nights.

I stamped about to warm my feet And rubbed my tingling nose; And searched among the soft thick clouds For a modu that never rose.

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