

Parking Program Can Be Adopted Piece by Piece

James J. Hogan, chairman of the Mayor's special committee is working out details for financing off-street parking lots...

While the plan still has some few details to be worked out before it can be publicly announced...

This program will not have to wait until the money is available for the entire program...

We call attention to Hogan's statement because when announced, the overall expenditure will make a number of persons exclaim...

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...

Public officials—with one or two notable exceptions—are not as secretive about proposed plans until all details are worked out to the nth degree...

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...

Not being traffic engineers, we can't state positively that this proposed speed control signal installation will work...

We believe the state's engineering details will bear us out in this statement.

Makings of a Business Civil War?

We've been talking with some of the merchants doing business on South Woodward, between Lincoln and the 14 Mile road...

We believe they are looking at it wrongly.

The city wants to PREVENT a parking problem there similar to that which now exists along US-10 in Ferndale...

But what worries us more particularly is this underlying attitude of many businessmen in the south part of town...

The City of Birmingham needs a wholesome, forward-looking commercial section for its entirety. A sound, self-disciplined business center will attract many, many more customers...

Personal or business animosities, singly or by group, contributes nothing to a wholesome, forward-looking commercial section for its entirety.

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People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for publication. All communications should be addressed to the editor...

I've often hesitated to comment on the City of Birmingham. I know that there are many complaints that could be made...

Picture the City of Birmingham in the situation that does exist. It lies midway between two industrialized cities, Detroit to the north and Pontiac to the south...

Another factor which should not be forgotten is the route highway, Hunter, which skirts the northeast district.

I consider no reader to be disappointed when it comes to viewing the increase in construction, and that if it continues, Birmingham will be similar to that of Ferndale and other cities that were in our present situation.

The construction of a Packard store that is to be built in one example, and the proposed development of Hunter-Maple section is another.

It is here that I advance the question. Should we have accompanied The Eccentric's questionnaires: DOES THE CITIZEN WANT A HIGHWAY WIDENING, EXPANSION, OR DOES THE CITIZEN WANT A RESIDENTIAL CITY?

Internationally Speaking

After World War I, German rearmament was to be prevented by inter-allied control. A very poor job was done and the consequences are too fresh in our memory...

There certainly are strong tendencies evident aiming at keeping Germany out of contact—so long as its production will not be dumped into the world markets...

It is in the matter of the Estates of Louisiana that we have a very interesting case...

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO February 24, 1894 There was nothing left of the Ewing saw mill but the boiler after the destructive fire Friday morning...

Tommy Cobb is pale from his experience last week, but declares that never again, while getting a barrel of molasses down a flight of stairs, will he go first...

Mrs. S. T. Boyd has met with a second misfortune to her limb, the same one sprained a short time ago. The second sprain was caused when she slipped and fell on some ice near her door...

A state round up of farmers will be held in the Pontiac Opera House Thursday and Friday. Splendid programs of great value will be given...

John Haas is now postmaster. He has received his commission and will assume his duties on March 1st...

20 YEARS AGO February 28, 1924 A 30 minute parking law is now in effect on Woodward avenue between Willets and Brown streets...

It has been announced that the 1929 Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills directory will be off the press in about two weeks...

A great deal of interest is being shown here and in neighboring townships in the coming election in the Southside Township...

H. T. Ellerby, village president and James Parry, village manager, will be the principals in a State primary election...

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Modern Martyrs



Sen. Vandenberg Would Make Congress Equally Responsible With President

(Special Staff) (From Our Washington Bureau)

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As we have pointed out before, many Michigan citizens entertain the belief that the cost of State government is top-heavy...

It is no news to record that legislators do not like new taxes. Even the Williams' formula of taxing "big business" is not welcomed...

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