

Are you fault-finding, critical of the matters that after all are not your own personal problems? If you are, then you are on the road to plenty of unhappiness. It all goes back to the subject of giving advice... most advice is unneeded, except when it is asked for. Quietness pays off.

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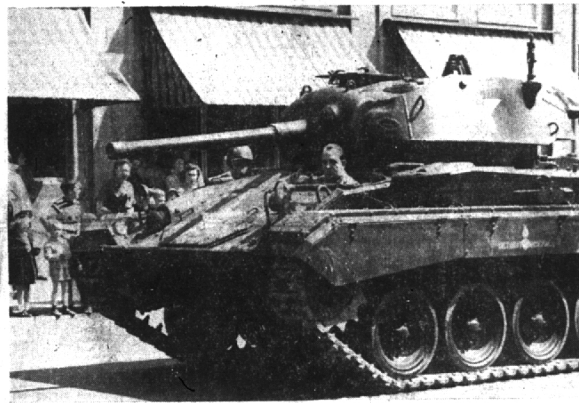
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Memorial Day Observance Honors War Dead



Gold Star Mother Mrs. Norman Lyle of E. Maple avenue places the wreath at the base of the flagpole in front of the Municipal Building during Monday's Memorial Day observance here.



This light tank, driven by Michigan National guardsmen, was one of the several pieces of U. S. Army equipment which participated in Birmingham's Memorial Day parade. (Photos by Charles Lyle)

HE and THAT

By G. R. A.

Concluding a Fishing Trip

Last week, in this column, you were given a brief glimpse of a city chap who planned to spend a number of days in a nice cabin on the Au Sable River, famous Michigan trout stream. I mentioned how wonderful it is to engage in the art of deceiving trout with artificial flies; a bit of a description of the river and the woods; a few paragraphs on the mental, spiritual and physical therapeutic value of such an experience.

Well, folks, there isn't a whole lot more to add at this time... for the simple reason that you probably know, the weather became cold, rainy and windy after it had been at this cabin two days. True, Jack Taylor, of Madison avenue, who spent part of the time with me, (he's still too stupid to recognize that I'm a good cook... tho' I admit that he's a splendid fish-catcher), accompanied me on several boat trips on the Au Sable. We caught very few trout and this was the only time with no man-made interruptions in our daily schedule of recreation.

May this year, the native up here told us, was the coldest in many years. We came upon only a handful of other trout fishermen... who had "no luck" either.

Invited to Breakfast

Late one afternoon, however, Bill Lerchen, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, the Detroit broker, happened to stop at the dock next to the cabin. We visited for a while and then he invited Taylor and myself to Big Creek cottage for breakfast the next morning.

He, his partner, John Watling, and Steve Neal (brother of Tom Neal, of Birmingham), and two others have owned the Lodge for over 25 years. We had a very good breakfast of grapefruit, eggs and bacon, wonderful pancakes and coffee, lemon and coffee.

Then, after Lerchen and Neal left for some trout fishing, Taylor and myself remained for the couple of hours to chat with Watling.

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But he got back to the winds blowing; in the protection of their river abode.

However, I hope there'll be another time... and they'll have grown larger!

Your City Taxes Go Up

Two months ago, 350 local taxpayers met at the Quanton School to learn why the city assessor was planning to raise the assessed valuations an average of 23 per cent over that of a year ago. The assessor said that he had something of the "mood of rebellion" they were opposed to in action.

I had been requested to act as moderator at the meeting, and so I spoke on the problem, including the assessor's plan to raise the taxes. He explained that he was increasing assessed values, but that "doesn't necessarily mean you will have to pay more taxes; that determination is up to the City Commission."

After long discussions, the audience finally asked: "You plan to raise valuations, but maybe not taxes; how shall we know exactly what you will do?"

I answered that, by telling the precise amount to be added to the city budget. If that showed an increase, and the tax rate was not lowered, then they'd have to pay more taxes.

Well, the budget has been adopted, and the rate remains the same as it was a year ago. The City Charter limit of \$20. All of this means, folks, that you will pay higher taxes this year; you will pay \$125,129.20 more, or a total of \$740,704.50.

Prizes Awarded at Bowling Banquet

Participants in the Sideline Quarterback Club of Birmingham Bowling League and many of the other club members attended the annual bowling banquet last week. Prizes were awarded and plans for the next season of bowling were discussed.

A business meeting was followed by a baseball discussion with Eldon Auker answering the many questions of the quarterbacks.

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Records Fall As Maples Win State Title

Track Team Downs 72 Opponents To Win Stellar Spot

By Guy Tuncillife

Showing true championship form, the Birmingham track team won the state title last Saturday on the Michigan State College track. The Maples amassed 49 1/2 points to 29 for second place Ypsilanti, defending champion. The remaining points were spread among 35 of the 73 competing schools.

The Maples broke four school records, one of which had stood 16 years. Three individual crowns and two relay championships were captured by the Maroons, individual winners being Rolfe McGinnis, pole vault; Joe Ross, 100 yard dash; and Bob Folin, 220 yard dash.

Maples Start Going

Birmingham started going when McGinnis vaulted 11 feet 7 1/2 inches to break the school record set by Fred Zoellin in 1942. McGinnis had tied Zoellin's record earlier this season at the Central Michigan relay.

In the 120 yard high hurdles, the first event of the afternoon, (See MAPLES, Page 2)

Takes Over As City Engineer

L. R. Gare

Leland R. Gare assumed his duties as Birmingham city engineer on Tuesday. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said this week.

Gare, former Ecocore city engineer, replaces Leon B. Kortel who resigned last April.

More Thrills on Golf Course Than in Traffic

By Hal P. Boerge

Who says football is a rough game? Who says there are more thrills at the Indianapolis Speedway on Memorial Day than at any other place? I know what at the end of this short and unbelievable story, you will be inclined to think Boerge is either a liar or at least ought to consult with a psychiatrist on the question.

It all started when I decided to spend a peaceful weekend near the city and not in any danger myself and family to the hazards of the highways and byways.

The first round of pleasure was a golf game at Edgewood Country Club with "Red" Fowler, Bob Allen and "Doc" Dwyer.

Ray Maguire Makes Golfing History

Lightning struck twice in nearly the same place and the same time for Ray Maguire, Birmingham Country Club's general pro.

Tuesday, while playing the national Open Golf Tournament, he had two holes-in-one on the 18th and 19th holes of the 18th hole. Ray has been playing golf for 24 years and the two aces were his first. He used a two-iron on the 205 yard fifth hole and a four-iron on the 165 yard 14th.

The two perfect shots gave him a 7 for his afternoon efforts. It wasn't enough to overcome his 16 in the morning round. Ray finished in the fourth alternate spot.

At Watrous of Oakland Hills and Max Evans of Sunnybrook were the only Birmingham area pro to make the cut. The winners of this area were in the chosen eleven.

Into the Dog Fight

Before we left the first dog fight, I stepped behind a couple of bushes with a full eight iron shot. The ball floated across the green and landed in the hole. I walked back to the first tee where my cheers of some 20-odd duffers and tee off.

Things Looked Safe

Things went well until the seventh hole where all bets looked safe until Johnny Botsford came out of the bushes and a couple of bushes with a full eight iron shot. The ball floated across the green and landed in the hole. I walked back to the first tee where my cheers of some 20-odd duffers and tee off.

Fire Destroys Barn

LATHRUP—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn and contents on the farm owned by A. M. Richards, Berg road, Saturday night. The barn, on 8 mile road, near Telegraph, was unattended.

No Accidents Mar Holiday Weekend In This Vicinity

Despite the long holiday weekend and the thousands of cars which passed through Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, no serious traffic mishaps were recorded by either department. Both departments reported the quietest holiday in several years.

The usual number of arrests for drunken and reckless driving, as well as speeders, occupied the two departments. A few cases of boys and BB guns were reported locally, as well as youngsters playing in the streets which they should not have invaded.

Arrested; Charged With Theft of Car

Three Detroit boys, one aged 13, his companions, aged 16, were arrested here Saturday morning when police discovered them in a car where they had spent the night.

Re zoning Hearing Set for June 27

A public hearing for the reclassification of terrace of frontage on the west side of Woodward between Harmon and Vinewood, has been set for June 27 by the city commission.

Road Oiling Begins

Birmingham's summer road oiling program got under way yesterday when the DPW began treating the surfaces of Buckinghams, Dorchester, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Rugby, between Adams road and the railroad right-of-way.

An 18-unit terrace project is proposed for this spot if the rezoning is accomplished.

Site of 'Peace Memorial' Still in Doubt; Planners Ask for Further Details

Birmingham's "Peace Memorial," to be given to the city by the Rotary Club, may not go into the civic center after all. It was evidenced at last Thursday's meeting of the city plan commission.

Several plan commissioners, including James J. Hogan, Ernest W. Sealoff, and Thomas Navin, said they believed the future monument would be too small in size to occupy the central portion of the park.

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Seaholm, Miner Enter Race for B of E Vacancy

Completing his 10th year on the board, Seaholm has been board president for the past three years. This marks the first entrance into school politics for Miner, a Detroit attorney.

Students' Natural Science Lesson Learned Hard Way

Last week two enthusiastic students thought that their newly found pet should be shown to their Bloomfield Hills science teacher, Edward Dykstra.

Off-Street Parking Committee Report Nearing Completion

Birmingham's off-street parking committee will discuss its findings with the city plan commission at an informal meeting June 23, committee chairman James J. Hogan revealed this week.

New Postal Truck Added to Fleet

A new 1 1/2-ton mail truck, to be used for parcel post and carrier relays, went into operation here Tuesday morning. Acting Postmaster Bernard M. Fowler revealed this week.

Barnes to Address to Hi-12 Members

Russell Barnes, 788 Randall court, foreign affairs commentator for the Detroit News, will speak to members of the Birmingham Hi-12 Club next Monday evening, June 6.

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City Turns Down \$200,000 Plan for Store Development

By William Averill

A proposed \$200,000 commercial development along the east side of Woodward avenue, just above the 14 Mile road, has bogged down after city plan commissioners last Thursday evening rescinded its action on the project.

Birmingham realtor John Knecht appeared before the commission and presented his idea for a colonial store development between Sheffield and Taunton, on Woodward, with a large off-street parking area to the rear of the stores.

Southfield Okays School Bond Issue

Vote \$900,000 for New High School; More for Additions

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield voters approved the \$1,300,000 school bond issue by a two-to-one vote last Thursday at a special election. The proposed 6.3 mill increase in taxes was approved by approximately the same vote.

Glenn Schoenhals, school superintendent, said work would be started as soon as possible on a new \$900,000 high school to be located at Fenfile and Lahar. He stated the board hoped to have the building completed by the fall of 1950. At present high school students from this area are being sent to other districts.

Approval of the new school endorses a serious educational problem. Schoenhals pointed out that since 1940 the school population has declined in the township, because it had no high school. It is transporting some 500 students to eight different schools.

To Enlarge 7 Schools

In addition to the high school, \$280,000 will be spent on enlarging seven grade schools in the district under another \$200,000 earmarked for equipment.

The increased tax levy for 20 years will raise the taxes \$9.30 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Bonds will be retired in 16 years.

Hills Approves School Addition

A 97 to 43 vote passed the proposed school building expansion in the Hills on Tuesday evening. The millage vote was carried, 96 to 50, for seven and one-half mills. This will provide four and one-half mills for the bond issue and three for operational expenses. The \$450,000 bond issue is for 15 years.

Escapes Injury As Car Strikes Bridge

Robert Denton, 35, of Detroit, escaped injury here late Wednesday night when his car struck a bridge on the recently opened road which had been made slippery by rain. The damage to his car has been estimated at about \$900.

Law Has Memory As Well As A Long Arm

Paul Brusloff, 22, of Detroit, was arrested here Tuesday for stealing a car. He was charged with stealing a 1947 Buick Wildcat. Brusloff was arrested in July, 1947, by the Bloomfield Hills police on a traffic violation. At that time he asked for an extension of time on his hearing, but instead of appearing in Court, went to California.

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