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Questions

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the present citizens of Birmingham. Responding to the question as to what city services are most in need of improvement, he stated, "From comments received, personal observation, and items published in our local newspaper, it is my opinion that at present our most pressing need is for the improvement of our unimproved streets. We should do everything possible to expedite the improvement of these streets as rapidly as possible in accordance with the already established schedules. While there is need for improvement in the garbage and rubbish disposal services, I am not in a position to offer a suggestion at this time."

Pvt. Darrell H. Kelley

Now training with Btry. B, 516 Airborne FA Bn., 101st Airborne Div. at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., is Pvt. Darrell H. Kelley, 1948 graduate of Baldwin high school, whose parents moved last September from their Ann street residence to Fingree st., Royal Oak.

Fine Arts Exhibit and Annual Meeting in Detroit Apr. 1-2

The annual meeting and exhibition of the Fine Arts section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, will be held Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. The meeting is scheduled to open at 11 a.m. in the Founders Lounge of the Detroit Institute of Arts, according to Marshall Fredericks, chairman.

The Friday program included such speakers as Dr. Ernest Scheyer of Wayne University and Dr. Edgar F. Richardson, director of the Detroit Institute of Art. The business meeting and election of officers is also scheduled for Friday afternoon. Also on April 1, the group will open their 14-day exhibit at the Scarab Club exhibition gallery. Zoltan Sepeshy, of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, is a member of the jury of awards for this exhibit.

Poppleton Field should be more available as a playground for the children in that area.

"About extending the corporate limits of Birmingham, it's my feeling that the growth of a city is a matter of evolution. We certainly don't want to take in any adjacent lands unless it is to the benefit of the city as a whole. However, according to State law, the city cannot prevent the annexation of an adjacent subdivision if the people in that subdivision and the township vote that it be annexed. There is no reason, however, in the case of an annexation that immediate steps not be taken by the city to see that all proper improvements both above and below ground be made prior to or at annexation."

Plan Still Being Studied
"Concerning Hunter Boulevard, the solution to keep traffic moving, since it was designed as a bypass to avoid congestion, is one that must have definite steps by the city. There have been numerous plans by the former Plan Commission and there is a plan by the new Plan Commission. The new plan is still being studied. It involved costs that were beyond the city's financing ability. The city commission has requested that merchants in affected areas lend their constructive help to the solution of a potential traffic problem."

"It is my belief that by coordinated thinking of the Plan Commission and the affected merchants, a reasonable solution can be reached which will be detrimental neither to business along

the right of way nor to the people using the boulevard as a thoroughfare. I don't think you should keep business of Hunter Boulevard."

The information and answers to the LWV questionnaires were obtained by a committee consisting of Mrs. Duncan Hammer, Mrs. J. E. Duncan, Mrs. Graham Shinnick, Mrs. Charles Blunt, Mrs. Robert G. Sillar and Mrs. R. B. K'burk.

Expressing his views on the completion of the 14 and 16 Mile roads, O'Gorman said, "I am strongly in favor of the completion of both of these arteries as soon as possible, in order to provide traffic relief on Maple avenue. It is my understanding that the 16 Mile road project can be most readily completed at less cost, and this would provide considerable relief to Maple avenue. Since these roads are under the jurisdiction of Oakland County, I shall recommend to the members of the Board of Supervisors that they complete these roads as soon as possible."

Must Provide Parking
The question, "Since much of Hunter Boulevard is zoned for business, what can be done to keep it a highway for rapid traffic? Do you feel the proposed access highways are a good step in that direction?" O'Gorman answered: "The purpose of Hunter Boulevard is to provide a route through the city. If businesses do locate on that boulevard, provisions must be made for parking. Property on Hunter Boulevard is not suitable for anything but business, but we should not allow cars to move in and out of traffic in order to permit owners to shop."

"The proposed access highways are a good step in that direction, but their construction is entirely within the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department. Birmingham must find a solution for parking. I understand the City Planning Commission has the matter under advisement and will soon present a plan. I am in favor of off-street parking but I believe an equitable arrangement for financing of such projects must be obtained."

"I would not like to see Hunter Boulevard become so lined with commercial enterprises that Birmingham would have the same condition that Flint has in Dort Highway. I would prefer having parking provided for similarly to the way Midland has handled its parking problems. Certainly, considerable study should be given to Hunter Boulevard as well as the commercial development of any other region of the city. Hunter Boulevard is now zoned for business. Commercial development is inevitable."

Martin Replies

William L. Martin lives at 859 Oakland. He is 35 years old; attended Wayne University, Detroit; and is an engineer with James and Roach, Detroit. He is completing his third year as city commissioner. He is a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce; and has served on the Recreation Board and the Veterans Housing committee.

Martin's replies to the LWV questionnaire follow: "I believe the responsibilities of a City Commissioner would be to see that the city is run for the direct benefit of the people in Birmingham, and to see that the city becomes as we want it, or remains as we want it. We live in Birmingham because there are certain things about the town that we like and we want the city to remain as it is or be improved as is desired by the residents and those whose business is in Birmingham."

"About the completion of the 14 and 16 mile roads, anything that can eliminate traffic through business areas is of benefit to the community. There's no advantage in having traffic routed through a business or residential area if that traffic is not local in nature. Drivers traveling through a community inherently disregard traffic and speed regulations and are a menace to the safety of the residents of the community."

Should Continue Program
"During the three years I have been a City Commissioner, the city has seen the development and putting into effect of the five-year road oiling program. Permanent improvement has been begun in certain areas where it has been the wishes of the citizens of those areas to have permanent surfaced streets. It is my belief that this program should be continued. I do believe, however, that certain streets must be permanently improved for the benefit of the city-at-large where the traffic is so heavy they cannot be adequately maintained under the 5-year program."

"The playgrounds begun on Howard Field and at St. James Park should be completed and

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