

PART ONE

W. L. Huppert Heads GM Coach Service Group

W. L. Huppert, 23481 Lahser road, widely known in transportation circles, has been placed in charge of Coach Technical Service, according to an announcement by H. E. Listman, General Sales Manager of the motor coach division of GMC Truck & Coach, Pontiac.

has been a member of the GM Coach Service organization. He previously has been associated with both Dodge and Packard Motor Companies. Two years ago, while serving as supervisor of coach service, he was named by Listman to handle special assignments on field problems. "Huppert's return to supervise the coach technical service is in line with our plans to broaden and improve our activities so as to better serve motor coach operators in all sections of the country," Listman said in making the announcement.

Promoted



T. Hollister Mabley

T. Hollister Mabley, 2323 Yorkshire, has been appointed vice-president and general manager of Mechanical Heat & Cold, Inc., pioneer engineering contractor for heating, refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, according to a recent announcement by H. A. Shuler, president. In his new capacity, Mabley will supervise Temp-Matic Wholesalers, the firm's heating distributing organization and will also serve as treasurer of the company.

After receiving his BSE degree from the University of Michigan, Mabley was employed by the steam turbine department of General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., and later joined the Detroit distributor of GE refrigeration products. He became associated with Mechanical Heat and Cold, Inc. in 1936, serving as chief engineer and four years later became Secretary of the firm and a director.

Hersey Will Return to Work on April 1; Will Supervise Park

According to Leland Gunn, director of public works in Birmingham, Scott Hersey, former building inspector for the city, will return to work April 1 when he will assume the duties of superintendent of Springdale Park. Hersey has been on leave of absence since last May, when he suffered a heart attack while at his office.

Gunn said, "In his new job, Hersey will have full charge of concessions and maintenance of the park. This will enable him to determine his own working pace, and adapt his duties to his physical condition. During his six years as building inspector he supervised these concessions at the city-owned park, along with his other duties."

E. S. Clark stepped into Hersey's place as acting building inspector until he was injured in an accident five weeks ago. Since that time Frank Van Fleten, plumbing and electrical inspector, has done the work.

AP's All-Stars Win First of YMCA Play-off Series

In the best two-out-of-three games for the championship of the Birmingham YMCA City Basketball play-off series, AP's All Stars defeated W. A. Caltrider 30 to 25 on the Baldwin High School floor Monday evening to give them the edge for the play-off championship.

At no time during the entire contest were there more than five points difference between the teams. The All Stars took a 4-point lead on baskets by Harold Littleton and Roy Littleton.

Close guarding featured play as the matter ended 10-to-10 in favor of the All Stars. Goes Out On Fouls: Harold Kelley's two hook shots gave the All Stars a five-point lead which they retained during the second quarter of play. Score at half time was 18 to 13 in favor of the red-striped quintet.

In the third quarter, Reynolds connected on two under-the-basket shots and was fouled on three. He made one of the two free throws to bring the score to 23 to 21 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Close checking and guarding saw Roy Littleton leave the floor after committing five personal fouls. This gave Little and Paul Kelley an opportunity to break around the Blue and White guards a lead they never relinquished. Don Little and Harold Kelley paced the All Stars with a total of 20 points between them. While Roy Reynolds and Mike Sutton ran up 18 points between them, Roy Littleton, Jim Kothe and Walt Allison were doing an excellent job of guarding.

Repeated Tie Scores: Rotary Club Exchange 45-to-35 in a game featured by repeated tied scores and two over-time periods. The regular contest ended tied at 29 points each.

During the first three minutes of overtime Jack Simonds connected on two long shots to give the Rotary club a four-point lead. Paul John erased this lead by shots from the side and the final

whistle found the score knotted at 33 points. In the last few minutes of play, Bob Moody sank two baskets and Simonds followed with two from the foul line to give Rotary two victories in the consolation series. Jack Simonds had 24 points on the foul line and a free throw to lead the Rotary in scoring while Paul Johns contributed 10 points to the Exchange Club.

Virginia Mackey chalked up its second victory of the year with a 38-to-21 win over Michigan Bell Telephone. Bob Beth and J. M. O'Brien began to hit the rim in the third and fourth quarters to overcome a five point deficit and put the Blue quintet in the lead. Kaymie McBride's 10 points paced both teams in scoring as all members of the teams chalked up points.

Final games next Monday evening find Rotary pitted against Virginia Market at 7 p.m.; AP's All Stars meet W. A. Caltrider at 8 p.m.; and a booster team of boys home on vacation from college will meet Michigan Bell and Exchange combined quintets. In the event that W. A. Caltrider defeats the All Stars, a final game will be played at 7 p.m. at Quanton school on March 31. This will bring to a close the Birmingham YMCA basketball leagues for 1949.

Speaks on Danubian Area this Evening

The sixth lecture in the series arranged through the University of Michigan on "Areas of Conflict Between Russia and America" will be given this evening, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101, Baldwin High School.

Professor George Kish will lecture on "The Danubian Area". Prof. Kish was to have lectured here earlier but had to postpone his lecture because of illness. Dr. Efimenko appeared in his place.

Prof. Kish is assistant professor of geography at the University of Michigan and has written extensively in the fields of geography, international affairs, and population problems. He was born in Budapest and educated abroad. He came to the University in 1940.

St. James Quintet Advances to Finals

The St. James Episcopal Church Basketball team which is representing the Birmingham YMCA Church League in the district play-offs in the Intermediate 'B' division, advanced to the finals by defeating Bethany Presbyterians of the Church of Detroit on the Hannan YMCA floor last Tuesday evening by a score of 41 to 36.

Because only three teams remained in play at the end of the semi-finals, Birmingham drew its second bye and will meet Bethany in the finals. Bethany defeated Embury the sole undefeated team by 32 points in the semi-final and will be primed for St. James when they tangle Saturday evening at 9 p.m. on the Northern YMCA floor.

St. James started slowly against Bethany as the large crowd of spectators gave the boys the jitters and they could not set up their plays. If successful in their game Saturday, St. James will win the trophy for the Intermediate B division of YMCA Church teams in southeastern Michigan. Play in the local YMCA Church League play-offs continues with Embury the sole undefeated team. Final games are Wednesday evening at Barnum junior high school.

Around the Cracker Barrel...

Every once in a while someone tells me that he doesn't read this column because it's too long. So as a special concession to the American god, Brevity, we'll see what happens with a short dissertation.

It has to do with taxes, yours. Last week's Eccentric published a story to the effect that city assessments would be upped about 23% for the coming year. This means that the costs of operating Birmingham have risen faster than the value of taxable property. Thus we all will find ourselves paying more.

Birmingham has a good city government, and good civic administration. But it has growing pains. The need for street improvements, sewers, water supply, and a hundred other things are items which cannot wait. With a growing population, these demands are at their peak at the beginning. As more homes and businesses are built, the per capita cost of these needs will decrease. This because there will be more property against which to assess mounting expenses.

But this sort of consolation isn't worth much to the man who is presently paying his tax bill. He sees that he's paying more, and perhaps feels that he is receiving no more. What can he do about it? Is there a way to reduce taxes on homes, and still have these necessary civic services? Yes, there is.

This city long ago decided it would restrict manufacturing. Birmingham residents don't want industry, with its smoke and dirt and noise. They want Birmingham to be a city of homes. This means the City has no appreciable amount of manufacturing to tax, which places more burden on the home owner.

However, there is another group whose taxes can be increased substantially over a period of time. This group comprises the merchants and business houses. Taxes on homes are to be lightened, then taxes on business must be increased.

Now taxes on business houses and stores can only be increased if the business man or merchant can pay. He can only pay higher taxes if he does a larger business. And he can only do a larger business if he helps him do it. I, and every other business man in town, can pay twice as much in taxes if we do twice as much business. And when the City is able to assess larger taxes against business, then the taxes on your home will decrease.

Birmingham stores and shops are able to offer you nearly everything you need. If they don't have what you need, it can easily be procured. But when you drive to the big city to the South—I forget its name momentarily—and make your purchases there, then you are depriving local business of its opportunity to pay larger taxes. And you're increasing your tax bill.

Think this over, and see if you don't agree. So, shop in Birmingham and reduce your taxes; shop elsewhere to raise them. And just so this will appear to be an advertisement, start first at the Village Store.

Ross S. Campbell, Proprietor

Campbell's Village Store

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Honor Brand FROZEN BROCCOLI pkg. 31c
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- Sexton Strained HONEY 1 lb. jar 39c
Lily of the Valley SWEET PEAS, No. 2 can 2 for 49c
Lily of the Valley CUT, GREEN, or WAX BEANS, No. 2 cans, 2 for 45c
Honor PORK AND BEANS 2 cans for 35c
Weideman KETCHUP 12 oz. bottle 19c
COFFEE 1 lb. can 55c
Premier GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No. 2 can 2 for 25c
Premier GRAPE JUICE qt. bottle 43c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

- Choice Rolled RUMP ROAST BEEF lb. 79c
Pork Loin Roast RIB END lb. 53c
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Kraft VELVETA CHEESE 1/4 lb. pkg. 27c
Kroon Rich COTTAGE CHEESE 1 lb. pkg. 25c

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DON'T MESS WITH GARBAGE! advertisement with illustration of a man with a trash can.

POT ALL FOOD WASTES DOWN THE DRAIN! advertisement with illustration of a drain.

Waste King PULVERATOR advertisement with illustration of the machine.

THORNTON & GROOMS PLUMBING AND HEATING advertisement with address 1728 W. Maple at Chesterfield Phone 258

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Men's Cool Seersucker Sport Shirts by Hendon—in stripes of cherry, blue, brown or navy—no ironing. For Spring wear. 4.95

New Spring shades in Hosiery by Holeproof. Sheer beauty and durability. 1.50 - 1.95

Men's Moccasin Loafers—Size 7-12. Mahogany leather with arch support. Casual looking. By Sandler of Boston. 4.95

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