

Have you a happy hobby? Most everybody has more leisure these days than his ancestors had. It is not good, then, to develop an interest which, when worked at by one's wife, brings peace, peace and a kind of relaxation that better fits one for the busy work of earning a living.

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Will Install Traffic Light at 14 Mile

China Falls to Communism Because It Is Corrupt

After extending hundreds of millions of American dollars worth of aid to China, plus plenty of our personal help, that nation of 450 millions of people is being gobbed up by Communists. It appears as though Russia will be able to put the whole of the totalitarian State upon the idea of freedom for the Orient.

Approval Revealed in Letter to City Commissioner Booth

The State Highway Department has tentatively assigned a traffic signal for the 14 Mile-Woodward intersection, City Commissioner Bruce G. Booth revealed Monday evening at the City commission meeting.

From cost pocket Booth pulled a letter from J. Carl McMonagle, director of the department's planning and traffic division, which read in part: "Our drafting section has just completed drawings showing intersections with US-10 in the City of Birmingham and their spacings from each other."

McMonagle also told Booth that highway department representatives would be in Birmingham sometime this week for checking, and would contact City Manager Donald C. Egbert and inform him of their statements of sincerity.

Several weeks ago the highway department announced it was considering the addition of several more US-10 signals as a means of controlling traffic speed.

It was pointed out that distance between intersections would have to be measured before a coordinated traffic signal system could be installed. One new signal would be put between E. Main and Lincoln, a second between Lincoln and 14 Mile, and a third at Woodward and 14 Mile.

Although McMonagle's letter does not say where the other two signals will be, city officials believe they may be put at Chapin and Hazel.

Installation of the 14 Mile signal will climax a two-year-old project. The Birmingham Traffic Center for additional safety measures for east-west traffic at the intersection of the city center.

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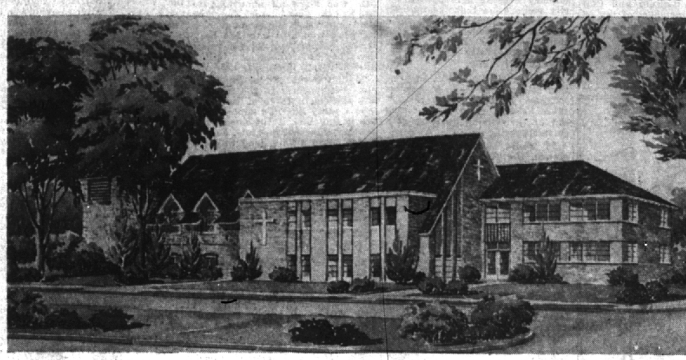
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Ground Is Broken for New St. James Church Addition, Parish House



Architect's drawing showing new extension and parish house for St. James Episcopal church.

Double Bubble Brings Plenty of Trouble to Sheriff's Department

Many things have been found in dumps and swamps which have caused great excitement. Some of the finds have been rare treasures, others have been the bones of animals that roamed the earth long before the day of automobiles, planes and streamliner trains.

Discover Way to Advance Summer Road Oil Program

Birmingham's summer roading program is to get an early start with the application of oil to gravel streets scheduled for permanent asphalt topping as part of the city's road improvement program.

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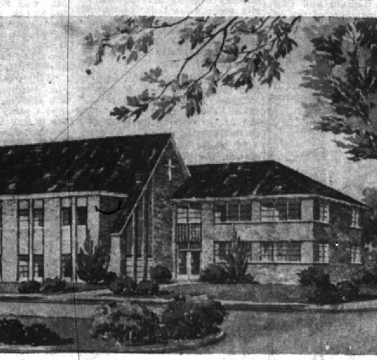
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Any Asphalt Mixing Plant at City Outskirts Will Have to Find Own Water, City Says



The Rt. Rev. Russell Hubbard, Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, late Friday afternoon turned the first spadeful of earth to launch the new St. James building program.

Police and Firemen Get Stuck in the Mud During Sunday Storm

It was 10:30 Sunday night, when the wind and rain were at their peak, that the members of the Birmingham fire department received a call from the vicinity of Boulevard and Birmingham boulevards.

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Police Investigate Series of Weekend Thefts in City

Three robberies committed here over the weekend are being investigated by members of the Birmingham Police department.

Hearing on Budget Set for May 16th

A hearing on the 1949-50 city budget will take place in the commission room Monday evening, May 16, city commissioners have agreed.

Rural Route Changes; Better Mail Service

Acting postmaster Bernard Fowler announces that several changes have been made in rural routes leaving the Birmingham post office effective May 9.

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Calis Springdale a 'White Elephant', Suggests It Be Sold

By George Wm. Averill

Shall the City of Birmingham get out of the golfing business and sell Springdale Park, using proceeds to develop other city recreational areas within the city?

Or should the city keep Springdale, further develop its family recreational facilities and limit its use exclusively to Birmingham residents?

Answers to these two questions are now being sought by the city's nine plan commissioners.

The suggestion that the city sell its golf course and use the money obtained therefrom to develop other city recreational areas was advanced by Plan Commissioner James J. Hogan at the commission's monthly meeting last Thursday evening.

Town Meeting Participants Announced

President of Norge Heads the List of Discussion Members

Roy Gifford, Dr. Marshall Knappen, Rev. Edgar Wahlberg, Edward Silvey, and James Eldridge, moderated by Judge Robert Toms, will speak on the subject, "The US and the UN," Monday evening, May 16, 8:30 p.m., at the Birmingham Community House.

This Town Meeting will climax the United Nations drive inaugurated last spring by the League of Women Voters.

Their invitation to Birmingham residents will come from Washington, Chicago, and Detroit to participate.

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