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Commend City for its Fine Traffic Record

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In all the world today, no single nation is able to equal the production of food per person within the United States. Indeed, our agrarian workers grow and raise so much that the government finds it necessary to purchase great quantities of their goods in order to maintain high prices for them. The money to pay for this excess of production is raised in various ways by the federal government, most of which comes from people who live in cities.

Much of this stuff purchased by government is given to people of other nations, some of whom are inedible through decay or failure to properly store it right here in the United States. Very little of the whole directly ever gets into the hungry stomachs of America's poor. Instead, the same channels that the more serious folks do—thus keeping up prices.

From the standpoint of bureaucratic planning, such a subsidy to the farmer is necessary. The current trend is toward an extension of the subsidy idea. The farmer gets the money to pay for his produce, and in various ways he has many votes.

If gasoline station operators, grocers, druggists, professional men and most of the other means were banded together in sufficient strength to impress politicians, they would become subsidized in a way, it's a sort of "armed (by ballots) strength" that wins special privileges from politicians.

On the other hand, real statesmen are willing to often take a stand against the phantom of the "pressure group." We certainly extend the experiment in self-government started July 4, 1776.

Bumping in Britain

England is suffering a money-shove. The country has had to suffer further financial aid from American taxpayers. Labor-controlled England is suffering from a kind of paternalism. Under her present Socialist experiment, her leaders offer to "share the welfare state" to retain their jobs.

British workers aren't required to work longer hours for a day's wage. Her plight, economically, is as desperate as was destiny when Hitler's borders nearly conquered her during the late war—yet her leaders show no courage in doing anything that will bring her out of her financial chaos, namely: encourage American production and industrialization of her productive capacities.

England, blucky and brave for centuries, has reached the end of its traditional road. It is bound to go further, so long as it tries to make bread of stones, for it has not the land or the current resources necessary to bring it to former self-sufficiency, alas!

Thanks to Mother Nature and toil and sweat by humans, Michigan 1949 fruit crop is the best in its history. If only the political and economic crop of this year were a harvest, one could imagine he really is living in a civilized world.

A well known medical newspaper columnist advises that girls and women refrain from wearing such artificial supports as spines, corsets, brassieres, brassieres with harness, corsets with regular exercise will "keep them in form." In other words, Doctor, you suggest that women (and men, too, no doubt,) should simulate to a greater extent the gymnastic gyrations of their simian ancestors.

Does you remember that Russia once had Sam Brown in the land for lend-lease given that nation during the late war? Unhappy memories of the lend-lease pens, the U.S.A. will always have that money owing it Uncle Sam. There's been reports that it's reported as "Shylock"—but there are millions of his nephews and nieces who think that, under the Roosevelt-Truman ideas of finance, he's a dangerous fool.

The old saw, "as slow as molasses in January," most destined to give way to "as fast as Vaughan in Truman's administration." Senator Vaughan has learned that Gen. Harry Vaughan, military aide to the president, let no one try to prevent the Dept. of Agriculture from penalizing a molasses company in 1945. It is reported that Vaughan "threatened to get the job" of one Dept. of Agriculture official because the latter wouldn't help the company to make molasses flow, the year 1947.

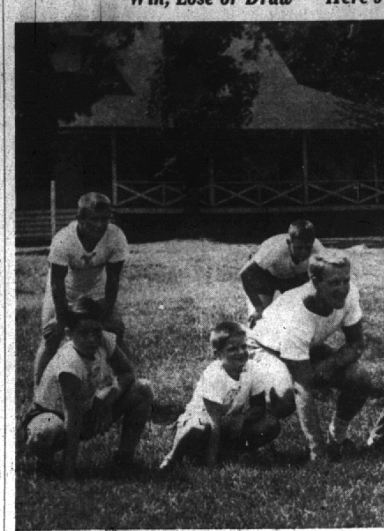
It is in the hope of the YMCA to continue all of its Gray-V club activities, but the club in the Franklin and Walnut districts. Club activities will get under way the week of September 19. Complete details will be announced in the next two weeks, Kirbert said.

Trucks Are Blamed
Possibility of closing Wibleton avenue to heavy truck traffic is under investigation by Police Chief W. Moxley. Moxley said several residents have complained about the deterioration of the street surface because of such heavy traffic.

The Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1949

Win, Lose or Draw — Here's a Great Gridiron Combination



The Eccentric can't predict a winning season for this team because it isn't going to play any games as a unit. However, there will undoubtedly be some real teamwork from this Camp All-gon-quian gang in helping the University of Michigan win another Big Ten championship. The three counselors in the picture, Leo Koscki, Chuck Ortmann and Lloyd Heneveld, will take the field each Saturday with the Wolverines and their teammates in the picture will be among their staunchest supporters.

Edison Power Line Is Taken Before Board of Appeals

Phillip H. Smith, 1766 Yosemite, yesterday halted Detroit Edison plans for construction of a series of 85-foot-tall towers to carry a 120,000-volt power cable from Romulus south to Apple Oak when he filed an appeal with the city zoning board of appeals to revoke a building permit for the project. The permit was issued last week by the city building inspector, Edward S. Clark. The city zoning board begins Sept. 6. The three complete reports released by Ireland: 1. All pupils living in the area described in Item No. 3 shall be provided free transportation to the secondary schools of Birmingham. 2. All pupils living outside the city limits of Birmingham shall be provided transportation, free of charge, to the secondary schools of Birmingham. 3. The area referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above is bounded on the North by Quorton Road from Covington north to Woodward Avenue, south on Woodward Avenue to Manor Road, east on Manor Road to Kensington, continuing east on Kensington Road to Dery Road, east on Dery Road to Coolidge Highway and south on Coolidge Highway to Clawson Road. On the South it is bounded by Clawson Road from Coolidge Highway to Greenfield Road, south on Greenfield Road to Beverly Road and west on Beverly Road to Dorchester Road, north on Dorchester to Fourteen Mile, west on Fourteen Mile to Cranbrook. On the East it is bounded by Cranbrook Road and Covington Road. 4. Within the area described in paragraph 3, transportation will continue to be provided at the expense of pupils and parents as it has been for the past five years. Three routes will be arranged.

New 1949-50 School Bus Schedule, Rules Released by School Superintendent

Detailed school bus routes for the coming school year, together with administrative policies in connection with school transportation, were made public this week by Dr. Dwight H. Ireland, Birmingham superintendent of schools. Parents should familiarize themselves with these policies and route schedules before the current semester begins Sept. 6. Ireland stated: "It is the complete report released by Ireland: 1. All pupils living in the area described in Item No. 3 shall not be provided free transportation to the secondary schools of Birmingham. 2. All pupils living outside the city limits of Birmingham shall be provided transportation, free of charge, to the secondary schools of Birmingham. 3. The area referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above is bounded on the North by Quorton Road from Covington north to Woodward Avenue, south on Woodward Avenue to Manor Road, east on Manor Road to Kensington, continuing east on Kensington Road to Dery Road, east on Dery Road to Coolidge Highway and south on Coolidge Highway to Clawson Road. On the South it is bounded by Clawson Road from Coolidge Highway to Greenfield Road, south on Greenfield Road to Beverly Road and west on Beverly Road to Dorchester Road, north on Dorchester to Fourteen Mile, west on Fourteen Mile to Cranbrook. On the East it is bounded by Cranbrook Road and Covington Road. 4. Within the area described in paragraph 3, transportation will continue to be provided at the expense of pupils and parents as it has been for the past five years. Three routes will be arranged."

City Denies Permit for Construction of Pavement Mix Plant

A permit for the construction of a bituminous pavement mixing plant along the Grand Trunk right-of-way has been denied the Barratt Division of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. of New York City because it would create a nuisance under the city's zoning ordinance. The city building inspection department refused to issue the permit after a departmental employee had visited a similar Barratt plant in the suburbs of Buffalo. Company representatives have told the city they will not appeal the decision. Barkley G. Omans, who made the inspection of the Buffalo plant in his report, "It is my opinion, after looking at the plant, that the handling, blending and screening of the crushed rock is similar in character to rock crushing. Also this process will result in emission and spread of dust, particularly at the higher elevation where the screening is done and the wind has a chance to spread the dust over a considerable area."

A Closed Session

Members of the city commission and city plan commission will have a closed session next Thursday evening, Sept. 8, to discuss administrative practices in the routine between the two groups.

It's a Short Week Coming Up for the Eccentric

This results from the annual Labor Day holiday to be observed next Monday, Sept. 5. We on the editorial staff of The Eccentric, therefore, will have one day less next week in which to work on next Thursday's issue.

So Please Bring or Phone In Your News By the End of This Week

Town Hall Meeting October 6 to Discuss Parking Lot Plan

Responding to the need for a civic discussion of the off-street parking problem in Birmingham, the Kiwanis Club and the Oakland Citizens League, in cooperation, will stage a Town Hall meeting on the subject in the Birmingham Community House October 6. "We feel that a thorough discussion of the problem will be of vital interest to the community," Tom E. Ward, president of Kiwanis, said. "There has been so much newspaper talk and conversation about the problem that the average citizen is confused over the issue."

Star Cab Co. May Face Loss of License

The Star Cab Co. will appear before the city commission next Tuesday evening to show cause why its taxicab operating license should not be revoked by the city because of the allegedly poor mechanical conditions of its four cabs.

An order to show cause was issued by the city commission Monday evening after reviewing an inspection report filed by the police department, which stated the equipment of the cab company "is in deplorable condition and seems to be getting worse with each periodic inspection."

The report also claimed that "these cabs are not safe to be used by the public and fail to meet the requirements as called for in the ordinance." The firm operating the Birmingham Cab Co. was found to be using cabs "in good condition," while Birmingham Veterans cabs were "fair," the report continued.

Two new cabs have been ordered by the Veterans Cab Co. and will be delivered by September 9, thus bringing its equipment up to "first class condition."

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, who transmitted the inspection to the commission, stated, "The only solution to the problem seems to be the replacement of all of the present Star Cab vehicles as this year's cabs have been worn out for some time." Citing the condition of Star Cabs as "poor," the report stated that the general condition of the cabs evidenced smooth tires, cracked frames on one, no speedometers on two, no emergency brakes on all, badly dented fenders, loose bumpers on several, missing hub caps, some rear seats missing in poor condition."

The city's taxicab ordinance provides that "all vehicles... used for hire as taxicabs... shall be in good condition when operated under the terms of the ordinance."

The ordinance states further: "The city commission may, for violation of any laws of the state of Michigan, or any ordinance of the city of Birmingham... or for any other cause which it may deem sufficient, and following a hearing as herein provided, revoke any taxicab license..."

Hazel, Bowers Sts. to Get Gravel Base

Any city improvement of Hazel and Bowers, between Columbia and Etou roads, will wait until the property owner has his contractor estimate on the gravel base and grades it at his own expense, the city commission decided Monday night. Then the commission will determine the necessity, if any, for further improvement with curbs, cutters and hard surfacing through an assessment district.

Of Skirts and Limbs

Two robberies of a very different nature took place in Birmingham last week. First, a pair of fender skirts were removed from a Ford in the parking lot of Jess McNeal, Inc., at South Woodruff. This is one of a series of robberies which has beset McNeal this summer.

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