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## Bits of Birmingham

Edward H. Laird, 363 George, is one of 18 students who have been awarded scholarships to the university's school of business administration for 1950-51. Awards are made for outstanding scholastic achievement.

The Twin Beach country club looked like something out of an historical pageant Thursday as their "Dob Day" program got under full swing. Among the "unusual" golfing costumes seen on the greens was that of Mrs. John Hoffman out at Walnut Lake last week to get some information. A little voice answered the ring and said that "mommie" was over at Mrs. (unintelligible sound) visiting.

A considerable number of folks, driving out E. Maple of a Sunday afternoon, have wondered about the "plant with the big smoke-stack." They speculate in what is going to be produced in the huge plant out of which this tall chimney projects. The "plant" is the new warehouse and general offices of Dearborn Motors, and is expected to be complete this fall. The warehouse already is in operation. The Ford Motor Co. parts all over the world. The chimney? Just for the boiler room, that's all.

The 48th yearbook of the Detroit Commercial college, released Aug. 1, announces the election of two Birmingham residents to membership on the awards committees of the college. They are Mary Tighe, 499 Park, who will serve on the academic awards committee and Charles Drury, 1702 Grassfield road, creative writing.

Prof. Harrison L. Euler, Ph.D. since 1948 dean of Athens college at Athens, Ala., is resigning his deanship to devote his entire time to writing. Prof. Euler is the father of Mrs. Eugene Puzito, 257 East Maple, and a frequent visitor at her home.

City commissioners will attempt to meet with city plan commissioners during the week of August 28 to discuss the revised plans for city-of-street parking. At the suggestion of Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie, the commission has asked the plan commission to hand out copies of the revised report to commissioners at least one week in advance of the meeting so commissioners can formulate any questions regarding them.

City Manager Donald C. Ebert and DPW Superintendent Marx Fall hope Baldwin avenue residents will be satisfied with the rejuvenated condition of their street. City crews, borrowing a rubber-tired roller, reworked the surface of the street last week in an effort to quiet residents who have been complaining of the bumps and dust. "The street looks very good now," Ebert said in appreciation of the city crew.

John J. Hamel, Jr., the city's civilian defense director, told Rotarians Monday noon of the work federal, state and local defense groups have done in starting preparations for any military emergency. "We hope in the next three or four months to have a concrete program worked out so everyone will know what to do in case of emergency," Hamel stated.

"From the Mouths of Babies" department: This Wanderer called the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman out at Walnut Lake last week to get some information. A little voice answered the ring and said that "mommie" was over at Mrs. (unintelligible sound) visiting.

## Proponent of Converting City Park Into Parking Lot Explains Her Stand

Most vocal opponent of any off-street program that would obtain parking lots by condemnation of houses in Birmingham is Mrs. Annelle Schaefer, 251 E. Brown. This week asked The Eccentric to print her statement explaining why she has suggested the use of the city's municipal park as a parking site.

"I would like the people to know the position of our group in full," Mrs. Schaefer stated.

SHE WAS ONE of the spearheads in obtaining over 400 names on a petition suggesting that the city park be used rather than previously proposed sites.

"I should like to print our petition in FULL to show that our purpose definitely was NOT to desecrate a 'beauty-spot', but to solve a civic need in the most economical and impartial way and to still maintain the character and the beauty of the town—quite."

"We hereby petition the City Commission of Birmingham to seriously consider using the Municipal Park (bounded by Merrill, Bates, Martin and Henrietta streets) as the least expensive and most centrally located plot which will solve the need for off-street parking in Birmingham."

"FURTHERMORE this site would deprive no one of his lawfully owned home or business. We suggest either open-air ramp-type garage, or the use of the ground type of building with full shrubbery on all sides of the block to assure an attractive appearance."

"Please note that the petition contained the suggestion to keep 'FULLY-SHRUBBED' to maintain appearance."

"Actually, using the park as outlined would help to preserve the beauty and CHARACTER of the city far more than the only other publicly proposed plan which not only WOULD HAVE OPENED UP LARGE AREAS OF THE CENTER CITY TO CON-

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## New Formed Camera Group Planning Trip To Upper Michigan

The Contemporary Photographic society of Michigan is planning a CCC-car caravan through Michigan to the top of the Upper Peninsula traveling through the center of the state and returning along the coast of Lake Michigan.

The group, headed by Harvey Croze, Cranbrook photographer, will leave the Cranbrook art academy Aug. 19 and will return in a week or two, depending on the wishes of the group.

The more experienced photographers will aid beginners in their work. It is expected that one or two of the movie units, actors, models, directors and cameramen will be in the group.

Any photographers or models who wish to make this their vacation trip should contact Croze at Cranbrook for more complete details.

**CRETE AND PARKING METERS, BUT WOULD ALSO CONDEMN LAND AND PRIVATELY OWNED HOMES TO ATTAIN THE MANDATORY CERTAINLY CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE TOWN!**

"Whether or not other plans are forthcoming which will be better, I do not yet know. Until such a plan is presented, I favor the park-site for the following reasons:

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"2. It is close enough to answer the needs of any of the merchants who would care to subscribe to a ticket-arrangement of free parking for their customers."

"3. It could provide a low monthly rental for employer's cars—leaving the streets free for customer-cars."

"4. Since the park is surrounded on two sides by municipally-owned buildings, it WOULD NOT DISTURB THE LAND-VALUES OF FRINGE PROPERTY AS MUCH."

"5. It would be the MOST DEMOCRATIC way (at least as yet publicly proposed) to work out a solution, since it respects the freedom of the individual to buy or sell or keep property."

"6. IT WOULD BE by far the MOST ECONOMICAL way for the residents to meet the problem."

"The park is little used by the residents except for the charming custom of the Christmas Eve singing—which could certainly be continued in the park-site by the Maple bridge where there are many lovely Christmas trees."

"The town at present owns 17 listed park-sites (source—R. L. Poli's Birmingham Directory of 1948), or a total of 210 acres. "Many of these, it is true are very small, and many are undeveloped at present, but we have ample space for recreation for future development in Birmingham."

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