

In Two Ways, Birmingham Turns on the Heat

Local Coal Situation Tighter; Few Homes Start Burning Wood

Birmingham's coal supply, considerably below normal conditions, showed these developments as of noon yesterday:

- 1) The two local coal companies have gone to stricter rationing, and are no longer supplying non-customers unless in extreme emergency.
- 2) The schools have a supply to last them until at least the end of next week.
- 3) The city's municipal building is being heated by coal purchased from the school supply.
- 4) Some residential coal users have started to burn wood.

\$250,000 Store Planned by Jacobson's

Construction Awaits Property Rezoning at W. Maple, Bates

A new \$250,000 women's and children's wear retail store will be constructed in Birmingham as soon as the city commission rezones the property to permit the building to be erected up to the sidewalk line.

Recreation, which operate stores in seven other Michigan cities, will have their new store ready for occupancy by opening in the zoning takes place, the store's architect, Arthur A. O. Schmidt of Detroit, told city plan commissioners at their meeting last Thursday night.

The city plan commission recommended to the city commission that the property at the northwest corner of W. Maple and Bates be rezoned from Business A to Business B to permit the new store to be built up to the front property line.

At its Monday night meeting, the city commission set March 20 as the date for the rezoning hearing. It also included for a zoning change the Maple property to residential street.

According to Schmidt, contracts for construction can be let the day following the rezoning. The store will be 120 by 120 feet, with the main entrance on W. Maple. Entry also could be made from the rear where a parking lot will be constructed to hold some 40 cars.

Of contemporary modern design, the store would be built of face brick, arch oyster stone and granite, and be air conditioned. The store will be constructed to hold some 40 cars.

City Commissioner Donald C. Egbert, in a report to the city plan commission, pointed out certain sewer and drainage problems would have to be met for that area if the hospital were erected on this site.

Any hospital built there will need certain city facilities, and I presume that to get them, it would become part of the city," he stated.

There, strolling calmly across her back yard, were two cows. The farmer who arrived about five minutes later, after tracking them through the snow, said they had wandered down from a farm about five miles north of the city.

Hurt in Crash

Miss Ethel LePage, 1531 Holland, was injured late Saturday night when her car in which she was driving crashed into a stalled truck in Detroit. Miss LePage was thrown against the windshield and suffered severe face lacerations. She returned to her home Tuesday afternoon at St. Carol's hospital.

Sewer Cave-In

Frank Tomlinson, 32, of Oak Park, suffered a broken right leg Tuesday afternoon when a sewer contract was also signed at Glenhurst and Raynolds.

Methodists to Vote on Church Site

Congregation Meets Sunday to Decide Board's Proposals

The First Methodist church congregation will meet in special session Sunday evening to decide whether it will accept the recommendation of church officials to move to another locale.

Rev. Arthur F. Renkel, pastor, said two years' work by the church's building council has gone into the report to be given to the congregation at that time. "Two weeks ago the council's recommendation to move to another locale was unanimously approved by the quarterly conference, which is the church's official governing body," he explained.

Tentatively being considered is a 2.5 acre site at the southeast corner of W. Maple and Pleasant, just east of another large site which the First Presbyterian church has purchased for a new edifice.

The congregation will vote on the question of staying at the present location at W. Maple and Henrietta, or of building a new church on a new and larger site, Rev. Renkel stated.

Maples Retain EML Swimming Crown in Meet at Barnum Pool

By Max Booth

The Maple tankmen successfully defended their Eastern Michigan league title last Thursday by nosing out Mt. Clemens, their nearest competitor, 65-55.

The meet saw Birmingham take seven out of the nine first places and four of the second league records.

Originally scheduled for the Ferrdale high school pool, the meet was moved to Birmingham's Barnum pool when Ferrdale refused to hold the meet for a number of reasons.

The preliminaries at one o'clock saw four new league records established, two by John Flynn, Mt. Clemens star, who set a new league record of 2:17.4 in the 50-yard free style and then returned to smash 100-yard free style record of 4:57.7.

Dick Dean, meet captain for the Maples won his heat in the 100-yard breast stroke in the record breaking time of 1:10.3. In the next event, the 200-yard free style, Don Goldsmith lapped the field for another record of 3:17.7.

After an hour's rest the teams returned to the pool for the final Birmingham got off to a slow start trailing at the end of the 25th event, 3:34. But from then on the Maples showed their power by winning all the remaining races and the diving.

Larry Miller remained unbeaten this year when he nosed out Bob Layaski, Mt. Clemens, for a new league record of 1:08.1, bettering the old record by six-tenths of a second.

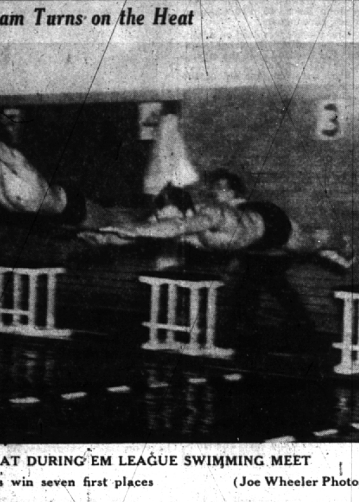
Weaver Wins Diving Events Frank Weaver, local diver, was off from his lead among divers to edge out Andy White of Ferrdale 47.7 to 47 to take first place in his heat.

The Maple medley relay team of Miller, Dean and Dick Helgeson, set a new league record of 1:28.2, bettering their old time by three and one-half seconds.

The 200-yard free style relay team of Mary Joslyn, Gary Osterbeck, Jim Newman and Nell Stoll put the finishing touches on their thrilling meet by winning hands down 1:51.4.

Final tallies were: Birmingham, 65; Mt. Clemens, 55; Ferrdale, 28; Hazel Park, 16; Ft. Haven, 6; East Detroit was unable to enter a team.

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OFF TO FLYING START IN PRELIMINARY HEAT DURING EML LEAGUE SWIMMING MEET

In the nine events, Maples win seven first places (Joe Wheeler Photos)

Engel to Run for Governor

Albert Engel of Lake City, for 16 years a Congressman from western Michigan, will announce his candidacy for governor of Michigan on the Republican ticket within the next few days. The centric learns from a reliable source.

Engel, who once served several terms in the Michigan state senate, and is comparatively unknown to many Michigan voters, will put his name in the running in the Eccentric's campaign. The Eccentric is expected to open campaign headquarters in Lansing, with branch offices in Detroit and several out-state communities.

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Contracts Awarded for Walnut Lake, Torry Schools

A contract for the construction of the new Torry elementary school and an addition to Walnut Lake school was awarded by the Birmingham board of education at a special meeting last Thursday night.

Contract is expected to start immediately, with the projects ready for occupancy by the start of school next fall.

While the contractor submitted a combined bid, school officials estimate the cost of the Walnut Lake addition at \$250,000, the Torry school at \$262,200.

March 20 Hearing on Changing Name of City Street

To avoid confusion due to similarity of street names, the city commission set March 20 as the date of a hearing to change the name of Forest lane to Twin Oaks lane.

Forest lane extends north a short distance from Wimbeldon, while Forest street extends from Woodward to Adams.

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Those who enjoy the simple things of life find more pleasure there than those who hunger for larger worlds to conquer. There is no such to be found about as much as there is to be found in a simple life.

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U. S. Today Has Tyranny Just As Colonies Did!

As calmly as I can, and with an objective attitude as I can give here is my own personal conviction upon the subject: "How do the United States of America stand in relation to a peaceful and prosperous future?"

In dire peril—to put it briefly, I see an international standpoint, it is admitted by all informed people that human freedom is being maintained in the few remaining democracies, is menaced dangerously by the totalitarian tyranny of Soviet Russia.

Our national leaders in Washington, either erroneously led by President Truman and his cabinet into helplessness by him and his lackeys, have made a real mess for the use of democracy before the rest of the earth's peoples.

But enough of the international situation. I desire to say something about our domestic affairs.

It is my considered opinion (for what it may be worth), that the state of real individual economic and political freedom in the United States today is as dangerously in jeopardy as was that of the colonies when the early Colonies decided to rebel against the tyranny of Great Britain.

In those days our American forefathers were made to pay tribute to a foreign power, and they raised the cry of "Taxation without representation."

They were being plundered of their property by the creation of "swarms of new offices... to harass our people and eat out their substance."

Drift to Centralization Since the actual founding of the United States, there has been a gradual drift toward the centralization of government in Washington. This has resulted in an ever-increasing loss of sovereignty by the various States themselves, with the attendant necessity of the States becoming more and more subject to the political whims and caprices of bureaucrats.

We have witnessed, during the past 18 years, a violent change in the judicial stability of the United States Supreme Court, which, with much success, has usurped the powers vested by the Constitution of the United States in the judiciary.

Section Captains are Selected for Roll Call Campaign Plans for a concentrated drive for the election of 400 Community House Roll Call Captains this week with Mrs. Richard T. Hatch, co-chairman of the drive.

Corruption of People We have witnessed the wholesale corruption of various segments of our population by the granting of economic subsidies to them—in violation of civic equity and economic law—until the hands of the public dispenser of subsidies and patronage has spread normal individual thought and action necessary to a free people.

Indeed, (and in this situation every American has been a fault to some extent), the people of the United States are approaching the historic disasters of an All-Powerful Government.

It is my belief, that unless the citizens of this country impose proper restrictions upon the federal government, through enactment of a wise Constitutional Amendment, the States soon will retain only their present names on the maps in our geographicals. They will be mere rubber stamps for an oppressive centralized government—the first proof of Socialism.

After that comes Totalitarianism. That can happen in America—make no mistake about it. For finally, human nature in this country is no different from human nature in many other lands. The people of these lands that have already lost the people their freedom.

"Political Planning" I believe that the richness of our natural resources, the wealth of our brain and brawn when applied to those resources, can bring about an ever-increasing standard of living. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

MODERNIZATION MADE EASIER Have you ever looked longingly at a store window which features modern-furniture? Wish you could modernize your living room?

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Number of Troy Residents Need Coal, Says Ryan

Troy township residents who have extra supplies of coal because of conversion to other types of heating, are urged to contact Charles R. Ryan, township supervisor.

"The situation here is urgent for a number of families," Ryan explained. "If there is anyone who has unneeded coal, please get in touch with me so I can refer you to someone who needs it."

Both the Community House and the Municipal building are acting as clearing houses for people who are very low on coal, and those who have converted to gas or oil and still have some coal left in basements.

A Few Persons Call In Both the Community House and Municipal building report few requests have called in saying they are in need of coal. A few other local residents have also reported to Ryan.

"We've got to keep the municipal building open because of the police and fire departments," he reminded.

The school board has agreed to give the city supplied with necessary coal supplies as long as stocks last.

Some persons are resorting to wood fuel as a coal substitute, the proprietor of the city's only wood yard reported to the Eccentric yesterday morning.

"One man is even using wood in his stock furnace," he said. (See COAL, Page 2)

4 Candidates for City Commissioner

Four candidates will run for election to the two city commissioner vacancies at the April 3 city election, the city clerk's records show.

Last Saturday a nominating petition was filed for Thomas E. Neal, 38, of 1174 E. Maple, district manager in Detroit for the Sun Oil Co. He was the fourth adn final petition filed before the Saturday deadline.

Previously, petitions had been returned naming Chad M. Ritchie, 1150 Puritan, Donald Parry, 975 Madison, and Dean G. Belter, 1727 Washington Blvd.

Each will be seeking one of the two commissioner vacancies created by the expiration of terms of Mayor Donald S. Bell and Commissioner C. Theron Van Dusen. Both Bell and Van Dusen declined to run for re-election.

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