

Self-government through the democratic processes is the most difficult type of government ever devised by mankind... it is the only type that offers (not guarantees) personal freedom to think, write, and worship. It is slipping from us.

CUB SCOUTS

The B-B Cubs of Adams school are in the midst of a kite project trying to see who will come up with the most original design and best decorations. Kites will be displayed at the pack meeting.

From kites to cookies may seem like a long step, but cookies and cakes were provided by the boys at their annual fair April 24. The Cubs staged a contest of baking skills along with their regular program.

We Heard It Said By:

GARLAND D. TAIT, former city commissioner who declined to run for re-election in April: "I won't say the usual thing that it's been wonderful to be a commissioner, for many times you receive plenty of brick-bats. However, it's been lots of compensation to work with these and other commissioners and other administrative bodies. That's the fun of being a commissioner. We've stepped on a few toes, but we all have tried to do the best job for everyone."

Women Voter's Unit Meetings Reveal Attitudes Toward City's Master Plan

A consolidated report on the several League of Women Voters meeting held last week to discuss the proposed master plan has been prepared by Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, chairman of all League units.

She pointed out that general agreement on the virtue of the plan was evidenced by those attending all three groups. "Following League policy," Mrs. Greene said, "each unit leader encouraged free comment from members which was supported by resource members who provided factual material."

"In these open comments fear was expressed concerning the maintenance of Hunter boulevard as an arterial highway if business continues to grow in the area. One group suggested that one way to accomplish this would be for the state to restrict the use by business of the 30 feet of state-owned property along highways."

"OTHERS POINTED out the need to relieve congested downtown traffic traveling east and west on Maple. "Another group said they felt by business areas for multiple dwellings is not always satisfactory. The tendency, they feel, is not to erect new buildings but

to remodel old homes to house more persons. This tends to cause the center of a city to become run down, eventually a slum area." The groups further indicated, regarding multiple dwellings, that their construction should be permitted only near trunk sewers. It was also brought out that new developments should include storm and waste sewer systems as the present system is over-taxed.

"THAT THE groups felt a great need for planning in Birmingham was brought out by statements of those attending," Mrs. Greene said. "One person pointed out what the lack of planning has done for downtown Birmingham—muddy parking lots always filled with cars, traffic jams every weekend and a general hodge-podge appearance. The lady went on to tell the group that she felt if the merchants would clean up behind their stores it would help a lot. "We need civic pride," this speaker told the group.

"Another member said: 'When we see how many people are on our downtown streets and look at the new homes, we are forced to realize our villages are over. Let's get our heads out of the sand! We are a city, so let's be a beautiful orderly city.'"

SOME, MRS. GREENE found, felt further study and understanding were needed by the public on zoning and tax problems.

The status of property due for zoning changes was discussed by all groups. Resource members stressed the long range view, the fact that parts of the plan may not be put into effect for 15 or 20 years.

"Nevertheless, Mrs. Greene reported, "the fear of home owners, whose property the plan rezones for other uses, were disturbed about the blight they feel the plan places on their holdings. "They also stressed the need for a guarantee of fair and equitable dealing by the city commission when possible condemnation is indicated."

"They said this could be assured only if all public officials understand the facts of the plan, zoning and condemnation policy so that if the plan is accepted, people may have constructive help."

Mrs. Greene quoted Mrs. Graham Schinick, local government chairman of the League as saying: "If I understand the thinking of the plan commission and Charles Barr, who devised the plan, they have tried to plan to widen the tax base in order to keep residential taxes from rising. How widely do you suppose this other view is held?"

Her comment was made after a discussion on shopping centers, regarded as one means of keeping dwelling taxes lower as against restricting business and having higher residential taxes.

ON THE OTHER hand, a plan with "teeth in it" received a number of adherents because they felt that zoning would serve as a protection to property owners. "Our League president, Mrs.



COL. H. C. ANDERSON

Rotary Will Hear Of Western Parks

An illustrated lecture on America's colorful west will be given for members of the Birmingham Rotary club Apr. 30 by Col. H. C. (Bud) Anderson, traveling lecturer for Union Pacific railroad.

The speaker will be introduced by Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart (ret) under whom Col. Anderson once served as finance officer.

Col. Anderson will speak on "The Utah-Arizona National Parks" at the club's noon meeting at the Community House.

Monday the club saw a film in "Building for the Nations," a study of the work of United Nations.

HE HAS TRAVELED and talked in the 48 states and eight foreign countries, spending his summers in exploring and photographing the remote and untrammeled scenic wilderness of the western United States.

Prior to joining Union Pacific Col. Anderson spent seven years in military service, much of it as foreign duty. He also served two years as secretary-manager of the Wyoming commerce and industry commission.

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Brooks Marshall, pointed out that there are two ways of doing things --to jam them through with speed and pressure or take the slower, more democratic way. She said how our plan commission has functioned along the latter way and should have the thanks of the group.

"The commission seeks our help in working on the plan for Birmingham," Mrs. Marshall told them. "The summary of the meetings was more or less to the effect that the families living in Birmingham plan for the future. They ask that we give our city the same privilege, that our sons and daughters will inherit a desirable city."

Mrs. Greene said additional unit discussions would be held in areas where people have not yet had the opportunity to express their views.

Goodwill Industries Described to Kiwanis

Dale Renault, representative of Goodwill Industries of Detroit, spoke at the Apr. 24 meeting of the Birmingham Kiwanis club. He told of the work done by his organization to aid the handicapped persons attain a more normal way of life.

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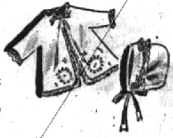
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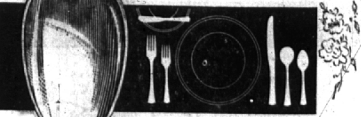
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