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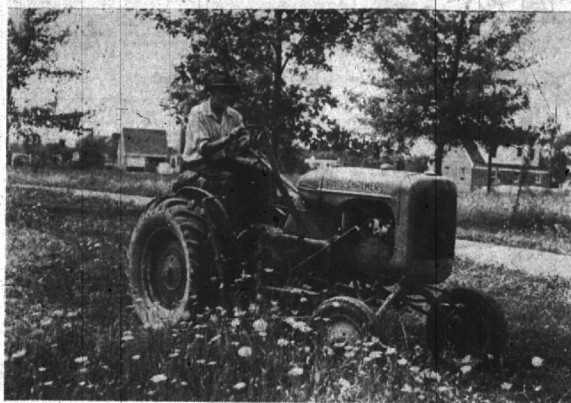
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Complaints Plus Necessity Keeps Bill Lebold Busy

By GEORGE TRUMBULL

You better keep those weeds cut in your privately-owned vacant lots or you soon will be hearing from the Birmingham Assessor's office.

The fact is that the city has an ordinance, number 386 to be exact, that states that if a Birmingham resident fails to keep his privately-owned lots mowed, the city, after a five day warning period, has the right to mow the lot and charge the owner for the labor.

If the owner fails to pay, the labor cost is added to the owner's taxes and becomes a lien against the property. According to law, the state can put the property up for sale if there is a failure to pay taxes.

Complaints from neighbors are the main cause in the use of this ordinance besides the fact that the city realizes that the lots must be kept cut for the sake of the community's welfare.

call the assessor's office and not his office.

Lebold sees a slight decrease in the amount of weed cutting mainly because of the increased building going on in the city.

DURING THE summer of 1950 there were 68 complaints about unmowed lots and so far this summer 12 have come into the assessor's office.

Lebold said there were three such complaints during June, 12 during July and he foresees an estimated 30 for this month and probably a few during September. Lebold stated that not many owners take heed of the five-day warning because out of the 12 complaints sent out by the assessor's office last month none of the lots were cut when Lebold and his crew inspected them.

BESIDE HIS JOB of caring for these private lots, Lebold is in charge of seeing that city property is cut twice during the summer.

The majority of this city property includes such areas between all curbs and sidewalks and all city parks. Most of this city property cutting is done by a local contractor.

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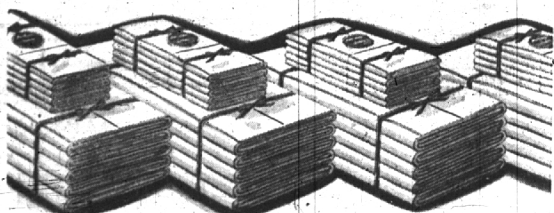
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