

Philosophers tell us that the doing of one or more undesired tasks is good if the doer is not the doer. The author, however, is not the doer. He never wanted to get up, he never wanted to go to bed, he never wanted to do anything but sit and wait.

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Kick-Off Luncheon Precedes Start of Roll Call Drive

U.S.A. Lives Under An "Economic Monarchy"

In the great debates attending the framing of our federal Constitution, most of the delegates were fearful that the Chief Executive, could through political manipulation and public astuteness, become a despot. The colonists wanted more of this—had they suffered longer under the British rule, fought and won a war for their independence?



Mrs. Berrien C. Ketchum, co-chairman of the 1951 Community House Roll Call, outlines plans for the drive at the kick-off luncheon Tuesday. Others (from left) are Mrs. Charles F. Guilford, Mrs. John P. St. Clair, Charles Blunt, chairman and Mrs. Carlson Isley, Community House director.

The luncheon acquainted officials and sections captains of final plans for the drive which officially gets under way Monday, Feb. 19.

Proposed Resolution to 'Plants Satisfied To Remain Part of Township,' He Says

Supervisor Sees Threat To Tax Base

'Plants Satisfied To Remain Part of Township,' He Says

Troy township will resist any attempts by Birmingham to annex township areas adjoining the city, Township Supervisor Charles R. Ryan disclosed this week.

In a lengthy statement that was more matter-of-fact than critical, Ryan pointed out that any Birmingham proposal with regard to territory to the east of the city would mean a considerable consideration of the interests of the whole township.

Proposed Building Code Stated for Discussion Feb. 23

Resolution Deleting Three Parking Lots Temporarily Tabled

They tabled Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie's resolution calling for a deletion from the proposed code.

An open meeting of the Birmingham building code committee is set Friday, Feb. 23 at 8 p. m. in the municipal building to discuss the proposed code.

The committee has taken out many of the specifications from the old code, and put in general provisions which require a certain percentage of the members point out that this leaves the way open for new building construction methods and use as they are developed and proved, without having to constantly change the specifications.

Persons having suggestions or matters they wish to bring up regarding the proposed building code, are invited to the open meeting. A limited number of copies of the proposed code are available at the municipal building.

Birmingham Soldier Wounded in Korea

According to War Department information, Pfc. George H. Guenther, 408 Bird street, was wounded Feb. 15 while on duty in Korea.

Pvt. Guenther served in the European theatre for two years during the war and returned to active duty last October and arrived in Korea Jan. 24.

Roll Call Starts Monday; \$13,000 Received by Mail

With the official opening of the annual Community House Roll Call set for Monday, Feb. 19, over \$13,000 has already been received by mail, Chairman Charles N. Blunt disclosed at the kick-off luncheon Tuesday when he said the \$30,000 goal seemed assured by March 5, closing date.

Joseph C. Harsch Speaks Under LWV Sponsorship

The League of Women Voters, as one of its community services, is sponsoring the Birmingham appearance March 7 of Joseph C. Harsch, well-known international news analyst and author.

Spokane on Washington Views the World Scene, Harsch will address a public meeting. As acting chief correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, Harsch is familiar with national and international events in the Capitol.

He served as news correspondent in Berlin from 1939 to 1941 and was also in London, Paris and Rome for the Monitor.

After his return to the United States, Harsch spent some time as news commentator for CBS and in 1945 returned to Europe. He made additional trips to Europe in 1947 and 1949.

Southfield Treasurer Injured in Fall

Southfield Township Treasurer Clara Lane sustained a broken hip Friday when she tripped over a hand base in the township office.

It's No Secret How She Does It

You, too, can pay the bills with the money you make by selling your old items through Eclectic Classifieds.

Paul Carter Named To Fill New Office In School System

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Birmingham public schools superintendent, has named Paul D. Carter as elementary school coordinator.

New Budget Will Be 10 Per Cent Higher, Estimates Indicate

Tentative 1951-52 city budget estimates indicate a 10 per cent larger budget than last year, according to figures presented to the city commission this week by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

The proposed \$219,770 budget is \$90,350.88 more than last year. The general tax levy would provide \$270,000 (up \$87,100.88) and miscellaneous revenues \$249,770 (up \$23,250), the figures disclosed.

Torry School Open House On February 26

Open house for the new \$235,000 Torrey elementary school will be held Feb. 26, Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland disclosed this week.

The building is part of the Birmingham board of education's \$3,100,000 school expansion program.

Three Firemen Made Assistants to Chief Of Fire Department

Assistant fire department chiefs have been named to the Birmingham fire department by the first time in its history.

Griffith explained one assistant chief will be on duty with each unit, with the third always available to relieve either at any time.

Group Forced to Cancel Ice Skating Carnival Plans

There will be no ice skating carnival Birmingham this winter because of lack of funds.

\$225 Fire Damage In City Last Month

Fire damages for the opening month of 1951 were estimated at \$225 by Fire Chief V. W. Griffith in his monthly report.

Will Name Reviewers

Board of review appointments for 1951 are expected to be made this week.

Decline Comment On Annexation

City commissioners declined to comment on a letter from the John R. Lumber Co. regarding annexation of property on the North side of the city to the east of Coolidge.

The company want an expression of opinion from the commission regarding possible annexation. The property is not contiguous to the city.

Major Crime Rate Up, Chief Reveals In His 1950 Report

Highlight of the year, as pointed out in the annual report of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, was the adoption last February of the Michigan Uniform Enforcement Policy.

"The policy was accepted wholeheartedly by our citizens," Moxley's report said, "as the fastest traffic policy ever used here."

FRIDAY SEEMED the worst day of the week, scoring 33, from 9 to 4 p. m. marked as the danger hour with 35.

GREEN TIMM Promotions for two members of the Birmingham police department were announced Wednesday by Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Resident Captures Unwelcome Visitor

Quick action on the part of Robert J. Johnson, 20555 Third Street, Southfield township, resulted in the capture Sunday of Kenneth Morrison of Hazel Park.

Defense Director for Bloomfield Hills

Paul Friedrich, Cranbrook Central committee executive director, was appointed Bloomfield Hills civilian defense director.

All members of the community are invited to purchase ROYAL MATTHEWS COMPANY, PHONE Enterprise 5315.