

Parking Problem Still Remains

Although the Birmingham city commission recently rejected the off-street parking plan presented to them two years ago by the plan commission, it goes without saying that the problem remains. Assuming, then, that the problem is

From Our Point of View

Las Vegas, Nevada, mecca for legalized gambling and short cuts to matrimonial severance, is within a hundred or so miles of recent atomic (?) bomb tests. When a blast goes off, it even shakes some of the gambling tables—perhaps helping the dice to return even greater takes for the house. Anyway—if you want to look at it from this angle—every divorce recently could be said to have been given a sort of Fourth of July celebration by the bomb blasts. "Yes, dearie," one of the feminine divorcees can be heard telling her friends, "just as the judge signed my decree that gave me freedom from John's mental cruelty, an atomic bomb went off in honor of the event."

Gen. Eisenhower is a great soldier; Serge Koussevitzky is a great musician. But both are in complete harmony on an old axiom: "God helps those who help themselves." Heo has told the United States that we should help Western Europe to arm and hold off the march of Communism... but only if Western Europe pitches in as it should. Koussevitzky told a Detroit audience of symphony lovers that he would build them a great orchestra... but only if Detroit agrees to pitch in the necessary funds.

Poor harassed Harry isn't going to allow Congress to trespass upon his constitutional right, as Commander-in-chief, to tell him where to send American military strength. Nor will it restrict him from telling some congressmen where to go—and vice versa.

Perhaps the best medicine for Secretary of State Dean Acheson (to acquaint him with what the United States is up against) would be to have him change from his striped diplomatic pants into a Marine uniform, and spend a week or two on the battle lines in Korea. Then Mister State Dept. might change his intellectual tactics.

Here is something few of us have realized before: We clerks, lathe operators, writers and dentists don't have to worry about where our next dollar is coming from. All we have to do is become farmers—and get our money from guaranteed prices.

This earth's greatest concentration of bureaucracy for the past 10 years has been centered in Washington, D.C. In times of both armistice and preparation for war emergencies, it fumbles many problems badly. Why?... simply because the American people, in electing high officials, also fumbles badly. (A river can rise no higher than its source.)

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT BEING STUDIED

For an indefinite time to come, any Birmingham off-street parking program is on the shelf. "I don't see anything about parking, it might settle arguments in cities where off-street parking is proposed," argues Paul.

But City Commissioner Garrison D. Fair, with an eye on the future, thinks the commission should get the state legislature to solve the objection to business men had to the plan under consideration for more than two years. He suggests the city might save valuable time if the legislature ironed out the assessment procedure against business property in any off-street parking plan.

LOCAL BUSINESSMEN protested the idea of presently improved property being assessed heavily, while future business development rides along on a low "vacant lot" assessment. "If the matter comes up here again, we will have accomplished something in the meantime. If we

don't do anything about parking, it might settle arguments in cities where off-street parking is proposed," argues Paul. But other commissioners indicated they would rather have City Assessor Elmer Haack list present ways such as an assessment made against "business property and the difficulties accompanying each method. Then commissioners want to study Haack's list to the Michigan Municipal League in Lansing for evaluation and suggestions on what can be done.

Young Republicans Revolt Oakland county's young Republicans have revolted against the old-line county GOP, primarily on the way the resolutions committee picks candidates in advance of the convention. This was demonstrated at the Jan. 29 convention in the nomination of Birmingham board of

Nice Trick if You Can Do It!



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Beehive—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO February 15, 1901 Thursday afternoon Mrs. McBride gave a most instructive and entertaining talk and exhibition on the Emerson DeLairde, Swedish and Medical System of Gymnastics, to an appreciative audience of ladies. She will speak before a like group in Holly real soon.

Audley Wilson is home from the wilds of Montana and is looking very well indeed. He says he even felt better than that. Dr. Ragsdale's cutter ran into a load of logs Monday last and the good man was rolled in the snow. He escaped unhurt. Slight damage to the cutter was the only result of the accident.

John Wilson of Saginaw street has lost his dog and feels very bad about it. The canine is a small black spitz and his name is Watch. Anyone who returns him will confer a great favor on the old gentleman.

Mrs. Edwin Miller has commenced preliminary proceedings against the Village of Birmingham for injuries received from a fall on a defective sidewalk Dec. 10 last. The amount of damages claimed is \$5,000.

20 YEARS AGO February 12, 1931 In spite of 40 names on a petition asking the board of education to reconsider their action banning baseball from the Baldwin high school sports schedule, members held fast. It appears that no amount of pressure can alter the fact that the death knell has been sounded for this popular sport.

A little girl, only two years old, decided to surprise Mommy with a good scrub Wednesday. To assure herself of privacy, she locked the bathroom door, but when ready to emerge, pink and shiny suds found she could not unlock it. Mommy was properly surprised—eventually.

Dr. H. A. Waite, director of education and assistant manager of the National Narcotic associa-

People's Column

The Executive welcomes letters for editorial use, but statements will be kept brief and to the point. Letters must be limited to 250 words.

To the Editor: High food prices are changing the American way of life. People have quit complaining about lost appetites. They're basting about them now.

A man trying to buy his groceries with a small income feels as useless as a "For Rent" sign in a residential section. Tables used to groan under the load of foodstuffs set on them. There's growing now some malnutrition. These same tables today look like a culinary desert.

One time young men tried to pick good cooks when they married and now they just want a gal who can operate a toaster and if she eats like a canary bird, she's a gem.

IF SOMEBODY asked me to name the Fair Deal man of the year, I would choose "Federal Aid." This fellow has done a lot of traveling.

At the rate we are going now, in the near future we can get federal aid for any project or purpose. I've been trying to figure out just what federal aid means. When a Fair Dealer defines federal aid to me, it sounds like a real gift and right out of Washington too.

When a Republican defines it, I begin to realize that it is a matter of taking money from Peter, the taxpayer, to pay Paul, another taxpayer.

Most of these federal aid tax dollars leave home apparently in the pink of health and by the time they return home, they not only look like they're suffering from amnesia but they look like two-bit.

FRED WEAVER, St. Louis, Mo. Approve Purchase Of Cast Iron Pipe A \$68,151.80 purchase of cast iron pipe for proposed 1951 water main construction was approved by the city commission Monday evening.

Two Lathrup Men Among Ternstedt 25 Year Employes

Two Lathrup townsite residents are among 142 employes of the Ternstedt division of General Motors Corp., who will be guests of honor at the division's annual 25-year engraved gold watch award banquet Feb. 16 at the Detroit Statler hotel. Honored for their long service will be Jesse A. Gall, 27745 Hackham boulevard, senior engineer in charge of tool die and production engineering, and Daniel Majecki, 1820 San Jose, senior production engineer of the instrument division.

Slippery Weather Calls For Good Brakes! GENERAL AUTO SERVICE WOODWARD AT FOREST MI 4-7930 UNITED MOTOR SERVICE AUTO-LITE SERVICE BENDIX BRAKE SERVICE WE DO GENERAL REPAIRS

"The Man Who Gets Things DONE... RIGHT!" VOTE FOR DUDLEY P. FRAME Present Southfield Township Supervisor REPUBLICAN PRIMARY February 19 Retain FEARLESS, COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP in Southfield Township Vote for DUDLEY P. FRAME INCUMBENT on the Republican Primary Ballot "The Man Who Gets Things DONE... RIGHT!"

SOLDIER STATESMAN PRESIDENT George Washington—whose ideals give us guidance—whose example of fortitude gives us courage—whose historic action gave us freedom. AN INSPIRATION TO FREE MEN THE WORLD OVER. THIS BANK WILL NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 22 THE BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL BANK BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Member Federal Reserve System