

H. A. Prussing, Ex-GM Executive, Dies in Chicago

Harold A. Prussing, 60, 9250 South Cranbrook road, a resident of Birmingham for the past 25 years, died Feb. 22 at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, after a long illness. Mr. Prussing was considered one of the leading transportation experts in the country.

Born in Chicago in 1891, he became associated with the Yellow Cab company in 1919. In 1928 he joined the staff of the Yellow Truck and Coach company in Pontiac, in the taxicab division.

He became vice-president of that company in 1933 and was in charge of taxicab sales. Five years later he was made special representative of the coach sales department.

In 1945 he was appointed regional coach sales manager, in charge of the Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska areas. He served in this capacity until his retirement last fall.

Mr. Prussing is survived by his mother Mrs. John Prussing of Chicago; his widow, Dorothy, of Birmingham; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Gunn of Chicago and Mrs. Dorothy Conway Bloomington, Ill.; two brothers, Arthur Prussing and Ernest Prussing both of Evanston, Ill.

Services were held Saturday afternoon from the Carroll funeral home in Chicago.

REHEARSAL A SCENE from "The Man Born to Be King" (by Dorothy Sayers) are, left to right, Elizabeth Chackina, Lewis Keenan and Edward T. Bennett, members of St. Dunstan's Guild. It is one of a series of 40-minute broadcast plays based on dramatic episodes from the life of Christ being presented on five Wednesday evenings during Lent at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Streets

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area is not a special assessment district.

Also slated for asphalt surfacing is Pierce from Maple to Brown. This project also is not a special assessment district.

Asphalt paving will be completed this year on Eton from Greenfield to Derby street as part of a special assessment.

The following streets will be given asphalt surface and curbs and gutters as part of special assessment districts: Benaville from Edgewood to Grand; Windermere from Chester from Eton to St. Andrew; and Edmough from Buckingham to Manchester.

Now being considered for a special assessment district is Kennebec and Mohagan from Oxford to Adams, and Oxford from Poppleton from Mohegan to Kennebec. This improvement will be asphalt paving and replacement of curb and gutter.

ALL ASPHALT SURFACING will be with two inches of asphalt concrete, Gary pointed out. Gary said that the following roads are controlled by the condition over their respective districts: Adams road and Maple east of River Rouge bridge.

Most of the resurfacing program will get underway early this summer. Gary said the best type of year for seal coating is when the weather is warm and dry.

Birmingham has a total of 84,100 miles of streets. Of this, there are 24,08 miles of some type of concrete road; 5,45 miles of gravel based roads with curb and gutter and two-inch asphalt surface; 13,52 miles of gravel-based roads with curb and gutter; and 19,81 miles of gravel roads with some kind of mat surface.

In addition, there are 10,95 miles with plain gravel roads; and 2,85 miles of unimproved roads. There are 1,44 miles of country roads in the city.

BIRMINGHAM CITY officials this year will be eagerly following state legislative action on various bills which would increase gas and weight tax revenues to Michigan municipalities.

A bill is now before the legislature which would provide a two-cent increase in the gas tax. There is a portion of this bill allowing a redistribution of highway revenue. In addition, Gov. G. Mennen Williams has indicated that he would support additional revenue from a corporation profit tax to provide these additional highway funds.

These additional sources of revenue would have to be used for street and highway purposes by the cities.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert stated when submitting the 1951 budget, that if extra funds are available from the gas and weight tax, a major portion will be appropriated directly to the street resurfacing account.

THE CITY MANAGER said this week that the recent street break-up of the city was no worse than anticipated and an additional charge proposition in the budget will not be necessary. He stated that the only thing that can be done until spring about the broken roads is patch them up.

However, he said he feared the effect of the March thaw on the city roads more.

Both the city manager and city engineer stated that not nearly so much road improvement can be done this year as they would like because of limited funds.

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Schools

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and Terry school is well along toward completion, with the exception of grading and landscaping of areas close to the building.

Ireland said all of the structural steel for sections A, B, and C is on the high school site, and the remainder of the steel for section D soon will be delivered. About one-third of the brick for this construction is on the site and most of the needed material has been purchased and stored.

The superintendent said there is a strong possibility the building will be completed by fall.

This & That

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troit judge, Mayor, and devotee of the abundant life.

Murphy endured an inner conflict between practicing unselfish politics, playing the practical game of the New Deal on a State level. He was the American godfather of the sit-down strike.

HE, A BACHELOR, sought marriage with Millenium... and, because the voters didn't want Utopia to his liking, voted him into the arms of his patron political saint, F.D.I., who promptly made him head of the Philippine government. He later served as Attorney-general and Supreme Court justice.

Frank Murphy created the matrix of the New Deal in Michigan politics. He reached for greatness... had one hand almost on... and lost his grasp because the handshakes of practical politicians are unable to hold on to the gold of civic righteousness.

Returned Frank Fitzgerald for a second term... to live for but three months of it when the Grim Reaper caught him up...

AND THEN Michigan had 21 months of agonizing Dickson, lifelong Republican, who could see the devil lurking in society's ball rooms but was blind to bargaining in portions of State government. He preached religion wherever he could find an audience. He practiced it less as Governor.

Pat Van Wagoner, whose Democratic political career the Oakland County Drain Commissioner to State Highway Commissioner was a Roosevelt mirage, did much to improve our highways. He loved (still does) the building of roads.

But he was projected into the Governor's chair for one term, and left it less happy than during his road building days. "Pat" now lives here in Birmingham, within four blocks of my home.

HARRY F. KELLY, Republican, followed "Pat" as Governor. For two terms the Detrouler warned his chair in the Governor's office. He achieved nothing great to encourage Republicanism to the masses, either.

Then cometh Kim Sigler, "racket-buster," colorful, civically serious, but politically unambitious. He merely wanted to provide "clean and honest government."

His one term brought civic challenges to Michigan, resulting in several changes for the better in the State Constitution.

But he took up aviation... he wanted to "play politics"... won ambitious enemies... and when the votes were counted after he ran behind some of his own ticks.

That was when G. Mennen Williams came in 1949 and he, ardent disciple of the New Deal, is still hovering beneath the Capitol dome in Lansing.

CONSIDER THEM all since Grover Cleveland. Some of them pretty good, some pretty poor.

Some of them honestly trying to help the people, some of them honestly trying to fool the people. And don't forget the people themselves. Have they, by and large, improved as citizens.

Perhaps the real answer may be found by appraising the national and state environment in which we all live today.

Truly, the traditional "American way of life" has been "doctored" during its various up and

downs, by an average of mediocrity in civic leadership.

All of which, Dear Reader, only proves that a political party, in and of itself, does not matter.

GREAT LEADERS come only from Great people, for "a river can rise higher than its source." Who are Great people? They are the informed, honest, self-reliant, and self-disciplined average men and women of each generation. They are people "who have their feet on the ground"... people who refuse to abandon tried and true highways of life... people who withstand the foolish invitations of the political demagogues, the quacks, the theorizing do-gooders, to travel the treacherous quicksand trails they map out to their "Promised Land."

City to Reconvert Property to State Highway Department

The Michigan state highway department has requested the city to reconvert to it property at the southeast corner of Hazel and Hunter and northeast corner of Hunter and northeast corner of the city to forestall any undesirable development. The state highway department now wants to sell the land to the adjacent owner, reserving an easement over the westerly four feet in addition to the established right-of-way of Hunter boulevard.

CITY MANAGER Donald Egbert recommended that the properties be conveyed to the highway commissioner with the understanding that he will reserve a four-foot strip for angle parking, and the prospective purchaser be informed that an access road will be constructed in front of the properties conveyed.

Egbert and the city assessor will prepare the deeds, get highway department approval and send them back to the city commission for acceptance.

Deadline for society club news is noon each Monday.

Terrace Rezoning Petition Denied By Commission

A petition from Irwin I. Cohn requesting a rezoning of property on North Woodward and Redding road to terrace classification was denied by the city commission Monday evening.

He asked that nine business lots at the southwest corner of Redding and Woodward be rezoned from business A to terrace, and that three lots on Redding be changed from income bungalow classification to terrace.

The city plan commission recommended that the Business A lots be rezoned but disapproved the rezoning of the income bungalow lots.

NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS also protested the proposed rezoning of the income bungalow lots. They felt property values would be affected by the presence of multiple dwelling units.

The attorney for the petitioner appeared at Monday's meeting and indicated that his client wouldn't be interested in partial rezoning. He planned to construct 30 units on the entire Woodward lot.

Although willing to rezone the Business A property, the commission denied both requests. It also denied Cohn's request for a vacation of an alley.

In another hearing, the commission approved the vacation of an alley in Birmingham Hills subdivision extending from Canterbury to Worthington and parallels Southfield road.

Eccentric Employee Has Korean Gift

Fred Reame of Rochester, night compositor for The Eccentric, received two billiard cues from his neighbor, EN/3 Frank Reams, who has been with the Bup since the outbreak of the war.

Both cues are ornately carved, one bearing a complete map of the Korean war area. The cues were declared for import at 1600 yen.

Community House Roll Call Receipts Top Halfway Mark

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danced at your Quarten school meeting and will so report to our association.

"We have been concerned about the lack of play area for our section."

"WE LIKE THE idea of closing off Linden and creation of a park there, providing it does not create a traffic problem over our narrow subdivision streets."

T. Leyland Blakeman, 375 Lake Park, director of the Detroit Regional Metropolitan Planning Commission, declared, "I have been in this planning business for 16 years and attended thousands of such hearings. The plan is being discussed here tonight for the very purpose of hearing your opinions and to give them consideration."

"It would help us greatly," commented Blunt of persons who promised to mail their contributions would send them in promptly. "We are anxious to complete the campaign within the two-week period."

"To the plan commission I say: you will find that the people who invariably show up are those who object. You also will have to give due consideration to the other 15,000 residents."

BLAKEMAN LEFT the room in the midst of a loud chorus of "boos!" Mrs. Charles N. Blunt, 1231 House director, noted that many new names have appeared on the donor lists.

"It is encouraging to know that newcomers to Birmingham are interested in the welfare of the Community House," she said. "Throughout the Roll Call contributions may be sent by mail to the Community House."

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"Perhaps it is better to face the facts now, rather than face more serious problems in the future," Mrs. Loomis pointed out. "If we come to certain conclusions before our next meeting, we will communicate these to you. Others may find we do not agree."

"BUT IT IS UP to us to use our best judgment—and that is what we intend to use."

She said another public hearing will be set, but not before March 22.

"Proper notice will of course be given," she added.

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