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THIS and THAT By G.R.A.

There are no human oracles capable of divining 100 per cent wisdom to solve the temporal problems that beset mankind...

NO, SIR, and No, Ma'am, politicians only make non-guaranteed promises when they run for office...

It is reported that for many weeks before he went to Key West for a vacation this winter, the President wanted to go there for a needed rest and change...

In an effort to capture and kill off some undesired pigeons, the Leven, Scotland, town council gave them some whiskey-soaked grain...

"Freedom of the press" is receiving a lot of attention and praise at the hands of Argentina's dictator Peron...

Society Dispute Appears Settled

The suit filed by 118 members of the Oakland County Animal Welfare Society against five officers of the group finally appeared to be settled.

Hearing to Consider Rezoning Adjourned

A public hearing to consider changing property bounded by Haynes, Werth, Webster and Hunter from Business A to Business B classification has been adjourned until Monday, April 2.

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LANCE C. MINOR



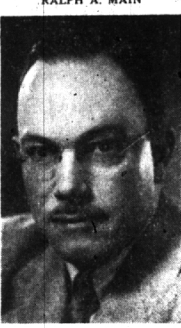
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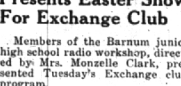
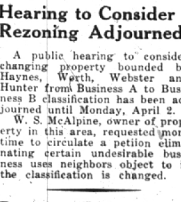
H. BEN RUHL



ROY W. LEMOYNÉ



BRUCE G. BOOTH



One Declines to Answer Commission Candidates Reply to Six Questions of Current Civic Interest

Birmingham voters this year are being offered the largest slate of candidates for city commission since the village became a city in 1933. Eight local men have declared themselves candidates for the three vacancies of three years each, two for the single one-year vacancy.

1. Do you believe city costs can be decreased by the elimination of unnecessary, or extravagant, services in one or more of its departments? If so, where? (For exact phrasing this question will later be referred to as DECREASED CITY COSTS.)

2. Do you believe there is a need for better cooperation, better understanding, better "working connections" between the city plan commission and the city commission, toward the end that both units know the policies, convictions and opinions of the other unit?

3. In spite of neighborhood objections to maintain the "status quo" do you believe the city commission should prepare and adopt and adhere to a systematic program of hard surfacing streets to save road repairing and maintenance costs and thus permit corresponding tax reductions? (This will be referred to as STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.)

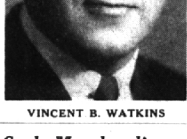
4. Many persons are now aware of the need for a new bridge over the Rouge, will new bridge construction be a larger plan that would include the relocation of Maple Avenue at that point?

5. Do you favor the April 2 city ballot proposition to change the city charter so the city may participate from zero up to 25 per cent in special assessment projects, instead of presently being required to participate at least 15 per cent in such assessments?

6. Do you favor the issuance of \$100,000 in city general obligation bonds to fund the relocation of W. Maple, between Cheate and Linden, so the new W. Maple bridge can be properly used? If not, why? (This will be referred to as SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CHANGE.)



VINCENT B. WATKINS



RICHARD PATTERSON



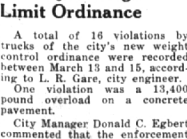
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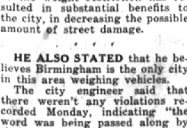
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City Will Pause for Annual Good Friday, Easter Observances

Traditional Tre Ore services at the First Methodist church will again mark Birmingham's solemn celebration of Good Friday.

Under the direction of the Rev. Reginald Becker, pastor of Embury Methodist church and president of the Birmingham Council of Churches, the services will begin promptly at noon.

The "Voice of Faith" will be the theme of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian church.

The Good Friday service, also at 8 p.m., will include communion and the sermon on "This Day Thou Shalt be with Me in Paradise."

THE PASTOR, the Rev. Theodor W. Segars, will at 7:30 a.m. deliver the sermon "Christ We're Not Risen!" in both the 9 and 11 o'clock services.

THE YOUNG people of the church will have an Easter breakfast and service at 8 o'clock. The service will be especially for high and junior high school students.

IN THE Residee members at 7:30 p.m., the pastor will speak on "The Resurrection—from Fact to Faith."

At Embury Methodist church the annual Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Duplicate services are planned for 9:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

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ALL members of lower grade members should bring their own candles. PHONE Enterprise 6318.

Master Plan Discussed by Commission Booth Demands Joint Meeting With Planners

The city commission will request the plan commission not to take any action on approving the Master Plan until a joint meeting between the two groups can be held.

Booth suggested the meeting be held following the second hearing on the Master Plan.

The mayor stated, "I think the city commission should have a joint meeting with the plan commission before any action on the master plan is taken."

BEIER STATED, "A while ago, when we considered the Redding road zoning matter, we said we would not have any rezoning restrictions prohibit it. Of what use is it to project a different use?"

BEIER STATED that the city commission should inform the plan commission of its rezoning of restricted areas.

THE REPORT of the association objected to having the master plan certified to the register of deeds.

Another communication from Mr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond protested the inclusion of part of their property at 1109 N. Woodward.

Cornell said in the letter, "Two members of the plan commission are not citizens of Birmingham, and one of them is in the business of selling and speculating in real estate here in Birmingham."

HARRY F. KLEIN resides in Troy Township and Robert Mason lives in Birmingham. The real estate man on the commission is Elliott Kinney.

Cash, Merchandise Taken From Local Business Places

Two business places in the Maple-Chesterfield shopping area were entered Saturday night with an attempt made to enter a third.

Over \$400 was taken from the Quatron market and a quantity of merchandise removed from Bitterley's service station nearby.

On THURSDAY police were called to investigate a break-in at Bennett's garage, 1351 South Woodward.

Report Violations Of City's Weight Limit Ordinance

A total of 18 violations by trucks of the city's new weight control ordinance were recorded between March 13 and 15, according to L. R. Gave, city engineer.

Two Changes in City Master Map

Two original master plan proposals for changes in zoning will be modified by the plan commission at its regular meeting March 22.

The commission is expected to confirm an agreement reached at a March 6 committee meeting that would shift a proposed neighborhood shopping center from the northwest to the northeast corner of Southfield and 14 Mile.

BOTH ORIGINAL suggestions have met with opposition from property owners and neighbors.

Heart Attack

Charles Mortensen, Chamber of Commerce secretary, announced today that, according to custom, most Birmingham business establishments would be closed from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Good Friday afternoon to afford personnel an opportunity to attend the Tre Ore services at the First Methodist church.

Candidates Invited To Attend Voters Rally on Tuesday

The 10 candidates for the four vacancies on the Birmingham city commission have been invited to appear at a voters rally at the Community House Tuesday, March 27, at 8:30 p.m.

With the development of our city, when members of the Birmingham time-to-time Today Birmingham provides those services generally recognized as appropriate to municipal government.

CITY-PLAN COOPERATION: The other hand is faced with the understanding on the part of the plan commission of the problems facing the city commission.

For 3-Year Term Bruce G. Booth

1740 Penitence, married and has three children; resident of Birmingham 20 years; attended Detroit public schools; A.B. and L.B. degrees from University of Michigan.

City Street Paving Scheduled to Start First Part of April

Paving of city streets will get underway the first part of April, weather permitting, according to W. R. Campbell, vice president of Trinity Brothers Co. Inc.

The firm was awarded a \$102,399.95 paving contract by the city commission last summer.

Beverly Hills Home Entered Saturday

The Charles Hilgendorf residence, 169811 Birchwood, Beverly Hills entered Saturday evening and approximately \$85, some jewelry and valuable papers taken.

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