

As I behold the wondrous birth of a new flower each spring I am moved to say: "Beneath the surface of the superficiality of life are strength and the ideal of a life that is able to do its duty upon enduring values and your life will be stronger."

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Congress Can Control The President

While the U. S. Constitution provides that the President is empowered to arrange foreign treaties and set international policy, it is not clear that he is able to do so subject to control by both Houses of Congress.

The Senate must ratify all treaties before they become active. The House, which originates all appropriations, has this control over the Executive.

But, in a democracy, where both good and bad, ignorant and intelligent, and levels in between, are personified by our Congressmen, perfection cannot be expected.

The root of all our civic troubles is contained in the fact that not enough of our 150 million population interest themselves in the problems and solutions of government to come up with enough right answers. Also, public indifference, apathy, and selfishness account for the fact that many of the people elected to the office are below par.

It has been said that "Heaven is a state of mind." It may also be said that "The ideal democracy is merely a state of mind—visioned by some, but not yet attained."

In Paris recently, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko declared that "Russia has become a great meat grinder for Americans and their satellites . . . We will win with the atom bomb." Well, Minister Gromyko, if you and Stalin had the free world might believe you. What you are probably fearful of is the fact that the free nations are sharpening up their military teeth, to make good, if necessary, the overplump Russian Bear.

Local Entrant in Detroit Spelling Bee Finishes 16th

Birmingham's representative in the annual metropolitan spelling bee, Michael Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weston, 94 Kenesaw, was 16th to go down last Friday.

Of the 31 district champions from the Southeastern Michigan schools competed. The bee started at 10 a. m. and Michael fell out shortly before noon.

Future East Side Fire Hall Site At Adams, Bowers

Site of the future east side fire station will be at the northwest corner of Adams and Bowers. Purchase of this property was approved by the city commission Monday.

West Maple Paving Approved by City

Necessity of widening and resurfacing West Maple avenue between Bates and Chester was approved by the city commission Monday. The paving and resurfacing work will be prepared.

Estimated cost of the project is \$50,000. The site of the station will be shared by property owners. The city will pay for the rest of the cost. The street will be widened from 36 to 44 feet.

FORD ADV. CORRECTION
Due to a printing error, the Harold Turner, Inc. Ford advertisement in issue of part four should include this statement: "Ford Features: Starting January 1, 1952, Ford will be advertising on NBC-TV, WFTV, Thursday at 11:30 p. m."

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'Washboard Lane' Suggested as Name For Chesterfield

By GEORGE W.M. AVERILL

City Commissioner Frank Rivington night invited fellow commissioners to visit his part of town and ride around over "Last Chance," "Chuckhole Blvd.," "Broken Spring Drive," and "Washboard Lane."

He said he was referring, respectively, to Puritan, Pillgrim, Suffield, and Chesterfield roads.

"It's a little impossible to drive over," he claimed.

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ZONE A WILL require a cubic content for homes of at least 35,000 feet with at least 30,000 feet above ground level.

Previously there has been only one residence district in the Hills and the minimum requirement was 35,000 cubic feet.

ALGAE CONTROL MAN TAKES SAMPLES FROM QUARTON LAKE

Dr. Bernard Domagala of Butler, Wis., who has been engaged by the city to chemically treat weed growth on Quarton Lake, was in Birmingham Monday and took several samples of water from the lake.

He expects to return in about two or three weeks to start the actual treatment. He stated the best time to start the operation is in the late spring or early summer.

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Ed Furgol, well-known professional golfer from Royal Oak, made a hole-in-one on the Oakland Hills golf course last Friday while playing with Tom Cosmos and Bill Birchard.

With a two iron, he took the 216-yard ninth hole, Cosmos, assistant professional at the club, stated that a hole in one on the Oakland Hills course is quite rare as only one or two are made there each year.

CH BOARD TO RELEASE ROLL CALL FIGURES

Community House board members will meet Monday evening, May 14, when final figures of the 1951 Roll Call will be released.

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Tree Ordinance Will Provide City Greater Control

The rough draft of a proposed ordinance on trees and shrubs in the City of Birmingham was turned over Monday evening to commissioners for study.

The draft was prepared by City Manager Donald C. Egbert after an investigation of city problems and a study of similar ordinances in nearby communities, as well as one prepared by the national shade tree conference.

A hearing date will be set after commissioners have been given an opportunity for a complete study and to make any preliminary changes deemed necessary.

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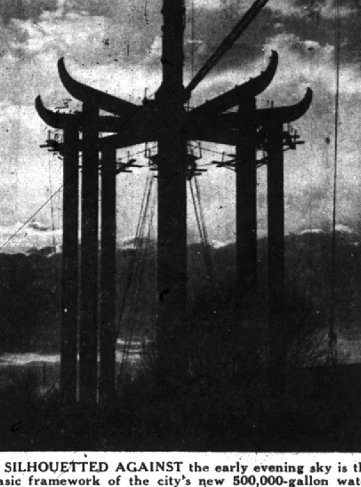
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SILHOUETTED AGAINST the early evening sky is the basic framework of the city's new 500,000-gallon water storage tank at Eton and Derby road, not a Chinese Pagoda as some people may think after viewing the present statue of the project.

When completed, the tank will help materially to bolster the city's water storage and supply problem.

Howard Holah Leaves Theater After 22 Years of Service

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"It's indefinite. I have taken a leave of absence, for the time being. I've been there for 22 years and I'm getting very tired. That, along with the back injury I suffered last February has made me decide it is time to take a rest."

Howard Holah, manager of the Birmingham theater since 1929, programs are arranged for the youngsters in conjunction with civic groups.

HOLAH TURNED his energies to furthering bond sales, scrap drives and blood bank campaigns during the war. He has given freely of his time and energy in whatever field he could since coming to Birmingham.

"Birmingham is home," he said. "Right now I'm going to rest. I may travel a bit, but Birmingham will always be home. I've watched one generation grow up and I'm watching another. I will always be doing something that will keep me in touch with the people of my home town."

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Anderson had gone to Hilton Beach, Ont., with Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Anderson with whom he makes his home. They informed the daughter, Mrs. W. E. Trainer. While there the family drove to Royal Oak had run into a short distance away.

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New Building Code Approved By Commission

Approximately 17 months of study and work was climaxed Monday evening when the city commission approved the new building code.

Brady Pruden, chairman of the building code committee, stated the new ordinance is a performance code rather than a prescriptive code.

He pointed out that it should be brought up to date periodically for minor changes which will constantly be occurring in the 47 codes referred to.

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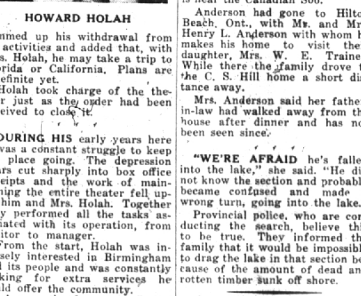
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The classes were getting bigger and bigger and there wasn't enough room at the high school. He said "This place was plenty big enough, so why not? Anyway, I like the kids."

The reason behind many of Holah's acts in Birmingham, He has special programs for Saturday matinees. The theater is used by the Children's Theater group for their stage productions for children. Special Christmas

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