

Each of us lives in his own little world, surrounded by conditions that are not made at our own hands, head and heart. For most part, those conditions are things we are aware of, but it is to bring them to light.

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H. Vandenberg and THAT

By G. R. A.

Important Incidents In Career of Sen. Vandenberg
In the passing April 18, of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan has lost its most famous statesman, the nation a great post-war international patriot, and leader; and I have lost a long-time personal friend.

He increased in stature as the years went their course, changing from a Republican isolationist to a leader and welder of bipartisan attitude immediately upon the entry of the United States into World War I.

For more than a year, preceding his death in Grand Rapids at the age of 77, Senator Vandenberg's voice was muted because of serious illness. Had he retained his usual vigor, who can doubt but what he might have influenced a more realistic foreign policy, to meet the changing demands of the fluid international situation.

INDEED, HE might have brought about a situation which conceivably could have avoided the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the four months of military might have been changed. Gossamer, to be sure, are the threads of destiny that weave the lives of men and nations.

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AT THAT TIME I was fairly young, and I did not know what I could impress the Ionia manufacturer that he ought to accept a position with the Ionia postmark, he wrote me in part: "Thanks for your letter of April 22nd and for the check for everything that preceded it. You have played a large part in my life and I am sure that you will be glad to hear that I am still a week before that letter, on March 31, 1928."

ALTHOUGH Gov. Green, when he first appointed Senator Vandenberg, was on friendly terms with him, before the Senator's six years, they were not politically friendly. So much so that Green, whose second term Vandenberg opposed, it is well known that he would oppose Vandenberg in the 1934 campaign.

WITHIN a month I had received the signed manifesto from 165 Michigan newspaper editors arranged a luncheon in Lansing, with Vandenberg present, and presented the pledge, to support his friend W. Green, realizing his lack of editorial support, withdrew from the campaign.

The Birmingham Electric

Off Street Parking Survey

Indefinitely Table Filing of Master Plan with County

By RAY DENNIS
In a surprise move at Thursday evening's city plan commission meeting, the group decided to indefinitely table filing of the master plan with the county register of deeds office.

The decision came after the commission heard varied opinions on the matter from several sources. Also highlighting the meeting was an appeal made by George R. Averill for the commission to obtain its own legal counsel.

QUESTION OF the filing of the plan with the county register of deeds office has met with much controversy for the past several weeks. It was felt by some that it would be a legal matter of reference to the master plan would appear on abstracts of title and would depreciate property which was slated for future use.

HASCAL ALSO stated that there is some law to the effect that filing the plan with the register of deeds might constitute a cloud on title to real estate covered by the plan. He suggested that a resolution of the plan commission adopting the plan might be forwarded to the county register of deeds, putting him on notice that the group has a master plan in effect in the city and to pass upon subdivision plans.

IN CONCLUDING, he said, "The town needs planning but whatever you do, do it legally. It is necessary that for all your work you get many kicks in the shins and few commendations. Go to it, but be legal."

FOLLOWING THE motion, the commission voted to send a letter to the county plan commission asking that group to investigate the possibility of a shopping center in the area west of Cranbrook and Maple.

Special Election Due In Franklin On Incorporation

FRANKLIN—A stormy four-hour session Tuesday night in the Franklin Community hall left the proposed incorporation as a "home rule village" still undecided and a special election is being planned.

A motion for a vote of those present was denied when it was pointed out that the number could not be considered a fair representation of the area's 1,179 eligible voters.

EDWARD Green, president of the Franklin Community association, was directed to plan the election and name a committee to draft a petition for circulation through what is known as the Franklin school district. This is bounded on the south by 12 1/2 Mile; east by 13 Mile; west by 14 Mile and north by 15 Mile and west by Inkster.

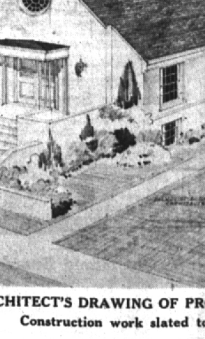
IT WAS DECIDED that, should incorporation proceedings be dropped at this time, Residents of special election, the action will be special election.

ALGAE Expert Due Here at Any Time
Dr. Bernard Domogala of Butler, Wis., engaged by the city to eliminate the algae growth in Quanton Lake, has advised Dana Whitman, assistant to the city manager, that he will be in town within the next week.

WANTED: Good Man For A Tough Job
Birmingham is still seeking a new superintendent for the department of public works. Donald C. Egbert, city manager, said no one had yet been chosen to take over the work of Max Fall, DPW head since 1948, who has resigned to enter private business.

FOR REVENUES, permit fees for \$34,000 have already exceeded estimates by \$13,000, according to the current level of building activity could boost the excess for the fiscal year to \$20,000.

THE CRUSADE WILL last for one week. During this time, church members will be contacted. Estimated cost of the new church is \$60,000. The sanctuary will be 30 by 70 feet and the education wing 30 by 30. Rev. Becker said the sanctuary will accommodate approximately 100 persons. In addition, there will be nine individual Sunday school classrooms and a separate entrance into the education wing will be constructed.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED \$60,000 BUILDING
Construction work slated to start within 60 days

Graduation Week Speakers Named

Dr. Luther Gable, Chicago scientist, will speak on "New Careers in New Frontiers" at the Baldwin high school commencement exercises. The program will be at 10 a.m. June 21, in the Birmingham theater.

On Sunday, June 17, the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel of the First Methodist church will deliver the baccalaureate address in the high school auditorium.

Dr. Gable, author and instructor of electronics, will outline the opportunities offered in the industrial field through the peaceful application of atomic energy.

STEWART E. BAYNES
Stewart E. Baynes Named Manager of Credit Bureau
New manager of Birmingham Credit Bureau, effective Tuesday, May 1, is Stewart E. Baynes of Pontiac.

Baynes was with the Credit Bureau, Inc., of Salem, Ore., for 10 months. Pontiac Credit Bureau was established two years and was credit manager with Lewis Furniture Corp. for two years. He was graduated from Clarkston High school and attended Michigan State College.

City Revenues to Surpass Expenses
City revenues should exceed expenditures by approximately \$40,000, according to a detailed study by Edward Hermyon, chief accountant, of the general fund budget as of March 31.

Bids Sought for New Post Office Quarters in Hills
Either a new post office building will be constructed in Bloomfield Hills or the office will move in leased quarters in a building already ready built, according to Postmaster Jack Richmond.

Named to Board
Frank Rising has been appointed to the police trial board to replace former Commissioner Garland Tait. Other members of the board include Mayor Chad Ritchie and Dean Beier.

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New Committee To Be Named by Mayor Next Week

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
A fresh start on Birmingham's off-street parking problem will get underway next week with Mayor Chad Ritchie's appointment of a new advisory committee.

Ritchie undoubtedly will include in the new committee's membership a local businessman and a city commissioner.

Holy Name Plans Convent Addition; Ready This Fall
Work is already under way on the \$20,000 expansion program for the Holy Name convent.

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Main Appointed Deputy County Drain Commissioner
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