

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**CITY MANAGER** Donald C. Egbert is strongly opposed to the city-wide spread of "shopping centers". He told this to the city plan commission last week when that body was discussing the use of various business area properties in Birmingham. "Whenever a shopping center springs up, rubbish, papers, and other trash becomes an eye-sore," stated Egbert.

**A RENEWED APPEAL** by property owners in the southwest quadrant of the Birmingham business section for the city to discuss ways and means of getting an off-street parking lot for that area was made to the city commission this week. A spokesman for the group, E. E. Rothman, asked commissioners to meet with the group at the earliest possible date.

**PROPERTY OWNERS** along Sheffield road in the Quarton Lake Estate area have taken the city to task for attempting to assess them for new sidewalks (ha) or otherwise dislocated by what residents claim are city trees. Twenty-seven owners have petitioned the city commission to assume the responsibility for damage resulting from trees within one foot of the sidewalk. The petition points out that several years ago the city did assume the responsibility and temporarily patched up the walks.

**THIS PARAGRAPH** isn't a bit of Birmingham... but it is a bit of nearby Pontiac. Thursday of last week this Wanderer was invited up to the Pontiac Community National Bank to enjoy a free luncheon on the occasion of that institution's 20th birthday. Going through the bank later, we came upon the large desk of Robert J. Eldred, vice-president. Perhaps we should say we came upon what looked like a fancy bake sale—for all over it were the tastiest looking cakes you ever saw, decorated in all colors. They had been baked by some of the feminine members of the bank's staff; not for the bank's 20th birthday at all... but for Mr. Eldred himself, whose birthday fell on July 30.

**ON A RECENT TRIP EAST** to visit relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, 1260 Buckingham, stopped at the Corning glass center at Corning, N.Y., to visit the museum. The museum tour includes the history of the glass industry from 1800 B.C. to the present, the uses to which glass is put today, the making of fine crystals in the Steuben factory and the 200 inch mirror. The twin of which is in the Hale telescope at Mt. Palomar, Calif.

**ITS SECOND ANNUAL** ice cream social and square dance party will be held by the Birmingham Rotary club Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Briggs parking lot on East Maple, just east of Woodward. Proceeds will be used to help pay for a new station wagon the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children can use to transport youngsters back and forth to doctors' offices for treatment. Mat Cammerer is chairman of this Sept. 11 project.

**BIRMINGHAM'S** MAYOR Ralph A. Mann has just acquired a bare-faced look. "I wish he shaved off his familiar mustache. I do it every once in a while," he confessed to friends.

*Arrangance is an affection of self-importance that is less justifiable than the efforts of a strutting peacock to attract attention by extending its feathers. What the peacock does is done in accordance with his instincts; arrangance is the worst form of vanity.*

## UP All-Stars Down AL Post In Game Here

The American Legion's Upper Peninsula All-Stars team made good their conquest of Birmingham Monday night defeating the Charles Edwards Post 7-1 at the high school field.

The UP team, playing almost entirely on a two-week tour of Michigan cities, was handicuffed by Birmingham pitcher Dick Sheldon for the first six innings as Sheldon faced only 18 batters.

Birmingham batters were having their own troubles with the offerings of Vernon Jarvinen, UP hurler who allowed only three hits.

The game was decided quickly in the seventh inning when the all-stars scored all seven runs off five hits and two bases on balls. All hits were charged to Sheldon who was relieved by Danny Cornia.

**THE OUTSTANDING** play of the game was made by Tom Beck of Birmingham who ran behind second to field a sharp ground ball off the bat of Ronald Steiner to rob the UP catcher of a hit.

Members of both teams were feted at a banquet held after the game at the American Legion hall. Principal speakers at the program were Hub Walker, former Detroit Tiger outfielder, and former Red Wing hockey player Eddie Good-fellow.

The All-Stars left Birmingham Tuesday morning for a game in Lansing.

## Alley Relocation Hearing Called

The Birmingham city commission Monday night set Sept. 14 as the date for a public hearing on the relocation of an alley at the rear of the Birmingham National Bank's proposed branch office on Woodward and Bird street.

The city plan board held a public hearing on the relocation of the south section of the alley moving the entrance on Fourteen Mile road 50 feet to the west and found that no resident objection would be made if the alley were screened.

Commissioners and planners alike believe that the entire problem of the alley's location and a parking lot fronting on Bird street should be studied before granting the request to move just one section of the alley.

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JERRY BECK DICK SHELDON VERNON JARVINEN RONALD STEINER  
Starting batteries compare notes before game time. (Eccentric Staff Photo)



PAT CVENGROS  
Michigan's most valuable Legion player. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Special Stamp Honors Truckers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A special stamp marking the 50th anniversary of America's trucking industry will be issued by the Post Office Department.

The following Post Office Department news release:

"Postmaster: General Arthur Summerfield has announced approval of a stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American trucking industry. The stamp will be issued in conjunction with the American Trucking Association's annual convention in Los Angeles. First day of issue will be October 27, 1953. Further details regarding design and color will be announced later."

**PETITION FOR** the stamp was made to the Post Office Department by Walter F. Carey, of Birmingham, Mich., president of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.

Carey's letter to Summerfield, requesting the stamp, pointed out that 1953 is the 50th anniversary of the motor truck's "first formal, national recognition as a distinct unit in the young automobile field."

**Want Bird St. Paved**

Owners of 25 parcels of land on Bird street, between Woodward and Cummings, have petitioned the Birmingham city commission to create a special assessment district for the paving of that street. The matter has been referred to City Manager Donald Egbert for his report.

## Bloomfield Man Pays \$125 After Shooting

Arraigned July 29 before Bloomfield Justice Elmer C. Dietzle, David B. Burrough, 24, of 1036 West Glenary, entered a plea of guilty to firing a gun while under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$125 and placed on six months probation.

Burrough was arrested July 28 after he fired a shot at police who were investigating a report of a disturbance at the Burleigh home.

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## Meters Big Source Of Income, Fiscal Report Reveals

Street parking in Birmingham proved to be a major source of revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953, according to a city report just issued.

The 427 in-service meters had a total revenue of \$41,658.48 with expenses for operation and depreciation amounting to \$8,986.73. A total of \$17,000 was paid to the city's general fund prior to establishing a separate account for meter revenues.

The average income per meter was \$95.11, compared with the national average of \$85.

## OK Cole Paving

The assessor's roll for the construction of 29-foot pavement on Cole street between Eion and a point 610 feet west was approved by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night. Payment of the improvement was ordered in one installment.

## ROTC Students Go to Rome Base

Robert B. Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Hardy, 851 Hazelwood, has been assigned to Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, N. Y., for a month's assignment with the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Also at Rome for the month will be Charles W. Burnham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Burnham, 1439 Villa.

Hardy, a student at Harvard university, has had three years of ROTC work and will be commissioned in June, 1954.

Burnham, who goes to Rome from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also has three years with ROTC and will receive his commission at the same time.

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## Dump Charges Up, Officials Told

Rate charges for the disposal of refuse at the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority site on West Maple have been increased slightly, authority members learned recently.

New that the land-fill operation at the dump site has been in operation for a few months, authority officials have been able to determine more closely the actual costs of operating the dump.

Meanwhile, Birmingham officials still are being besieged by irate residents who find that the dump is closed on Sunday. So the city has ordered a sign erected at the dump informing residents that another dump is open in Southfield township over the weekend.

Officials have added that a charge will be made at the Southfield dump as is now made at the SOC authority's dump.

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