

Most of us, every day, are thrown into contact with others. As we listen to and watch them, do they do us good? Do we not, then, have countless opportunities daily to set examples of good or evil... just as others do for us. Important, isn't it?

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## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

A Flint woman admits losing \$4,000 in two years, playing bingo in her own church. A Michigan law allowing church people to use money gambling to get it back, if possible. Apparently some in Flint went to church for something other than spiritual wealth.

Guest towels are placed where they are so that guests may use them. It naturally follows, then, that guests should use them liberally, thus letting the hostess know that her thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Who said this: "If I hadna known that you wanted to have went, I certainly would have said that you got to git to go?"

Would it not pay most of us, from time to time, to be more generous and give things away for the benefit of the doubt?

A U. S. Senate investigating committee, while stating that most American public school teachers are loyal to this country, declares that "many hundreds of American school teachers are Communists, including some in Detroit." That will provide the Detroit Board of Education with some manner of problem.

Do you earnestly desire to have your various federal taxes reduced? Do you want Washington, D. C., to adopt a real economy program?

Then why don't you take a few minutes off—right now—and write a brief note about it to: U. S. Senators Homer Ferguson and Charles McNair, c/o Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.; another note to your Congressman, George A. Bender, House Office Bldg., same city.

Remember that plenty of pressure will be put upon the men to continue the same old arrangements—plenty of effort will be made to have the heavy administration continue to wear the robes of Santa Claus.

## City Seeks Simple, Long Range Set-Up For Civil Defense

Earl Sandquist, deputy defense director for Birmingham, said this week that all civil defense drills will be held shortly to arrange further details in the Birmingham defense set-up.

There have been many suggestions as to what we need," Sandquist said, "but none have been adopted. Our aim is to establish a system which will work smoothly, be moderate as to cost, and simple enough to maintain over a period of years without being a burden."

"WHEN THE final plans are made, they will include a system of warnings, communications, care for injured, auxiliary firemen and police and a way to make Birmingham as self-sustaining as possible." Sandquist said a chief clerk war-who probably would be appointed at the meeting, as yet uncheduled, who would be asked to map his plans for the establishment and operation of a block warden system.

## High School Hosts Cage Tournament

Birmingham high school will play host to the class A basketball tournament, March 11-14.

Teams from Berkeley, East Detroit, Detroit DeLaSalle, Mt. Clemens, Pontiac and Waterford township will vie with Birmingham for tournament honors on the new high school gym floor.

This will be the first basketball tournament held in Birmingham.

## Are YOU Wondering

where the NEXT DOLLAR is coming from?

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You'll be amazed at quick response to whatever it is you have to sell.

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Turn on your PORCH LIGHT FIGHT POLIO TONIGHT

**ALTHOUGH HE'S ONLY 4**, Jimmy Cannon will be quite proud to wear the "Tonight I Am A Mother" button which is being supplied for the men who volunteer their services during the Mothers' March on Polio from 7 to 8 o'clock (this evening Jan. 29). The son of Mr. and Mrs. David T. Cannon of 1535 Washington, Jimmy had polio last year and knows what it is all about. Gleaming porch lights will summon Jimmy and all the men and women chairman John B. Taylor has announced that curbs will be dispatched to collect donations from any local families who have not been contacted by one of the volunteers. Messages for this service may be called to the Taylor Brothers Company, offices at 985 Haynes and pick up will be made immediately.

## Eton Park to Be Level And Grassy, At Least

The first portion of the city's recreation board plan to develop Eton Park was presented to city commissioners Monday night and the commission tabled action on the project until it can be studied in the light of the 1953-54 city budget.

## Congregational Group Endorses Proposed Church

The attempt to establish a Congregational church in Birmingham got underway Sunday when about 40 persons attended the first formal meeting held to consider the possibility.

The group voted unanimously to appoint committees and proceed as rapidly as possible with the establishment of a church.

Dr. E. W. Wilcox, director of the Congregational Association of Detroit, who presided, explained the plan in which the association cooperates with a group in organizing a new church.

Dr. Wilcox said numerous inquiries had been received in Detroit, attempting a deep interest in a Birmingham church.

DURING THE past several weeks Dr. Wilcox has met with Birmingham residents in informal discussions of the need for a church and the possibility of forming one.

He has worked closely with Jack A. Clark of 4707 Olivia and Joel Riley, a member of the church extension board.

Clark was named chairman of the general organization committee and will be assisted by William Arland, James Plack, Sanford Taylor, Norman Strong and others to be appointed.

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## WILLETS PLANS TO ADD 429 OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES

### 429 Spaces Only Half Amount Needed Now, Says Rosenfield

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Development of a 429-car parking lot west of Woodward avenue and north of Willets, proposed by the city commission last week, would be merely the first step in a long range plan to accommodate parking for almost 2,000 cars in that area if the interested groups have their say.

In a report submitted to the city by Nathan Rosenfield, president of Jacobson's, Inc., Rosenfield stated that until multi-level parking was made available, the proposed Willets-Woodward lot would provide only half the spaces it should to meet modern standards of off street parking in comparison to business floor areas.

Present day planners call for 250 square feet of parking space for each 125 square feet of commercial area, 55 meters would be provided by the proposed Willets lot, he declared.

He also pointed out that the proposed building would be totally inadequate if it were considered it would also provide parking facilities needed by the southwest portion of the city's business area (south of Maple and west of Woodward).

IN FURTHER explaining the aims of planning, Rosenfield reported that the trend toward parking on city streets to allow a faster flow of traffic was gaining in popularity. He forecast that in the northwest section of the commercial area, 55 meters would be provided by the proposed Willets lot, he declared.

Some 72 percent of all available off-street parking in the northwest section of the commercial area, 55 meters would be provided by the proposed Willets lot, he declared.

IN THE PROPOSED lot, 162 places would be reserved for those long-term parkers.

Those favoring the Willets lot propose to construct a lower level under the lot to accommodate 360 cars which could be reserved entirely for all-day parking.

The report denies that any loss in tax revenue would result from the proposed plan. It estimates that 172 cars are now being parked within the northwest corner for the entire day. This figure is expected to be over 250 cars four years from now.

Southfield township will take the question of a combined planning commission and zoning board residents at a public meeting February 23.

Planning board members have been actively furthering the establishment of a planning commission that would be empowered to direct zoning restrictions in the fast growing township.

To gain this authority, planners hope to jump the powers of the present zone board with the operation of a nine-man planning commission.

The plan board has submitted ordinance setting up the planning commission to the township board for their approval but board members decided that the people should have the final say on any changes in the present zone board that was voted in by the people in 1946.

TOWNSHIP CLERK Fannie Adams opposed the method used by the planners to gain township approval.

"My objections to the ordinance are only in the way these men have tried to run this through when we are but a three-member board," Mrs. Adams said.

Supervisor William Roesser argued that the township was badly in need of sound planning and a revision in the present zoning ordinance.

"The thing we need most is a strong and spelled-out zoning code that would stand up in court and protect Southfield residents," Roesser stated.

Roesser explained that this was merely a merger of the zone board and the plan board and would not result in any loss of zoning powers.

Township Treasurer Clara Lane reasoned that the people should be heard on as important a matter as this ordinance and board members agreed that publication of the public hearing should be made for four weeks prior to the meeting.

THE CITY'S part in the overall development of the Willets lot has already been given tentative approval by city commissioners.

Initial outlay would call for between \$60,000 and \$85,000 to purchase parcels of land not in the hands of the sponsoring merchants. Cost of clearing the area, resurfacing and screening is expected to be nearly \$60,000 with an additional \$6,000 to be spent for lighting the lot.

The sponsors stated that an important point to keep in mind was that the city would not have to improve the entire area once it could develop the lot by portions as the demand dictated.

## Plan Board Endorses Proposals

By GEORGE W.M. AVERILL

Final provisions of two amendments to the city zoning ordinance which would permit the establishment of "parking districts" in residential areas immediately adjacent to business zones and require new or remodeled businesses outside the city's central business section to provide off-street parking facilities were approved by the Birmingham plan board Tuesday night.

After the suggested amendments were reviewed by City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall, the plan board intends to forward its measures to the city commission for its comment.

Then the plan board probably will be instructed to hold preliminary informal public hearings on the amendments. Plan Board Chairman Harry Denney, Jr., believes.

The board's action Tuesday night culminates more than 11 months of efforts to relieve residential areas of too much street parking and to prevent the central area from adding parking congestion by not providing off-street parking facilities.

ONE OF THE amendments would add a new section to the present zoning ordinance and permit the creation of parking districts.

These districts would be possible only in business areas immediately adjacent to residential zones.

They would be permitted and created only on the consent of the property owner and used expressly for the free parking of passenger cars.

THE PROPOSED amendment also would require:

1) A 4 to 6-foot fence or shrubbery planting along all sides of the parking district.

2) Hard surfacing, adequate drainage and proper lighting.

3) Certain front, side and rear yard setbacks to conform to the residential nature of the neighborhood.

The second amendment to the ordinance would strengthen present off-street parking requirements in all areas other than business, and for the first time would require all new or remodeled businesses outside the central area to provide a square foot of parking area for each square foot of floor space used by or in conjunction with customers and sales.

THE PRESENT ordinance designates all business areas as "in-eligible parking zones" and while it does not require the businesses to provide parking, it does require the city to establish and finance parking by "legal means."

The two business amendments propose that churches, auditoriums and other places of public assembly provide a square foot of parking for each six seats. Under the present ordinance, churches are required to provide a square foot of parking for each six seats. (See PROPOSALS, Page 2)



K. W. THOMPSON

## Becomes Asst. VP For Michigan Bell

Appointment of Kenneth W. Thompson, 1761 Oak Drive, as an assistant vice-president of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company has been announced by the firm.

As a student vice-president, Thompson will handle matters relating to the company's college recruitment program, its training procedures, and personnel research.

A graduate of Michigan State College with a degree in civil engineering, Thompson has been with Michigan Bell since 1949.

STARTING AS a telephone installer, he has progressed steadily up through the ranks to assume the top job in the company's personnel department.

At the time of his promotion, he was general plant personnel supervisor and was a member of the company's labor negotiation team.

Hospitalized Saturday After Two-Car Mishap

Two Royal Oak persons were admitted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, on Jan. 21 following a two-car collision at Maple and Eton.

Ralph Gardner, 11, suffered a broken wrist, while George Haynes, 22, was treated for a shoulder injury.

Ray Gardner, Jr., 19, brother of the injured boy, was ticketed by police for failure to stop within the assured clear distance. Police said he overrode his car into the path of west-bound traffic when he was unable to stop for the Eton-Maple light.

### STRICTLY FRESH

An Illinois lady lost her wallet, advertised for it only to lose the address of a finder who telephoned. Would you say "She's a good loser!"

Scotland Yard deduced Russian language leaves found in London were only publicity ads for a movie. UN-REEL them eh!

A Kansas couple sent to Kalamazoo, Mich., to get married because the town's name appeared in them. We suppose the honeymooned in Oshkosh or Ypsilanti.

Three tiger cubs, ill in the Sydney, Australia Zoo, had tummy rubs prescribed by a vet. But who'd it be, there's the rub!

OPS took lid off soft drinks. We mean, price controls on carbonated beverages are unworkable. That is to say, OPS has no top now, or... Oh well!

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Birmingham Toastmasters begin competitive speaking