

### Township To Act On Dump Rezoning

Birmingham city commissioners learned Monday night that the Troy township board at its July 7 meeting will act on the city's request to rezone the Walker gravel pit property on East Maple.

The city petitioned the change from agricultural to the existing dump portion of the property to industrial, dedicating a 200-foot belt buffer strip on the western boundary to protect existing residential zoning in the area.

The city, meanwhile, has made studies of the area to recommend sanitary drainage structures and possible sewer service to the property to assure proper development of the parcel when dumping operations at the site are discontinued.

### Journalism Students Join U of M Workshop

Two Birmingham high school journalism students have received scholarships from the school paper, The Highlander, to attend the workshop at the University of Michigan.

Susan Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Doherty, 1011 Kenneway, will attend July 6-17. A senior, she will be assistant editor of The Highlander next year.

One of the two advertising managers for all school publications, Dick Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Perry, 1748 Northlawn, will attend July 20-31.

Alice Basford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Basford, 520 Puritan, next year's editor of the year book is privately enrolled for the workshop as is Alice Mohler, Woodwinds editor at Kingswood.

### Paving of Cole Street Being Planned by City

A necessity hearing will be held July 13, to determine whether Cole street will be paved from Eton road 610 feet east. The improvement would be cement concrete with integral curb 37 feet wide from back to back of curb, according to L. R. Gare, city engineer.

The cost of the paving would be assessed against the abutting property which is industrial. If the hearings can be expedited, it would be proposed to add this to the 1953 contract, if possible, said Gare.



FENTON J. WATKINS  
Birmingham collector has boxes of relics (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## He Put His Sole Into Collection Of Indian Relics

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Almost every one who has a hobby gets started on it in some unusual way. Fenton J. Watkins of 812 Knox literally stepped into his.

Starting his collection of Indian relics when he was a boy, Watkins now has Indian artifacts by the hundreds. His collection is reported to be one of the best in Michigan and almost all of them he has found, excavated for or traded with other Indian relic collectors.

When Fenton Watkins was nine years old, he was living with his parents on a farm near South Haven, Mich. On a high bank overlooking a stream was the family garden plot.

He and his brothers, working in the garden, would often come across flat stones which they used as "skippers" across the water of the stream. Some of these flat stones were arrow heads, which had been damaged by the plow or disk or were unfinished arrow heads which had been rejected.

One day his father was plowing under wheat stubble and Fenton was bringing him a cool, invigorating drink of water. Walking barefoot on wheat stubble was not pleasant to the boy wading along a furrowed path.

He was hurrying along, not watching where he was stepping, trying to meet his father at the corner of the field.

Suddenly, the boy let out a cry of pain and surprise—something had cut his foot and cut it badly. His father, quickly tying the wound, led the horses to the plow, ran to his son's aid.

He threw the water on the lad's foot to wash off the dirt and sucking off his shirt, staunched the flow of blood that gushed from his son's foot.

FINALLY, THEY were ready to go back to the house, but before the boy went, he reached down and picked up the object which had hurt him. He wanted to show it to his mother. It was an Indian spear head.

When Fenton Watkins went to school that fall, he took the sharp stone with him.

His teacher in that little country school was very wise," Watkins said. "She told me what it was that had cut my foot and remarking how wonderful it was that the Indians could fashion such a thing with tools of wood, bone and stone—the only tools they had. She got me interested.

I went to see a druggist in South Haven who collected Indian relics. He always took an interest in kids and he helped and guided me in this interesting hobby.

"MY BROTHERS—Glen, Frank and Guy—would save my arrow heads or the other Indian relics that they would find in the fields and would 'swap' with me for ball caps, pencils or pocket squares.

My collection started to grow when summer came around again. I went swimming in the stream and retrieved as many of these "skippers" as I could.

Watkins now has arrow heads of all sizes, made from many different kinds of stones. A great number of them are neatly mounted and framed.

Some of the arrow heads are notched at the end to be fastened to the shaft of the arrow, but there also are arrow heads used by the Indians in warfare that are not notched.

IN THIS WAY the arrow head could not be pulled out and he would remain embedded in the flesh of the enemy.

There are many different kinds of Indian pipes in the Watkins collection and some are decorated with intricate designs which tell a story.

One such pipe tells the story of an Indian who was boastful of his two sons. Pipes of a later period are inlaid with a simple metal border.

One small Indian pipe Watkins found in his garden plot here in Birmingham.

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