Our Local Off-Street Parking Problem Still Is An "Orphan"

When a civic subject as important as Birmingham's off-street parking problem is summarily disposed of with only three of the seven-man Plan Commission's approval, and with two members voting against it (two members being absent), and with the three who voted for it doing so apparently on the basis that "it's a hot piptato" and they "feel like letting the City Commission handle it from how on" . . such official action hardly merits the support and confidence of sither the City Commission or the general public of Birmingham.

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Yet such action was recently taken when the Plan Commission formally approved the proposed off-street parking plan it has thus far developed, and sent it on to the Gity Commission for action.

Obviously, the City Commission undiputedly will have considerable misgivings about the merits of the off-street parking plan submitted to them. Most certainly the public, with special emphasis on the owners of business properties affected by the plan, will offer their own reactions to it, also. ctions to it, also.

BUT THE PHASE OF THE WHOLE BUT THE PHASE OF THE WHOLE forceedings that disturbs many local peo-le is the manner in which the three mem-ters of the Plan Commission so casually isposed of this most important subject on heir agenda.

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At the June 9 meeting which saw the plan board send the project to the City Commission, Planner William Brown dedared, "As far as Im concerned, I'm through with this—it's a hot potato which has been handed us." as been handed us.".

And Board Member George Marin

Fifty years in the life of mankind isn't a long period, especially when it is used to seasure its cultural development on this earth. But when a half century is related to technological progress, the years reveal the might of the creative human mind.

One segment of technological develop-need is being observed this summer by the Ford Motor Co., commemorating its Golden Jubilee. For that many years have passed since Henry Ford started to yeu the world on wheels as he experimented in

is little shop on Bagley street in Detroit.

Since those days his company has manu-

Ford's Golden Anniversary

agreed, with this added comment: "After a year and a half of this, I feel like letting the city commission handle it from now

on."

Birmingham's Plan Commission, of all quasi-official bodies, ought always, we believe, to operate so that almost complete public confidence is maintained about their actions; not that they always will receive unanimous approval for their, decisions and suggestions, but that everybody will at least feel that they have come to their conclusions after sufficient time and effort has been spent on a given subject.

THIS, APPARENTLY, was not done the off-street parking problem. As Harry Denyes, chairman, stated when he voted against it: "I don't feel that what we've come up with in this ordinance is what

against it: "I don't feel that what we've come sup with in this ordinance is what the come sup with in this ordinance is what we originally intended, in the business district particularly. Sure, I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, too, but I'd like to get rid of it, only when it is right."

To be sure, the City Commission may now pick up this "opphan" off-street parks ing proposed ordinance and, after spending much time of their own in executive and public discussions, arrive at a final conclusion. But to do so with the instrument pow given them will consume plenty of their own hard-pressed time ... a situation hoped to be unnecessary by screening it as thoroughly as possible through the Plan Commission.

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the Plan Commission.

So there the subject now stands . . . still one of tremendous importance to all of Birmingham . . . a subject that is bound to bring forth a considerable need for further study before final adoption.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Glunned From Old Files Of The Eccentric The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

June 19, 1900

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All the way or none of the way is my personal reaction to City rent proposal to increase the pay of Birminghams' mayor.

Heier is speaking from experience when he talks about the extra in on city business and as the city's official representative at various civic function: city's titular head for better than a year prior to present Mayor Ralph A. Manis taking the job only last April.

Beler suggests at least \$1,000 a distinction between the mayor and the other commissioners regarding responsibility or salary—which is

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE E. MORGAN BY ALICE

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Louis L. Mann, Jewish rabbi:

"There is no inferior race and no superior race; no master and no slave race; no pune and no impure race."

Abba S. Eban, Israel Ambassador to the US:

"The absence of peace today is prevent."

ing the Middle East from making the economic progress it is capable of!"

Clarence L. Barnhart, dictionary maker:

"In every new dictionary about five thousand new words come up for consideration and about three thousand of them

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Postmaster-General Arthur E Summer-field has asked congress to increase postal rates, including everything from first-class nail down. He proposes upping the cost of mailing a letter from three to four-cents. Mr. Summerfield wants to "balance the bidget" in his department, a most note-worthy ambition... but will Congressmen later help to put the department in the red by 'increasing their use of the free mail they allow themselves? (So much of it jest for political purposes, tod.)

Salvation Army Workers in the Flint ternado disaster area have been praised for their splendid aid to people who suf-fered when the blast struck that commu-nity June 8. Well, that praise no doubt was well deserved . . for, wherever human bings need help of many kinds, the good Salvationists exemplify the art of the Good Samaritan.

Obedience to the traffic regulations in caties and villages through which you may pass on a trip is a wise performance. Not

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only will it keep you out of the hands of the law. but it pays off by allowing you to slow down and thus release tension on your nervous system. Also, it really does cause you to lose much time on the wh trip. . . and it might even contribute saving yourself from accident or e

Wayne County's Prosecutor has asked Wayne County's Prosecutor has asked for a grand jury investigation of racket-eering in certain segments of the activities of labor unions. There is little doubt to that, if he operates the hearings without pelitical prejudice, findings will be made against some union bosses. Indeed, from what one hears and reads about it all, there is plenty of need for the restoration of law and order in certain labor circles in Michigan's most populous county.

Concress plans to take a variation this summer. While the members of this august body are way, the taxpayers will know, at-least, that no new taxes have been added to their burdens. (Nor will any have been subtracted, either!)

So They Say . .