

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, before the city even got reasonably close to knowing what it might be done with the so-called Porritt property, on the east side of Adams road below E. Maple, the portion of Yankee and Dixie below Villa was vacated. Today the city believes it will be necessary to have a pedestrian access over what used to be Yankee so children can attend Torry school without having to walk around by way of Adams or Columbia. City Manager D. C. Egbert says the two property owners who acquired the vacated portion of Yankee are not interested in deciding back a portion needed for the right-of-way. "Well, maybe the city won't be able to prevent the kids from walking on the strip the city still retains for easements," Egbert smiles.

**HALLOWEEN FIGURES ARE EXPECTED** to frighten or delight the young people but few are expected to be able to tell time. The exception was a pumpkin-head figure perched atop a saw-horse on the front lawn of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dean Burnett, 1513 Buckingham. Burnett constructed the figure complete with a hidden microphone-speaker setup from living room to Mr. Pumpkin's Head. The figure was a delight to the youngsters but proved irksome to the Burnett daughter who strode up the front walk with the boy-friend only to be startled by a crisp "Kinda late to be getting in!" statement from the immobile statue.

**AN INDICATION OF THE NEAR-SUMMERY WEATHER** this entire area has been enjoying throughout the autumn can be found in a plump ripe tomato plucked from the plant at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farrell, 1854 Winthrop. Jimmy, the Farrell's 10-year-old son, claimed the last of the salad food on Sunday, Nov. 1, after it had continued to ripen through the usually frosty month of October.

**DOWN IN BEVERLY HILLS** neighbors of Armand Issette are glowing with pride with the announcement that Birmingham is included in the direct-dialing set up of Michigan Bell Telephone's national system. Issette was one of the engineers who worked to complete details of this service. Incidentally, he explains the MI-4 by saying the letters represent his wife's name, Martha Issette; the figure their four children. When the MI-6 came into being he removed himself from the set by saying the figure stood for the six members of the Issette family.

**SANTA CLAUS IS** coming to town—or so the small fry hope. A Christmas letter from one, who forgot his name, asks for an electric football game, fishing outfit, basketball outfit, walkie talkie, coal truck, farm set, electric car, tool set. "Fixet sport convertible, helicopter, plate kits, gas plane, microscope set, train stuff, 50 pieces, telephone poles, small houses, transformer, two street lights, bee bee gun and four packs of bee bees.

**THE NEW YEAR IS** just around the corner. The Birmingham Eccentric staff suddenly realized this week. We received our first 1954 calendar, and it came from a Wilmington, Del., firm.

**A CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTION** thanking the 1953 Halloween Party Committee for "a good job" was passed Monday night. Added Mayor Ralph A. Martin: "Yes, sir, a very good job. For the first Halloween, my car windows weren't soaped."

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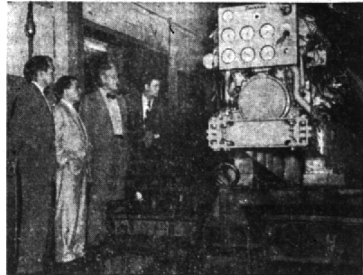
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**High Twelve to Be Blue Lodge Hosts At Nov. 9 Meeting**

"44 Night" will be observed when Birmingham High Twelve meets Nov. 9 for a 6:50 p.m. dinner at the Community House. Officers of Birmingham Lodge, 44, F & AM, will be guests of the club, with individual Blue Lodgers being hosted by club members. A special attraction of this meeting will be a talk by the Rev. Allen MacLachlan Frew, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church in

Detroit and trustee of Princeton Theological seminary. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, he came to this country at an early age and after completing intermediate education, entered Davidson college, graduating in 1930. After graduating from Princeton Theological in 1935, he was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. He served churches in Pennsylvania before coming to Detroit. Other programs for the month, planned by Allan Parrish, chairman, include Ladies' Night, Nov. 16; a talk by James Wright on Nov. 23, and by Police Commissioner Donald Leonard on Nov. 30.

Bargains galore in Want Ads.

**City Reaffirms Plan to Appeal Cutoff Decision**

A decision made 17 months ago was reaffirmed by the city commission Monday night—it will carry its appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court in an effort to permit it to extend Merrill street through Baldwin park, from Southfield to W. Maple. City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall told commissioners this week that the record of the county circuit court now is complete, and commissioners ordered it printed and the appeal taken. It will cost the city about \$2,000 to take the appeal, but if the circuit decision is reversed, would save the city upwards of \$20,000 if it is still decided the cutoff should be constructed, Hascall pointed out.

ON DEC. 5, 1950, Hiscall cited Judge H. Russel Holland granted a temporary order restraining the city from continuing with the cutoff, which then was in progress.

The injunction was sought by the Baldwin Manor, Inc., Ada G. De-war and Maude D. Johnson, who claimed their adjoining properties would be damaged by construction of the Merrill extension.

During the next 16 months, attorneys for the plaintiffs and the city checked records, wills, publications, filed briefs, made replies and argued for several days before Judge Holland.

ON APRIL 8, 1952, Holland granted a permanent injunction against the city, contending that any attempt to put a by-pass through the park would be a "violation" from park purposes and contrary to the original intent of the donor of the property, Martha Baldwin.

Judge Holland subsequently denied a rehearing of the case. Hascall has contended that the judge's opinion, if not appealed and reversed by the higher court, would give property owners abutting a park more rights than has the average taxpayer.

THE CITY'S attorney illustrated his point Monday night this way: "If the court decision stands as it is, and should the city ever desire to put a parking garage on the park between the municipal building and the public library, for example, the city would have to pay damages to the abutting property owners, who would be able immediately to benefit from the parking the city put in." Should the circuit court decision stand or not be reversed, the city still could condemn a right-of-way through Baldwin park, but it would be more expensive, Hascall concluded.

**PEOPLE'S COLUMN Halloween Workers Say 'Thank You'**

To the Editor: Birmingham's biggest yearly community project is over and once again the committee responsible for planning the Birmingham Halloween party for 1953 asks that we may use your columns to express our appreciation to all who participated in making the evening a success.

Perhaps some of our new neighbors do not know that hundreds of people take part in this event which seems to happen almost spontaneously at 7 o'clock on Halloween. All of them give generously of their time or substance to make Halloween one of the big nights of the year for Birmingham children.

More than 200 merchants, market owners, business and professional men contributed to the party. Their contributions provided tickets, lights, sound cars, sandwiches, cider and doughnuts for 6,500 children; prizes for 600 marchers and four entertainments to keep all ages happy.

A SPECIALTY band and balloon artist for the pre-school children and their parents was supplied this year, a feature movie for the fourth, fifth and sixth grade children, a party for those of junior high age and a dance and movie at the high school.

This year the Birmingham city Commission permitted us to use Woodward avenue for the food lines. This larger and well-lighted parking lot gave the party a more unified and friendly aspect. As always, the police department cooperated in every way.

The school system participated throughout. The board of education provided facilities, notices and personnel. School principals directed the food lines, helped with the parade and the parties. Advisors, teachers and student councils were responsible for the dances and parties and students helped to solicit

prizes. We could not have a parade that was not led by our splendid Birmingham high school band.

**MANY ORGANIZATIONS** made the evening successful. Among these are the PTA Council, local PTAs which provided workers at the parade and the school parties, the Community House, YMCA, Rotary, Lions, Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Jr. Chamber of Commerce, HI-12, Kiwanis, Girl Scouts, AAUW, Boy Scouts.

We wish to thank everyone who had a part, and to express our pride in Birmingham for putting on a real community event.

ROLLIE REESE  
LYMAN CRAIG, JR.  
MALCOLM ADAM  
ANN MILLER  
PHYLLIS JACKSON

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Holders of advanced first aid certificates from the American Red Cross are invited to take part in the "instructor trainer and refresher course" slated for January 1954. The course will be given Jan. 18-22 with classes to be held in Pontiac. Further details on time and place for the five evening sessions have not yet been completed. Instructors whose authorization has lapsed are also invited to sign for the course. The Pontiac office has full information on requirements for this and the standard and advanced classes which are being formed.

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