

Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

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Most of us carry burdens, be they little or big, or in between. These burdens, unless placed in proper perspective, can have us down to the point of frustration and pessimism. We're not meant to live our lives regularly... they'll keep you grateful.



Above is W. Maple avenue as it appeared about 1910. On the northwest corner of Maple and Woodward stood Levinson's department store over which H. P. Sallier had his music studio and A. W. Campbell, an agent for the Michigan Farm Insurance company, had his office.

Next to the department store was the Oakland Realty Company with which Nelson Shattuck and Guy Watkins were connected. Then came the meat market of Phil and

Frank Schlaeck and then the barber shop of W. I. Deer, with his barber pole in front of his tonsorial establishment.

Farther to the west was the fire tower where the city's fire defenses were centered. The tower was used for the drying of hoses after a fire.

West of the fire tower was an alley (it's still there) and then came the dry goods store of Frank Blakeslee, followed by the Blakeslee home.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 3

Thursday, April 8, 1954

Deadlines Set For Korean Vets Entitlements

Two deadline dates for Korean veterans to receive benefits under the GI bill were announced this week by Fred S. Galloway, director of the Oakland county office of Veterans Affairs.

Galloway said July 16, 1954 is the final day on which Korean veterans may apply for mustering out pay. This applies to those who were discharged under honorable conditions between June 27, 1950, and mid-July 1952.

Chances to receive educational benefits will run out August 30, 1954 for one million GIs who were discharged prior to August 20, 1952.

THESE VETERANS must be enrolled by that time. An application for training will not suffice, Galloway said.

Veterans discharged after the August 20, 1952 date must be enrolled by the second anniversary of their discharge date.

This means that a veteran whose second discharge anniversary falls before the beginning of courses this fall must apply and attend said.

"In many cases it will be necessary for a veteran to apply and enroll far in advance of his two-year discharge anniversary because it will fall at the wrong time in the academic year. The law makes no provision for a

Academy of Art Students Win \$505

Prizes totaling \$505 have been awarded to students of Cranbrook Academy of Art by the New Products Corp., Benton Harbor, for designs of an employee service pin.

First prize of \$200 went to Miss Te Yu Chu, Hongkong, China; second of \$125 to Ray Grosso, Schenectady, N.Y.; and third of \$75 to William Abel, Great Falls, Mont.

Three honorable mention awards of \$35 each were won by Alan Rider, Hastings, Mich.; Paul Grandlund, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Natsuo Shimizu, Tokyo, Japan.

Request Denied To Remove Trees

A request to remove two trees at the front of 227 Pierce made by Clyde C. Bennett of Suburban Investors, Inc., has been denied by city commissioners.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported that the two trees would be trimmed next week to protect the exterior of the building now being remodeled by Bennett.

Bennett complained that the trees were uprooting sidewalk at the front of the building and roots from the trees had entered the sanitary and storm sewers in Pierce street.

Help for filing for these or any other benefits may be obtained at the Veterans Affairs office at 1 Lafayette street, Pontiac, or 111 South Troy street, Royal Oak.

No Decision Yet On Triangle Zone

The Oakland County Circuit court has yet to hand down a decision on the zoning of a triangle of land adjacent to the Graceland Terraces and bounded by the Grand Trunk railroad and Eton.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty heard the case in January and has yet to announce his decision.

Owners of the land, the Industrial Land company and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newell, have asked the court to rule that single family zoning in this area is unreasonable. They seek to have the land rezoned to multiple dwelling to construct terraces on the property.

School Enrollment Policies Established

Policies relating to the enrollment of students in Birmingham schools were established at a recent meeting of the board of education.

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland told the board that many problems have developed concerning children whose families were planning to move into the district, or to move to another location in the district.

Many times, families moving in seek to enroll their children in Birmingham schools before they are actual residents of the district. Those leaving in mid-term frequently request that their children be allowed to remain until the end of the school year, Ireland said.

STILL OTHERS wishing to move from one attendance area to another seek to keep their children in the school which they have been attending.

Ireland said that in face of the complaints arising from these problems, he would like to have a standard policy set by the board. The board agreed that children of families planning to move into the district shall not be enrolled until the family is actually residing in the district.

When families move away from

ship on the basis of guardianship papers should be discouraged. Ireland reported that frequently parents outside the district make out guardianship papers giving custody of their children to a Birmingham district resident for the sole purpose of getting their children into Birmingham schools.

Students who are in their senior year will be given preferential treatment under these policies, Ireland said. In most cases, seniors, whose parents are moving out of the district, will be allowed to complete their terms.

Wins Rifle Letter

James M. Taylor, Jr., of Birmingham road, was awarded a freshman numeral for rifle competition in the winter season at Lehigh University this week.

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