

A FEATURE article about the Bell Telephone company in the current issue of a popular weekly magazine has hurt Father Birmingham's feelings. In pointing out unusual listings, it was pointed out that Zeke Zzzpt is a special job for a group of young men who share a home and phone, and is the last listing in the Detroit directory. It never said a word about Birmingham, whose directory carries the same listing, and, furthermore, is the home address for these young men.

MORE ADEQUATE NIGHT PATROLLING of large parking lots has been suggested by Birmingham City Commissioner Lance Minor. "Some of these lots have been 'discovered' by the younger set," Minor reminded Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley. The Chief promised to see if he couldn't get parking lot owners to put up chain barriers at the entrances to prevent unauthorized use of the lots at night.

THE COUNTER of the Birmingham police department was really loaded one afternoon last week to an unidentified lady emptied the contents of her purse to prove to Patrolman Robert Schaule that he had shortchanged her by one dollar when she had paid a traffic ticket. Nowhere among the collection of keys, cosmetics, and jewelry could she find the two half dollars that Schaule contended made up the missing amount. Finally someone suggested that the lady may have put the two coins in her pocket. The lady checked, and sure enough, there were the two dollars. Schaule, for Schaule for his patience, shovelled her belongings back into her handbag and cheerfully exited from the station.

SOMEBODY APPARENTLY FIGURES that the northeast corner of St. James Park has become a new dumping ground, pointed out City Commissioner Lance Minor at Monday's commission meeting, the first one of Minor's 3-year term. "For the past three weeks, there have been a lot of empty beer cans deposited there," Minor commented. "I'd like to have the city do a better policing job and keep it as a park."

Three of the six sculptors who worked on projects at Northland Shopping Center live in this area. They are Richard H. Jennings, Bitternut Hill, Troy township; Marshall Fredericks, 875 Wadlington road; and Lily Saarinen, West Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills.

MAYOR RALPH A. MAIN, who leaves the Birmingham city commission this week after nine years as a member of it, said just before adjournment Monday night: "I've been happy to serve this nine years on the commission, and happy to get off. I think the city is in good shape. I'm willing to cooperate in the future in any way I can to help the city. There've been lots of headaches on this job I'm leaving, but lots of fun, too. And that is my 'swan song.'" Then Commissioner Lance Minor, also leaving the commission, was given the last-minute privilege of a retiring official: "Move we adjourn," he said.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER SIDE-STEPPED an unusually doleful-looking Springer spaniel and made his way to the door of a Beverly Hills home. When remarking to the lady of the house, Mrs. Norris A. Host, that the pup might need an Alka-Seltzer, he was told that the dog was the butt of a standing joke around the house. "He looks like a stricken husband who has just seen the Hudson bill," Mrs. Host commented.

THE HITCHING POST ALL BUT has disappeared from the American scene but a patient audience at Monday night's Lathrup Village council meeting found one point of humor in an exhaustive ordinance regulating nuisances in the new city. The nuisance law so ordinance that no posters, placards or signs may be posted on "horse blocks" in the city without consent of the council.

ANOTHER SIGN of spring has been spotted by Dr. Carl H. Rice and his family of Bloomfield Hills. Early Sunday morning the family was roused by the barking of their dog, Pepper, who had found a full grown doe standing in the front yard. A few minutes after her discovery, the doe bounded over the field, her white tail twitching.

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Missing Minutes Anger Councilmen

The question of when a meeting is not a meeting was debated at length Monday night by Lathrup Village city councilmen. Councilman John G. Campbell protested that no minutes were presented councilmen for a meeting held Monday, March 29. Mayor William H. Harvie contended that no quorum was present on that night so no meeting was held hence, no minutes.

COUNCILMAN Thomas N. Reed insisted that notice of the meeting had been filed and that some recognition of the meeting must be made in city records. "We called a meeting in good faith and I believe the mayor rushed to call a special meeting on Saturday, March 27, to prevent the Monday's meeting," Reed stated. "And I want that statement included in the minutes of this meeting," he concluded.

City Protests Property Grabbing

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall Monday night reported to Birmingham city commissioners that he had written a letter of protest over recent grading operations in a Troy township piece of property to the developer, the Birmingham Development company. In cutting roads in the triangle of land bounded by Adams, Grand Trunk railroad and the city limits, it was charged that the road cuts collected and concentrated excess ground water onto property in the city.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported that the company had agreed to correct the situation.

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The Birmingham Eccentric

To Use No Unsafe Vaccine, MD's Say

Oakland county residents need have no fears concerning the vaccine which will be used on their children in the nationwide field tests for the Salk vaccine later this month.

This statement was made Monday by Dr. John Monroe of the Oakland county health department, and Robert Mason, Birmingham physician Tuesday, replying to weekend daily newspaper releases which implied the new vaccine might be unsafe.

"Some tests have found live virus, which resulted in that hatch being discarded immediately," Dr. Mason said. "No medical man wants to kill children," Dr. Monroe said. "Our job is to save them. All vaccine will undergo three tests, one by the manufacturer, one by the Salk laboratories and the third by government chemists. A fourth check, in charge of Dr. Tom Rivers of the Rockefeller Research center checks all data submitted from the other three. We will have a written guarantee to cover this."

NAMED BY the Oakland County Medical society to set up the program for vaccine clinics in public schools, Dr. Frederick Adams and Dr. Douglas Wake said the program was scheduled to get under way on April 26. Subsequent inoculation dates are set for May 3 and the third "shot" to be given the first week in June.

Mrs. Howard Riemann, heading the corps of volunteers, said every effort would be made to clear the program before the close of school. With Dr. Monroe and Mason, and Mrs. Ruth Parrish, head of the county's branch of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, she said the entire program would be catered until a later date if proper guarantees were not received from testing laboratories. "Right now we have every rea-

No Decision Yet On Water System, Lathrup Is Told

Still no decision on the transfer of the Lathrup water system to the developers has been made by officials of the City of Detroit, Lathrup councilmen learned Monday night.

City Attorney William Ewart explained that one big stumbling block in the transfer that would result in the city's ultimate ownership of the system was a state statute requiring a three-fifths majority vote of Lathrup residents to realize the transfer of a utility. Ewart added that the Detroit corporation counsel's office was favorably regarding another way out without the vote being pressed on a new city and that nothing could be done about the transfer until the counsel had made its decision.

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2. In order to help you with your pruning we have a number of pretty good shears on which we are reducing the price. Guess why. No, you're wrong. Anyway, they are made by CORONA.
3. We shall stop reminding you to have your lawn mower sharpened if you insist on bringing them to us. WE CANNOT SERVICE THEM. We can only suggest where you should go.
4. You can cultivate gardens pretty soon. For Pete's sake be careful of tips of lilies, tulips, daffodils, etc., which may be barely under the surface. A lot of effort and time has been spent in getting the tips that far.
5. Order ROSES immediately — it's later than you think.
6. If you notice some impatient hollyhocks, delphinium or phlox beginning to grow, sock the old BORDEAUX to 'em, or SULPHUR or a proper PROPRIETARY.
7. SPECIAL for gushers. We feel it is very selfish to keep the 3/4 inch rubber hose just for ourselves (especially as we have no use for it) so we are selling it off at 20¢ A FOOT. (Landscapers and golf courses may not participate in this.)
8. Finish pruning of roses as soon as possible. Prune lightly for a profusion of blooms — prune heavily for particularly fine blooms. (Be sure you know what you're doing. It helps.)
9. For covering up unsightly places, guide "like out-houses and fences" unquote (and we might add barns, manure piles, stumps, etc.) here are a number of fast growing vines:
Moon Vine (15 to 20 ft.)
Morning Glory (10 to 15 ft.)
Kudzu Vine (20 to 30 ft.)
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