

Each of us is given a conscience... a sort of Heaven-sent code that somehow warns us when we do a wrong thing. When we remain alert to the warnings of this conscience, and obey it, we are on the high-road to better security and happiness on earth.

City to Support County Request

The city has given its backing to proposed state legislation asked by County Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main to seek re-assignments of property lying within certain drain districts.

While the requested legislation would have little or no effect on the city, City Manager Donald C. Egbert explains it would particularly help cities south of Birmingham which are served by complex and expensive lateral drain systems.

Egbert points out that the city's position is favorable because half of Birmingham drains storm water directly into the Rouge river and assessments for drains in the city have been kept within reasonable bounds.

School Bid Date Set for Jan. 10

A tentative date of Jan. 10 has been set by Birmingham board of education for issuing specifications for bids on the second addition to the high school. Appointment of three new members has been confirmed, while the resignations of five present members were accepted.

Want Better Light

Better street lighting along Mansfield between Sheffield and Endford has been requested by 40 property owners. The petition was referred to the city manager for recommendation.

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West Brown at Chester MI 4-1916

The Birmingham Eccentric

Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



LAST RESIDENCE ON MARTIN STREET
Once belonged to Birmingham pioneer

Age Didn't Keep Him From Hard Day's Work

Facing Shain park, the only house left on Martin street once belonged to one of Birmingham's earliest citizens, James Grindley.

It is recorded that Grindley, who came to Piety Hill when there were only three families living here, operated a tavern (hotel) owned by Roswell T. Merrill in the 1840's.

The building later became Hagd's Irving's hardware store and stood on the present site of Huston hardware about 15 years ago. After the tavern closed, Grindley took up house painting, a trade which he followed for the rest of his life.

WHEN HE WAS past 80, he still was doing a good day's work in the painting business. Painting the home of Miss Esther Seaw, Grindley was seen clear up in the highest peak of the gable of the home, painting away like a 16-year-old.

In 1898, he was "under the weather" and a friend, thinking he was real sick, went to call. Well, what do you think? Grindley was found carrying a coal stove (weighing about 150 pounds) up the stairs. Even when he missed a step and fell backward, he still lived to tell the story.

City Thumbs Down Zoning Change Denied By B'ham Commission

Birmingham will not aid in any attempt to gain federal aid money for construction of the Twelve Town drain project, city commissioners have decided.

Learning that there was little chance of receiving any money from the government for installation of the proposed \$10 million relief drain system in South Oakland county, commissioners also opposed the district's bid to take a "handout" from the government, as described by Commissioner V. B. Watkins.

Petitions for money to cover 50 percent of the drain's costs have been initiated by the city of Berkeley.

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Holiday Scene Flying Saucers Real, Around Town: Speaker Tells Lions

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"Flying saucers are very real—not dreams at all," declared Henry Maday when he spoke for the Birmingham Lions club Dec. 15.

Maday, an officer of the Detroit Flying Saucer club, said the saucers, which have been so prominent in the news during the past decade, are nothing new.

He pointed out that descriptions of them had been recorded as early as 200 years before the birth of Christ, and that down through the ages other records had been compiled.

"They were sighted in all parts of the world, on land and by men at sea," he said. "Evidence of their sightings and gouges have been recorded by men and women in all walks of life."

"Our own American Indians were aware of them years before the first white man visited this country."

"Then, as now, the names given to the saucers were descriptive enough to tag them, but vague enough to show they were not fully recognized for what they were or are."

"THEY HAVE been called Pearls in the Sky, Astral Visitors, and many other names. There is no doubt that each description applied to the same thing."

The speaker, he explained, can be recognized by its actions and light. It can remain still at any distance from the earth. It can leap into motion, up, down, backwards, forward and to either side in an instant.

Lights, varying in many colors and many degrees, are present. There is almost no noise. This fact, coupled with the speed at which they move, gives the impression that saucers vanish completely.

"PILOTS, SOME of the best in our air force," Maday continued, "have seen the saucers. One came close enough to see it carried passengers."

"Another report in this line came from a Detroit woman who, walking around her home one night, was attracted by a beam which seemed to radiate from the earth toward the moon."

"She stood watching it when...

A tiny little old lady, her face wreathed in smiles and a twinkle in her eyes, marching out of a dime store clutching two huge dolls, a holly wreath and six big red and white canes.

A family group, father, mother, two lively youngsters and the third, a very small baby, were in the scene. Parents were explaining the scene to the older children, while the little fellow squirmed and wiggled to get at the lights strung over the tree.

A brightly lighted home, where a small boy and his dearest friend, side by side, looking through a huge Christmas wreath as father puts lights on the trees outside.

Six Representing City's JA Firms At Convention

Six student members of Birmingham Junior Achievement Forum are attending a three-day JA Mid-Western Conference at Detroit's Fort Shelby hotel, December 29-30.

They are among 450 Achievers from 31 states attending the sessions, which are described as a "honey do" Chamber of Commerce convention with meetings slanted to cover business conditions, prices, wages, production, sales and management techniques.

Representing Birmingham firms will be Irene M. Dorey, 259 E. Southlawn, from the Wee Mak Kit company, sponsored by Detroit; Don Lark, 1945 Coral Gables, Lathrop, from Aluminco, sponsored by Alcoa; and three from the E-Ad company of the Birmingham Eccentric. They are Mary Colins, 1594 Birmingham Blvd.; Jeanette Mauge, 256 Arlington; and Theodor Donay, 375 Ferndale.

To Plan Dedication Of Fire Stations

Former city commissioner John S. O'Gorman, Jr., 147 Abbey, will head the committee which will plan the dedication ceremonies of the two new fire stations, Mayor Charles Renfrew said this week.

Now under construction and scheduled for completion in about 6-8 weeks, one station is at Chesterfield and Maple, the other at Adams and Bowers.

O'Gorman headed the commission advisory committee which studied the need for the additional stations, and led to a \$225,000 bond issue approved at last April's municipal election.

Want Rezoning Reconsidered

Reconsideration of a petition for rezoning of several lots at Southfield and 14 Mile has been asked of the city commission.

Located on the east side of Southfield, just north of the corner, the area has been kept to residential use by the recommendation of the plan board.

The petition, denied almost a year ago, sought rezoning to business use.

This new request has been referred to the plan board.

by slow a man walk through the room.
MADAY SAID he did not know who files the strange craft, why, nor where they come from.
"All I can say is this: They are real craft; they are occupied by people."
"It is obvious that these people are not our enemies. They have had plenty of opportunity through the centuries to do us harm had they so desired. Never has any unfriendly action on their part been reported."
During his talk, Maday referred several times to John Hoffman of Walnut Lake, who, he said, had made some of the best reports of anyone in the country, certainly the best in Michigan.

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