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To achieve power, position and much money is not, in itself, the mark of great achievement...

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WHISKEY AND THAT

CONFUSION STILL PREVAILS It is now admitted by all informed people that a considerable amount of confusion still exists...

WORK vs BOREDOM It is very hard to be wonderful if society could so arrange its affairs that everybody who wanted to would be able to work in happy surroundings...

UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER This month would seem to suggest that Florida citrus growers are packaging good sized amounts of their warm climate...

CCS Committee Appointments Are Completed Appointments to a special committee of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Council on Community Services (CCS)...

THRONES ARE EASILY TOPPLED History reveals that only a small number of past monarchs have been decent and unselfish human beings...

ALL IS VANITY? You have been wondering about that hassle between Sen. McCarthy and Secretary of the Army Stevens...

NATIONAL HOTEL—A Village Institution—'Died' in 1920 From 1819 when John Hamilton built his log cabin...

APPEAL DECISION TO TAKE A WEEK Decision on the appeal of Bernard E. Fowler, Birmingham postmaster facing ouster...

FIRST OF THREE ARTICLES EVERYBODY who was ANYBODY went to this high social event...

ONE ANECDOTE preserved in a copy of The Eccentric, Oct. 1886, relates: 'A man from these parts rose up from his seat in the National Hotel and remarked that a stroke of lightning knocked him clean out of bed the other night...

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NATIONAL HOTEL AND ITS GUESTS HAVE PICTURE TAKEN ABOUT 1890 Photo supplied by Mrs. E. A. Burtraw, daughter of one of hotel's former owners.

rationing has ended here. We can be sure the husbands are not doing the rationing. British scientists are advancing the theory that new life is being created in the atmosphere...



2 Fox and Hounds Robbery Suspects In Police Custody Two more suspects in the December robbery of the Fox and Hounds Inn were taken into police custody last week...

Private Status Set For Forest Lake Operation of Forest Lake Country club as a private club will begin March 1...

Southfield Reserves Seven Taxi Plates Seven new taxi cab plates were ordered reserved for Joseph Bezak, owner of the Veterans Cab company...

Await Final Rush For '54 Auto Tags About 5,000 Birmingham area motorists still are without 1954 auto license plates...

STRICTLY FRESH Only when a person begins to think he's better than average does he become an average person.

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Red Cross Quota Is \$12,500

With a national goal of \$85,000,000 for the American Red Cross, South Oakland county's division is being asked to raise \$74,550...

ALL THESE chairman need additional volunteers for soliciting funds. Mrs. Barnes said. Persons willing to devote some time to the current campaign are asked to contact the chairman...

THE campaign, as in the past, will occupy the entire month of March. The quotas are large, but so is our national program...

Residents in the Bloomfield area who wish to make their contributions by mail should send them to chapter headquarters...

Club officials also confirmed the report that Robert Gajda, assistant professional at Oakland Hills Country Club...

Members already have played the course and report that it is in good condition. Some remodeling of the course is planned...

SEVERAL applicants for the club's manager's job already have been interviewed but no decision has been reached...

Aims of the membership include a family club on a year-around operational basis restricted to 250 members...

The course will be put in play as soon as the weather permits and renovation of the club house will be started soon.

The club house and grounds are open each weekend to interested persons.

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Looking Ordinance To Be Submitted

10 May Run for City Commission

With the deadline for filing of petitions this Saturday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m., four more names have been thrown into the city commission race in the April 5 election.

Known candidates now number six with four others still undecided or not contacted as to their willingness to join the race.

Latest persons to seek the two vacancies on the city commission are James Couzens II, Chester Goode, Jr., and William E. Roberts.

OTHER CANDIDATES are Commissioner James C. Allen, and Harry D. Wise, Jr.

Only minor changes have been written into the proposed ordinance since the city commission referred it to the plan board in July, 1933.

Planners were unable to decide where the life of exemption should be drawn, and no provisions for such exemptions appear in the suggested ordinance.

At last month's meeting of the plan board, Board Member Harry Denys proposed a new ordinance...

BASICALLY the proposed ordinance is designed to require businessmen to provide adequate off-street parking for new buildings...

The ordinance deals with off-street parking in three cases, residential, non-residential and business districts.

IN THE CASE of non-residential use of residential districts, the ordinance would require one square foot of parking space for each square foot of floor area...

Schools and churches would be exempted from this provision but would be required to furnish one parking space for each six seats in an auditorium used for public meetings.

Non-residential buildings in residential districts also would be required to provide a wall, solid fence, or shrubbery screen on lot lines of parking lots that adjoin residential property.

Such parking space also would have to be paved and drained.

IN BUSINESS A and B districts, the proposed ordinance specifies that new construction or expansion of buildings must be accompanied by parking provisions of one square foot of parking for each square foot of floor space.

However, parking space for expansions of buildings existing at the effective date of the ordinance (See PARKING, Page 6)

Vickers Office May Be Moved to Crooks-Maple Site

Administrative offices of Vickers, Inc., now located at 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, may be moved into a new building on a 72-acre site on the southwest corner of E. Maple and Crooks roads, Troy township.

The company, which manufactures hydraulic controls for aircraft, automotive and general industrial use, this week completed the purchase of the large tract of property for such an eventual site, according to William Herman, administrative assistant to the vice president in charge of production.

"It still is too early to say definitely, but it is our thought now that possibly the Troy site may be the one we will use," Herman emphasized. "But it is expected a definite decision will be made within the next six months."

HE SAID THE SITE was purchased for an amount in excess of \$200,000.

"This still is much in the planning stage, but the Troy purchase was made to provide for any future contingencies," Herman explained. If the proposed Vickers plan is carried out, it will be the second large organization within five years to move its administrative staff to Troy township, just outside Birmingham city limits.

Four years ago last month, Dearborn Motors Corp. (now Ford Tractor Division) opened its \$2 1/2 million general offices and research laboratories on E. Maple at Coolidge.

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