

PLAY IT SAFE

'Use Water Sparingly,' Firemen Urge

Without water to control serious fires, all the fire trucks and apparatus the City of Birmingham has, or all that could be called from other cities, is useless.

The City of Birmingham, as well as other cities in the Metropolitan area where water shortage is a constant factor, has established by ordinance a requirement that when the fire siren blows for at least 12 swells (from low to high tone equals one swell) all people in the city must discontinue sprinkling laws to insure that adequate water will be available for fire fighting.

UNDER the above ordinance, regulations are also drawn up which reads as follows:

RESIDENCES WITH 'ODD' HOUSE NUMBERS MAY USE WATER FOR SPRINKLING ON ODD NUMBERED DAYS OF THE MONTH. RESIDENCES WITH EVEN NUMBERS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE WATER FOR SPRINKLING PURPOSES.

ON EVEN NUMBERED DAYS OF THE MONTH.

RESIDENTS should adhere strictly to this ordinance, for could be your home, your church or school which might suffer total destruction because of the 6300 sprinklers that were not closed down to provide needed water. Don't forget apparatus and firemen are helpless without water. Play it safe! Discontinue lawn sprinkling immediately on the large fire sirens, except on Monday nights when three swells are blown for a siren test. Prepared as a public service by member of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

To Aid UF Chapter Training Program

Robert Glens Briery, 327 Southfield, has been appointed unit co-chairman for chapter training, John F. St. Clair, chairman of the suburban unit of the 1954 Torch Drive announced this week. Briery, manager of training at Carbonyl department of General Electric Co., will set up a training program, schedule meetings, develop material and train eight area training chairmen who, in turn, will train about 5,000 chapter training salesmen in suburban areas. These salesmen will organize United Foundation chapters to function in suburban industrial plants during the 6th Annual Torch Drive, Oct. 19-Nov. 11.

BRIERY HAS held his present position with Carbonyl since 1950, prior to that he was, for five years, a training instructor for the same company. He is a graduate of Stout Institute, Menomonee, Wis., and was a teacher of industrial arts in the Jacksonville, Fla., and Birmingham, Mich., high schools. In 1943 he joined the Glenn L. Martin Company at Omaha, Neb., then came to Carbonyl two years later. He is a member of Michigan Training Council, American Society of Training Directors, and the National Society of Sales Training Executives.

Every waking hour provides one with the opportunity of improving his status in life. By the same token, it also gives him time in which to go backward. Your direction is always your own choice; happiness, or its lack, is your own responsibility.

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

Local History in Story and Picture
As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



CHURCH OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, DEDICATED IN 1879
This picture was taken about 1918 by Stanley Ford

Quarion Lake Once Used For Adventist Baptisms

About the middle of May, 1878, a large tent was set up on Mrs. Rachel Willis' lots near the Baptist church. There the Rev. J. O. Corliss conducted the first meetings in the village of the Seventh Day Adventists.

At the conclusion of the meetings which lasted through the summer, Rev. Corliss baptized the converts in the old mill pond (Quarion lake) and in the fall, plans were laid to build a permanent church. A paper then was circulated among the townspeople to pledge money toward the erection of the new church and many of Birmingham's first citizens and businessmen contributed. The church which had progressed slowly was completed in the spring of 1879, and on April 27 was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by the Rev. E. R. Jones of Battle Creek.

SEVERAL MONTHS after the dedication ceremonies, Rev. Corliss left for Boulder, Colo., and the Adventists were without a pastor. The church had no regular minister or choir, wrote long-time Birmingham resident Minnie Hunt Seltzer in July 1935, but there was always some member in charge of the meeting and another to lead the singing. Church membership was small but very faithful and earnest to their cause. Those whom Mrs. Seltzer remembers as members of the Advent church were Mrs. James Grindley, Mrs. Rose Daines Hagerman, Mrs. George White, Charles and Ada Hunt, Perry and Stella Phillips, Mrs. J. O. Beattie, Mrs. Cynthia Ferrin, Etta Carris, James and Rhoda Davonport, Mr. and Mrs. William West and Mr. and Mrs. Elder Matthewson.

MAPLE TREES now growing along the northeast corner of Bates and Brown street were planted by Adventist Charles Hunt. They were planted over 70 years ago on a Sunday and neighbors (not Adventists) said they wouldn't grow. Mrs. Matthewson ran a bakery in the village and although Saturday was a brisk trading day, the Matthewson bakery was closed until after sundown, recalls W. Claire Aldrich, another old-time Birmingham resident now living in Florida. One Saturday of each month was set aside for the ritual of washing feet in commemoration of the time Christ washed the feet of his disciples, recalled Mrs. Seltzer, who attended one of the ceremonies.

MEN GATHERED at one side of the church, women on the other and the ritual was performed with serious expressions on the faces of the congregation, befitting the solemn occasion. Since Advent services were held on Saturdays, the church building was used for services of the United Presbyterians on Sunday, until they built a church of their own on the northeast corner of Woodward and Forest in 1897. Membership in the Advent church gradually declined and the church building was used for other purposes. Eventually it became a stuccoed apartment house and finally, according to the memory of older Birmingham residents, was moved to 14 Mile road.

Officers quoted Campaigna as saying he passed the checks because of heavy losses at the race tracks. Campaigna told detectives he expects to make restitution before his trial comes up. This is his first trouble with the law, police said.

HE WAS picked up as he was leaving his home for Chicago and was bound over to Birmingham on a complaint from William Croom's store, where he is accused of passing a check for \$50. He was identified by a Kay Bacon clerk and released after posting \$500 bond.

His CHARGE is clearing and publishing, constitutes grand larceny. His trial comes up Sept. 13 in Oakland County circuit court. Campaigna admitted passing worthless checks in eight other Southeastern Michigan communities, according to Detective Glenn Foltz of the Birmingham police department.

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Birmingham Drops To 28th Position In Traffic Safety

Birmingham dropped from third spot in 1953 and seventh in 1952 to 28th place in 1953 in competition with 458 cities of its population in a group, according to an annual inventory of traffic safety activities prepared by the National Safety Council.

An analysis of the report was presented by Harry Porter of the National safety council of Chicago here last week at a meeting of representatives from the Michigan state safety commission, secretary of state, Michigan state highway department and the superintendent of public instruction, with other city officials.

In indicated performance scores and rankings, the city dropped 40 points in 21 places.

HIGH POINTS among the council's recommendations revealed in a summary of conclusions are: Consideration should be given to creating some one-way streets. Fourteen miles of paved streets should be marked with center lines, and cross-walks at 75 intersections should be indicated.

Modern-type street lighting program should be expanded to 21.5 miles to equal the appraisal measure. City should investigate the advisability of expanding its miles of streets with parking prohibited on one or both sides as a regulation for greater efficiency in traffic movement.

POLICE motorcycles should be equipped with 2-way radio. Need indicated for an increase

In total convictions on specific driver-intoxication charges. A driver education program should be incorporated in the school curriculum as a graduation requirement, and include classroom instruction and at least six actual hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving instruction.

In reporting public information activities, the city ranked 45th among 458 cities in its population group. This indicated good cooperation from local papers, Porter maintained.

BIRMINGHAM was among 44 Michigan cities participating. Purpose of the NAC's annual study is to present each city with suggestions and recommendations to enable them to promote traffic safety more effectively through public information and education.

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Held on Charge Of Passing 44 Worthless Checks

Anthony Campaigna, 32, a former Oakland County special deputy sheriff, of 23840 Sherman, Oak Park, has admitted passing 44 bad checks since June 18 totaling \$1820.02, according to Birmingham police.

He is accused of passing eight worthless checks in Birmingham totaling about \$201 in the demonstrations of \$100, \$50, \$25 and smaller sums.

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