

Fall Tree Planting Gets Under Way

Birmingham's annual fall tree planting program got under way this week with a goal of 2000 young seedlings to go into the ground before the first real frost sets in. City Forester William Lebold announced.

The seedlings include London plane, Norway maples, sugar maples, honey locust, and pine oaks.

Most of the planting will be on city-owned property along DeLoach, Mellon, Dunstons, Eton and Holston, with the balance scattered throughout the city.

The city's tree trimming program will be conducted this year as in previous years during December, January, February and March.

Woolfenden Tells Institute's Aims

Means to insure better legal services to more people occupied the attention of midwestern lawyers when they met in Ann Arbor Wednesday, Nov. 3, for the second Midwest Institute on Public Relations for the Bar, according to Henry L. Woolfenden, president of the State Bar of Michigan.

Woolfenden, who is a resident of Kespington, Bloomfield Hills, continued: "It is not significant that lawyers are interested in public affairs, for that is to be expected.

"It is interesting, however, that the University of Michigan Law School, Michigan Conference of Bar Presidents, Michigan Institute and the State Bar of Michigan have combined to sponsor this national meeting designed to aid the lawyers by conducting a public service work, by continuing to improve service to their clients and to the citizenry."

Woolfenden pointed out that the state bar of Michigan has served as an example to other state bar associations in public service work, by conducting two gubernatorial election campaigns, by developing the motion picture "Living Under the Law" by instituting a broad legislative program to improve the administration of justice, and similar projects.

Agency Celebrates

Three Birmingham residents recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of their Pontiac Insurance firm. The Thatcher, Patterson & Wernet company, oldest agency in Pontiac, was established October 26, 1888. Partners in the firm are Carleton C. Patterson, 815 Woodland; L. Campbell Wernet, 101 Rugby; and Carleton C. Patterson, Jr., 1819 Washington.

New Eton Park Building Asked

The Birmingham Recreation Board at their monthly meeting Oct. 28 recommended establishment of a \$2,500 comfort station in Eton park as part of the general improvement plan for the park.

A tentative sketch, submitted by Assistant City Manager Jack Walker, who is also a board member, called for a 21 by 16 foot brick structure, with an eight-foot concrete porch. Walker pointed out the building could be expanded at any later date for use as a recreational purposes, as needed.

WORK IS NOW underway on a smaller than regulation size baseball diamond in the same park, Walker reported, for use by Little League and other teams. The preliminary grading, and filling is expected to be completed this fall, he said.

The board voted to recommend that the city commission be requested to erect a backdrop at an approximate cost of \$800, and provide funds for the diamond's completion in time for use next summer.

The board also approved expenditure of \$300 for purchase of a diving board to replace the one that now is in use at Barnum school.

At the suggestion of Mrs. William Jackson, board chairman, the board voted approval of a message of condolence to the widow of the late William G. Robinson, who for many years worked in association with the board and helped plan Eton field.

THE BOARD also instructed Frank Whitner, recreation director, to meet with board of education representatives to discuss the establishment of a weekly athletic program for adults, using Birmingham high school facilities one night weekly.

It was suggested that a small charge be levied on those who wish to use the gym and pool, and that such funds be turned over to the board of education.

School Counselor To Attend Meeting

Carol Darling, counselor at Birmingham High school, will participate in a discussion group at the 8th annual State Conference of Counselors, Nov. 8 and 9, at Michigan State college.

Effective vocational planning will be the theme of her group when they discuss the problems of social mobility from a guidance standpoint.

Household Goods of every description are offered for sale in the Classified Columns of The Birmingham Eccentric.

The world's greatest men and women have been quiet, humble, soft spoken, kindly, considerate, honest-all qualities of intelligence. The few articulate ones who have become great really had something for us. Which only suggests that, with most of us, more silence will become golden.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Birmingham Background

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

Residents See Light In 1908

"Electric light or some kind of dependable light is needed in the village," declared The Birmingham Eccentric in Feb. 1908.

The acetylene gas plant, which in 1904 had gotten a five-year franchise for lighting streets and homes in Birmingham, was a complete bust.

At the ladies of the Macabees polo party, gas lights went out, the company being out of carbide and the girls had to send out for lamps and candles. They were mad for a week.

The village was without street lights, and those people depending upon the acetylene plant were in the dark.

The gas company, located on the north side of Willets near the Chester street intersection, was a big losing investment. The plant, said to have cost promoters \$3,500, was reported for sale for \$1,000.

The time was ripe for electric lights.

THREE FRANCHISES for electric lighting were considered by the village board and in July 1908, they made their choice.

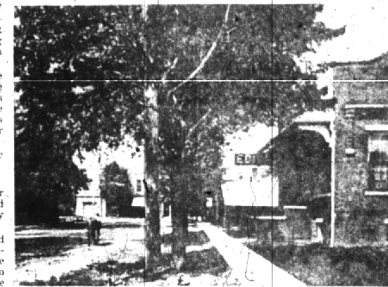
Lee Triax, board member and local hardware dealer moved, supported by T. B. Smith, that the lighting franchise be granted to the St. Clair Edison company. The motion carried.

The franchise, and ordinance which accompanied it, was to remain in force for 30 years.

The St. Clair Edison substation, built within a few months after the franchise, was a product of Birmingham. John H. Bukkerrough, local architect, drew up the plans and G. William Cray, local cement block man, was the contractor.

"OUR BIRMINGHAM business houses furnished most of the materials entering into its construction," said The Eccentric in Dec. 1908.

Now remodeled, the old substation is lost in the handsome building on the east side of Pierce street, immediately south of the alley below W. Maple.



TWO VIEWS OF THE OLD EDISON PLANT
(Photos from the Stanley Ford collection)

Re-Elect Haneline President of CC

Birmingham Country Club re-elected Brock C. Haneline president at a meeting held October 22. Names to other officers were S. E. Phillips, vice president; A. F. Gullmet, secretary; and H. M. Stiller, treasurer.

Elected to fill three-year terms as directors were W. T. Birme, G. I. Connelly, A. V. Lott, and H. M. Stiller. Other directors are J. C. Nick, Dale Stinger, A. G. Swanson, C. E. Turner and O. J. Wilson.

At Conference

University of Michigan freshmen from Birmingham High, Troy High, Greentree, and Kingswood will attend the 26th annual Pontiac Freshman conference, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8. They will be among representatives from 185 high schools and junior colleges to be interviewed to evaluate their preparation for the University.

Hours	9-5 Daily, Fridays to 8 P.M. Closed Wednes- days	Fine Selection of the Latest Style Frames
DR. N. R. BECKER OPTOMETRIST		
Eye Examinations — Glasses Fitted		
135 EAST MAPLE		Midwest 1-0614

Catalogs - - - ?

YES . . . WE PRINT THEM FOR SCORES OF DETROIT FIRMS

Three Detroit Salesmen . . . TR 5-2629 . . . Plant MI 6-2000

The AVERILL PRESS INC. of Birmingham
A COMPLETE PRINTING SERVICE FROM TYPESETTING TO MAKING

FORMERLY THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC PRINTING DEPARTMENT

REPRESENTING

HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut

THE McCLELLAN AGENCY
Rm. 245 Briggs Building
PHONE Midwest 4-2860
Financial Security Is Second Only To Health

STERNAL'S for RCA Television Radios and Record Players FREE CUSTOMER PARKING In Rear of Store Open Friday evening to 9:00

Quinn's inc.

DECORATOR FABRICS \$1.98 to \$5.98 per square yard

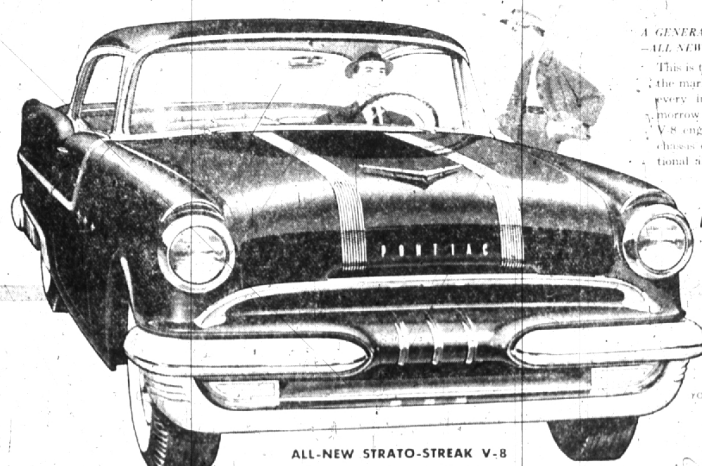
for all settings formal or informal

For every room . . . every decor . . . home fabrics by the yard in patterns and textures to make your windows wonderful! See our top assortment including the finest goods from antique satin to bulky-wool novelties.

LINCOLN 6-3311 LINCOLN 3-4656

Open Thurs. & Fri. Evenings 2875 N. Woodward 3 Blocks So. of 12-Mile

It's Here!
the All-New '55 Pontiac



WITH THE 180-HP STRATO-STREAK V-8!

A GENERAL MOTORS MASTERPIECE - ALL NEW FROM THE GROUND UP!

This is the one! This is the car with the mark of greatness apparent in every inch of its design, for tomorrow's styling, in its plus-powered V-8 engine, and in its years-ahead chassis engineering. See this sensational all-new car and take a ride!

IT'S PONTIAC'S YEAR TO START!



ALL-NEW PANORAMIC BODY

A masterpiece of styling—that's Pontiac for '55! There's vastly greater vision from its panoramic windshield. Interior, color-keyed to the Vogue Two-Tone body lines, present the latest fabrics and appointments.



ALL-NEW SHOCK-PROOF CHASSIS

For '55, Pontiac went right down to bedrock to give you the newest and finest in riding comfort, driving ease, all-around safety! Heavier "N" frame, bigger brakes! Rear-riding half steering! Traction bars! Wider spaced parallel rear springs! Vertical coil pins! And that's only part of the under-the-car advances!

WILSON PONTIAC-CADILLAC, Inc.

1350 North Woodward Ave. Phone Midwest 4-1930 and Jordan 4-6655

DON'T MISS THE RED BUTTONS THURSDAY, 8:00 P.M.— CHANNEL 4