

City Pays For Tree Damage To Sidewalks

It would require considerable time and effort for the city of Birmingham to figure the cost of tearing up and relaying sidewalks that have been heaved up by trees.

Yet every year the city's treasury is taxed to carry on this work.

The city, you recall, is the actual owner of every lot from the center of the street to a foot over the inside sidewalk line of each property; between the curb and sidewalk the city plants trees, and when the trees grow enough they heave up and

often break the adjacent sidewalk.

MOST OF BIRMINGHAM'S tree plantings in these locations have been elms, which grow rapidly; while they do offer quick shade, they also cause damage to both sidewalks and nearby sewer lines.

All of which causes us to wonder if there is not some way to control the extension of the elm roots sidewalkward, or should some other tree be selected for this purpose?

Have you, Dear Reader, any thoughts on the subject?

Wishing Geo. Cushing Good Fun!

One of radio's most interesting and friendliest of voices has left the air controlled by the wave length of WJR, Detroit. It belongs to George Cushing, for many years conductor of WJR's Sunday program, "In Our Opinion."

A vice-president of the station for many years, Mr. Cushing also directed its news broadcasting and special events programs. For 641 consecutive Sunday broadcasts Mr. Cushing was at his microphone. Included as guests were many men and

women from all walks of life, each with a story to tell that was of informative nature to listeners.

A perfect gentleman, a good American, a real neighborly "sort of guy", Mr. Cushing will be missed by untold thousands of friends—both personal and those he has made via radio.

In his retirement we, too, join others in wishing him many years of health and pleasurable fun... knowing that wherever he is he'll be considerate and kindly to all.

Traffic Controls In Air Needed

If you don't think there's a federal agency to regulate the air, you just don't know your government. Not only that, it wants to extend its jurisdiction over more air space.

The matter is not one to be taken lightly. The agency involved is the Civil Aeronautics Administration, which regulates some 140,000 miles of airlines used by civilian planes flying at altitudes less than 25,000 feet.

With the increase in air traffic, with the growing numbers of jet planes, the CAA feels an obligation to extend its jurisdiction above the 25,000 foot altitudes. As yet, however, there is no certainty about how this can best be done.

According to Administrator F. B. Lee, "the problem is still in the study stage

and we are searching for realistic, practical solutions."

AT PRESENT, JET PLANES pose quite a problem to the CAA. Because they can't tolerate delays in landing, they create serious puzzles at congested airports. Those with crowded runways don't like to keep jets waiting, but on the other hand they hesitate to penalize operators of conventional aircraft by giving priority landing clearances to jet aircraft.

All this may sound far-fetched. Yet regulation of the airways by radar and radio is essential.

By solving these problems as they arise now, the nation will avoid the crisis brought on by ignoring the growing numbers of automobiles until they were too large to handle.

Try This Rainy Day Prescription

Next time rain comes, do what children know how to do and most adults have forgotten: Enjoy it. Put on old clothes—the fewer the better, within reasonable limits. Take off shoes and socks. Then get out from under shelter.

Feel the splash and spatter of drops,

soothing to brain and spirit. Sprinkle the toes in wet grass. Find a deep place, if there's rain enough—a puddle, or a rushing gutter torrent. Children will have found it first. Join them in a splash; don't mind the wet.

Or, if all this is too much for your dignity, just put on a raincoat and go for a walk. Talk along a congenial spirit, if there's one around. Feel the clean rain, taste it, enjoy the look of it slanting down. Then go back home refreshed.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

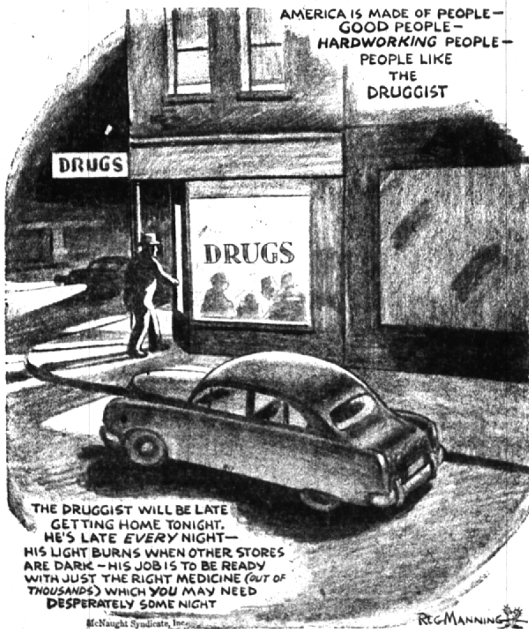
President Eisenhower's personal sense of the need for high ethical conduct of government employees, was demonstrated when he accepted the resignation of Harold E. Talbott, as Secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Talbott may be very talented in his private business affairs, but he certainly showed much plain stupidity and ignorance of the old axiom that "a public office is a public trust." He is to be con-

gratulated . . . and Talbott's example should do much to improve situations where they may need to be improved.

Appears some people going to and from Detroit's new City & County Bldg. run smack into clear glass doors, injuring themselves. But why complain too much when most taxpayers want their public officials to operate in plain sight?

The "Ordinary" Americans

**AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—
GOOD PEOPLE—
HARDWORKING PEOPLE—
PEOPLE LIKE
THE
DRUGGIST**



"Wonder When Diane Will Blow In?"



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The influence of radio and television programs is certainly far-reaching and powerful these days. One night last week we saw a club meeting break up in a hurry after operating at a breakneck speed so members rushed to see whether or not the Bronx shoemaker would stop at his current winnings, \$32,000, or risk all as he tried for the right answer to the \$64,000 question.

The reason in that room was nearly visible as women sat on chair edges while waiting to hear his decision. The man was gigantic when he finally said he'd take his check and call it quits.

This is not an isolated incident, by any means. Often during the summer months we have heard youngsters ask neighbors if they listened to some certain program. On getting a negative answer, the little fans have refused to go out and play.

IT'S QUITE common to hear mothers call their small fry home with the information that some certain program is about to go on the air and the kids had better hurry.

Hot nights, when everyone has been staying up and out as late as possible, TV sets are shifted around so folks can sit on the front porch and watch their favorite programs through the door or windows.

A lady we know has stopped bowling because the only night she could go happens to be the same evening as a special TV event. She has a constant fight with her youngsters about Saturday afternoon shopping during the fall because they all want to stay home and watch the football games.

AN EASTERN minister of our acquaintance brought a radio to church several times and let his congregation hear a "guest pastor" deliver a sermon from a Ruf-

falo station. He said the "guest" was a far better speaker than he could hope to be and the sermon much more interesting than his own.

We've known of men who gave up a Saturday fishing trip to stay home and watch a ball game—men who "forgot" TV food during the fishing season and just existed the rest of the year.

It's a not uncommon complaint from wives that they have to check TV and radio programs before making evening engagements. Their husbands refuse to leave home if there's going to be a broadcast of a good fight.

BROADCASTS not only influence our social activities, but have their role in our daily living. Tied in with our clock circuits, they put us to sleep and wake us in the morning. They time our coffee and help us with our meals, home decorations, mechanical repairs and house maintenance.

They tell us how to get thin or put on weight, remove wrinkles and grow our hair. We learn how to dress, walk, talk, play musical instruments, paint and do ceramic work. Now far be it from us to belittle these two wonderful forms of entertainment. We think they're grand, but they do pose a question: How in the world did our ancestors ever survive without them and the knowledge they impart so freely and frequently?

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Glanced From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 18, 1905

"Mrs. Kate Wainwright with two daughters and a Master Wainwright have been the welcome guests of Mrs. Parker on Ann street. Mrs. Wainwright is next in charge to Prof. Cleary of the Cleary Business college at Ypsilanti, Mich., and is a competent teacher and an educated lady."

Miss Bery McClelland of Woodward avenue now plays upon her own piano, a beautiful present from her father.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Campbell leave by boat tomorrow for Alpena to spend a vacation with their son, Dr. D. W. Campbell. The judge and daughter, Miss Zilpha, who is also in Alpena, expect to return to Birmingham next week.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 14, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schwartz of Purdy street returned to their home on Friday afternoon after spending a week at Kitchener, Ont., where a reunion of old residents of that city convened. Former residents from all over the

Dominion and the United States attended the "Old Boys Reunion."

For the purpose of enforcing the dog tax law the Oakland County Board of Supervisors set aside the sum of \$5,000 this year and a part of this is being used at the present for the listing of all dogs in the county and the collection of fees for licenses.

Miss Doris Pepper of Willets street and Jack Moore of Puro street are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams. Miss Pepper's sister and brother are spending the summer at their cottage on Woodhill Lake.

15 YEARS AGO
Aug. 15, 1940

Rollie Reese, manager of the Stroup's Market, after playing golf consistently for 15 years, obtained his first hole-in-one last Thursday on the thirteenth hole at the North course of the Oakland Hills Golf club.

As a part of the National Deaf program, the Birmingham Post Office will begin the registration of all aliens in Birmingham and surrounding area when the Alien Registration Act of 1940 goes into effect August 27.

Mrs. Jules Agramonte who is again living in Birmingham after spending the past year at Laguna Beach, Calif., was honored Wednesday afternoon at a luncheon at the hard hat country club by Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., of Purdie avenue.

Hudson, a variety of winter barley, has been accepted for certification in Michigan for the first time.



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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

I wonder how much it costs to have Mississippi river water shipped to the Midwest from New Orleans?
Sometimes it seems to be sold in restaurants under the menu listing of "iced tea."

Federal government spends many times probably have looked longingly at the income tax deductions made for trips to conventions held in foreign countries.

Michigan Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler certainly seems to keep the situation pretty confused on this toll road vs. highway matter (not to mention a number of other important, long needed road and highway improvements).

If Ziegler is not the Republican candidate for highway commissioner come the 1957 election, a good many Republicans (not to mention all the Democrats) could well be singing that refrain from Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Mikado":

"He never will be missed, he never will be missed, I'm sure he won't be missed."

General Motors research engineers have built a pilot model of a "sunmobile", which converts sunlight to electrical energy via photoelectric cells.

Before I arrange to buy one of the first life-size vehicles, I only want these GM fellows to tell me what to

do when I still have several miles to home when the sun goes down.

There is no sure cure for Dutch elm disease. Only "cure" is to cut down the infected tree.

So don't let anyone claim he has a cure, then try to sell you on using it.

Southeastern Michigan is being hit by this fungus disease, carried by a beetle. Birmingham and area has seen several hundred trees stricken in the past few years.

Now the Michigan department of agriculture warns that gyp artists have been reported circulating in this region, claiming a remedy.

State workers are cooperating with local municipal employees in combating this disease. However, both can easily identify themselves to cautious property owners.

Quite a long time ago, drug stores sold only drugs and related items. Today they are more like general stores.

Now it appears that hardware stores may take on the looks of the corner garage. A leading manufacturer of spark plugs says his product also is going to be merchandised from your favorite hardware or sporting goods store.

We Heard It Said By:

City commissioner Dean Beier: "It does require time to gain the complete acceptance by the public of a metered parking facility in a community. As Birmingham develops its new off-street parking lots, it may be observed at first that not all spaces are used regularly; but that will be accomplished as people get used to the convenience of such projects."

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