

Half of That \$667,000 Due from Business Area

Birmingham city officials can't sit much longer on the actual determination of what each downtown business is to pay as its "equitable share" in financing off-street parking lots.

Some of these weeks soon the city will have to act.
For Birmingham can only have outstanding at one time a total of \$500,000 in revenue bonds. Already \$260,000 has been issued to pay for the Pierce-Merrill lot, now under construction.

ANOTHER \$90,000 is proposed for a half block parking lot two blocks immediately west of the first lot.

Discussions are being held for a lot on Hamilton street, which may require another \$317,000.

Adding all this up, it looks like within a short time (as cities go) in excess of \$650,000 will be paid out for these three lots.

THIS WOULD "OVERDRAW" the city's account better than \$150,000.
And two other big parking lots quite possibly might be needed within the next decade.

So it appears the city would be wise to start collecting the businessmen's portion of the parking lot payments without undue delay.

A Lost Art—a la Bryan

Sometimes, observing the current crop of political speakers, it appears that the art of oratory, once prized in this country, has fallen to a low estate indeed. Nothing serves to confirm that opinion more than a reading of a speech made by William Jennings Bryan on July 8, 59 years ago, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The speech built emotion as it went along, carrying the audience, even many who disagreed with what he was saying,

on its rising tide. By the time he reached the conclusion:

"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold"; there was little doubt that Bryan would get the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Even today the words strike fire.

When it comes to oratory, the fellow on television says: "You can't hardly get that kind no more."

Siegel's Decides on a Birmingham Branch

By next spring, Birmingham will witness the opening of an important new addition to its main-line shopping center.

Company officials of R. Siegel Co. last week confirmed their proposals to locate here.

From what these Siegel executives tell us about their new Birmingham branch, it will be quite a novel and interesting place for the women to shop in.

THIS ANOTHER DETROIT metropolitan merchandising organization recognizes the importance of a Birmingham location from which to do business.

The community has always welcomed new businesses which served its careful and exacting requirements and tastes.

Thus Birmingham welcomes this newest member of its business life.

Labor's Day



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

How well we remember that day, each year, ended summer vacation and days of care-free fun. That "first day of school" was something that hung over our heads like a great black cloud as the month of August slipped away.

Looking back, we fail to recall any time that our dread had any foundation. It was, apparently, just that we resented having to return to the world of "organization" and getting acquainted with new studies.

There was always the experience of meeting classmates whom we had not seen all summer, greeting a new teacher, new pupils and getting acquainted with new studies.

Routine soon established itself and the days slid one into the other with none of the unpleasant surprises thought of.

AGAIN THOUSANDS of boys and girls are looking forward to the first day of school. Some with pleasant anticipation, but most with dread.

Really, kids, it's not such a bad deal.

There's the thrill and adventure of going to another grade. Lessons will be a little tougher and will show up the hours you spent working hard instead of studying last year.

You'll meet new subjects and new faces, and they advance from simple addition and subtraction into multiplication and division. As time goes on, these will change.

SPELLING, grammar, and other subjects are all getting tougher and each offers its own special challenge.

The "middle size" guys are going to find themselves in among high school, another brand new

experience of deeper, more interesting school.

High school students take another step forward, making the challenge of approaching college days and adulthood.

Junior and senior high school groups find themselves with a much broader field of activities than they had in their grade days.

Athletics, dramatics, social life, have their important parts now, along with classroom work. It's a real job to keep up with these things, and not being grade-sliders into the scale. It takes planning and hard work if you're to get all the value your school year has to offer.

MEETING AND learning to know the new teacher has its own task for you.

School routine may be fairly much the same, but it cannot override the personality and characteristics of teachers or pupils. How well you get along with the teacher is your own little project. It's your own training ground for the day when you step from a place of learning into an adult world of working.

It's your chance to learn to get along with all types of persons. It's your chance to see whether or not you can adjust yourself to an entirely new personality if not a stumbling block to you. It's life.

We wish you thought of the first day of school differently when it was a part of your life. It would have been so much more to you if it had been, rather than to stand it so thoughtlessly.

Happenings of Long Ago

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

58 YEARS AGO
Aug. 25, 1902

"Mrs. Jim Hathaway gave a party for thirty of her daughter's jobmates last week and a delightful time they all had. Many little folks and nobody but. Chicken pie, ice cream and cake were the refreshments."

"Nelson Shattuck has the last new telephone put in on the Birmingham exchange."

"Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman of Buffalo and little daughter, Miss Vivian are the guests, Win. Hamm and family. Mr. Kaufman is a nephew of Mr. Hamm's and is happily engaged in returning a visit made last winter. Michigan is very alluring to the Empire state people."

36 YEARS AGO
Aug. 21, 1919

"The stock made no mistake in leaving a freight, home box at the house of L. A. V. Bingham last Sunday. Good place to grow up in amongst good people."

Louis M. Randall, chief engineer in the local school system, received

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES:

The old-fashioned merry-go-round is fast losing its attraction as a child's "ride" at fairs and exhibitions.

Newest "thrill" for the kids is a fast trip in a replica of a USAF North American F-100, which is being readied for the Michigan State Fair Sept. 2-11.

Complete with headphones, push starter button, and other cockpit controls, the youngsters will "pilot" the plane via a "radar" movie screen in front of them.

Fair officials already are planning ways to handle the long lines of anxious jet-age boys and girls.

Vacations are all too short—but not as short as the money.

Kids are all right—until parents get hold of them.

Some Detroiters are embroiled in a verbal battle over the morals of women who wear shorts on downtown streets during hot weather.

"Indecent!" cry the opponents, who admit it is all right to do so at home, in the backyard, or at the beach.

"Tain't either," yell back the proponents, who would advance the cause of coolness.

Could someone please tell me when morals came to be determined by geography?

Of the 57,000 men and women who work at the giant Rouge plant of Ford Motor Co., the Birmingham area is "home" for 209 of them, a recent company survey

shows.

Champion commuter is Carl Johnson, a pipefitter who lives in Jonesville, 84 miles southwest of Dearborn. One day Johnson drives his new Thunderbird to work, next day uses his 1955 Lincoln.

Anyone else want to take up pipefitting?

Roseville women recently won their battle to save 100 elm trees, which the state highway department had proposed to cut down in widening the highway.

What with the turnpike squabble, his feuding with Gov. Williams, the Roseville trees and several other "unusual" controversies, this fellow Charlie Ziegler sure is getting more than his share of pre-election publicity.

It's no secret that the English language has some rather unusual characteristics. This was brought to my attention again recently when I had occasion to use the plural of cabbage.

It is cabbage, of course. But my mind took off into these mental playgrounds when I was familiar with—and I began toying with that word "cabbages" and its possible plurals.

Why, I wondered, didn't it turn out as "cabbese"? Like "goose" and "geese"? Then "moose" should convert to "meese". And what about a group of houses being called "hioes", or a single grain of rice referred to as "a rouse"?

But after all, who wants a language which is perfectly formed? Certainly not the politicians—it would cramp their style.

Low Bids Okayed For Derby Items

Pending final recommendations, Gold Star Products' low bid of \$4,199 for the kitchen equipment was approved for four contracting and the low bid of Lyon Metal Products' \$5,100 for the four bidders. High bid was \$10,744.

The W. A. Buckel company submitted the low of \$4,199 for the kitchen equipment and the low bid of Lyon Metal Products' \$5,100 was approved among \$65,995 for wood cabinets for the four bidders. High bid was \$10,744.

There were 7,232,000 persons employed by Federal, state and local governments at last Spring's count.

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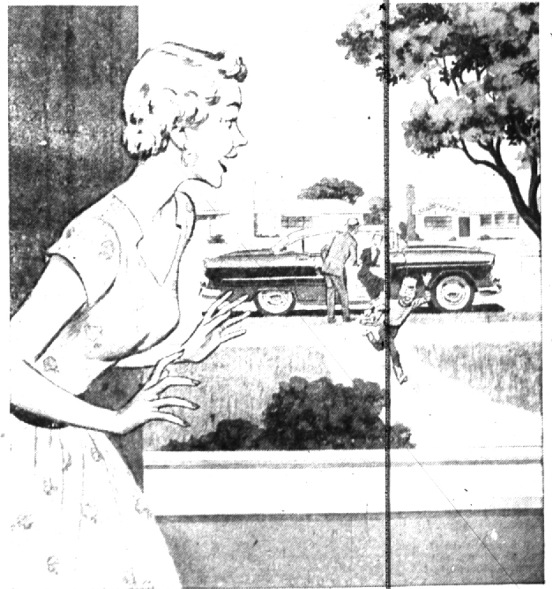
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