Don't Get Parking Methods Too Confused

Birmingham commissioners still are considering Police Chief Raiph W. Mox-ley's suggestion that parking meters on Woodward south of Maple be operated each evening until 3 p.m., like the nearby municipal parking fit at Pierce and Mer-rill streets.

rill streets.

Moxley argues that extension of the hours will help to get theater-attending motorists to use the newly opened parking lot where they can get two-four parking meters. Thus, the one-hour limit Woodward meters would be more available for least abscenars he routs out.

Woodward meters would be more available for local shoppers, he points out.

We can't argue the Moxley's points, for we believe they are correct—as far as they go.

HOWEVER, WE AGREE with Chamof Commerce spokesmen that these benefits suggested by Moxley would be overwhelmighly offset by the resulting confusion of parking motorists, not to meetion the S. Woodward businessman who would find their doorfroit parking was not on the same "free parking" hours as their non-Woodward competitors.

competitors;

dommissioners haven't yet given a definite "yes" or "no" answer to this proposal. We urge the matter be disposed of
right now ib a "no".

We presently have meters provide
different lepths of time for parking.

Mapy local citizens see no sufficient rea-

son to compound this operation by hav-ing different hours of meter operation other than the municipal parking lot it-

New Office Zone Should Aid Residential Character

After mouths of study, rehash, and more study, Birmingham now finds itself with a new zoning classification, "Office—Professional".

Professional".

Intended to provide a more acceptable buffer between retail business and residential areas, the new zoning is designed only for the so-called "service trades". That is, no merchandise will be moving into and out of the buildings.

WE ENDORSE THE CITY'S new zone

classification only regretting that it couldn't have been adopted sooner. Were it available sarlier, the city might have found itself with several least "sore spots", caused by zoning to business because of lack of the new office classification. We hope its early application to several other tender areas will prove its effective-

ness and prevent the "neighborhood bus-iness" rash from extending further over Birmingham body residential.

"Old Satchmo" In Role Of Diplomat

It's a long way from the back streets of New Orleans to the high goads of diplomacy. But it looks as if Louis Armstrong, the greatest jazz trumpet player, of all time, is going to make it.

The State Department recently announced that "Satchmo", as Armstrong is known, and other jazz artists will be sent on cultural missions to such places as the Far and Middle East, Asia and Africa. The idea is a sound one.

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America has many things to be proud of in the field of culture. Some of our symphony orchestras rank with the great ones of the world. Our writers, singers and

artists have won international acclaim

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YET NOTHING IS MORE purely American than jazz. It began here and flourished here. And one of the men who brought it to the high place it holds in wirld respect, was Louis Armstrong. So in far off corners of the world native populations will listen in amazement to "Didn't He Ramble", and to the "Saints Go Marching In"—played Dixieland style. The warm, gravelly voice of Satchmo will sing the old songs. And when he does, the pepte who hear will know more about us and probably like us a little better.

Foreign Policy Needs Honest Debate

It cannot seriously be expected that foreign policy will be kept out of politics in 1956. The political stakes, and the temptation to use every means for winning them, will be too great.

ning them, will be too great.

Charges and counter-charges are sure to be a part of the coming campaign. In a sense, that is as it should be, since our elections ought to reflect the considered judgment of the electorate on foreign policy as well as on other matters. The administration's conduct of foreign affairs is part of its record, and as such it cannot properly be ignored.

THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID, however, for the ideal of a bipartisan foreign policy. Our position in the world community is greatly strengthened when our policy has the broad support of both major parties and seems unlikely to be changed with every shift in power.

Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, recently put the matter well when he said:

said: "We must assure the world that we are capable of having a non-partisan American policy and that regardless of who wins or loses in 1956, our foreign program will go

leses in 1956, our foreign program will go
on aubstantially as is. We must show that
we are a mature nation."
President Eisenhower promptly endorsed this Democratic leader's statement
of support for a united front on foreign
policy. It deserves the further endorsement of all thoughtful citizens.

Point of View ... From The Eccentric's

It is encouraging to learn that first three weeks' receipts from meters on Bir-mingham's first municipal parking 'lot well over original estimates. Three weeks is a mighty short time to make any long-range predictions, but we will be follow-

ng with interest the city's weekly "take" If the figures hold up, it would tend to adicate the soundness of the city's park-ng program and the public's acceptance f and eagerness to use it.

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We All Wish You a Merry Christmas



NATURE NOW

Hearth Provides Holiday Warmth

By LYDIA KING FREHSE Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Fire, with its attendant comforts of light and warmth, as become a "taken-for-granted" attribute of the holiday

But it was not until sometime during the fourth glacial age, perhaps not more than 50,000 years ago, that man learned how to lay hold of this magic.

learned now to lay note or this magic.

He may have snatched his first burning brand from a lightning cano, thereby setting his foot we are prone to think of the burning a path which has led him from savager to cultivation.

Savager to cultivation.

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"NOW THE holiday hearth becomes the focal point for our
most sacred symbols. Here they
with care." Here are placed our
fairest greens, our brightest bells,
our tailest candles.
Here centers the family beity with

magic of fire is the green leaf. When the sum fall the green leaf. When the sum fall the green leaf when the sum of years which feed all that is alive.

FURTHERMOMEE the plant (in this instance a tree) is not only the manufacturing agent, but the manufacturing agent agen

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.

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50 YEARS AGO
December 22, 1905

A contributor to The Eccentric
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Last Saturday was a lively, busy basiness day in Birmingham, the basiness day in Birmingham, the media a good one and was an adv't worth while to see. Some lay't worth while to see. Some lay't worth while to see. Some big pasteboard sign which read "Trade at Spencer & Wolcott's, Best Goods lowest prices" and birmingham will appress the sours advertising the cooler of the site of the state of the state

30 YEARS AGO
December 18, 1925
The third meeting of the We
we So Sew club was held at it in the "For Sale—Houses" colmint School, December 2. The loumns of The Eccentric.

From the Women's Angle—Mra.
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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

You may have thought last week's Ec

You may have thought last week's Eccentric was a bit larger than usual. It was. The 54 pages it contained in its seven sections was the largest regular edition ever attained. Previous high was 48 pages, which has been recorded several times in the past year.

Michigan's superintendent of public instruction, Clair Taylor, officially has taken note that Oakland county's school enrollment in the past year has risen 11,044 for a total of 126,553.

Birmingham school district itself was 14½ per cent of that increase, or an additional 1,600 students in schools here.

Only Royal Oak, with a 2,524 in-

Only Royal Oak, with a 2.524 increase, topped Birmingham.

Across the entire state, enrollments went up a total of 69.118, bringing to 1,384,750 the number of Michigan school children.

(Naturally, Wayne county showed the largest increases—21,152.)

James R. Adams, who last week went to chairman of the board of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., after many years its president, is nationally famous as an advertising copywriter.

He says the hardest part of ad writing

He says the hardest part of ad writing is getting ready.
"You have to get wound up," he says.
"The best advertisements are written berfore a mark is put on paper. They are first created in the writer's mind."
What Adams says about ad writing also applies to the best newspaper stories—they merely are verbalizations of mind.

What's next - dogs in decorator's

colors?

A Chicago bird dog recently gave birth to a litter which featured six con-

brown.

But the seventh pointer is a bright chartreuse!

Birmingham Rotary club participates many civic projects, and individually members give to many worthwhile civities.

es. the club's major organized fundraising operations center around financial support of the Oakland county crippled

children's society.

Friday saw club members stage their annual newspaper sale, which together with the spring Easter lily sale, obtains of the club funds contributed to OCSCC.

THE CLUB HAS CONTRIBUTED approximately \$10,000 to the society since the inception of this program seven years

Only recently at the annual meeting of . Only recently at the annual meeting of the society in Pontine, a check for more than \$2,000 was presented to Lloyd C. (Slip) Megce, society president, on behalf of the club. This represented proceeds of the Easter lily sale and other activities

In the preceding two years the club (1) In the preceding two years the club (1) presented a new station wagon to the Society for needed transportation, (2) built a new garage to house it, and (3) saw to the grading and installation of a proper dryeway and runway to OCSC Readquarters which would permit maximum use of the station wagon by crippled children encumbered by wheelchairs, leg braces, crutches and the like.

THE CLUES INTEREST in helping Oakland county's crippled children does not end with extra fund raising. Its members are credited with assists on many other activities during the year, outstanding among which are the annual Christmas party for the children and other seasonal affairs in which individuals and groups see a ball game or circus. On these occasions, the job of playing host and providing transportation for a carload of enthusiastic kids pays off in terms of highly mutual satisfaction, say club mymbers who have participated.



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