



City Turns Down Alley Petition

Unresolved property owner opinions regarding need for and design of an alley, resulted last week in the Birmingham city commission's turning down an assessment district for the project.

The commission apparently agreed with Commissioner V. B. Watkins that "the equities of this situation don't appeal to me and the design repulses me."

For some weeks, the commission has attempted to have owners agree on the alley's location and financing method.

To HAVE gone in the block at the southeast corner of Batts and Maple and serve two Maple and two Martin street parcels, the alley entrance would have been on Martin.

B. Siegel & Co. has options on four lots in that block, where it would like to erect a Birmingham branch.

EDWIN J. KORAN, 630 Linden, has been named president of LaDriere Studios, Detroit, by Walter E. LaDriere, board chairman. The appointment was made at the annual stockholders meeting early this month. Koran has been with the Detroit firm for 27 years.

It will not be very long, now, until spring will wash winter off the stage, and again our world can be regenerated with the appearance of this earth's verdant floral life... and we, too, can be regenerated to live God's full life!

Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



BIRMINGHAM Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1913 under James W. Cobb. William G. Olsen was a charter member of the company and when Cobb resigned in 1915, the office of fire chief was given to Olsen. Under Chief Cobb, there were 20 volunteers and in 1926 Chief Olsen, besides his assistant, Glen Allen, had 22 men. The first year the department was organized, there were 20 calls. During 1925 there were between 80-90 calls. Present

Fire Chief Vern Griffith said the Birmingham Fire department made 158 calls in 1951. Pictured above is the Birmingham Volunteer Fire department about 1917. Standing (from left) are George Scott, William Thornton, Neil Black, Lon Bailey, Glen Allen, David Bell, Jim Anderson and Frank Yager. Front row, Ernest Gardiner, Pete Parry, Fire Chief William Olsen, Hans Olsen and Clarence Riffenburg. (Photo from Mrs. Neil Black.)

JA Members Here Tour TV Station

"TV is great" agreed the 21 members of J.A.J. This was the feeling expressed after spending a day touring WJZ-TV and radio. The members of J.A.J. met in the lobby of Birmingham high school February 23 and boarded a bus bound for Detroit.

Among the items of interest were the radio and television control booths, the two television studios, the various radio studios used by the different types of programs, and a discussion on color television.

After lunch the members returned to the studios to see the "Bruce Mayer Show."

J.A.J. in proving that it is one of the most versatile Junior Achievement companies in this area, is making plans for a civic campaign in the near future.

Those taking the trip to the WJZ-TV and radio studios were Carol Peck, Mike Bunnell, Dick Grace, Mary-Sollins, Jane Collins, Ter, Alise, Henning, Bill Ratten.

We Heard It Said By:

MRS. OTTO TURCHAN, 17568 Buckingham, Beverly Hills: "The reason that so many come here from foreign countries for their education, as both my husband and I did, is the great difference between the European and American types of education. Universities in my home, Iran, are so crowded that they are hard to get into. Another reason is everybody wants to go abroad."

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People's Column

Commends Youth Committee on Remarkable Work

To the Editor:

Birmingham is to be congratulated on the fine job the Youth Study committee is doing. There is a very clear and concise concept of all the problems involved. The committee's attitude is objective and will help parents as well as the youngsters to face the problems.

The committee has recognized one basic factor: an adolescent who shows delinquent behavior has often had difficulties from early childhood on. Parents feel guilty and ashamed of this and often do not know where to turn for help. Therefore, nothing is being done until the child gets in serious trouble. The committee gives the people the feeling that the community is interested and ready to help and not to blame.

IN THIS way it may be possible to help a child from the moment difficulties are first noticed and to particularly observe him

all through his school years.

Often early problems will disappear during grade school years only to reemerge on the high school level. If the educators are aware of the early problem they will be able to help prevent future problems.

To achieve this goal it will be necessary for all public and private agencies, church, schools and nursery schools to work together.

MODERN parents are often confused as to how much freedom to give to their adolescent children. Since this is the age when keeping up with the group and maintaining group status is most important, the youngsters will consider it unfair if they are not given the same rights as some of their friends.

Therefore, frequently parent will feel forced to admit the standards of the most permissive parent. The youngster whose parents provide the least limitations sets the standard, because all other friends object to greater limitations.

The pattern is regulated by the youngster who has the least guidance. I am sure parents do not want this but the dynamic of the youngster confuses the issue and make it one of fairness, which it should not be.

THE ISSUE is, what is right health and good for the youngster and not one of equal rights with the most permissive parent. Some children may not be ready for the responsibility and money it, because they do not feel a strong supervising authority.

Perhaps one could find some way at arriving at more definite standards in regards to being out at night, leaving the house, things which would be best for all. It might possibly even be supported by schools, churches, YM and Y, since these authorities outside of the family are often more acceptable to the youngster at that age.

These are just some ideas caused by the thought provoking work of the Youth Committee. However this letter was primarily written to commend the committee on the remarkable work they are doing.

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Subscriber Lauds Eccentric's Policy Of News Coverage

To the Editor:

Of course I'm renewing my subscription for The Eccentric for 1955; and quite agree with the state and national press associations that The Eccentric is outstanding and brings great credit to this city and community.

But aside from The Eccentric's proper coverage of the news and local activities permit me to commend you for featuring such fascinating serials as those of Lydia King, Fresh's Native Stories.

To my way of thinking, these articles are GEMS—not only from their wholesome and fascinating information, such as would enrich material or growing up, but for their almost poetic beauty of composition.

PARENTS should avail themselves of these enriching studies for their own cultural benefit; but

more particularly that they may out of doors will afford share these treasures of Nature. Again I say, CONGRATULA with their children, and thereby THONS!

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