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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Your Life Depends Upon How Others Operate Autos

Every time you get a drive our automobile over a highway we are along with millions of other motorists, subject to traffic hazards. Every year more and more cars are on the highways—but every year the highways are not improved. It is keeping with safety demands.

Then there is the problem of the motorist himself. You may have the finest highway on earth but some drivers will hurt themselves and others for a variety of reasons.

Only the State can license murder. It has, on the highways.

"It licenses those deemed eligible to drive automobiles. These cars are not, in themselves, but can be a lethal weapon when misused," declares a statement by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, in commenting on this subject.

The Council continues:

"Speed often is said to be the cause of most highway accidents. It isn't. DRIVERS ARE."

"IF THAT be true, it does little good to pass speed limit laws. Whether needed or not, they little begin to get at the root of the problem. It is tragically fatal for a state to squabble as Michigan officials and citizens are, to decide whether more than 300 local law enforcement agencies should issue driver licenses.

"It would seem to be obvious that if we are as concerned with highway safety as we say we are, and if highway safety hinges with the driver—then the MINIMUM is a centrally and uniformly administered system.

"So far the opposition—violent and from all—comes from some of the 83 sheriffs. The sheriffs, who issue three-eighths of the driver's licenses, may block the wresting of the license granting privilege from them."

"It is obvious that adherence to high standards is impossible under a system whereby constituents must call on an elected office holder."

"THE BAD part—if there is at least a genuine concern with highway safety—is that EVEN SUCH A STEP WOULD PRESENT ONLY BEGINNING.

"One state agency (the State Fair) spends considerable effort in determining the pedigree of cattle for the awarding of blue ribbons. But what state agency devotes as much effort to learn about the qualities and qualities of a driver to protect the public?"

"People's reaction time differs. These differences can be crucial in highway driving. Should all drivers be licensed for the maximum speed? "

"Some people are capable daytime drivers, but are night blind. Driver licensing ignores this factor."

"Tests are given to detect color blindness. Depth of perception and field of vision are never mentioned. At high speeds they are as important for a car driver as for an airplane pilot."

"Some people are cautious. Others are accident-prone. Could psychology detect the difference? Driver licensing does not."

"THREE ELEMENTS are involved in highway safety: it is the people who build highways, the people who build cars, and the people who drive cars. All the resources

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Parking Lot Is Open!



CITY COMMISSIONER Florence Willett holds the ribbon taut. Mayor Charles Renfrew gets ready to cut it to open parking lot to the public.

Parking Lot Opening Ends 6 Years' Work

A \$250,000 municipal parking lot opened in Birmingham's downtown section Friday night—on the very spot it was first suggested more than six years ago.

It contains space for 231 cars, and still is so new that most persons have yet to use it for an hour or so. However, it was packed full Monday night as parents brought their youngsters up town for the annual Halloween parade and party.

It takes up almost a half block in the city's southeast business quadrant and has driveway entrances on three streets—Brown, Pierce and Merrill.

HOURLY operation are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All-day parkers will find they can buy eight hours of parking for 20 cents at meters with yellow standards. These are located in the south end of the lot. The red-posted meters at the north are limited to two hours parking for a dime.

The intervening years have been used by public officials, property owners, businessmen, landlords and civic groups to debate the merits—or lack of them—and the cost and who is to pay what part of the improvement.

Another small lot is being established two blocks to the west of the Pierce-Merrill one, and a third lot is in the discussion stage along Hamilton avenue.

How the lot's opening will affect parking in that area is being watched by both city officials and merchants.

Much preference to observe any effect the city's new parking lot may have on street parking before recommending or endorsing any changes, the Chamber of Commerce reported this week.

City, Rec Board Agree on Who'll Operate Rink

What appeared to be a divergent opinion over supervision of the Eton park skating rink ended up last week as only a misunderstanding.

Birmingham city commissioners met with recreation board members to thrash out who was going to "operate" the ice rink.

It turned out both groups would—the city will take care of the rink's maintenance, while the recreation board will plan the programs, operating hours, special events, supplemental services and fees.

AT A Sept. 22 joint meeting, it was agreed operation of the rink would be the city's responsibility. Subsequently, the recreation board thought it was being deprived of what should be a board responsibility.

A meeting was arranged to discuss the implications. It turned out that what had been needed was only clarification of responsibilities.

The recreation board finished the evening reviewing 17 applications for a full time recreation director. Operational policies for the skating rink also were considered.

At a meeting tonight, the board will continue deliberating the applications and policies.

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Area Shows Accelerated Growth During Past Twelve-Month Period

\$57,000 - - And 8 Days To Get It

Eight days—and a big \$57,000—stand between Birmingham, Bloomfield, Franklin-Torch Drive volunteers and success in the 1955 United Foundation campaign for 1500 community agencies.

Irving B. Babcock, general campaign chairman, estimated that total receipts by this morning would be slightly above \$143,000, on the basis of contributions accounted for Wednesday.

"From past experience, the 1955 drive is slightly behind schedule, and the final week is always the question mark," Babcock said. "After 16 days of effort, the volunteers have reported about 71 per cent of the \$200,000 quota. That means we've passed the three-quarter mark in the campaign without quite three-quarters of our goal achieved."

MRS. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director, urged all volunteers to turn in their reports promptly. "During our final days of campaigning, lagging reports can throw our accounting off schedule and keep us from a sound evaluation of the progress of the drive," she said.

"As in the past, we are seeking only a basic minimum of contributions to meet agency needs, and the community cannot afford to see attainment of the realistic goal."

"Part of the theory of the single unified drive is to reach our goal in a short period of time at the least possible cost, which has kept our fund-raising expense among the lowest in the nation. More dollars are therefore put to work where they are needed."



RETURNING AFTER a short recess during Detroit hearing on Troy township race track application are Fred W. Hildebrandt, township treasurer (left) and Malcolm M. Heber, township attorney.

Troy Fires Attorney Rejects Track Permit; Hildebrandt Stays on

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

TROY—One official connected with the corporation which optioned land for a race track here has been fired and a second refused to allow fellow board members to oust him at a special board meeting Friday night.

Dismissed from duties was Township Attorney Malcolm M. Heber, who filed his resignation at a July 18 hearing that he had no interest in the track was for the tax dollars which would benefit the township.

IT WAS Inglis who told Hildebrandt that if any one man had done more to keep a track out of Troy township, I don't know who it is.

Inglis said it was possible that the racing commission could approve the track application over the objections of the township board.

DeYoung pointed out to Hildebrandt that the Troy official had known in May that he stood to make \$65,000 profit on a \$500 slice of Esroh corporation.

DE-YOUNG claimed Hildebrandt owned half the \$1,000 stock, Heber owned one-fourth of the stock and his law partner, Harry N. Bell, owned the remaining one-quarter.

In one deal alone, said DeYoung, the three would realize \$112,000 profit from the land optioned from Mrs. Eva Brace, since they had paid her \$117,000, or \$1,500 an acre and had been promised \$3,000 an acre from the turf club.

On all options held by Esroh, the trio would realize a profit of \$150,301 when the land was purchased by the Turf club, an investigator for the racing commission last week.

Under oath Thursday, Hildebrandt first admitted, then denied

7,101 Moved In, Survey Indicates

People moved into the desirable Birmingham-Franklin-Lathrup Village residential triangle in greater numbers in the past 12 months than the average yearly increase for the four years from 1950-1954.

This became evident in an analysis of July 1955 population estimates for communities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, released this week by the Detroit metropolitan area regional planning commission.

This stepped-up pace was shown in four communities—Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Bloomfield, and Troy townships.

TWO OTHER communities showed a slackening pace last year compared to the previous four years. These were Birmingham and Franklin Village.

Lathrup Village remained practically the same, according to the survey.

In these seven areas, the past year saw an estimated 7,101 more persons establish their homes here. This compares to a 6,417 average from 1950-54.

The survey says these communities have grown from a total of 93,772 people in 1950 to a total of 81,550 in July 1955, or an increase of 32,178 in five years.

Birmingham Is League Champion

Birmingham high school won its seventh straight game of the season and captured its first Eastern Michigan league title by downing Port Huron, 14-6, Friday night on the local gridiron. The Maples have Borkley, Nov. 11, and Royal Oak, Nov. 21, remaining on the schedule. See game details on sports page, Section 5, Page 6.

HERE ARE the figures!

	July 1954	July 1955	Pop. Gain	% Gain	1954-55 Pop. Gain	1950-54 Pop. Gain
Birmingham	45,882	47,409	1,527	3.32	1,527	1,527
Bloomfield Hills	1,468	2,256	788	53.7	788	788
Bloomfield Twp.	4,241	10,400	6,159	145.2	6,159	6,159
Southfield Twp.	15,079	27,506	12,427	82.4	12,427	12,427
Lathrup Village	2,266	2,266	0	0	0	0
Franklin Village	1,486	1,700	214	14.4	214	214
Troy Twp.	10,827	14,219	3,392	31.3	3,392	3,392
TOTALS	89,712	115,550	25,838	28.8	25,838	25,838

Passengers Unhurt When Plane Burns

Two area women, Mrs. Gerry Meyer, 1041 S. Bates and Mrs. Donald Allen, 32500 Rockledge road, Franklin, escaped injury Monday when the four-engine Eastern Air Lines plane, 6 which they were passengers en route to Miami, caught fire.

They, with their 32 fellow passengers, were lavish with praise for Capt. Dave Shriner who made an emergency landing at Charlotte, N. C., 120 miles from where the fire broke out. No one was injured.

Latest Office Theft Is Eighth This Year

In the eighth break in reported this year of the professional building, 640 N. Woodward, thieves took \$125, according to Birmingham Det. L. Merlin Holmquist.

Burglars piled upon the door of an office of Drs. Thomas V. Watson and A. K. Stolpmann, thieves of entering the building was not determined, Holmquist said.

Polio March Leaders Named by Chairman

Directors of the 1956 March of Dimes were announced this week by John B. Taylor, area chairman. Mrs. F. C. Galloway, chairperson will be Mothers March chairman, with Mrs. John Erickson, 27 N. Glaston, in charge of women's activities for the one-night campaign.

WAP John Retires From Active Part In His Ad Agency

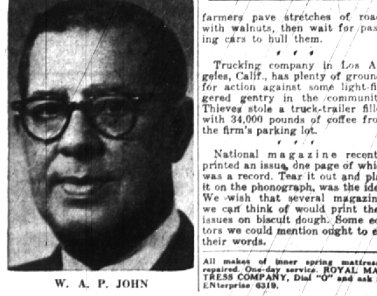
W. A. P. John, Board Chairman and co-founder of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., advertising agency, retired Tuesday, November 1, from active participation in the company's daily affairs, according to James R. Adams, president.

Nationally known in advertising circles and for many years active in civic and church affairs, John will remain on the company's board of directors and serve as the agency's special consultant, with offices in the Wabec building here.

According to Adams, the company is planning a testimonial dinner for its retiring chairman on his forthcoming 61st birthday next January.

JOHN HAS lived in Birmingham since 1919 except for two years in Chicago.

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W. A. P. JOHN

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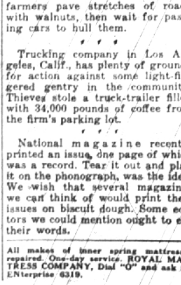
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AN ESTIMATED 10,000 PERSONS watched about 6,000 young marchers Monday night as Birmingham business and professional men hosted the annual Halloween party. Marching by schools, youngsters presented the usual assortment of tramps, witches, devils, gnomes, fairies, animals, ads, and "things". A cold, wet day dried out to make perfect weather for the parade.

nippy but dry, and brought out what is probably the largest crowd ever to attend this 20-year-old event. Food lines on Woodward avenue quickly dispensed thousands of hot dogs, doughnuts and glasses of cider after which winners hastened to get prizes. Four school parties completed the evening's entertainment.



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