

History, past and present, is littered with the lives of many who mistook what they thought was real and false to guide others as a "good reason." Instead, often it was their own ambitious way of seeking power over the lives of others.

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## Schools await Return To Classes Next Week

### THIS and THAT

**Dramatic Role Is Great Lure To Many In Political Life**

Most men who engage in the art and science of politics are not, deep within their natures, the "crusaders" that their spoken words suggest. While they may give tremendous lip service to some facet of current political issues, they do so basically to win votes. That is why, after election, so many political promises are not kept.

I am convinced, then, that many politicians, especially those who aspire to or already fill high offices, are occupying for the moment the dramatic role of crusaders, they learn their lines and, depending upon their native histrionic talents, win varying quantities of public acclaim.

INDEED, THEY are like more than one "crusader" from other of life's vocations—emotionally they take the parts of Jesus or some of his apostles; in their own private lives they often portray the qualities of doubting Thomases or a Judas Iscariot.

It is well to recall the lines of "All the World's a Stage," realizing that two often they merely are playing their parts and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts.

SO, WHEN YOU SEE and hear men and women (though I think the women average up more in mental acuity) thundering forth their undying devotion to the public interest when they are performing in celestial overtures about some candidate, or some "cause," realize that two often they merely are emotionally carried off by this dramatic role they currently play.

For the moment they soar high in the heaven of words and gestures, and when their applause dies down so does their enthusiasm and dedicated devotion.

Once again they sink down into the mire and quicksand of their own little vanities, self-interest and human limitations.

Here's a restful and an attention-getting item: A surplus of \$6,221 remains in the city's recreation program budget. The city commission has appropriated \$145,000 for last year's activities, and now the surplus remains in the budget to "prevent the local recreation program from going too expensive on a pay-as-you-go basis." The real credit, of course, goes to the city commission.

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## Latest Freeway Route Discussed By State, Oakland Officials

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

The door still is open to the final location of the proposed state department freeway through Oakland county.

In a two-hour conference Tuesday afternoon, state highway officials and representatives of several Oakland county groups discussed the state's latest proposed route, and adjourned after mutually agreeing to consider one or more alternatives that were brought out.

Here is the route as presented Tuesday: Starting at Northwestern highway and Southfield (where there would be a large traffic interchange), the route would go:

**NORTH TO** Nine Mile, where it swings west to the west end of Mt. Vernon street, then curves northward again to cross Evesgreen avenue north of 11 Mile, crosses 11 Mile a quarter-mile west of Evesgreen, then directly north along the west side of the Birmingham sewage disposal plant at 14 Mile road.

Then curves west to intersect the Lahser-Maple intersection at a 45-degree angle, then northward to the intersection of the North Hills golf course; halfway to Quanton it veers northwest to Quanton about 1 1/2 of a mile west of Lahser.

Crosses Lone Pine road about 1/2 mile east of Telegraph, crosses Long Lake about 100 yards east of Telegraph, crosses Telegraph about 300 yards north of Long Lake; then it parallels the west side of Telegraph north to the Eliza Lake road in the city of Pontiac.

**PONTIAC** Mayor William Donaldson and City Manager William Wilman questioned the advisability of skirting Pontiac along the

**B'f'd School Bond Proposal Explained At Coffee Hours**

**BLOOMFIELD**—In a series of coffee hour discussions, Bloomfield Hills school district board members, superintendent Eugene L. Burt, and city school officials and representative citizens appeared before parents in the district presenting facts regarding the \$2 1/2 million school bond proposal to be voted upon Sept. 10.

**Will Wreck House If It Threatens City Neighborhood**

If there's a chance that an old house may be moved off a city parking lot development and into the wrong local neighborhood, Birmingham city commission members have that house under a microscope.

**Community House Reopens Sept. 4**

Improvements galore await Birmingham residents who will be returning to the Community House when it reopens Sept. 4 after being closed for a month of redecorating effort.

The first thing to hit their eyes will be the front door, repainted red with big brass numbers, reading 300, added. Inside, new carpeting has been laid on the stairs and hall, with hopes of a sparkling noise that has disturbed meetings in the past.

A new ceiling has been installed in the Velma Isley room, and two new maple chairs and a dropleaf table have been donated by Mrs. H. Isley in his late wife's memory.

The Girl Scouts', Business Girls' and Ruth Shain rooms, along with the men's lounge and auditorium, have been cleaned. New window drapery has been installed, chairs have been slip covered and cupboards have been built in most of the rooms.

similar to the proposed and now dead turnpike were used. Oakland plan board representatives suggested perhaps rather than going through the developing Berkshires, and Westchester Village subdivisions, and developed Gilbert Lake area, that the freeway could be diverted westward from Nine Mile to parallel Northwestern as far as Telegraph, where it would head northward, perhaps right alongside that heavily traveled highway.

**STATE HIGHWAY** officials agreed to evaluate these two related suggestions. They said an easterly route might be better to handle Pontiac's industrial traffic if route west particularly in view of the "Miracle Mile" business development taking place there.

**"Civil Defense Week" Activities Announced**

The search now in progress for "Miss Civil Defense" and the coloring contest beginning this week in The Birmingham Eccentric, are only two of the many events slated for Civil Defense Week, September 9-15, according to Dick Ernst, of 4364 Orchard Hill drive, Bloomfield township, general chairman of the week's activities.

**ALONG WITH** "Miss Civil Defense," the boy and girl winners of the coloring contest will be featured in the parade, which will include bands, the county rescue truck, fire and department of public work equipment, floats, and Red Cross and military personnel.

With schools opening next week—special assemblies, announcements and distribution of a pamphlet, "Mr. CD Tells of Natural Disaster," will aid in turning the students attention to the national observance of "Civil Defense Week."

**Hey, Kids!**  
Get Your Crayons Or Colored Pencils  
Turn to Page 2  
Of This Section—  
And Color This Cartoon Character.  
You May Win  
A Ride in a Downtown Parade!

**Hascall Served City 13 Years as Justice, 10 as City Attorney**

An association which began 13 years ago will end officially tomorrow when Birmingham City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall's resignation becomes effective.

**RE IT IS EXPECTED** that next Tuesday's regular city commission meeting, the Pontiac law firm of Howlett, Hartman & Beier will be appointed to handle the city's future legal work.

Former Birmingham mayor and city commissioner Dean G. Beier is a partner in this firm, which for some months has been handling certain city legal matters, particularly zoning suits involving several properties along Southfield, between Lincoln and 14 Mile.

Hascall became associated with the city in April 1933, when he became the city's first elected justice of the peace. He won re-election three times, then was appointed city attorney on June 3, 1946.

Former city manager D. C. Egbert recommended a full-time legal firm because of future legal requirements the anticipated within between 800 to 1,000 hours a year.

**RECREATION BOARD TO RETAIN SURPLUS**

A \$6,342.41 surplus will be allowed to remain in the Birmingham recreation board's account by city commissioners who stipulated, however, that such monies were to be used only for capital improvements.

**ATTENDING THE 27TH DRIVER TRAINING INSTITUTE** at Ann Arbor on all-expense scholarships from Automobile Club of Michigan, these teachers discuss a good driver knows his car inside and out. Discussing engine operation with Martin Bled (left), Auto Club education supervisor, are (center and right), Kermit Ambrose and Gordon R. Trayer of Birmingham high school. Birmingham has had an optional training course for several years, and under state law must start it as a regular course this school year.

BY LOUIS GROPP

With an increase of over a thousand students expected in the Birmingham schools alone, approximately 19 thousand students will return next week to the area school systems that dismissed over 17 thousand pupils last spring.

September 6 Birmingham senior high school students will return to the high school at 8:10 a.m. Junior high school students will return to Derby and Barnum schools at 8:15 a.m.

All elementary pupils will begin their school day at 9 a.m.

**SENIOR AND JUNIOR** high, along with elementary school children, will be dismissed at noon. Friday a full school day is planned.

Working with this year's Birmingham high school students will be 393 teachers, three nurses, two visiting teachers, three speech correctionists, and 13 thirteen principals.

The faculty will begin meeting on Tuesday for a pre-school conference, Sept. 6.

The first day of the conference will open with a general faculty meeting in the gymnasium of Birmingham high school. This is a change from the traditional meeting place, the Little Theater, which the faculty has outgrown.

**THE GENERAL** assembly will take place at 10:30 a.m. following coffee hours for the teachers in their respective schools.

At noon the entire faculty and board of education will assemble for lunch in the Maple room of Birmingham high school.

Tuesday afternoon and all of Wednesday will be spent in the buildings of the various schools. Thursday afternoon, following the morning session with the students, classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and minor adjustments may be made for Friday.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** students will begin their school year on Tuesday with a half-day session. The high school students will report at 8:15 a.m. and the elementary classes will begin at 9 a.m. for a work-shop.

**SOUTHFIELD HIGH** school students will begin their school year on Wednesday with dismissal time set for 12:30. Elementary students will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday for a 45 minute session.

**52 Buses Ready For B'ham Pupils**

Fifty-two buses are ready to transport students to the Birmingham public schools next week. This year's schedule will be basically the same as the route followed last year, according to Harry Rogers, transportation supervisor.

**We Lose Monday**  
as a news gathering and news-writing day  
Next Week  
(because of Labor Day)

**News and Advertising**  
Copy  
by getting it in to us as  
Early as Possible

## Open Special Rooms For the Handicapped

When Birmingham school doors open Sept. 6 and children flock back from vacations, they will be joined by an ever-increasing number of handicapped children.

A recent Birmingham board of education census revealed that there are 110 handicapped youngsters, including some pre-school-age children, with physical or mental handicaps.

To help meet this special education need, the Birmingham Board of Education will open two new special rooms for educable mentally retarded children Sept. 6.

One room will be at Beverly school, and another at Adams school. These two rooms will be the result of a county special education program—will be open to children from other parts of the county, including the Birmingham school district.

**PRIOR** To this school year, Birmingham provided facilities for special correction and special school for a visiting teacher basis. Two speech correctionists and two special teachers work with special education in the district.

Partial responsibility for increased attention to needs of the handicapped child must be given to the Birmingham Association for Handicapped Children, an organization which—recognizing the needs of the area—formed early this year to give Birmingham school authorities a hand in leading the way to better training for the handicapped.

**CHILDREN** usually considered handicapped include: mentally retarded, blind or partially sighted, deaf and hard of hearing, cerebral palsy, speech defective, autistic, epileptic (crippled) children.

Birmingham school board has under consideration requests for a special room for orthopedic cases, with high school equipment, a room for the blind and partially sighted.

A special city of Birmingham tax is levied for this program. Since 1954, monies for the program have been collected from the county through a special mill property tax of one-half mill to provide school housing, equipment, supplies and programs of instruction for the educable handicapped children in the program.

**STRICTLY FRESH**  
About two weeks after the picnic season closes we should be able to view the beauty of our parks as autumn winds sweep them free of picnic debris.

**Wants Top Priority For Wider E. Maple**

One of Birmingham's top municipal priority projects is the widening of E. Maple street between Adams, according to Commissioner Bill Roberts.

**NOW IN ITS** second school year.

period of time when the boss is out of the office for lunch.

An old-fashioned girl is one who doesn't like manhattans or martinis.

Recipe for homemade pickles: combine in equal measure husbands' flimsy alibis and wives' indignation over domestic situations.

A veteran observer of the political scene is a fellow who manages to get his personal opinion in print.

