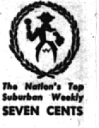
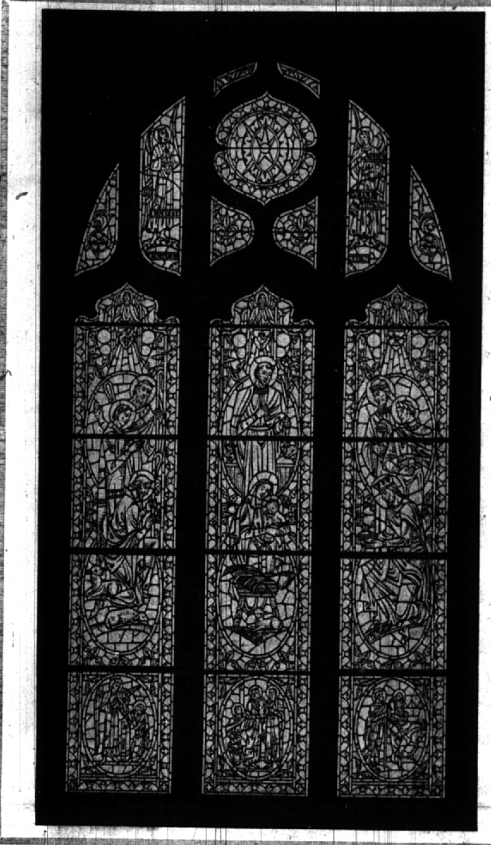


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It does take all kinds of people to make up a workable social order. By this I suggest, however, that the good ideas of good and intelligent people are better than a mixture of such with the wrong ideas of unrighteous people. Mankind's great problem is to substitute right for wrong.

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Birmingham's Methodist church members Sunday will receive a special Christmas gift—their first sight of the church's new Nativity Window which has just been installed in the west transept.

Because of its subject, because of its beauty, and because of the time of its unveiling, we feel the rest of the community would like to share in its appreciation.

COMPOSED OF 3,549 pieces of colorful glass, its enriching beauty and joyful Christmas message centers in the kneeling figure of Mary holding Jesus in her arms, while Joseph stands behind her.

The true spirit of Christmas the window portrays is deep in the heart of the community. This spirit is revealed in the giving of gifts to others, and in many other ways.

The young people's caroling at homes of shut-ins, or taking of gifts and food to needy children. In the compassion for the people of Hungary which has led many local schools and churches to set aside special gift offerings.

All this can be expressed best at this special season of the year in this sincere greeting from the community to the community:

A Merry Christmas to All

This and That

by George R. Averill

The GIFT of Gifts

May generous old Santa, from his pack of gifts, this night leave each of us that rarest one: the yearning to do right. Most presents that we get and give soon tarnish as days fleet. But God's great love endures for aye. . . in Faith and Charity. Ah, Santa, we are thankful, sure, for gifts you give to man; They truly symbolize the theme that set this earth began. When, in a manger, long ago, a Child was born to give To all of us the knowledge of a way to love and live. So what God is we strive to learn, and prove in thought and deed— Believing Him, Defender, Guide, Who meets our every need. We pray, Then, give us the gift to learn to walk Thy way: In gratitude we cry: Dear God, thank for this Natid Day!

—G.R.A.

New Jersey's Rutgers University is going to conduct a seminar on "air power," and entertainer Arthur Godfrey has been requested to emcee it.

A faculty member disagrees with Rutgers' president, who invited Godfrey, to hire the professor. He asks: "Sure Godfrey is a flake too . . . But that doesn't mean he should take the place of a real authority on such a program. Will we invite Elvis Presley and Liberace to conduct future seminars on technical subjects?"

Birmingham's celebrated citizen Murray D. "Pat" Van Wageningen, former Governor and State Highway Commissioner, has taken out application forms to succeed Wayne county's engineer Arthur C. Smith, who is retiring Jan. 1.

"Pat" has our very best wishes. He knows how to build highways and is a most likable chap. Actually, his state record still stands as something for others to aim for.

Recently, together with a few other Michigan editors, I was guest of Arthur A. Hagman, 2018 Cotton tail lane, at his Lake Valley Re, Michigan. Hagman is editor and publisher of the magazine "Inside Michigan."

Located on a beautiful 750-acre site, the resort consists of a picturesque chalet cocktail lounge and dining room, a new motel with modern accommodations, a sports court for skiing enthusiasts, capable of handling 120 people and serving them buffet food. Two lakes and a small trout stream provide fishing and swimming pleasure.

All in all, it's a pretty area, and adds 70,000 acres of state-owned wild lands. Hagman plans to build his resort into a year-round spot, perhaps eventually turning it into

Bad Parking Habits Along US-10 Before Commission Again

How would you handle the hazardous parking along US-10 within Birmingham city limits? Ban parking and let property owners fend for themselves? Perhaps push through plans for access drives in all places where there are none now? Maybe combine these two possibilities and tell property owners that in two years the city is going to ban parking on the state right-of-way unless an access drive has been provided?

Answer to this problem was

postponed Monday night by commissioners who were not ready to agree on just how to handle it.

THEY DID agree, however, there were a couple of steps that might precede any decision. Like getting the latest word from the highway department on its possible participation in completing access drive construction between Oakland and 14 Mile along this heavily traveled federal road.

City Manager Harold Schone, who asked the commission for a decision on some parking problem, was instructed to bring in a summary report telling how many drives were left to install, how much vacant frontage was involved, etc.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said so far in 1956 this mile-long stretch of pavement has seen 179 property damage and 25 personal injury accidents.

AT SEVERAL times in the past the commission has approached this problem, then decided a "mutual cooperation" plan between city and property owners might be the best plan.

Schone pointed out that one such "cooperative" plan for the northeast corner of Maple and Hunter has been approved by Florence Willett, that parking be removed Jan. 1, 1957, from the state right-of-way unless an access drive had been provided meanwhile.

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City Planners Propose New Zoning Ordinance

Area Population Will Quadruple In Next 25 Years

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Feel like the city folks are crowding you in? Been noticing the woods and fields down the street disappearing under the planned landscaping of a builder and real estate developer? Well, you ain't seen nothin' yet, as they say in some places. Just wait till 1970 arrives—you'll have 128,650 more new neighbors!

And by 1980, an additional 115,500 will have settled out here!

Don't take our word for it—take the Detroit metropolitan area regional planning commission's. They're the ones who have just come out with the 1970 and 1980 projected population figures for the Detroit metropolitan region.

IT WILL increase by 50 per cent, reaching 4,450,000 by 1980, the commission estimates from an analysis and projection of figures obtained from census, municipal, utility and private sources.

Let's look at some of these figures:

In 1950, the U. S. census listed 395,742 in all of Oakland county, in the 18-municipality area generally known as Southeastern Oakland county. There were 201,618 people. There were 49,372 residents in the 8-municipality Birmingham area (Birmingham, Franklin, Birmingham Farms, Lathrup, Southfield, Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield townships).

THE BIRMINGHAM area, only 24.5 per cent of the SOC total population in 1950, today is up slightly to 26.5 per cent. But we'll comprise 44.5 per cent in 1970, and be more than half—or nearly 55 per cent—when 1980 gets here.

The report adds a word of caution: a continued lag in installation of adequate water and sewer facilities could cause a much delayed population growth in many parts of the six counties included in the study.

But by and large, barring another world war or another depression like the 1930's, these population projections appear reasonable, desirable and attainable, the report states.

Here's the table on the eight surrounding communities:

Community	1950	1955	1970	1980
Bingham Farms	0	300	3,000	25,000
Birmingham	15,487	22,400	32,000	34,000
Bloomfield Hills	1,468	2,050	4,000	6,000
Bloomfield township	2,310	10,400	32,500	40,000
Franklin	1,400	1,700	6,000	10,000
Lathrup	2,000	2,300	6,000	8,000
Southfield twp.	15,000	27,300	84,000	120,000
Troy	10,887	14,200	43,000	82,000
Bham area total	49,372	81,850	210,500	328,000
South Oakland	201,618	302,850	475,500	606,000
Entire county	395,742	641,700	877,400	1,158,400

Residence Minimums To Go Up

In a first draft of a proposed new city zoning ordinance released this week, city planners suggest that Birmingham's residence zones be classified into three types instead of the present one classification, that restrictions on new multiple family dwellings be lowered to permit the building of smaller apartment units, and that additional uses be permitted for business ("C"), professional office zones.

Significant is a proposal for higher minimum requirements in lot size and floor space for new homes.

This is a proposed up-to-date ordinance commensurate with the type of city which has developed since the present ordinance was written in 1937, said City Planner Herbert Herzberg, author of the draft.

Services Friday For Retired Hills Fire Chief

One of the area's old-timers, a field Hills for 27 years, died Tuesday at the post office in Rochester.

He is former Hills Fire Chief Burton B. Bartholomew, who retired July 1 at the age of 60. At that time Chief Bartholomew announced he planned to take things easy, except for a part-time job at the post office in Rochester, where he lived.

Chief Bartholomew saw the city's greatest service at 2 p.m. Friday when Fourth, Rochester, Masonic lodge held a memorial service for him at Mt. Avon cemetery.

James Juhl Named Huntington Woods' Assistant Manager

Huntington Woods' new assistant city manager will be James L. Juhl, 33, who for the past nine months has been administrative assistant to Birmingham's city manager.

Juhl will report Jan. 2 to his new duties, which also include the Wood's city association.

A University of Detroit graduate who lives at 1961 Henrietta, Birmingham, was an administrative engineering department in February 1951.

Juhl's acceptance of his new position was announced by Woods City Manager Fred L. Yockey.

"Jim is an excellent employee that we regret losing," remarked Birmingham City Manager Harold R. Schone.

Crippled Children To Benefit From Sale of Papers

That newspaper you buy early tomorrow morning will benefit Oakland county's crippled children.

Birmingham Rotarians will be at important street intersections to hawk the papers.

"We hope everyone will make their contributions generous," said chairman Matt Cammarrett.

Oakland county society for crippled children is a prime benefit of Birmingham Rotary.

Dinner Speaker

President Ernest, John & Adama President the opening program at the 89th annual Michigan Press association meeting Jan. 25-26 in Escanaba. His Friday dinner topic will be "All I Know is What . . ."

Christmas Eve Community Sing Monday at 5:30

Birmingham's annual community Christmas Eve sing will be held Monday afternoon in Shahn park, Martin and Henrietta streets.

Sponsored by the Birmingham Musicians, the event will start at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. William H. Hohmeyer, 18520 Hillcrest, general chairman, says the program will be about 30 minutes long and families may attend and still plan on a normal dinner hour.

An ensemble of four from Birmingham may attend and will provide the music, and song leader will be William Spence. Mimeographed word sheets will be furnished.



WHILE VISIONS of Santa Claus dance in his head, 5-year-old Sandy Heavenrich, of 815 Ridgedale, Birmingham, talks person to person with the jolly fellow. Sandy is one of 739 area youngsters who have phoned Santa since Monday last week through arrangements made by the Birmingham recreation department and city PTAs. (See story on page 3, this section.)

STRICTLY FRESH Many women say like window shopping any more. Don't it's a pane in the neck. Elvis Presley: man who does a heap of hipping to make each hop All makes of horse racing machines repaired. Don't see service. ROYAL MAIL. One-way rate, 10¢. Day and night for 25¢. Express 50¢.