

This map will help explain the new traffic flow at the Hunter-Woodward-Oak street intersections. Just opened by the city and the state, they remove what has been a bad traffic hazard as northbound Woodward traffic attempted to get onto Hunter.

Note that northbound traffic now must move east over Oak to Hunter. If you "get lost" and continue north past Oak, you now must make a sharp right turn into the

southbound Hunter lanes and work your way over to the Oak street crossover. There are two southbound US-10 lanes which permit traffic to come into Birmingham. This is only one northbound lane, primarily for traffic to get into the apartment area on the west side of the street. City officials are attempting to interest the state in signaling the Hunter-Oak intersection.

People's Column Letter Writer's Denial Brings Further Comment

To the Editor:
In a letter to the Birmingham Eccentric, October 11, 1956, Dr. Alfred Seyler, President of the Detroit District Dental Society, has denied having disseminated incorrect information, an herewith submitting documents which prove that he did in fact make the statements which he now denies having made.

Enclosed find a clipping from the Detroit Free Press, 9/6/56, in which he is quoted as saying: "People in some parts of the country—Colorado Springs, Colo. for example—drink a NATURAL CONCENTRATION OF 2.5 PARTS PER MILLION (20 ppm) OF FLUORIDE (to one million parts of water) WITHOUT ILLEFFECTS." This is about twenty times the concentration which is considered safe by health officials.

ON AUGUST 5, 1956, over radiation WJR, Dr. Seyler made the same incorrect assertion. Why then does Dr. Seyler claim in your column that his statement was "for more than 70 years the water of Colorado Springs has contained from 2.0 to 2.5 ppm of fluoride (note the decimal points) and no systemic harm has ever been detected?"

If, as Dr. Seyler claims, there was never any harm even at the fluoridation concentration of 2.5 ppm, can he explain why the city is now taking some of the fluoride out of the water, making the "delivered water" between 1.1 and 1.6 ppm, according to a letter dated 8/7/56 from Mr. J. S. Nicholas, Sup't. of Water Division, Colorado Springs?

WITH RESPECT to the position of the Wayne County Medical Society, Dr. Seyler quoted from a personal communication in which he was advised that "the Council of the Wayne County Medical Society has not reversed its previous action relative to fluoridation."

I am herewith enclosing a photostatic of the announcement which appeared July 16, 1956 in the Detroit Medical News the official mouthpiece of the Wayne County Medical Society. It reads: "A report was presented from the special committee appointed a year ago to study the problem of water fluoridation..."

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Old-Time Resident Sees Many Changes in 50 Years

By ELIZABETH YATES

TROY—"Everything has changed so much," observed Mrs. Frankie Smith, 4340 Crooks road, old time Troy resident, "but Birmingham most of all."

Mrs. Smith, a cheerful 84 years old, has lived a busy active life on her Crooks road farm. Almost 52 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Smith purchased 127 acres of land from Mrs. Ellen Jones, who was settling the estate of her deceased husband, Major Jones.

Mr. Jones before his death was part owner of the Birmingham flouring mill, which many years ago stood near the River Rouge on West Maple. Mr. Jones also ran a feed store on the "main street" (Woodward avenue) of Birmingham.

LOUIE SMITH died in 1907, leaving his wife Frankie with five children and the farm to take care of. The years that followed were hard and busy ones for Mrs. Smith, bringing up the children and running the farm.

Each morning Florence, 13, Dorothy, 11, Stanley, 9, Alta, 7, and George, 5, trilled off to Poppleton school. Although hired men worked the land, Mrs. Smith milked the cows, milked the butter and for three years made bi-weekly trips with a horse and wagon into Detroit to sell her dairy products.

"We had from 15-17 head of cattle," Mrs. Smith said. "Our cows gave very rich milk and I churned the butter in a barrel churn. One time I churned 37 pounds. Working that amount of butter was hard, and my arms would get pretty tired."

MRS. SMITH later gave up her Detroit trips and sold her dairy products in Birmingham and in the vicinity of her farm home.

"We always had two brood sows on the farm and each spring and fall had pigs to sell," Mrs. Smith recalled. "We raised corn and oats to feed the live stock and took the seed to be ground at Gene Smith's grist mill in Birmingham."

Mr. Smith's mill was on East Maple at Hunter in the building now occupied by Peabody's Market. Park H. Smith, Birmingham fire chief is Gene Smith's son.

THE FAMILY provisions, hardware, yard goods all were bought in the little town of Birmingham, Mrs. Frankie Smith said. She remembered well the mill, the coal yards, the two lumber yards and the feed stores. There were two blacksmith shops that were always kept busy.

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Young Couples Moving to City, Reception Reveals

"Meeting with new residents of Birmingham at the Community House reception held for them last Sunday," said House board member Mrs. Walter N. Jackson, "you sense that most of the city's new residents are young couples."

Typical of the new families who attended the reception with 250 to 300 other new residents, Mrs. Jackson said, were the George Burtons. Their ten-week-old son, Craig, was the Community House's youngest guest. Two-year-old Kirk Burton also visited the house with his parents.

One resident of only two months, Mari Take, played at the concert grand during the reception. Mari, a "teenager" comes from Japan, and lives at 325 W. Brown with her brother.

The young Japanese girl is studying at Detroit Conservatory of Music, and visits the Community House when nothing else is scheduled to practice on the piano there, because she has none at her residence.

To Undergo Surgery

Rev. Robert J. Seals, minister of Franklin Community church, said Wednesday that Dr. B. F. Holmes, Methodist district superintendent, will preach at 10 a.m. services at the church Sunday. Mr. Seals is momentarily awaiting admission to Henry Ford hospital for surgery.

Civil War Roars Into Your Home

Like a battle cry for freedom, a blood-stirring new adventure strip roars into your home on the pages of the Detroit Free Press. The date is Sunday, Nov. 18. "Johnny Rob and Billy Yank" is a true-to-life story of two foot soldiers during the Civil War. Through their eyes, you'll see history come to life from Bull Run to Gettysburg, Sherman, Grant, and Lee march again through vivid battle scenes—in the color comics of the Free Press on Sunday, Nov. 18.



MARINETTE/Sgt. Duine E. D. C. C. graduated from recruiters school at the Marine Corps recruit depot, Parris Island, S.C., and has been assigned duty at Minneapolis, Minn. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Decker, 215 W. Big Beaver road.



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Probation Period To Start in Jail

The first 60 days of a two-year probation period is to be spent in Oakland county jail, according to a sentence handed down Tuesday by Circuit Judge H. Russel Holland. Judge Holland also ordered Richard Polaski, 25, of Royal Oak, to make restitution of \$165 in checks which he admitted cashing without account. Polaski was arrested by Birmingham police after he cashed one of the checks at a local service station.

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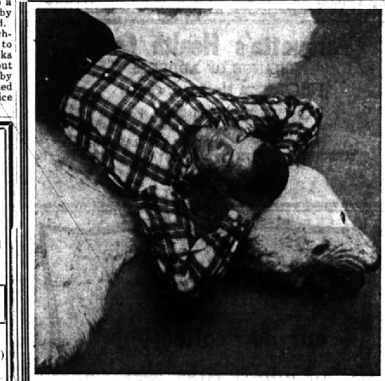
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