



The superficial value that millions of Americans place on their lives is manifested daily as they move their cars—often recklessly—drive motor cars. Taking to the road seems to them to be a motorist's duty to a traffic law, or an oncoming car that he expects to get by as he passes one going his own way.

This and That

By George R. Averill

How Can a Day Be Miserable Cause of the Weather?

Somehow I have never been able to rail against whatever weather conditions greet my world. A few days ago I was in the presence of a few people when one of them exclaimed: "What weather's vast what a miserable day!"

Without "weather," whatever its conditions of heat or cold, or wind, or rain, or snow, life on our earth would be impossible, of course. It is so a part of the very nature of Nature that I find it altogether quite acceptable as a necessary and valuable circumstance of my life.

AFTER ALL, without heat and cold, we had dry, calm or wind, our earth would be something like the moon... devoid of change, and in change that supports our physical world.

Weather eroded the original condition, changed it into cultivable soil. Its windy wings not only transport the seeds of our flora life, but have caused it to continue its sculpturing of continental shores world-wide.

Too, since its windy bosom it has carried the precious clouds, so necessary to maintain lakes and rivers, to sustain the agriculture of our earth... and so many other phases of our life that are weather's children.

OH, TO BE sure, getting wet in a rainstorm requires one to dry out, or to wear a hat and carry an umbrella and swivel women's skirts... summer's heat may buy up umbrellas and swivel women's skirts... but these conditions not above being called "miserable." Uncomfortable, yes—but necessarily so.

Yes, tornadoes and hurricanes visit their terrifying images upon life and property... but they, too, seem necessary in Nature's vast canvas, and many do, live away from where they occur.

These few paragraphs are not intended as a treatise on the subject of climate and weather. Just the casual comment of one who seeks to adjust himself to elemental conditions as they expect, meet and change, when the sun, moon and stars were hung way out there...

TO BE SURE, modern meteorological science has been able to sprinkle dry ice into the clouds to cause rain for drought areas... and they expect, meet and change, when the sun, moon and stars were hung way out there...

The wind blows where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell where it cometh, and whither it goeth. "Nice weather we've havin' today—don't you think?"

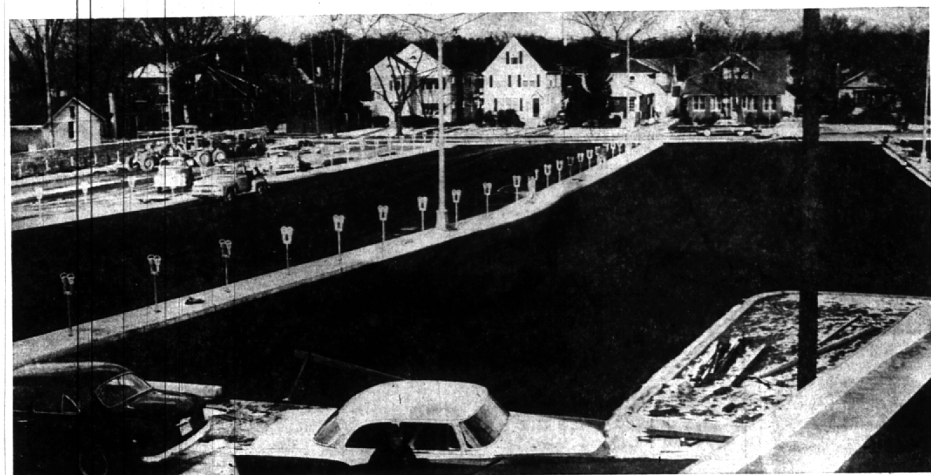
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B'ham's Newest 175-Car Parking Lot Opens

Birmingham's third municipal off-street parking lot will open officially Saturday, city officials said today. Extending from Park through to Ferndale street, midway between Hamilton and Oakland, this newest facility will accommodate 175 cars.

Chamber of commerce and city officials will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony there at 9 a.m. opening day.

The city has other lots at Pierce and Merrill, and at Martin and Henrietta streets. Good fall weather held longer than usual.

permitted the city to permanently surface the southern two-thirds of the lot. The northern third has been gravelled and parking will be permitted on it, although it may have to be closed for a while when next spring's thaws come.

The CITY ALSO WAS UNABLE to get more than about half way through with a 50-car lot at the corner of Hamilton and Hunter before frost hardened the ground. Work will be resumed in the spring.

Ferndale street has been opened south to Hamilton, and graded and gravelled. This will permit greater access to the large parking lot. Paving is expected to be done next summer.

The westernmost 50 meters on the lot (nearest Ferndale street) will have repainted standards, designating a two-hour limit at 5 cents per hour.

Remaining 125 meters to the east will have yellow-painted standards, indicating 10-hour parking limit for 25 cents.

Funeral Tomorrow For Widow of Ad Agency Founder

Mrs. Alice Holridge MacManus, widow of Theodor F. MacManus, will be buried at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Hugo's of the Rev. Francis T. Stack officiating. Entombment will be in the crypt of the church where her husband, two sons, Hubert and Hugo, and her son-in-law, Alexander Toluboff, already rest.

Fifth Annual Men's Night Finds Downtown B'ham Ready

Men will have a chance to do their Christmas shopping in a strictly masculine atmosphere on Monday evening, Dec. 3, from 7 to 10, when Birmingham merchants hold their fifth annual Men's Night.

The 65 participating stores will cater only to males during the exclusive three-hour period. Women folk will find themselves unwelcome if they try to enter while hubby or dad is concentrating on his holiday purchases.

A variety of different stores will have welcome mats out for the men. Anything from hardware to jewelry will be available for their selection in full Christmas displays.

men's night committee. He is being assisted by Thomas Eggleston of Eggleston's, Wilbur Mason of Jacobson's and Aaron Kershbaum of Kay Baum's.

Kilpatrick said the committee was extremely pleased with merchant cooperation. "We all felt that the men had a wonderful time last year, and we are certain that this year's Men's Night will be another enjoyable evening for them," Kilpatrick said.

No New Bank Developments

Nothing new of importance has yet developed among two local groups regarding a proposed new Birmingham bank.

Both groups, it is learned, still are engaged in contacting suitable top personnel before making any announcement of further plans.

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Detective Warns Women Shoppers To Watch Purses

A warning to women shoppers to watch their purses was issued this week by Birmingham Police Detective L. Merin Holmquist, who said a number of wallets and purses had been stolen in recent weeks.

Mrs. W. Waters, of 710 Linden, Birmingham, reported that a billfold containing \$18 was taken from her purse last Wednesday in the Birmingham uptown area.

The same day three beauty operators' purses were riddled by a culprit who entered an unlocked rear door at the Modern Beauty salon, 271 W. Maple. Among three wallets stolen was one containing \$104 which belonged to Karen Lindburg, of Pontiac. Total cash missing was \$110.50.

Holmquist warned merchants to keep back doors locked if they are not being used for customers' entrance.

Gas Odor Alarms

The strong odor of gas was reported to Birmingham police and fire departments by residents in an influx of calls around 9 p.m. Saturday. Cause for the calls was an overdose at a 14 Mile road plant of the chemical which gives gas its warning odor, according to a Consumers Power company official.

The fire departments investigated the average subdivision lot assessments when it was discovered the average subdivision lot assessments would be more than \$200.

Hunter-Oakland Hunter Rezoning Set for Feb. 11

A Feb. 11 hearing has been set for rezoning to business A, B or C of a small block at the northeast corner of Hunter and Oakland.

Now zoned single family, the city plan board has recommended a rezoning to business C (office-professional) of what now is single family.

County Offices Won't Be Moved, Schone Predicts Rumors Say They Will If Court Rules 'No' On Use of US-24 Site

If Oakland county's courthouse and related county activities are moved out of Pontiac, there's very little chance of them being established in Birmingham, City Manager Harold K. Schone declared this week.

Nor does he see Royal Oak or Bloomfield Hills ever being made the county's seat of government.

He does, however, believe that Southfield, if it incorporates next Monday, would have the best chance of any municipalities outside of Pontiac.

May Keep Troy, Southfield from Any Use of Drain

Whether to freeze Southfield and Troy out of a future use of the proposed 12 Towns interceptor sewer system may be decided when the communities' representatives meet tonight in the Royal Oak city hall.

By a 4-2 vote Monday night, approved a resolution calling on the Oakland county drainage board to establish definite 12 Town drainage boundaries that could not be changed.

Both Troy and Southfield have gone to court to seek an out from the \$38,000,000 project, claiming their financial share is all out of proportion to the benefits.

ROYAL OAK and Berkley also endorsed similar resolutions Monday. Several other member cities took action at meetings last week.

Presumably these drainage district boundaries would be made a part of court records. The other 10 cities would permit Troy and Southfield to get out with the full realization they could not get back in.

Southfield would be able to find another means of draining its southeast corner, but it would be more expensive, most municipal officials felt. Troy, on the other hand, would find the expense almost prohibitive to drain any other way.

The other 10 municipalities are figuring that Troy and Southfield are trying to get out of initial payments for the 12 Towns. But would apply for admission some years from now when their financial bases were considerably enlarged.

Proposed Masonic Temple Site Zoning Reopened

Because of a mistake in which Masonic Temple building site, the zoning committee's request for rezoning of the property at Maple and Arlington roads owned by Ralph I. and Grace G. Corryell. To permit construction of a Masonic Temple, the group seeks zoning reclassification from single family residence to multiple family residence.

The plan board last week Wednesday in a 4-2 vote, recommended that the rezoning request after hearing objections from about 25 nearby residents who attended the meeting. Results of last night's meeting came after The Eccentric deadline.

Education Committee Broadens Its Studies

For the first time since its organization two years ago, the citizens committee on education is working on all three of its original areas of study for the Birmingham school district.

These are physical facilities (buildings, sites and equipment), personnel and curriculum. The committee's activities will be announced this week by Louis A. Bunt, 3140 Broadway, Bloomfield Village, chairman.

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Repairs Required At Baldwin

Baldwin school, one of the Birmingham school system's largest, required the board of Education's immediate attention because of the large increase of children from the Westchester Village area. Present buses are carrying peak loads and the board is considering purchasing two additional 60-passenger buses.

The board accepted the \$103,962 bid of A. J. Miller Co. for the development of the recreational and athletic field at Derby Junior high school, and Mrs. Fannie, member of the board, supervising the work.

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Thieves Try Again

Apparently encouraged after getting \$74,400 in a burglary last week Tuesday at Green's paint store at 240 S. Woodward, Birmingham, thieves again broke into the building Wednesday and Saturday. Nothing was found missing after the later break-ins.

STRICTLY FRESH

A young painter in France got poor reviews, and Bung himself of the bridge. Police said he did of an art attack.