

Happy, indeed, are those who seek to bring ideas into human experience. He or she who looks toward the mountain top and wishes to climb it will find the journey a quiet persistent effort—but oh, what beautiful views meet the eye from that high vantage! The "down" gives by its selfishness, tolerance, kindness, love, perfect inflexible beauty, too.

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37-Ft. Standard Set for Streets in Business Area

If a street in Birmingham's business area is made any wider than 37 feet, the city will pay the additional cost, city commission determined Monday night as it completed a public hearing on a necessary widening of two blocks of E. Maple.

This would be a detriment to properties and should be rejected in some further reduction of the cost to owners, claimed George R. Averill and Myron Snyder.

The city could increase its share to as much as 25 per cent at the next hearing, which will be on the confirmation of the special assessment roll.



IN WARD 4 HUDSON at Harper hospital, the Eccentric photographer arrived at Doug Witters' bed to find eight vacationing Derby, Barnum and Birmingham high students visiting. From left are Russ



Epker, Drew Novak, Dick Africano, Doug Ron Novak, Nancy West, Jean Buchanan, Chris Schadt and Stephen Smith. "I got lots of friends," said Doug proudly.

He Hopes Authorities Can Cut It

Final details are being written into Birmingham City Manager Harold K. Schone's proposed \$1,625,000 budget for 1957-58. He will have it ready for submission to the city commission Monday night.

ONE POLICEMAN is being added to the detective bureau, and a vacant city administrative position will not be refilled, he explained.

Says Volunteers Need Guidance On Program Here

Volunteer workers cannot provide the time, the know-how or continuity to a program to coordinate presentation of Birmingham-Ham-Bloomsfield-Franklin area social welfare activities.

This and That

It's of no great importance to civilization, but we do conclude that we ought to inform future local generations that Tommy Manville, of asbestos family fame, has announced his thirtieth marriage will take place May 5. Although 63, Tommy will try to find happiness with his latest, who is but 27. She says she "really loves" the old skate. Time only will tell.

Perhaps one reason why so few really truly turn over a new leaf is that they use the loose type of binders.

Actually, we seriously studied officials in Washington, D.C., from the White House down, act like irresponsible children when they talk about Ike's high federal budget. Ike says, to cut it, and points out a few places where nickels and dimes can be saved; most members of Congress talk much and do very little. A budget cut will mean only when the voters revolt. Congress now and then does respond to public opinion that reaches them from their respective constituencies.

Oakland and Macomb counties are studying the possibility of getting fresh water from Lake Huron. Maybe Wayne will join in the project. Such a project will be the crucial solution of course. However, Birmingham should remember that it recently committed itself to build for 25 years, most of its water supply from Detroit. Before wading itself into financial obligation for the Lake Huron plan, we should know how it will affect the Detroit agreement costs.

Suppose you disappeared from the family name of Jones... do you suppose, then, that a few people would try to keep up with the memory of that name? Of course after all this time about this Jones business, it really isn't any at all. It's a universal acronym spelled VANT.

Because a comparative few among today's youth show gangster and hoodlum tendencies, this should not indict the whole of our young people. The gangsters of today's youth do get into trouble with the police, and this problem must be met by everybody involved, including parents as well as schools, churches and police. But we should not forget that plenty of adults get into trouble with the law—most adults are law-abiding men and women.

If you were to make the rounds of practically all elected and many appointed officials connected with the Congress, you would find them (if they were honest in their answers) ready to admit that hypocrisy, deceit, exaggeration, half-truths, official distortions, and similar wrongs are part of the technique of running a big government. In brief, most such public men are merely content to average human behavior.

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Principal Honored On Her 25th Year In Public Schools

Hazel MacGirr thought Monday night she was attending the annual spring open house of the Bloomfield Hills parent-teacher organization. However, the other 800 people in the audience knew differently—it was just an excuse to get Mrs. MacGirr's friends, pupils, former students and colleagues to Vaughan school auditorium where they could present her with several gifts in grateful recognition of her 25 years as a teacher and principal.

Said Mrs. MacGirr later: "I was completely surprised and can't understand how they kept the secret. I still feel rather numb—it all means so much to me that it is impossible to put it into words."

WHEN YOU meet Mrs. MacGirr it is easy to see why such a tribute would be paid to her by so many people. Her charm is immediately evident and her personality is most pleasant.

Students at Vaughan contributed their pennies and worked many hours making cards for the scrapbook.

May 6-10 Named Clean-Up Week

The Annual Clean-Up Paint-up Fix-up Week is planned for May 6-10. This special week provides an excellent opportunity to clean the attic and the basement and discard all unnecessary accumulated items.

The Birmingham department of public works has prepared itself for the added load during this week. Residents are asked to place all trash out at the curb in proper permanent containers or expendable containers. Papers and other material should be tied together in bundles not to exceed 23 in. x 30 in. x 42 in.

REGULAR RUBBISH-collection schedules will be followed during the Clean-Up Week campaign. However, large metal objects should be kept separate, and the department should be called to pick up items such as bed springs, discarded furniture, water tanks, etc. When a call is received for the pickup of these large items, trucks will be dispatched to take care of it as quickly as possible.

The rubbish collection services offered during Clean-Up Week are substantially the same as the exception to Birmingham residents throughout the year, with the exception that during other periods bulky items are picked up only once a week.

A SCRAPBOOK containing pictures of the school, faculty and pupils in action, special anniversary cards from each room and tribute letters spanning the 25 years was presented by Russell S. Strickland, on behalf of the parent-teacher organization.

Plans for the surprise celebration began many weeks ago when letters were sent to all former students of the past 25 years. Tributes and gifts began pouring

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SNYDER DID praise the commission for "taking a good step" in the direction of standardizing street special assessment policies.

Mayor Checks On Progress of Tax Policy Study

Birmingham Mayor William Roberts checked this week to see when the city commission can expect receipt of an advisory report on the city's tax assessment policies.

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