

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Trying to get used to this unusually cold weather, prairie to fall's brisk temperatures? At least one man is having a harder time of it than most of us. Driving on Maple, east of Hunter, Sunday evening toward dusk, this Wanderer saw a top-coated but hatless man walking briskly, head high. Looked like he was taking his nightly stroll, but needed considerable protection against O'Neil's North Wind. (We're just at the sweater-using stage ourselves.)

Currently Birmingham's largest group of sidewalk superintendents are the residents of the Derby-Eton-Adams areas. They are not day-by-day the progress of Derby paving between Adams and the GTRR viaduct to the east. For two years a concerted effort has been made to get this short stretch paved, which those who claim to know had termed "Birmingham's Burma Road." (Birmingham, incidentally, has done all it could to get the paving in. But the road at that point is in Troy. And Troy had a hard time arranging the financing, etc.) The road's half-Eton-Adams area. They have been noting day-by-day the progress of paving, etc.) The road's all paved, and by an eyelash will be ready for school opening next week.

Three new members of Birmingham's chamber of commerce are John Moss, florist; Hall and Young, inc., real estate, and Harold T. Hagan, inc., insurance. Several of the C of C bulletin, according to other new memberships are pending.

Election of John F. Gordon as General Motors president, effective Monday, kept the local Western Union office messengers in high gear. With his wife, son and daughter, Gordon spent most of Tuesday evening reading congratulatory messages from hundreds and hundreds of friends in and out of the auto industry. He was especially pleased to find greetings from two of his uncles.

### My Neighbors

"Consider me not as a mere salesman, Madam, but rather as a knight in shining armor whose destiny lies in ending the recession."

## This & That

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a howling, disturbing Junior, either.

So the parent gives in, yields in whole or in part to Junior's demands.

With legislators, however, you have many "Juniors" and many "parents"—and since one legislator wants quick approval of his pet legislation, he votes for the "pet" of other legislators—and the taxpayer has to foot the bill. Costly, indeed, is legislation when the taxpayers refrain and/or refuse to express themselves to legislators.

The extended right arm of the Statue of Liberty is 42 feet long. The grasping, extended arms of the Statue's Uncle Sam extend thousands of miles, into everybody's earning capacity. (Which, of course, is taking plenty of liberty.)

National flower of the United States is the goldenrod. National currency support of the United States has no gold in it. Thus do standards deteriorate.

### Order New Plans On Manor Sewer

Revised drawings and cost estimates for a new Manor road sewer were ordered this week by the Birmingham city commission.

City Manager L. R. Gore advised that the sewer, which is one of two related problems also have been solved.

Subdivision residents have complained about odors attributed to present underground sewers. A special assessment project was set up several years ago, but was abandoned when negotiations could not be completed to handle contributing sanitary drainage from Troy to the northeast. Costs had then exceeded the amounts to be raised by original assessments.

THIS TROY disposal problem was solved with the recent construction of the nearby arm of the N. Vergreen interceptor.

When the new Manor sewer is constructed, it also will handle drainage from the Troy triangle east of Adams and north of Derby.

### Residents Object So City Forgets Sidewalk Proposals

Heavy resident opposition to a road section of proposed sidewalk proposals led Monday night to findings of no necessity for the improvement.

Two other walks were approved when little or no objections were expressed.

Property owners claimed the four walks are not being needed up to now, that very little pedestrian traffic would use them if installed.

CITY COMMISSIONERS bowed to their demands, and "turned down walks on Stanley on the west side from Lincoln to Wallace and

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World's Fair Visitors at Coffee Break

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Police Enjoy Week Sans Major Crime, Except Car "Theft"

Crime took a comparative holiday in Birmingham during the last week, as police records show one of the "cleanest" seven days in recent months.

A group of youngsters — or young-at-heart oldersters — broke in the Barnum junior high, but their "take" didn't put them in the grand larceny class. They went for a swim in the school pool, then went home.

Another break-in, this one at a private home, netted free soda pop and cigarettes for the unlawful entrants, also presumably juvenile, plus the savings in a child's piggy bank.

But the crime that put all the dead opossums and stalled automobiles on police records to shame was reported Friday by a local

man. Seems his new convertible had been taken from its usual parking spot. The car turned up a few blocks away, but police investigation showed no signs of the car's having been stolen.

About that time the complainant made a confession of his own — he'd just remembered that he didn't park the auto where he usually did that morning. Matter of fact, he parked it right where it was found.

**Quorum of 4 OK'd**

Birmingham city commission Monday approved an amendment to the city's recreation ordinance which will allow a simple majority (four members) of the seven-man recreation board to constitute a quorum. Previously five members had been required. The board's other parent group, the board of education, approved the amendment at its last meeting.

Such are the events that make law enforcement an interesting vocation.

## Night Time Right Time For Safety

The major traffic hazards in Alaska are dog teams, moose and long hours of darkness.

Few U. S. motorists have run into dog teams or moose lately. But darkness certainly is one of their major driving problems, according to the National Safety Council.

Darkness doesn't mean just "pitch blackness." It also includes the "twilight hours" 4-8 p.m.

Consider these facts:

1. Three times as many motorists and pedestrians lose their lives at night in auto accidents as during the day.
2. Nearly 3 out of 10 auto accidents occur from 4-8 p.m. One out of four fatal auto accidents occurs then, too.
3. In summer months, especially, the succeeding four hours—8 p.m. to midnight—are almost equally as hazardous as the twilight hours. About 1 out of every 5 auto deaths charged against U. S. motorists occurs then, the Council says.

Why is darkness such a danger?

FOR SEVERAL REASONS, the council points out.

1. Drivers are tired after a hard day. A trip is a pretty tiring ordeal, even when it's not preceded by eight hours of work.
2. Motorists probably are more inclined to doze at the wheel at night. About 1,500 motorists killed in traffic accidents in 1956 were said to have fallen asleep at the wheel. An estimated 270,000 dozing motorists were involved in that year's traffic accidents.
3. It's harder for most motorists to see at night, and some of them just don't seem to realize it. Too, headlights of approaching cars make night driving difficult for many motorists.
4. At night it's hard to spot hazards ahead—sudden twists in the road, wandering animals, a motorist tinkering with his stalled auto.
5. Perhaps most dangerous of the night-time hazards are improper headlights and overdriving your lights.

Overdriving your lights?

THAT MEANS THIS: At a speed of 60 m.p.h., it takes at least 366 feet to stop a car. The unit-

the east side from Frank to Hanna; on Watkins north and south of Hanna.

The two walks meeting no opposition were on the west side of Henricus just north of Lincoln, and on Bates from Townsend north (opposite the Community House).

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