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There are times when a person is moved very strongly to acquire something material, often expensive, yet can hardly afford it. A brief period of delay often allows the desire to pass away . . . thus protecting one against an unwise expenditure of spare savings. As time passes and the purse gets fuller, that delayed purchase is valued, appreciated more.

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First Woman Presides at City Meeting

A "Lady in Lavender" conducted city commission proceedings for the first time in Birmingham's history Monday night. Dressed in a smart but simply tailored pale orchid springtime sheath, Mayor Pro Tem Florence Willett (left) turns to discuss a point with City Clerk Irene Hanley. It was a 28-minute meeting Mrs. Willett presided over Mayor Harry M. Denyes, Jr. was in Saugatuck being feted on Mayor Exchange Day of Michigan Week. Upon his return Tuesday, Denyes said Saugatuck is "a lovely little community which really gave Mrs. Denyes and me a generous, warm welcome."

This and That

by George R. Averill

So long as the majority of Americans laugh and joke about that amount of their income taxes, just how long will these taxes remain high. Indeed, even get higher. The only thing necessary, extra taxes will be reduced in the federal government's budget will be when a majority of Americans become righteously angry about this subject and in their righteousness demand from their congressman the practice of real truth.

A speaker at the graduation exercises for 1500 candidates for degrees at the University of Michigan recently told the young men and women: "Live for your ideals" to which, of course, should be added: "Don't forget the fringe benefits."

Senator John McClellan, head of a Congressional packets investigating committee, fought valiantly to get the Senate to pass a labor-management law that would accomplish good things for everybody in this (altering) U. S. A. He did win on some points, lost on others. Why? Well, McClellan was not running for the Presidency, or anything else but human decency. That's why Senator McClellan was not running for the Presidency, or anything else but human decency. That's why Senator McClellan was not running for the Presidency, or anything else but human decency. That's why Senator McClellan was not running for the Presidency, or anything else but human decency.

Michigan's Supreme Court Associate Justice Eugene F. Black wants to do away with a two-house legislature in favor of a 40-man (and/or woman) Assembly, each to be paid \$20,000 per year, to work the year 'round. We think the justice has forgotten that a confused and slow democracy is far better than a fast-moving oligarchy.

"How can anybody expect to get into the real Kingdom of Heaven with a little old unpaid newspaper dangling from his left wing?"

Roadolting Hearings Postponed to May 25

Because three commissioners were out of town, special assessment hearings on more than 11 miles of streets had to be postponed to May 25.

Business Booms

Burglary—a big business—apparently is being put on a business-like basis by some local operators. They broke into the Colonial Cleaners, 1184 S. Woodward, early Friday morning, police said. They took about \$20 in cash and one \$300 cash register (in which to keep it).



We've Got Water, Too, He Learns

"How's the water?" asks Saugatuck's Village President Richard G. Hoffman. Far from his native "water wonderland" resort town, Hoffman and his wife, Debbie, sit at poolside to chat with a Derby junior high student.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman came to Birmingham as part of Michigan Week's Mayor Exchange day program. Saugatuck is on the shores of Lake Michigan, about 10 miles south of Holland. Its recreational all water supply is much larger than Birmingham's. Local officials, however, showed the visiting president just what Birmingham does have.

Assistant City Manager Robert Kenning took the Hoffmans on a tour of the Municipal Building and downtown shopping area. Luncheon at Greenfield's restaurant preceded the Derby school tour. A limousine, loaned by Hodges, Inc., took the visitors through Birmingham's residential areas.

Hoffman fills activities as a boat builder, amusement park operator, chamber of commerce secretary and interior woodworker between his duties as president.

Even his previously heavy schedule didn't prepare the visitor for his busy tour of Birmingham. "I'm exhausted," he smiled wistfully.

A late afternoon air tour of the area and dinner at Kingsley Inn climaxed the demanding day.

"The water? It was fine."

James Melton Headlines Arts Festival Program

Area Council's Success Depends On Citizen Help

(This is the last of a series of articles on the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Council on Community Services.)

By ELEANORE VINALL
Staff Writer

Last week we reported on the work done across a span of six years by the Youth Committee of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Council on Community Services.

But we found, in talking again with Charles A. Mentzer, the Council's executive secretary, that these groups, because of lack of time, are as yet unable to complete the kind of report originally planned for this installment.

ing and cooperation. Without a total community willingness and effort, no central service such as the council, however excellent it may be, can be successful.

THE BIRMINGHAM-Bloomfield-Franklin council on community services follows principles of democratic action by bringing into participation, in all phases of its process, individuals and representative groups concerned with health, welfare and recreation services.

The council has, as its first principle, a belief in the worth and dignity of the individual in our society and his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

THE COUNCIL is concerned with people and their needs in reference to their own interests.

160-Acre Site Sold To Lutheran Church At Maple Corner

A 160-acre site in West Bloomfield township has been purchased by the Lutheran church-Missouri synod. The Birmingham Eccentric learned this week.

The site, across Maple road from the recently completed Lutheran church of the Shepherd-King at Middlebelt, may be used for a synod said Wednesday. He added that approval for the synod's location would have to be obtained at the synodical convention in San Francisco next month.

Wijbur R. Mason, Jr., 1854 Stanley, manager of Jacobson's local stores, Tuesday night was selected to head a special committee of Birmingham's central business district's property owners and businessmen to see what can be done to maintain this community as an attractive and convenient shopping center.

Hold in the city commission room, the meeting attracted more than a dozen interested men and women.

TUESDAY'S MEETING was of the kind, brought together by the suggestions of the Birmingham plan board and City Planner Herbert Herzberg.



WYLIE E. GROVES

Ex B of E Head Wylie E. Groves Dead at 63

Former Birmingham board of education president Wylie E. Groves, 542 Westchester Way, Birmingham, died suddenly last Thursday.

Groves, 63, who served on the school board for 18 years and was its president during the 1957-58 term, was a graduate of the Birmingham school system.

After graduating from the Hill school, he attended the University of Michigan and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1919.

HE WAS a member of the Tau Beta Phi fraternity at U. of M. and he joined the Detroit Edison company upon graduation.

Groves was recently promoted to chief of the Transmission and Distribution division of Edison and was just awarded his 40-year pin before his death.

Active in the First Methodist church in Birmingham, Groves was treasurer of the church for 15 years, had served several terms as chairman of the board and was a member of the board of trustees.

A past master of the Birmingham Lodge 44 of F. & A. M., he also belonged to the R.A.M. of Birmingham and served as a DeMolay Dadi.

GROVES IS survived by his wife Esther; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Homan, of Elmhurst Park, New Jersey; Mrs. Bruce D. Van Dusen, of Birmingham; Mary Ellen Groves, a student at Michigan State university, and two grand-children.

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Methodist church and interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.

Herzberg PLEDGED the cooperation of his own office and that of the plan board in the committee's studies.

Chairman Mason agreed with Herzberg's statement, and added that "I see as one of Birmingham's continuing needs the 'energizing,' by its central business district's businessmen and women, of its own rebranding approach, both in relation to the goods offered and the physical environment."

"Like all communities, we are in competition with other areas for business and must, consequently, maintain an alertness to every current problem and always, together, seek to solve them."

HERZBERG DESCRIBED the "central business area" roughly as within the sections served by Birmingham's private and city-owned off-street parking lots. Altogether, there are 140 owners of property in the city's "central business district."



Visiting President Looks Things Over

Kinde Village President John G. Wooster (left), who exchanged places with Bloomfield Hills Mayor Lyman J. Craig Monday in observance of Michigan Week's Mayor Exchange Day, looks over the map of the city at the city hall before beginning his tour. Visiting the city with the president, from left, was his wife, Regina, and village official "Smookey" Sherrah, and his wife, Millie.

All makes of lower spring maintenance. One-day service. HOVAL MATS. We should see how we can improve the traffic and parking situations. These two subjects are of