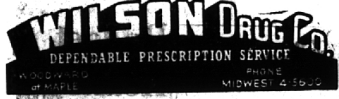


### Area Insurancemen At Quebec Meeting

Three members of the Prudential Insurance company's Pontiac district office have received invitations to attend the company's 1959 District Agencies Leaders' conference, June 1-3 at the Chateau-Fontaine in Quebec, Canada. The Birmingham contingent will include Staff Manager William Bonning and agents Robert Byvier and Dewald Lemak. They will be joined by other area representatives. The business conference on the business of outstanding sales accomplishments and service to policy holders in 1958.

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### B'ham's Assets: Homes, Location, Public Utilities

Although Birmingham's about 90 percent built up, there remains plenty of room for expansion, according to the City Planner Herbert Herzberg told Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon. "Birmingham's future is tied directly to its planning," he said. "We must enhance its assets and minimize its liabilities."

Herzberg said Birmingham advantages include: 1) Its residential character — "not in the Detroit area"; 2) Its good location in the suburbs; and 3) Its standard of public improvements (streets, water, sewers, etc.) — "highest in the Detroit area."

There are two main disadvantages to Birmingham, according to Herzberg: our traffic congestion and deterioration in some commercial areas. "We must find some adequate buffer between our residential areas and street system to accommodate the predicted doubling of the population, and strengthening of our tax base by revitalizing our downtown business area."

### CBD Meeting Clears Deck For Action

The Central Business District committee today is aligning its forces and setting up a plan of action in its attack on problems facing downtown Birmingham. In its May 27 meeting, the committee decided to call itself the "Central Business District Development Committee," set up two sub-committees to determine its area and plan of attack.

### Bits of Birmingham

It's the custom for Birmingham's mayors to receive a souvenir gavel when they have left that office. (Sometimes it takes a little while longer than others to get the engraving done on the ivory silver plate affixed to the gavel.) Monday night two ex-mayors but yet city commissioners received their gavel: Charles Benfrev (1954-56) and Carl F. Ingham (1958-59). Present Mayor Harry M. Dennis made the pre-meeting presentations.

How does one set a flag at half-mast? That question quite a few people asked themselves in connection with the three-day national mourning period President Eisenhower ordered for the late former secretary of state, John Foster Dulles. This Wednesday afternoon across American Legion Post American Chairman Hugh McHugh the other day, and put the question to him. He said Congress has established this procedure: Raise the flag to full height, then lower it to the top of the staff down, the procedure is reversed, raise it to full mast for an instant, lower and remove from the balcony.

There's always the exception to prove the rule. And there's the time when near-perfection is emphasized when one calls the wrong roll. Like Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley, who is the secretary for the city commission. In his Wednesday's half a dozen city commissions and boards. In his Wednesday's half a dozen of covering the city commission meeting, he never heard Miss Hanley call anything by the city commission roll. Then she realized what she was doing. "Opa! Wrong roll!" she said as she started in with William "Burgum," the city-commission roll.

Early or late? Santa Claus got his first letter of the season — from "Bobby," in Birmingham. The young boy, who has the German name, was possibly trying to establish friendly relations. "I love you," he told his white-bearded, grayly visitor.

### Tax Rate

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less than requested. This year's appropriation is \$86,420. THE RECREATION board, which asked \$37,938 (more from the city last year), will get about \$40,000. This will permit the board to conduct a \$70,000 program next year. Current city funds are running about \$91,000. City employees will not receive an automatic raise, as they have in past years, the commission has agreed. Instead, merit raises will be given on the 6-month anniversary of each employee. This begins next July 1 and Jan. 1, each employee will be evaluated, said Asst. City Manager Robert Kenning. "If the employee has made the normal increase in job efficiency and progress, he or she can expect about a 3 per cent increase," Kenning said.

### Frank St. to Get Larger Water Main

Before Frank Street is repaved from Woodward to Bates, new \$22,900 eight-inch water main will be installed on city expense. This will bolster the four-inch street lateral mains, Birmingham City Engineer Groves Sorenberg explained. The city commission approved his advertising for construction bids.

### Rehabilitation Work Described

Dr. Joseph N. Schaeffer, executive director of the Rehabilitation Institute, tells Mrs. Episcopal Church Royal Oaks, at 9:30 a.m. and Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett Jr., 889 Sunfield, general chairman, Mrs. Bearden publicity chairman, for the event.

### First Michiganian To Get Award For Management Effort

A professional manager citation was presented to Ben D. Mills of Bloomfield township, Ford Motor company vice president and general manager of the M-E-L division by the Detroit chapter of the society for the advancement of management.

### Yearly Meet A Busy One For Red Cross

A heavy schedule and some new ideas characterized the 42nd annual meeting of the Oakland County chapter, American Red Cross Wednesday, May 27. The meeting saw the election of officers, the consideration of a constitutional change in format, an emphasis on the volunteer worker and the absence of a speaker.

### Only 3 Streets Dropped from Roadoil Program

Only three deletions have been made in Birmingham's proposed road oiling program this summer. At Monday's hearing on confirmation of the program, more than 11 miles of street surfacing were okayed for one of three groups of roadways: asphalt, oil seal coat, or oil mat and seal coat.

### Fordham Appoints Hogan to Board

The appointment of Henry M. Hogan, vice president and general counsel of General Motors, to a newly formed Board of Lay Trustees of Fordham university was announced yesterday by the university's president, the Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J. Hogan resides at 444 Arlington, Birmingham.

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### Driver Training Does The Job, State Says

Michigan's driver education program in high schools, which has trained 225,000 youth since 1953, has been an important factor in the state's constantly improving traffic fatality record, according to a pamphlet just released by the Michigan Department of Public Instruction.

### Named Fellow

ROBERT T. HATT  
ROCHESTER, N.Y.—At the 21st Annual Museums Association, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Robert T. Hatt, Director Cranbrook Institute of Science, was named a Fellow of the museum. Others so honored at the same time were Leonard Carmichael of the Smithsonian Institution, Frederick L. Rath, Jr., of the New York State Historical Association, and Beaumont Newhall, historian of photography at the Museum of Modern Art.

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