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Knights Templar. He was also a member of Omega Tau Rho, real estate fraternity.
Mr. Miller was a former president of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit and at one time represented the building industry in Washington, D. C., at the inception of the National Association of Home Builders.

AN ARDENT hunter, fisherman and golfer, Mr. Miller was a member of the Detroit Golf Club, Birmingham Country Club and Coral Ridge Country Club of Fort Lauderdale. He owned a hunting lodge near Alpena.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Plank, Franklin, and Mrs. John W. Butler, Bloomfield Village; a brother, three sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Courtroom

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a matter of adding to the tax burden."
Mayor Florence Willett then explained that financing of parking does not come from the city's tax roll.
"I understand said the money will come from the Auto Parking System."

"THERE IS no general tax money pledged for this lot or going into it," he said. "There are no bonds for this expansion."

Love wanted to know what would happen in event of foreclosure if the City could not maintain payments on the land contracts and was told if that happened the commission would have to make a decision as to whether it was appropriate and feasible to use general tax money.

When Love criticized taking the properties off the tax roll, Ingraham said that, in his opinion, there are two possible steps for the City to take:

- 1) Be progressive, preparing for the future.
- 2) Wait until something happens and then try to do something to take care of it.

"I FAVOR the first," he said. "Running a municipality is different from running a business," countered Love. "You're spending my money, not your money."

"He runs a manufacturing business. Your kind of reasoning is why our taxes in Michigan continually go up."

However, Love agreed with Ingraham that the commission's "orderly planning" has brought consistently lower taxes in Birmingham.

"But I can't reconcile this in my mind with your previous actions," countered Love. "You're spending my money, not your money."

COMMISSIONER Charles Renfrew said income from the metered lot would be about \$28,000 a year in contrast to the \$2,000 the City now gets in taxes.

"I'm sure you'll agree that's a good business investment," he told Love. "We're talking about looking forward on a 10-year basis, where we will pay off all indebtedness and still have a surplus of over \$100,000 in revenue."

"This is a good investment, one that you ought to stand up and applaud for."

ROBERTS' AND Ingraham, in answer to another question, insisted that there have been no promises to assure the new Democracy's store nor "secret deals or commitments" to anyone.

Donald Cummings, member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, and businessman Rod Meyers, were among those speaking in favor of the lot and the proposed financing. They pointed out that businessmen in the special assessment district will pay 40 per cent of the cost. The city will pay 60 per cent.

"We unconditionally and wholeheartedly support it," said Meyers. Manikoff, stating that the atmosphere last week was a little difficult at times, said perhaps more could be accomplished "carefully and quietly than in heat of passion."

HE SAID the land contracts restrict the City to use of the properties for parking "in perpetuity" and restrict it to use of the Auto Parking System surplus account.

He contended that the City might be better off to attempt to obtain the W-J and Frost properties through condemnation proceedings—and thus "obtain title . . . without any restrictions" and questioned the legality of the condemnation of a land contract and special assessment district.

"Assuming that it's legal, is it sound?" he asked.
He felt taxpayers in the special assessment district should not be subjected to the risk of loss of the property through forfeiture.

"I CANNOT understand why you choose to settle this condemnation proceeding started against Wabcock and Jacobson," Manikoff declared. "Who wrote this ticket—Wabcock, Jacobson or you?" he asked.
Roberts pointed out that, based on a condemnation jury award of \$74,000 for the A. H. Meyer property, a like award on the W-J land probably would be "in excess of \$70,000."

Manikoff said he would rather pay that much, if it were a fair price, and get an unencumbered title.

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Freedom Preservation Takes Understanding and Practice

EDITH'S NOTE: Following is a recent talk given by Mrs. Ruth Spain of Birmingham to the Guild of Catholic Women. Mrs. Spain is a housewife resident of Birmingham and has been active in international civic and cultural activities. She has been a member of the International Affairs class at the Birmingham University of Home Economics. In its 41st year, she has traveled extensively, visiting Europe, the Caribbean, South America, Mexico and the West Indies. She is a member of the Birmingham Institute of Politics, the National A.A.U.W. Convention and the National A.A.U.W. Convention of many local organizations. Mrs. Spain is the founder of the Birmingham Scholarship Fund, and a former president of the Community.

By RUTH SPAIN
Understanding our freedoms and protecting them is a difficult topic with clichés. One would suppose there isn't anything new or interesting to be said about it. But we can't just all at the wall that we are seeing our freedoms disappear. We must get out into the street and see what can be done, all it really means, and do our individual part in the process. I believe if we understand better what it is we must guard, we may be able to do more for our freedom. It is not assured for us, it can be stolen and destroyed. Once gone, it is gone forever.

My subject is a very personalized one. Freedom cannot be defined for anyone else, unless we the people practice and promote it.
PERSONAL AND individual liberty cannot be enjoyed here in America or anywhere else, for the privileged only. It seems to be increasingly evident that an attack on one is an attack on all. Some day, some far day, we shall be forced to believe this, and believe that these rights we love have come through great struggle and tribulation.

Others before us have paid a great price, gone through unbelievable suffering to secure in their time, the survival of these pieces and bits of liberty. Can we do less? First, in our time in equal access for all citizens to all areas of community life. (Everyone born here in the U. S. is a citizen, with only a few exceptions.)

OUR MEASURING stick is our recognition that the rights of man come not from generosity of the ruler, but from the Creator. This must apply to the integration question. If given time can solve that sticky question, our will be given time? Mr. Eisenhower in speaking about our national habits quite feelingly said, "We think that to preserve our way of life, all we need to do is become richer, to build more skyscrapers, more speedways."
He was troubled about the preservation of our rich heritage here in the free world, our national wealth, our trees, our rivers, our mines, our lakes, are being plundered of their irreplaceable riches.

The House of Representatives Science Committee reports "The nation is already using every available drop of its fresh water supply and even now faces shortages in some places." It forecasts that in 10 years we shall be in terrifying difficulty due to fresh water depletion. We have had the privilege of misusing our riches.

BUT WHAT HAS this to do with freedom? It means that we have been free to do the wrong things. Our liberty to despoil ourselves is as potent as our liberty to create anew.

No person lives in the world he was born in, and no person will die in the world he knows today. So our heritage to our children can be preserved only by our daily awareness that we do not allow the integrity of what we have, to be clipped away here and there until there is nothing much left.

I think each one of us knows a few things, to stand firm. It isn't some big, spectacular act probably, but it may be a letter written, a contract accepted, a visit or a telephone call that builds up the fabric of our free lives.

BECAUSE I have loved history all my life, my imagination at any time can bring to my mind's eye the life, the deeds, the work, the people of the past, as I think they were. I am going to suggest out of thousands of instances, some of the steps, some of the foot steps, that have been taken in our behalf by these friends in other ages.

There are so many heroes; I am reminded of a tablet in the Senate Chamber in Rome to Titus and Gaius Gracchus who in the second century before Christ gave their precious lives for the cause of the "dispossessed and poor of the Roman Republic." You who fight and die for the Republic—have no clod of earth to call your own, this must not be.

Both of these Romans gave their lives for the reform. Because we have seen that plague this deed stands out as an act of bravery against tyranny, a step for freedom.
HAVE YOU SEEN the picture of Spartacus, a slave who found death sweeter than slavery? One of our impressive foot steps is far from Rome but it recalls for us something else that has always remained in my mind. In a small, very small island called Iona, in the Inner Hebrides, stands a low, weather beaten, ancient stone structure, the church to Saint Columba.

This little three-mile-long scattered patch of earth, in the seventh century A. D. preserved the learning, the language, the arts of illumination, the sacred writings, which all around was the complete blackness of barbarism.
Dr. Sam Johnson years ago said, "There is no man, whose piety and courage have warmed among the ruins of Iona." It was a small light in the utter darkness, but it didn't fall. As I stood among those ancient stones, I felt I was standing on hallowed ground. For some far



Participants at St. Dunstan's

Participating in St. Dunstan's last production of "The Shrike" were (left) Winston Kellogg, who was in the play and Bill Holmes, who was in charge of the lights.

do something about to strengthen my town, my neighborhood, my school or my children. Often, very often, I don't stir myself to help out. Can we face these things? It is true that distant misery attracts us more than misery here at home. There are Negro ghettos in all great cities. We wish they weren't here for we can't quite ignore them. We wish we could. Communism within 90 miles of our shores has abrogated liberties in Cuba. Are we indifferent to these things?
EVERY DAY see things I could

accusers, who smugly arrogate to themselves the prerogative of character-assassination while slyly scuttling for protection to the anonymity of a category. Where are we when this occurs?
It is said that rats can sink any ship, given time, by nibbling and gnawing day after day. Thus our freedoms can be eroded unless we are eternally vigilant. The stakes Chalks to be confronted by their

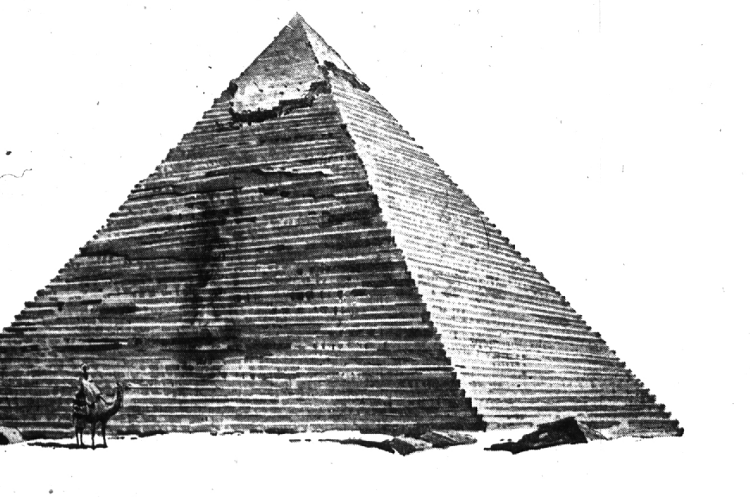
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