Would you voluntarily allow another to enter your home and take away much of your furniture, your clothing, your food, or numerous other items that add up to your comfort and security? Indeed, you would not! Why, you'd physically oppose this, even to calling in the police. Yet so many of us do allow the power-hungry, the impractical long-hair, the demagogic-mouthing politician to impose extra tax burdens on our pay envelopes.

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Seek Organization Of Cultural Groups Into Arts Council

Officers of Birmingham area organizations with artistic and cultural interests will be encouraged next week to secure their groups' participation in a proposed Birmingham Arts Council.

The 28 founding sponsors of the arts council are inviting board members of each of nine community organizations to a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Fox and Hounds restaurant, Bloomfield Hills.

Sponsors whose names appeared on the letter of invitation include well-known names in a number of the arts.

Temporary co-chairmen of the sponsors' group are artist Robert A. Thom and Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head librarian at Baldwin Public Library.

IN THE letter inviting interested persons to the session next week, the sponsors stated the tentative goals for an organization of community groups and individuals who share interest in the arts.

These are: to promote community cultural activities, to represent the community's cultural interests, to sponsor an annual arts festival and to coordinate scheduling of activities to avoid conflicts and duplication of effort.

No main speaker is scheduled for next week's organizational gathering. Spokesmen for the sponsors will ask dinner guests to return to their organizations and seek an expression of interest in arts council participation.

TEMPORARY co-Chairman Robert Thom said, "The intention of this meeting is to give everyone information and, if possible, enthusiasm, for an arts council."

If response is encouraging, Thom said, the group will then meet to ratify a constitution and to elect officers.

"However," he added, "if the community feels that such an organization is not needed, then we will let it drop."

Included with the letter of invitation was a separate article explaining the fast-growing arts council movement in American cultural life.

ORGANIZATIONS whose board members have been invited next week include Birmingham Musicale, Terra Cotta Sculptors, Village Players, St. Dunstan's Guild, Cranbrook Music Guild, Bloomfield Art Association, Birmingham Women Painters, Cranbrook Academy of Art and Bloomfield Hills Camera Club.

Discussions of the benefits to be derived from an arts council in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills community began in January. At a luncheon meeting in February, a group of community leaders concluded that there was a need for such an organization.

Attending the luncheon were Mrs. James M. McHugh, Birmingham chairman of Detroit Adventure; Mrs. William H. McGaughey; Miss Lee Tuttle, of Baldwin Public Library; Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett; Community House Director Effie Schaffer, and Birmingham School Board President Kathryn Loomis.

OTHERS WERE School Supt. Otis M. Dickey, Jervis B. McMechan, Paul Neal Averill, Francis M. Fisher, Celia Merrill Turner, E. X. Tuttle and Julie Candler.

At that time the group heard Director William B. Birenbaum describe the cooperative effort of Detroit cultural and educational institutions in the Detroit Adventure project.

Other founding sponsors of the arts council are Mrs. W. W. Chao, Sylvia Cooper, John S. Coppin, Albert H. deSalle, Marshall Fredericks.

Mrs. F. G. Garrison, C. Allen Harlan, Dr. Robert Hatt, Eugene L. Johnson, Mrs. James H. King.

Mrs. Brooks Marshall, Dorothy K. Roosevelt, Aline Saarinen, Rolan Sepesby, Clifford B. West and Teruko Yamasaki.

This and That

by George R. Averill

You Want to Lose Your Freedom to Speak and to Print?

Unless a nation's people are allowed to think and express their thoughts orally, or by means of the printed word and picture, that nation's people cannot enjoy freedom.

The very first thing a potential tyrant or dictator does when trying "to take over" a nation is to suppress freedom of open expression. You have but to review the present status of the Cubans for proof.

Yet a form of the suppression of freedom to express thoughts is being exercised in the United States this very moment. It exists in the ruling of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service that a privately owned business, whether it be a utility whose rates are regulated by government, or a strictly privately owned and directed business, may not spend any of its money in any form of printed utterance that opposes the federal government's socialistic enterprises, and expect to be allowed to charge it as a business expense.

IN OTHER WORDS, if a privately owned business wants to spend some of its money, thus to protect its stockholders' investment, it cannot expense any company funds to fight the government's tax-supported competition.

Oh, yes, a private company may spend some of its money to express its views if the money comes from PROFITS ONLY—but not allowable as a regular expense . . . an expense, insofar as company protection goes, that is comparable to any form of otherwise acceptable insurance used by individuals or companies.

Take the case of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. of Canton, Ohio, which has filed a suit against the government for a million, and a half dollars it was forced to pay when Timken's institutional advertising budget for several years was disallowed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

IN ITS ADVERTISING Timken vigorously opposed the drift of this nation's economy toward the application of the Socialistic State, with its ever-increasing centralization of power in Washington, D. C. A number of other U.S. companies have similarly expressed themselves

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B'ham Bike Safety Check Dates Set

Lt Robert Schaule, 1623 Webster, today announced the dates of the annual Birmingham Police Dept. and Birmingham Kiwanis Club bicycle safety inspection.

Saturday mornings, May 20 and May 27, have been designated, with June 3 set as an alternate date in case of rain.

"Now is the time for children and parents to check over their bicycles and make necessary repairs," Schaule declared.

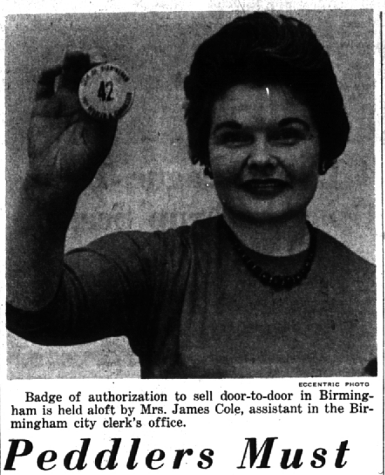
Last year, about 800 bicycles were safety-checked and inspected. Over 400 licenses were issued.

The police department stresses the advisability of licensing all bicycles, Schaule said, as it makes return of stolen bicycles easier and quicker and reduces the exposure to theft.

"THE SAFETY inspection turns up many needed repairs and is credited with improving the safety record of Birmingham cyclists."

The inspection will be conducted on the various elementary school grounds, and recommendations for repairs will be given to each bike owner. Licenses, costing $1 will be available at that time.

After the licensing and safety inspection, cyclists will be asked to demonstrate their riding ability and will be presented with a souvenir in keeping with their proficiency.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Badge of authorization to sell door-to-door in Birmingham is held aloft by Mrs. James Cole, assistant in the Birmingham city clerk's office.

Peddlers Must Wear Badges In Birmingham

By NADINE JAKOBOWSKI
Special Writer

Peddlers in Birmingham now must wear a badge of authorization from the City while on their routes or face fine and imprisonment.

A new city ordinance passed April 10 requires all persons calling upon private homes for the purpose of selling goods or taking orders for goods to be licensed by the city.

Silver badges—the color of Michigan license plate tags—are to be displayed prominently by peddlers and canvassers in view of the homeowner.

BADGES ARE numbered and bear the year of issue. Each year they will be issued in the same color as the license plate tag.

The new ordinance exempts milkmen, newsboys, salesmen who call on regularly licensed businesses, persons who are on the personal property tax roll or licensed under the merchants' ordinance and presently licensed businesses which call or deliver to the home.

Salespersons from cosmetic and brush firms and drivers of bread trucks, however, are included under the ordinance and must file applications with the city clerk.

THE LICENSE will cost two dollars per day or $25 per year. Failure to be authorized is punishable by fine up to $100 and imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

"Police department should be notified immediately when a peddler appears at the door without a badge," said Robert Kenning, assistant city manager. "Numbers of the badges should be reported with a complaint against a licensed peddler."

"The cooperation of the private citizen is essential in order to make the program work," Kenning emphasized.

THE ORDINANCE for peddlers and canvassers was introduced after more than a year's study that stemmed from homeowners' complaints of "high-pressure" magazine salesmen. Similar ordinances in nearly 60 other communities were investigated in composing Birmingham's ordinance.

The new ordinance requires door-to-door sales persons to file with the city their names, addresses, description of businesses and employers' locations, description of vehicles, as well as photographs of the applicants.

Fingerprints and names of two reliable property owners in Oakland County will be taken from each applicant. He must file a statement from a Birmingham physician that he is free of infectious disease.

Each applicant will be investigated by the police.

PEDDLERS and canvassers who already have paid a fee for this year under the old city ordinance will not have to re-file. However they are required to pick up a badge at the city hall.

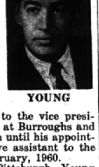
An ordinance to control charitable and philanthropic solicitations door-to-door was submitted in January to the commission with the peddlers' ordinance.

Organizations that regularly conduct drives are being contacted in an effort to compose a fair regulation. Some commissioners objected to the restrictions imposed by the original ordinance. Report of the poll is expected to be made within a month.

Burroughs Names Young To High Post

Donald E. Young, executive assistant to the president of Burroughs Corp., has been elected assistant vice president - general, by the corporation's board of directors.

In receiving his new title, Young becomes an officer of the corporation. Ray R. Eppert, president, announced.



YOUNG

Young resides in Birmingham.

Young joined Burroughs in 1957 when the corporation acquired The Todd Co. He had held various marketing and executive positions with The Todd. Co. Young was named assistant to the vice president - marketing at Burroughs and held that position until his appointment as executive assistant to the president in February, 1960.

A native of Pittsburgh, Young attended the University of Pittsburgh, received his B.A. degree from George Washington University and his master's degree in business administration from Harvard University.

FOLLOWING service with the Army Air Corps in World War II, Young joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation and served as special agent in 1946 and 1949.

At the start of the Korean War he was recalled to the service and assigned to the Office of Special Investigations from 1951 to 1953.

Commissioners OK Hills Tax Boost

BLOOMFIELD HILLS City taxes will be raised from $22 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to $26.80 effective July 1.

Hills city commissioners Tuesday night tentatively approved a $391 thousand budget which included the tax hike.

According to City Clerk Bob Stadler, the increase in taxes provides for a three per cent raise in salary for all city employes. However, majority of the increase is to pay for sewers, he said.

A public hearing on the budget will be held May 25 at 5 p.m. at the city offices.

Annual School Census Set for B'ham District

The annual school census will be taken throughout the Birmingham School District during the last 20 days of May, Supt. Otis M. Dickey announced today.

According to Dickey, the purpose of the school census is to determine the number of children in each age group from birth to 20 years of age.

This information helps (1) to plan services required of the schools, (2) to plan for meeting building, instructional and financial needs of the district and (3) to establish the legal base for allocations of primary school interest funds to the district by the state.

The adult count also serves as the only means of determining accurately the total population of the district.

ENUMERATORS will contact each family in the area assigned to them. Badges signed by the superintendent will be worn on the outer clothing. All information (which is required by state law) will be confidential.

The following information is required:

Parents' full names and addresses; names of each child in the family between birth and 20 years of age; age; sex; physical handicaps, if any; type of school; and the grade and name of school each child of school age is attending at the date of the census.

The enumerators will be prepared to give the dates of the various kindergarten roundups to parents with children who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1961.

THE ROUNDUPS are intended to help prepare the children for their first school experience and to inform parents of the kindergarten program and services available through the school.

"We solicit the cooperation of all our residents in this endeavor," said Dickey, "so that we can obtain this vital planning information as efficiently as possible."

It cost the Owner of a Bloomfield Township home only $2.46 to place this classified advertisement:

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP. "BEAUtiful three bedroom on acre of land, surrounded by trees, fireplace, 2½ baths. Basement supposed on three sides, exposed beam over Living Room. Kitchen and family room. Built-in oven and range. Carport. Garage $22,800. Appraised at $28,500. MA 6-0900

Did it bring results? It surely did! The home was SOLD to a buyer who answered the ad after only one insertion. Whatever you have for sale, you'll sell it better with a Birmingham Eccentric Classified ad. Call MI 4-1100.

Commission Acts to Solve Birmingham Parking Problem

By KEN WEAVER
News Editor

Birmingham city commissioners have agreed to six measures to alleviate a parking problem that erupted with opening of Demery's Birmingham.

They accepted some of the recommendations from Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, which also drew approval of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee.

The immediate steps to be taken are:

1) make the alley from Hamilton to Hunter one-way eastbound.

2) Remove the first parking space on the south side of Hamilton east of Woodward.

3) Take an immediate traffic and pedestrian survey at Hamilton and Woodward to determine need and advisability of a signal light.

4) MODERNIZE the traffic signals at the Woodward-Willits-Oakland intersection, including pedestrian "walk" and "wait" lights.

5) Convert 19 four-hour metered spaces in Municipal Parking Lot No. 1 to all-day meters.

6) Construct a crosswalk on the north side of Hamilton across Woodward from Demery's to the Peacock Room.

Don Cummings, speaking for the Chamber parking committee, recommended the following for study:

1) That the Woodward-Willits signal be timed to permit left turns to alleviate congestion.

2) That 30-minute meters at corners be changed to one hour, to avoid shopper confusion.

3) THAT ANGLE parking be placed around Shain Park, by cutting into the sidewalk, between city hall and Baldwin Library.

4) That traffic counts be continued for 30 days, to feel the full impact of the new Demery's store.

Moxley said the increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic with the opening of the store "far exceeded our expectations."

He added, "It also gave us some idea of the tremendous traffic and parking problems that can and very well may be facing us during the coming Christmas shopping season.

"SOME OF this potential shopping impact may very well be felt prior to school vacations, Thanksgiving, school opening in the fall, next Easter and on Town Hall days."

The six recommendations approved Monday night were to go into effect immediately.

Others are to be studied. They include:

1) Declare Park St. from Oakland to Ravine one-way northbound.

2) Declare Ferndale from Ravine to Oakland one-way southbound.

3) Use, temporarily, a "No Left Turn" sign at Hamilton and Woodward when traffic congestion calls for it. Possibly in the future, prohibit altogether left turns from Hamilton into Woodward.

MOXLEY SUGGESTED two possible solutions to a potential congestion problem on Woodward:

1) Eliminate left turns at Maple-Woodward, Hamilton - Woodward (southbound) and Willits-Woodward (northbound).

2) Change the angle parking to parallel on Woodward between Brown and Euclid.

"This action would permit a left turn center lane at all intersections in the area, two northbound and two southbound lanes for through or right turn traffic and two lanes for parallel parking at the curb."

THIS LATTER proposal met with opposition from the merchants, however.

"We are in complete disagreement on that possible solution," said Cummings. He suggested a joint meeting of city officials and the merchants committee to discuss the problem.

Moxley pointed out that the change would mean a loss of one-third of the 157 available parking spaces.

However, he said, "In addition to eliminating congestion, parallel parking would reduce the number of accidents caused by parking and de-parking in the area."

MOXLEY SAID the area of Woodward between Brown and Oakland is "the highest non-intersection accident frequency area in the city."

Moxley drew compliments from both the commissioners and merchants for his "comprehensive report."

The merchants also agreed to Moxley's proposal to make Park and Ferndale one - way and to prohibit left turns off Hamilton "during busy times."

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Deliberate Re-Zoning Properties

Re-zoning of property on Eton Road north of Maple and on the southwest corner of Adams and Hazel is scheduled for the May 16 Birmingham Plan Board meeting in room 200 of the Municipal Building.

The city will negotiate with property owners in order to re-classify the triangle of property located on Eton Road north of Maple and south of Graefield Terraces.

The city wants to re-zone the northerly three-quarters of that property to multiply family classification and the southerly quarter of it to neighborhood business.

PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for the request of Hubert G. Smith, 1078 Hazel, to change the zoning of his property on the southwest corner of Adams and Hazel from single family residential to neighborhood business.

Property owners, Mrs. James Allen and Mary Frawley, request vacation of the remaining part of Martin Street, which lies between Southfield and Chester. The city plan board will review the request.

Representatives of the Birmingham Board of Education, the third property owner, are invited.

George H. Glover's months-old request to permit building of a 10-story apartment near the center of the city also is on the agenda.

12 Towns Ruling Called 'Good News'

"It's awful good news."

This was Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare's reaction to the U. S. Supreme Court decision to reject the Madison Heights Twelve Towns appeal.

Still wary after 10 years of delay, Gare said if there are no further complications construction of the $47 million drain project could start yet this year.

"But it's been such a voodoo I hesitate to venture a guess," he declared.

Indications were that Madison Heights no longer would block the drain through litigation.

THIS WOULD mean that Birmingham could proceed with several sewer relief programs in the southeast section of the city—projects that have been held up pending settlement of the Twelve Towns case. The same holds true for other area communities.

Madison Heights had sought to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court a decision by the Michigan Supreme Court that had, in effect, declared that city's cost apportionment fair and reasonable.

Gare said the procedure now will be a re-apportionment of costs, since the state highway department was forced to install its own drainage system for the Chrysler expressway; advertisement for construction bids; then bid for sale of bonds.

GARE SAID Birmingham's Columbia relief sewer, built five years ago, can be opened as soon as the state gives the O. K.

Said Daniel W. Harry, county drain commissioner and head of Twelve Towns since 1956:

"Things look more encouraging now than at any time in my tenure.

Madison Heights officials admitted that they have no more courts in which to argue their claim of over-assessment.

A compromise that would have lowered that city's apportionment from $2.5 to $1.1 million was assumed dead.

Heights Mayor Bill S. Huffman told his city council Monday night, "We should accept this judgment and give our support to the other cities so that we can get Twelve Towns started immediately."

A FINAL hearing on apportionments will be scheduled for the latter part of June, said Twelve Towns board attorney Claude H. Stevens.

If there is no suit by a member community within 30 days after this hearing, Stevens will prepare and land resolution to present to the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission. That body must approve the giganitic bond issue.

According to Harry, all details of engineering and acquisition of right-of-way have been resolved.

Wary officials pointed out that there always is a possibility of a taxpayer's suit.

Madison Heights officials were advised of the U. S. court's decision by wire Monday afternoon.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6310.

Low Bid Accepted For Sidewalk Work

Birmingham city commissioners have accepted the low bid of $11,726 by Padula and Mattioli Cement Co., Detroit, for the 1961 sidewalk replacement program.

To be replaced is faulty sidewalk in the area bounded by 14 Mile, Woodward, Emmons and Grant.

How About a Newsy Letter for Mother?

By PATRICIA ANDERSON
Special Writer

I am sure thoughts such as these have crossed many minds: "I hope Mother's Day doesn't become commercialized to the point of distaste"; or, "Thank koodness Mother's Day is one special occasion which can't be overdone. It is what it was intended to be, a day set aside to pay tribute to mother."

But, sad to say, we can become a slave to an idea no matter how wonderful the original idea was, and when we become a slave we are not living up to the best in ourselves. We are not thinking.

The successful man who can afford to send his mother beautiful flowers across the country would do better to take a quiet hour and write her a long newsy letter, something he doesn't have time to do ordinarily.

IT WOULD please her more and bring him closer than the most expensive present. Even the long distance phone call doesn't mean as much as a letter she can read over and over again.

In fact, I sometimes wonder whether Mother's Day for some mothers isn't a day of rallying all the understanding and ingenuity possible to prevent her poor, misguided children's feeling from being hurt.

I would enjoy reading of the most sincere and nicest thing that children did for their mothers, as well as hearing eulogies on "mothers of the year."

THIS IS one day in the year it seems to me that could escape the ballyhoo of commercialism if everyone would be a little more thoughtful and do what they know mother would enjoy instead of letting the advertisers tell them what to do and what to buy.

Mother's Day comes at a heavenly time of the year and mothers are heavenly, but let's not be more generous with our money than with our time and thoughts.

Flowers are lovely. Presents are grand, but if we can't send a prayer along with them they mean nothing.

City Orders More Study of New Parking

City Manager L. R. Gare and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley have been instructed by Birmingham city commissioners to make a detailed study of tandem parking and to submit a report by June 15.

To be included is a study of this type of parking in Flint.

City Commissioner Robert Page suggested two weeks ago that this system be studied as to its possible merits for Birmingham.

This system calls for the front bumper of one car to be tight against the rear bumper of another, with an eight-foot open space between the next two tandem parked cars.

THE CHIEF advantage is easier accessibility to the parking space.

In a brief report Monday night, Moxley questioned "the advisability of changing to tandem parking at this time."

To convert from single to tandem parking, he said, would involve relocating meter posts, blocking out or removing present meter space lines, repainting parking spaces and installing brackets to support dual meter heads.

Estimated cost per space for the change, Moxley said, would be about $5 each.

"We have 339 parallel parking spaces that could be converted to this type of parking."

PAGE SAID cost of converting present meters via bracket to form double-headed meters would be $108, whereas manufactured double-headed meters would cost less. He did not say how much less.

One of the members of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee attending Monday's commission meeting thought tandem parking might be an improvement in Birmingham and agreed that more extensive study should be made.

Page said he had contacted the city manager of Joliet, Ill., where an experiment of tandem parking is under way.

Three weeks ago, Joliet started a six-block test area with 1,200 on-street double-headed meters.

"THEY HAVE had excellent cooperation from the merchants and feel that so far the experiment is a success and will continue with it," Page stated.

Page said the study and report should include these factors: cost of maintenance, parts, original installation and operation of the mechanism.

Poet Snodgrass Coming Here for Arts Festival

A chance to appear on a poetry night program with Pulitzer prize winner W. D. Snodgrass is being offered Birmingham area residents.

Snodgrass agreed Monday to read his own and other poets' works at the fourth annual Birmingham Arts Festival. The Poetry Night is scheduled Thursday, June 22, in the geodesic dome to be erected alongside Shain Park.

In conjunction with Snodgrass's appearance, poetry fans are invited to an open reading Sunday afternoon, May 21. They may read any variety of poetry, from which the committee for activities in the dome will choose a representative selection.

DOME ACTIVITIES Chairman Dean Coffin said interested persons may get further information about the open reading by contacting Mrs. Jack U. Klarr, 1444 Chester, field.

Snodgrass, assistant professor of English at Wayne State University, is noted for his poetic interpretations. He is the author of a book of poetry titled "Heart's Needles."

Also being scheduled for the eight nights of events in the dome are programs recognizing the musical and dramatic arts. The festival dates are June 17 through 24.

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