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Happenings

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Shall Birmingham become a city? This question was asked of Clarence Snavel, of the Michigan Municipal League staff, Wednesday while Mr. Snavel was in the village in connection with a study of



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township government in the country. His answer: Yes. "Unquestionably, Birmingham will profit by becoming a city, in several ways, including a net cash reduction in the total governmental unit basis in the county."

15 YEARS AGO
Aug. 7, 1947

Birmingham city commissioners have no right to determine to what use a sister publicly-elected organization may put its land, they decided Monday evening in amending the city's ordinance to exempt public bodies from provisions of the code. The commission amended the ordinance in the face of vigorous protests from residents in the Pierce School area who were of the opinion that the city should aid them in their rights to protest actions which the residents deemed inadvisable for the community.

Within the next two months the city plans to open an alley from London street to Lincoln avenue and which divides the block between Woodward and Ann street. This was indicated when City Manager Donald Egbert asked the city commission to set a date for a hearing on the opening of the alley.

"The opening will be necessitated because of the (new) automobile sale room and garage now under construction at this point," Egbert explained. Commissioners set August 20 as the date of the hearing.

First Auto Modeled After Dummy Horse

One of the world's first horseless carriages was patterned after the horse. Its answer: Yes. "Unquestionably, Birmingham will profit by becoming a city, in several ways, including a net cash reduction in the total governmental unit basis in the county."

The hind legs of the horse were held a few inches off the ground by brackets. Its front legs straddled the drive wheel and were joined to move realistically when the vehicle rolled.

An electric motor was concealed inside the horse's neck and shoulders. Power was transmitted to the drive wheel by a drive shaft which emerged from the horse's chest and turned a series of gears linked to the front wheel. The driver controlled the vehicle simply by pulling on reins, the same as with a real horse.

APPARENTLY IT never occurred to Thorp that he could dispense with the horse and install the motor in the body of the carriage.

There is no record that Thorp's vehicle was ever built.

Plan

(Continued from 1-B)

7. Confiscate more of the remainder for many other types of taxes too numerous to mention.

8. Conscript 1/3 of the young men into the armed forces.

9. CONTINUE escalation of A and H Bomb tests, rocket shots, and spy satellites.

10. Encourage the radio, T.V. and newspapers to scare the people to death by constant war talks.

11. Continue military occupation of many foreign nations and station some of our troops in dozens more.

12. Restrict our trade and travel with citizens of other nations as if we have a better right to the earth than anyone else.

13. ADVISE the people to build bomb shelters.

14. Hint that in the event of nuclear war 50 million Americans might survive.

15. Warn that the cold war may last another 50 years.

16. Gradually decrease the value of our money by raising the debt limit and adding billions to the circulation of money, which nullify wage increases and hurt those on fixed incomes.

17. GRADUALLY give all areas of government more power and so relieve individuals of their personal freedom and responsibility to produce a living.

18. Flaunt the purpose of the U.N. and vote against its resolutions when they run counter to our military-industrial interests.

19. Seek more war contracts as a "cure" for unemployment.

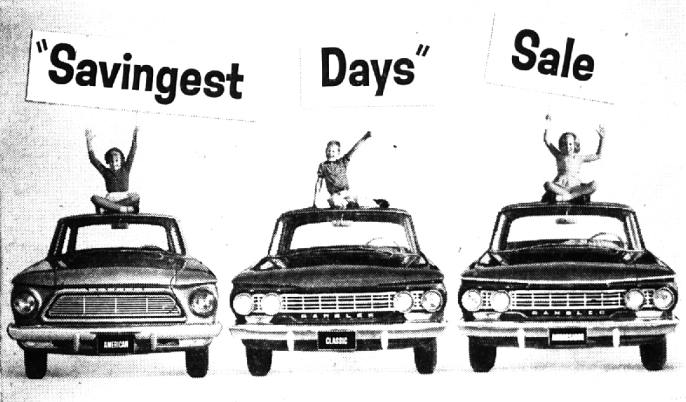
20. Substitute voluntary poor relief with compulsory taxation, unemployment compensation, A.D.C., etc.

21. COMPEL those whose children's education has long since been paid for to finance the costs of neighbor children's education.

22. Need I comment on racial prejudice, religious bias, and unfair appointment of representatives? Stop the world, I want off!

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Praises Little League Coach


To the Editor:
After four very rewarding years of Little League Baseball association—we as a family would like to thank the many people who work for and with boys nine to twelve.

Our cheers are given particularly for Bud Keller, who managed the Federal League All-Stars during their three games.

Under his guidance our son learned baseball technique and good character traits. Mr. Keller admirably succeeded in teaching our team members sound baseball fundamentals and high ideals for good sportsmanship.

Since so many words have been published in the last few years having to do with Little League and its follies, it should be proclaimed we in Birmingham are fortunate to have men such as Mr. Keller "on our team."

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