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Year after year, for many, many years, I have set forth in these brief paragraphs my personal belief that the New Year is not just a mark on time's perpetual calendar... but it may be a good reminder for new and better behavior, not just for this important year, but for the development of improved characteristics for the one's own self... but because such examples influence others, too.

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Birmingham Considers Charter Amendment

This and That

by George R. Averill

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Old Hands--New Vistas

Two long-time Birmingham residents exchange information on plans for retirement activities. Former Publisher of The Eccentric, George R. Averill, (left), claiming a few months retirement seniority, gives Herbert H. Gardner a few tips on "slowing down."

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Asks Rewording Of Ballot Question

By KEN WEAVER
Managing Editor

Birmingham city commissioners are expected to act next Monday night on a ballot proposition for the spring election, to amend the city charter, to amend the city attorney, to amend the city attorney to reward it and report back next week.

Present Provision

Under the present charter provision, the City must publish a newspaper circulating within the city every ordinance it adopts.

Proposed Amendment

Following is the proposed amendment to the city charter as presented to the Birmingham City Commission Tuesday night.

AN EDITORIAL

Assure the Opportunity

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