

Sees Suburbs, Detroit As One

This is the complete text of a speech given by Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh before the Men's Club, Christ Church, Cranbrook, Oct. 5. Suppose I were to ask you to take me on a tour of the slum areas in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Beverly Hills.

Then I would have to reply that the slums of your towns are not in Birmingham. They are in Detroit.

As a total community, we sprawl this way and that. Some do it well, others not so well.

THE LAWS may have been greener this summer than last. A successful millage election may be giving your children a better situation.

You may be Birmingham, Mich. or Kenilworth, Illinois. You may call yourself Scarsdale, N. Y. or Shaker Heights, O. Regardless of the name of the post office, the residents of these suburban communities are still part of Detroit, Chicago, New York or Cleveland.

In 1950, suburban Detroit families had a median income that was 25% higher than the income of families in Detroit itself.

THIS IS something you can be proud of. Of anything you have retreated from what you considered the frustrations of urban life. In this relatively rich age we can afford massive continuing new investments, even at the price of losing full use of some of the old.

The edges of the cities are becoming blurred and the word city itself is almost incapable of operational definition.

York Wilber, in "The Withering Away of the City", put it this way:

"Instead of distinct cities with distinguishable centers and edges, we are approaching in large segments of our county a condition somewhat like that of a thin layer of scrambled eggs spread over much of the planet."

I MIGHT ADD to Mr. Wilber's statement that in a lot of cases the egg-spreading has not been well done.

There will probably be a change to area government sometime in the future. It may be 10, 20, or even 30 years away but it is almost bound to come.

These gigantic complexes of people will one day be turned into workable governments.

David Rissman, author of the Lonely Crowd, found in a University of Chicago study of suburbia a number of extremely capable men, active in their businesses and law firms, downtown, who seemed to enjoy involving themselves in suburban issues that, to the casual on-looker, seemed trivial and unimportant.

THESE MEN would spend hours on whether dogs should be leashed or not, whether parking meters should be located and on minute questions of zoning.

While one might contend that these small issues symbolize the suburban way, it remains true that some of these men have retreated from the great problems of the metropolis and even the nation to the more manageable problems of suburbia.

But those who fled the city to escape its traffic, tax rates, and social problems, find these problems catching up with them. They find that those fine old houses they admired in the other section of the city can be built in the new suburbs only at prohibitive penalty in taxes.

IN THE suburbs of the youthful, schools are always needed. Sewers must be put in with growth. A couple of casual county deputies must somehow become a police department and the volunteer firemen are growing old.

In short, the problems urban communities encountered years ago are now the problems of suburbia.

The basic city was built as a practical interchange — for goods, labor and services, for ideas and culture.

When the nature of the interchange was altered, the city was drastically altered, too.

AMERICAN cities grew Topguy-like in the 19th century. So when we hear planners and sociologists outline their decline we must keep in mind that much of it is due to old age and productive senility.

The available transportation dictated that people live close to where they worked. In times almost beyond memory, a lot of people walked to their jobs.

Jobs developed where the people were. People went where the jobs were.

Modern transportation and modern highways changed all that and is still changing it. Change is the primary mark of our civilization.

THE RURAL farm pattern, touched too by the auto and the tractor, began to fall apart. The machine threatens to become the master of us all.

The farmhouses and barns crayed and tumbled. Many of these farms were on the urban fringe. Some became the site of housing developments.

Modern living is a complex thing with only so many hours to do it. The tendency is to avoid involvement.

But carving a mental moat around one sixteenth of a suburban acre and regarding it as a feudal barony from 5:00 p.m. to sunup just won't work.

THE PROBLEMS of people will continue to exist regardless of artificial boundary lines. There is no reason why the poor of Karachi, India, should be regarded with more pity than the poor of your core city.

The suburban home becomes the chief gathering place for the family with its television set and outdoor barbecue.

Togetherness is all very well and there are advantages to family closeness. But in this process, parents tend to lose their identity and become play pals for their children. The kids, in their turn, lose the possibility of wider interests and interests limited to small children and women of the same age who are in the same boat.

The city has the variety the suburbs lack. Those who love Mozart can find other Mozart lovers and not just become a niche of a great mob who likes classical music generally.

THE CITY is the place where culture and intellect are traded. It not only sends you the water you drink but offers you its libraries, its institute of arts and its great universities.

You have your own wonderful institution — Cranbrook. But think a minute. It was Detroit that created Cranbrook.

Each of what has been done in Detroit has involved suburban residents who lend their talents to help solve our problems.

These wonderful institutions — Cranbrook, the Institute of Arts, the Ford Auditorium — in the city and in the suburbs are the product of public and private leadership. Leadership is another way of saying "involvement" by responsible people. The outstanding characteristic of leadership is vision. In the metropolitan Detroit area, we are fortunate to have had men of vision.

WE MUST work together to encourage a feeling of neighborliness, to recognize the mutuality of our concerns for the physical and human condition of urban society.

Community — in the larger sense — and community development will only take place if we are aware of the needs, join hands to arrive at acceptable solutions, and work hard to implement the proposals. Our future and our children's future demands no less.

City Safety Record Tops U.S. Average

(Special To The Eccentric)
NEW YORK — From the standpoint of safety, it is far better to be living in Birmingham than in most other places in the United States.

For the local resident, the hazards are fewer. He is less likely to be caught involved in an accident — fatal or otherwise — than elsewhere, the latest statistics show.

The general accident record locally is viewed in comparison with the records of other communities.

It is based on data compiled by the U.S. Public Health Service as part of the government's annual vitality statistics.

1963, the survey shows, there were 12 fatal accidents among Birmingham residents, five of them attributed to motor vehicles.

The figures take into account accidents of all sorts affecting local people, wherever they may have occurred, but do not include local accidents involving non-residents.

RELATED TO Birmingham's population, the accident toll was at the rate of 44 fatalities per 100,000 people.

This compares favorably with the figures for the United States as a whole, which averaged 52 per 100,000.

It was also below the East North Central states' rate of 46 per 100,000.

The magnitude of the accident problem may be gleaned from the national report, which shows that 100,500 lives were lost in the year.

University Plans '64 WSU Week

Wayne State University will be a showcase for the State of Michigan during WSU Week, which opens Oct. 12, and continues through the following Saturday.

Theme for the week is "Wayne State University Serves the State."

Heading the "WSU" or "Blast" caravan to the campus will be alumni from 83 counties and residents from the entire thumb area community of Marquette which received a special "get acquainted" invitation from Wayne State.

ANOTHER 10 MILLION persons, it is estimated by the safety council, suffered injuries that disabled them for more than one day.

Thus, for every fatal accident, there were about 100 non-fatal ones that required medical attention and restricted activity.

The cost of accidents in 1963, counting lost wages, medical and insurance payments, property damage, reduced production and the like, was approximately \$16.3 billion, according to the council.

On a proportional basis, assuming the average amount per accident applies locally, the cost in Birmingham comes to \$2,014,000.

City to Extend Fairway Drive

Birmingham city commissioners Oct. 5 dedicated the property to be used in the opening of Fairway Drive from Arden Lane to Pleasant Drive.

Dean G. Beier, city attorney, told the commission that the City had acquired titles to all of the property needed for the project.

Work on the sewer and water line portions of the project are expected to begin late this month. Actual paving will not take place until spring.

MARLETTE DAY opens the week and a week-long open house, beginning Oct. 18, will feature special conferences in commerce, health, culture and education to give the public a better understanding of the University's role in meeting the needs of the community and state.

The open house also will include concerts, clinics, lectures, plays and other events. A family day will close the week Oct. 24, with special entertainment for children, a homecoming, a football game (WSU vs. Eastern Michigan), an alumni open house, and the MacKenzie Union's "Governors' Ball" at Cobo Hall.



Language Lab Lauded
In Birmingham to study the city's foreign language program is Miss Genevieve E. Jonte, foreign language chairman at the Walt Whitman High School in Long Island, Miss Jonte told Mrs. Louise Centre, foreign language coordinator, that the Birmingham schools ranked among the top schools in the nation for quality of program and teachers. The two women are shown checking the language laboratory equipment at Southeast High School.

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- Pick Yourself Up
- Sticks and Bones
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- Theme From Mr. Novak
- Pepi
- This Can't Be Love
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- I Will Follow You
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- Three Little Words
- Dance, Ballerina Dance
- All I Do Is Dream About You
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- and so on, throughout the day and all through the night!

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