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DRUMMOND ISLAND—On rocky Drummond Island, forgotten apparently by both federal and state governments and unmarked by even a simple historical tablet...

At the north end of Potomac Bay, 400 feet east of Drummond Island, St. Joseph's was established in 1823.

The patrol boat changed to cruise near St. Joseph Island in Canada, and we prevailed upon the boat to stop at the island...

Because Drummond Island is off the beaten path, accessible to travelers only by ferry...

Canada Island, next door to Drummond, is where the St. Mary's river empties into the blue waters of Lake Huron.

Here is the "Strait County" and it is a small island...

The day's trip had begun most auspiciously. The sky was deep blue and almost cloudless...

SALVAGE MEMENTO TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom and flatten with foot...

WASTE PAPER—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your nearest market when you have a few pounds...

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Lay out a curb on your last City collection day of the month...

NEWSPAPERS, M.A.G.A.ZINES, SCRAP PAPER—Pick-up of these may be arranged for you by calling the Salvage Desk...

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Civilian Heroism

Smart thinking on the part of Lynn Stacker probably saved the lives of motorists in California recently.

Driving a truck, loaded with 1,500 pounds of dynamite, he discovered the vehicle was on a narrow pass, and when they offered help, the driver took his dangerous cargo into a field where it exploded with a roar heard for ten miles.

It may be assumed that almost anybody would have done the same thing under the same circumstances, but Stacker undoubtedly risked his life in staying with his truck and getting it off the road.

The Associated Press reminds us that Benito Mussolini fell from power about a year ago, just before Italy capitulated.

Nobody pays much attention to Benito these days. He is the helpless puppet of his friend and ally, Adolf Hitler, who seems to be having trouble at home.

The strutting Mussolini, however, cannot be discounted as a buffoon. The fact is that Il Duce exercised amazing influence upon the Italian people and that, without the resources available to a great power, he was able to make considerable progress toward hypnotizing the Italians.

If one reviews the history of Mussolini and reads the incendiary addresses that he delivered to the Italian people, over a considerable span of years, it is remarkable that the peace-loving democracies did not more fully comprehend the nature of the Fascist menace.

Like Hitler and the Japanese, Il Duce made no secret of his intention to promote an Italian empire by force of arms. He repeatedly and grandly proclaimed the virtue of his "new order" and aroused his people by proclaiming the grandeur that would be Roman.

It is the foot soldier who takes the ground and holds it," says Wright Bryan, distinguished correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, now covering the invasion in Normandy.

Naturally, every American pays tribute to all our fighting men. Each contributes a necessary and, at times, decisive punch in battle. The men of the air corps, however, have gotten most of the glory. Other specialists undoubtedly have received fine publicity. We would not deny them the satisfaction that comes from knowing that their work is appreciated.

However, it became necessary some months ago for the high commands to say a few words about the foot soldier, infantryman in order to stimulate enlistment in the undramatized branch of the service.

Recently, Gen. Montgomery, while paying tribute to all service units, found it advisable to express his gratitude to the infantry "who must bear the heat and battle." They may not be spectacular, but "whereas no doubt they are the guts of the whole show, backbone of the whole thing and, by Jove, they do their stuff."

state conservation department or some other interested agency to preserve it as a monument or a state park, a permanent shrine of the last British in Michigan and another milestone in our country's history of the winning of the West.

Happenings of Long Ago 50 YEARS AGO August 23, 1894 "There is going to be a wedding in Pontiac, Michigan...

5 YEARS AGO August 17, 1939 In a report submitted by Frank J. McGee, director of recreation during the summer months, figures showed a total of 31,693 persons participated in the various activities of the department.

20 YEARS AGO August 22, 1924 Two years of street fairs have firmly convinced the people of St. Louis parish that fair days are rain days, making it advisable to hold this year's fair for the most part indoors.

With one exception the officers past year were elected by the acting on the school board for the year at the regular meeting of the board Monday evening.

With the alterations and renovations being made to the house approaching completion, the house is rapidly completing a varied and extensive program for

Youth In Office

The British House of Commons, we are told, has 200 members who were first elected between the ages of 21 and 30.

This compares with 17 members of the Congress, according to Ervin D. Cannon, of the Christian Science Monitor staff.

More remarkable, we think, is the fact that of the British youngsters-in-office, 148 are members of the Conservative Party.

Can it be possible that the British appreciate youth and its talent more than the people of this country?

HITLER AND HIS NAZI GANGSTERS are making a last-ditch stand in Europe. The course of their retreat is an excellent proof that "the who lives by the sword shall die by the sword."

DON'T YOU DESIRE THAT THE ALLES do something to remove from Argentina the presence of Nazism? This South American nation, now in the hands of pro-Axis leaders, is in need of a governmental renovation; it should be changed to an open practical even if armed forces have to enter it and do the job.

SENATOR HARRY S. TRUMAN, new Democratic nominee for Vice-President, did a fine job as chairman of the Senate Investigating Committee for a year, and the exigencies of going into his hoped for V.P. job do not make him less the statesman and more the politician.

THE USE OF "BRAND NAMES" ON AMERICAN goods, whether it be an automobile or a can of condensed milk, has been an important part of our country's mass production and mass consumption success at prices lower than anywhere else on earth.

GREYHOUND BUS PEOPLE ARE MAKING PLANS for post-war use of helicopters as an aid to fast mail-making their already excellent bus service. We wish them every success in this new venture. We also prophesy a very reasonable public acceptance of this mode of transportation.

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People's Column Birmingham, Michigan, August 10, 1944. Dear Mr. Averill: I have read with much interest your article in the Birmingham Eccentric of August 3, 1944, "Henry Wallace as a Dual Personality" but I am a little concerned that you a few weeks ago was conducting running for a political office.

How could anyone vote for a candidate with such little regard for the more abundant life and the sustenance of a better day, etc. for the electorate?

Never wash, or even wipe meat with a damp cloth or put on it until just before cooking. Remove meat from the market paper as soon as it reaches the kitchen, lay on a plate, cover lightly with waxed paper and put in the meat compartment of the refrigerator.

YOU NEED HIM! HE NEEDS YOU! BUY WAR BONDS

Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 1) tried to drop it nice and clean like before it could cook in the shell, onto the sidewalk to test, and that statement some had made back in the tonorial era.

Birmingham residents are warned not to change their heating plants over to fuel oil before first consulting the local board. Under present regulations fuel oil ration points cannot be issued for furnaces changed over to oil.

Persons who neglected to get their special gasoline are just out of luck. Members of the local ration and fuel board said today for the time limit expired August 15. No more gasoline rations are being issued. It was reported and if you did not get yours you will have to walk to your garden and use up your A coupons for gasoline.

The Police Department had a couple of new kinds of complaints this week. One was a long time complaint about a dog barking through the garden. The other was a complaint about a dog barking through the garden.

The club championships at Oakland Hills Country Club are now under way with the qualifying rounds to be completed next week. The high 10 will set into the championship. Next week's round should be a bit more exciting.

Stuart K. Baker, Supr. of Big Beaver Public Schools, is seeing part of the United States this summer. Last week he made a trip to New York City, driving through New York City, driving through New York City, driving through New York City.

The other day the police found a car parked right in the middle of Broadwell street. There was no driver and no one in the car. The car was a 1942 Buick and the license plates were from Michigan.

It's been a busy time again for the department. Grades have been given the freshmen. Grades have been given the freshmen. Grades have been given the freshmen.

The matter of vacations for city employees was up for consideration by the City Commission this evening when City Manager Harold H. Copson recommended a number of days for the employees to take.

A pedregreed peon is now the unexpected guest of Mrs. T. R. Schultz, of Lathrup Township. It dropped in some time last week and is enjoying a leisurely stay at the Schultz home until its owner calls. The owner would claim this fine pigeon.

Dear Chief of Police Hackett: "I'm a new, don't you think it would be a fine idea to have a policeman dressed in civilian clothes in the city?"

Michigan state parks are attracting more and more people this summer. The number of people who visited the state parks during the first six months of the year was 3,000,000.

With several million men and women in the service there must be thousands of cameras left at home by these people and available to an equal number of relatives and friends who never before had a camera.

Word has reached Birmingham that the state of Michigan has been declared a "dual personality" by the federal government.

Milton H. Burt, 647 W. 11th, had for many years a fine building contractor. He is now planning on a new building.

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