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High School
Cities in high school attendance of more than one million students in the last three years, have invited all community groups, including teachers, parents, employers, labor organizations, civic leaders, welfare agencies, youth-service organizations, and youth itself to join in a "Go-ToSchool". Drive.

The United States Office of Education reports a steadily increasing number of hoys and girls of high school age taking full or part-time war jobs. In 1943, about 2,750,000 boys and girls, 14-17 years, were working full or part-time. This was three times the number working at the time of the census in 1940, but, by July 1943, an estjunated five million school-age children had jobs.

The trend of students to employment is reflected in a drop in attendance at American high schools. The peak attendance was reached in 1940-41, when 7,250,000 students were enrolled, but today all gains since 1934 have been wiped out and our high schools are educating only as many students as they did ten years ago.

Paul V mcNatt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, sends a message to the nation's youth, telling them that "the opening of school this fall is your D-Day in the strongle for a better world."

Miss Katharine F. Lendot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, says that school is the best place to get basic training for good living in the years when the war is over.

John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commission or of Education, points out that the country "can do its duty only if its citizens continue to know how." He adds, "The best place to get ready for tomorrow is in high school."

Soldiers on distant battlefields are applying for ballots to be cast in the forthcoming presidential election. Secretaries of States report a heavy depand which seems to mean that many fighting men will participate in the voting. Naturally, it is very important that the handling of the ballots of soldiers be impartial and beyond suspicion. Accordingly, it is encouraging that James C. Wilkes, Republican National Committee observer on the United States War Ballot Commission, reports that military authorities are carrying out the provisions of the Soldier Voting law in a very orderly manner.

In SPITE OF THE PACT THAT THIS NEWSPAPER, for the most time, supports Republican candidates and policies, we hope no one has assumed that we think that Republicans are all good, or always all right. Far be it from so. We know lots of Democrafs and Democratic ideas that are good, and more than once have supported them. The truth is that no single party possesses all the virtues; even some of the Disciples were not complete, 100 per cent Christians.

THE TRUTH OF THAT OLD SONG: "Yes, we have no bananas," has come true these war days in many parts of the world.

Wendell Kie from the American scene leaves a chasm in the highway of honest citizen approach to the problems of government that will be difficult to bridge. Mr. Wilkie, admittedly an amateur when he ran against Roosevelt in 1940, was too frank in his discussion of political and economic affairs to win the usual wide-spread organized political following, and he was defeated.

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That he possessed great personal character is now agreed upon even by his opponents: whether he would have made a practical President will thever be known. Like Hoover, he was intelligent, able, but never did adjust his nature and activities to synchronize with the political party he needed to strengthen him.

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His passing last Sunday, coming as it did
on the eve of a presidential election, was in
advance of his public atterance either for or
against Dewey; that leaves both current candidates "on their own," to battle it out until
November 7.

Wendell Willkie certainly helped Americans to understand better their relations in a troubled world. His kind will always be needed in a free government. He was a great man.

Same Old document from the Michigan Democratic Committee, in which are set forth the details of what Michigan Democrats stand for in the conning election November 7. While we admit that this political party does stand for some good things, to us its program is not palatable because of the first sentence in that document, which reads: "We consider the most important objective of our campain is the election of President Roosevelt and Senator Truman to head our national administration and the election of a Congress that will support them and their policies." When will good Democrats learn to travel on their own coat-tails?

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Happenings of Long Ago

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Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) served as freight and passenger agent for the Grand Trunk in Birmingham for the past 18 years and as telegraph operator at this nd as telegraph operator a ation from 1917 to 1927.

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People's Column



THE Discovery of America

What deserves emphasis on this 452nd anniversary of the Discovery of America, is the broad vision of Columbus, and his limitless with in the future, which drove him to sail uncharted seas against the opposition of men with dark prejudices, to open the door to a new world Our world . . America . . the home of the Free, the Land of the Beave . . . a nation about to re-discover-itself in the Victory our fighting men are forging in this modern era, wer other men of dark prejudices. Let us bend every effort to help our fighting men uchies Victory sooner, that they might re-discover America,

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