

A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press is Democracy's First Line of Defense

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Rejection of Edward J. Jeffries to the office of Mayor of Detroit augurs well for the immediate future of democracy in the Fourth City.

This means, then, that the element of competition among the voters is strong—a necessary quality if competitive free enterprise is to remain in the United States.

Strictly on his own, without any labor tie-up, Frankenstein might have won for "Jeff" is getting less and less popular in Detroit as the years go by.

Anyway, the election proves that whoever is conducting Detroit's municipal government must deliver more results to the people—results within the abilities of common sense.

When You Have To... Have you ever noticed that the more you do, the more you are able to accomplish?

The world's leaders have proven this beyond dispute. They advanced from one peak to another—each just a little higher than the last.

It took courage and faith and immense patience, but all leaders have these in abundance. Possibly, that is why they lead.

Perhaps you have heard the bedtime story of the turtle that was pursued by a dog or something or other, and Father, telling the story, said the turtle escaped by climbing a tree?

"But" objected Junior, "turtles can't climb trees."

"Yes, that's so," admitted the father, "but you see this turtle HAD to climb a tree."

Also, there is the story of Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School who was invited to give a series of lectures at Oxford University.

All of us have resources beyond what we use. It's a splendid thing to have them called out by having to do things that are seemingly beyond our powers.

A NEWS ITEM TELLS THAT THE ARMY HAS PUT UP 250 surplus war plants for sale. Perhaps if we are patient, we'll soon learn that Washington is offering four or five dozen assorted second-hand barrels for sale.

SEAMEN BADLY NEEDED The United States Maritime Service is making an urgent appeal for qualified seamen having fourteen months sea experience in either the deck or engine departments.

gible for officer training at the United States Maritime Service Officers' School, Fort Trumbull, Conn.

The story of Poland destroyed and rising again is the gist of Philip A. Adler's first hand reports.

Mr. Adler finds Warsaw 80% destroyed but not without hope; inflation rampant but being gradually brought under control.

He notes the strange contrasts of stores filled with articles not even to be seen in London and Paris, but not a vestige of transportation visible.

He tries to find old friends and finds them vanished without trace; whole streets and sections have disappeared and with them 12 millions of Poland's population.

You will want to read these articles for the eye-witness information they contain about what happened to Poland under the Nazis; what is happening today and what may be expected in the future, for, as Mr. Adler points out, on Poland depends the peace and welfare of all Central Europe.

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No Basic Conflict A House group recently re-elected from Europe, after a fifty-four day tour, and Mr. Victor Wickerham, of Oklahoma, chairman of the group, reports that they found the Russian people friendly to Americans, opposed to any more war and eager to raise their standard of living.

If this is a correct appraisal of Russian opinion, there seems to be no basic and fundamental reason for any future conflict between Russia and the Western democracies.

Popular Champion The Brown Bomber fought Conn in 1941 and the Pittsburgh boxer who surprised the sporting world by surviving the early rounds and actually out-boxing the champion until the thirteenth round.

It should be said for the champion that he has made an outstanding record, wearing his honors in a fashion that reflects credit upon him.

The promoters of the heavyweight title bout expect the gate to set a new record and talk about a ticket sale of \$3,000,000.

If YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR DAUGHTER MARRY a very rich man, train her to listen, with an expression of intense rapt interest whenever she hears a self-made man giving over-time exercise to personal pronouns.

It is AXIOMATIC THAT IN EVERY NATIONAL election, the candidate has the solid backing and moral support of the righteous people who do not vote.

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Life Insurance Loans Are you paying six per cent on your life insurance loan? You can save on interest charges by refinancing at lower rates at your "friendly bank."

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 14, 1895 "Choice apiece for sale by the barrel at Smith & Co's. Also buckwheat bran."

"The Woman's Eccentric is receiving many compliments from the distant places to which it has been sent."

"Buckingham's Dye for the Whites" is the best, handiest, safest, surest, cleanest, most economical and satisfactory dye ever invented.

"Eugene Field, the famous poet and writer of Chicago, died suddenly of heart disease."

"The British steamer Irrawaddy was wrecked off Albany, N. J., in a dense fog. The passengers were all saved by being taken off in life-boats to the tug C. P. Raymond."

"The citizens of Detroit have been nobly generous in giving financial relief to the farmers afflicted by the terrible disaster—the boiler explosion in the Journal building. Over \$12,000 was raised within four days."

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Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) Now this has been an unusual week at the police station. From Tuesday to Tuesday there was not a single bicycle reported stolen.

"Don't you sometimes get the idea that some of the Sunday comic strip artists are a bit fetched when they present their weekly offerings via the newspaper?"

"Many a parent in the United States will be pleased, and more so when they are told that the boys and means committee of the house of representatives has included in the program for tax adjustment which it is approving, a provision that extends the \$400 exemption for dependents that hereafter it will apply to children in school, up to 21 years of age."

"The kid must have been listening to that well known radio commercial that advises you in no uncertain terms to order a certain soap. It's getting along toward his department for the next few weeks. Asked what kind of a pet he wanted, Junior replied: 'Yuppie, make mine a puppie.'"

"The Rev. Harold Towne, member of the staff of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church, New York City, is coming to Birmingham Sunday to preach at St. James Episcopal church. He will speak at both the 9 o'clock and the 11 o'clock services."

5 YEARS AGO Nov. 14, 1940 "Christmas is coming! Birmingham merchants are already laying plans to make this city Santa Claus' headquarters."

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BONDS for the VICTORS

Official Navy Photo Carrier's Death Trip flat-top torpedo, riddled and sinking at Kuro Naval Base, after American attack in last days of war. Victory Bonds made possible by such gifts.

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Junior Red Cross Members Enrolled

Junior members of the American Red Cross whose annual enrollment is being conducted at the present time in Oakland County continue to serve the men and women of the armed forces at the front. According to Mrs. E. A. Armstrong, Junior Red Cross chairman for Oakland County, the work has been making Christmas merriment for men of the United States Army. She says the committee has had the combined efforts of 100 members of the Junior Red Cross in Oakland County. The year's enrollment has been completed and the number of letters which they will receive is expected to be in the neighborhood of 100,000.

CULBERTSON TO SPEAK R. W. Culbertson, famous bridge expert, will now lecture for the World Federation Plan for Peace. He will lecture Wednesday morning, Nov. 21, at 11 o'clock at Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre. His subject will be "How to Control the Atomic Threat." The speaker, who originated a universal system of contract bridge, now thinks of card playing as a hobby. His real interest lies in devising scientific means to end war, with control of such destructive weapons as atomic bombs.

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