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Our City Commission

Birmingham's annual city election last week proved that voters, roused to the need for action...

Commissioner Milton F. Maltender, one of the winners, already had a proven record of action on the Commission...

Ralph I. Coryell, defeated for reelection, ran fourth on the ticket last week; he is an honest, serious-minded man...

Mr. Steelman, next in votes to Martin, may be prevailed upon again to run for office on the Commission...

Now that the election is over, the people have spoken, let us do what we can to help our officials as they go into action...

STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THE PROBLEM OF providing nylon hose for American women will have considerable effect upon the political fortunes of the Democrats this fall...

SO THERE'S A NEW VOLCANIC ISLAND coming up from it a sea 200 miles south of Japan. Man may produce the atom bomb, but only Nature can produce such an earthly phenomenon as a brand new island.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland...

TIGER FAVORITES and Their Families. 3 Pictorial Pages. First, a page color photograph of the popular Steve O'Neill, manager of the Tiger Champions!

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Sigler's Graft Charges

If ever the people of Michigan have an opportunity to remove a graft from their midst...

This is why, in the current primary campaign, this newspaper is out for Sigler's nomination; we believe him best fitted of all the Republican candidates...

"Failure of public officials frequently to be frank and honest with the people."

"Failure of the people to be ever watchful and careful in the selection of its public officials in times of such great importance."

"Apathy of the people concerning government."

Serenity "I am in love with this world," wrote beloved John Burroughs. "By my constitution I have nestled lovingly in it. It has been home. I have not bristled myself against it. I have tilled its soil, I have gathered its harvests. I have waited upon its seasons, and always I have reaped what I have sown. While I gathered its bread and meat for my body, I did not neglect to gather its bread and meat for my soul."

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Hattie Reid having filed in said court a petition praying that the said estate be granted to Hattie Reid or to some other qualified person...

Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney at Law. Birmingham, Michigan.

FIVE YEARS AGO April 10, 1941. In response signed by 50 residents of the area below Lincoln Avenue, the Birmingham Board of Education...

UNO Who Happenings of Long Ago

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) 50 YEARS AGO April 9, 1896

"Bicyclers are becoming very numerous and Whitehead & Mitchell have a full line of Crests and Clippers for \$50 upwards."

"A very successful school was closed at Walnut last week. Mrs. E. Blending, teacher."

"Hold on! Didn't you promise yourself that you would set out a strawberry bed this spring? Well, E. A. State has got the plants for you, but be careful when you are getting them or he will be coaxing you into buying some raspberry or blackberry plants, as he has such nice ones for you."

"Tuesday Club gave an entertainment on Wednesday evening, April 1st, at the home of Mrs. M. E. Hemenway, to which a special friends of the members were invited."

"The financial affairs of the Central Society seem to be in good condition which seems almost incredible when you consider that the society has to rely largely for its income on the lotteries."

"Birmingham dog owners who failed to get 1945 licenses for their dogs are still appearing in Judge Forbes Hascall's court in the Municipal Building to settle the police department's bill for working on the annual dog census."

"Arbor Day, set by Governor Murray D. Van Wagener for Friday, April 25, will have a special significance for Birmingham this year. On this day Birmingham will hold formal dedication exercises as part of the current program sponsored by the local branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association to plant more than 1,000 flowering crab apple trees in the city."

"The official report of the City Commission on the votes cast in the annual Birmingham city election, made on Thursday evening, did not differ from the figures reported in The Eccentric, City Edition."

"The certain drops upon the Eccentric's 'Straw Vote' problem the Sunday morning picture with this issue, revealing the fact that a total of 149 votes received, 118 of them favored Sunday school, while but 31 objected to them. Now, as they say in the classics, 'It's Mr. Kamsky's next move on the movie.'"

"Unless property owners affected object too strenuously Birmingham will have five new paved streets and five streets curbed, guttered and gravelled by next fall according to resolutions suggested by president Shain and adopted by the village commission Monday night."

"W. S. Toothacker, science teacher, says that physics and chemistry are very popular subjects in the high school and are liked by the girls as well as the boys. The classes are well equipped. Printing is by far the most sought after subject in the school, according to Mr. Toothacker, and he is taking 26 students at a time, 6 more than the equipment can accommodate without crowding."

"Preliminary plans for the Birmingham Campaign House Fund Annual Campaign, scheduled to begin April 25, were made Wednesday morning at a meeting called by Ernest H. Fletcher, chairman of the campaign committee."

"With spring in the air and summer just around the corner, Birmingham will open its largest municipal park, Springdale Park, Saturday. This announcement was made yesterday by Fenton Watkins, Birmingham city manager. Donald C. Egbert, city manager, are planning various changes in

Clark Irene Hanley reports. This meeting of the Commission last week Thursday was the closing official one for the old group. Last Monday evening the Commission was organized for its next year's work."

Rolly Webber says it's not a hat for his wife for Easter that's worrying him, but rather it's one for himself. He had a perfectly good one that he thought would do very nicely but now it's gone. He wonders if someone attending that Hallock open house last Thursday over in Chestnut street has a hat left that was once too small for him. He says he would be glad to exchange and hopes this can be arranged so he will have a hat for the Easter Parade."

4-H CLUB BIRD STUDY Birmingham 4-H enrollees in bird study groups halted the official return of spring by the season to start observation of migratory bird-feeding. In many species the males are the first to return north. In the red-winged blackbirds, the males arrive early, 'settle claims' on prospective nesting sites, and defend such territories against intruder males of their own kind. The females arrive later and pick a male and territory to suit their fancy."

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner Spring blossoms make a brilliant setting for informal portraits made on color film. beautiful spring flowers, then picture them in close-up with the sky for a background. Get several views of your house as seen through a branch covered with blossoms in the foreground, or make some views of your youngsters as they pick spring flowers for table decorations. Everywhere you look you'll find fine color pictures representing the spirit of spring if you just keep your eyes open. And you'll be able to get them with your camera, and have inexpensive prints in full color made from each shot. If you just follow the directions that come with each roll of color film. Take the time to read always cover—because correct exposure with color films is always more critical than in black-and-white pictures. Make sure you've got to expose correctly if you want to get good color pictures. Don't delay. Visit your dealer and get your color film as soon as possible, because spring won't last for too many weeks. John Van Guilder

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