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Does Fame Injure?

If you want to live to a ripe old age, set your mind against the limelight of fame and forget the effort to achieve a reputation that clashes you with the great and near-great.

Fifty Miles Up

A needle-pointed rocket has been fired "straight up" for fifty miles, reaching far into the stratosphere and carrying scientific instruments designed to give the Army some idea about what is overhead.

The rocket, it is explained, is not a war weapon but a research instrument that may be utilized by the Weather Bureau to collect information about wind velocities, temperatures and gravity over the earth.

The fact that the item makes news indicates the inability of man, despite his progress, to learn much about the upper atmosphere and emphasizes our comparative ignorance of the envelope which covers the globe.

MICHIGAN'S SENIOR SENATOR, ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, recently was awarded Collier's certificate for being the best U. S. Senator during 1945.

Is the OPA now here to stay? Is it going to last forever? Will it run along like an old, sweet song—its shackles never to sever? Will butter and meat and pickled pigs' feet and lumber and products of labor be held and confined like the coal that's un-mined?

AMERICA'S GRAND OLD GAME OF BASEBALL IS OFF to another season! Aside from the physical thrill of seeing or hearing a game, there are other values that go with it, as with any healthful pastime.

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Formerly a prisoner of the Japanese, Gwen Dew, Detroit News correspondent, returns to the Far East as a free American, to observe and report the new Japan for The News.

Miss Dew suffered the humiliation of seeing the American flag hauled down in defeat; today she proudly views the defeat of Japan.

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Interesting Lawsuit

An American shipping company is being sued for \$500,000 damages by the families of two merchant seamen who allege that the men were abandoned in Manila during the Japanese attack of December, 1941.

This is an interesting legal problem. The complainants allege that the men were on shore leave when the air raid started and that the ship left without them so that they were subsequently captured by the Japanese and died on a Japanese prison ship.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE EXISTING today is to improve the quality of education given in our public schools, colleges, and universities. Less emphasis upon material subjects, and more upon the latent powers we all possess to become civilized is needed.

MURRAY D. (PAT) VAN WAGONER, BIRMINGHAM resident, again offers himself as a candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket.

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Plans and estimate of cost of this project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public.

IRENE F. HANLEY, City Clerk

CREATED TO DEFEND THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION of sewer on Maryland Blvd. between Lincoln and 14 Mile Road. The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and special assessment district, which shall consist of the following described property:

Returned to Japan

STARTING SUNDAY IN

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 23, 1896

"Over 200 bicycles, were out from Detroit and Birmingham had the only bloomer representative on record."

"Fred Stevens' new home is to be one of the latest edifices of East Maple Ave. Work has begun on the same and the entire job is being pushed to a rapid completion."

"Some years ago an estimable lady was knocked down and injured by a bicyclist on the sidewalk. For a time this ordinance was strictly enforced, but for the past year little attention seems to have been paid to it, till now in some parts of the town it is unsafe for children or old people to appear on the walks. It is hoped our village marshal will enforce the ordinance that the village board will uphold him in doing so."

"The baseball season opened here last Saturday with a game between the home team and the Orchard Lake Cadets. It was very exciting, the eighth inning when timely hitting by the visitors and a few errors allowed them eight runs in the tenth inning the home team drove two runs to win the game. Daniels pitched and King caught for Birmingham."

"The regular monthly meeting of the village board was held last week and George H. Jones was appointed marshal, and Nathan Fall drew the street commissionership. The board are also making estimates for the coming year and taxes are promised to be lower than the year past."

"A neatly engraved announcement is before us announcing the marriage of Miss Mary E. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, of Birmingham, to Mr. J. M. Jones, of the South and North and is the proper move to make to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, of the South and North."

TWENTY YEARS AGO April 22, 1926

"Meeting for the first time, the Civic Senate, composed of representatives of every organization in Birmingham interested in civic problems, Tuesday night of this week at the Community House, and appointed a committee to investigate the status of the problem before the city council, the question of a theater in Birmingham."

"When a pump motor supplying water to Geo City residents burned out last week homes were without running water to supply hot water and to supply for washing clothes and kept families up all night long each evening trying to collect a supply for the next day. Normal pressure was resumed Saturday."

"Practically three years have passed since April 28, 1922 when William C. Harris, representing the Community House Association, formally presented the House to J. H. McBride, then village president, who accepted it in the name of the village of Birmingham, and the third birthday party will be celebrated next Wednesday."

"One of the largest street improvement programs ever planned under one year in Birmingham is well under way as a result of several resolutions passed by the village Commission Monday night in all five local streets will be paved and curb, gutter and graveling will be done on eight other streets in Birmingham. The largest single project is on Oakland Avenue between Adams and Woodward at a total cost of \$45,046. Brown street from Pierce street to Southfield is next at a cost of \$47,785."

"As a representative work, the music department of Baldwin High School has been directed by Miss Ethel Mary Tilton, music supervisor, will present for public performance on Friday, April 30, the comic opera 'Captain Crossbones.' The cast is made up solely of students of the 10th, 11th and 12th grades."

FIVE YEARS AGO April 24, 1941

"The official milk delivery time—an issue in Birmingham almost as controversial as the tree question—will be debated next Monday evening by the City Commission with the public invited to take part. The question is: 'Shall milk delivery be permitted to start before 8 a.m. during the summer months?'"

"In a colorful fireside ceremony held at Camp George last Thursday evening Charles S. Kinnison was presented with a testimonial plaque. The testimonial was given in honor of Kinnison's 25 years of service to youth in this community. Besides his scouting activities he has been an active leader of a young people's group in the First Presbyterian Church."

"Mrs. George T. Hendrie of 359 Willis street, has been named state chairman of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. It was learned this week."

"The first new plat to be submitted to the City Commission in number of years was approved Monday night by W. S. McAlpine on behalf of the owner, Mrs. Katharine W. Anderson. The property extends from Northlawn to Lincoln avenue at the northeast corner of the Birmingham golf club."

"The League of Women Voters re-elected Mrs. John K. Ormond as its president, at a meeting held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilber E. Johnston, North Woodward avenue. Russell Barnes, of the Detroit News, was the speaker of the afternoon. He discussed the present European situation in his talk called, 'What's In The Cards.'"

"All teaching, administration and clerical duties of Baldwin High School will be taken over by

More Boils, Doc!



THIS ONE'S HURTIN AGEN, DOC... CAN YA DO SOMETHIN' CAN

School Students Busy On Coming Security Council

The Baldwin High School model of the United Nations Security Council planned for presentation to the community on the evening of May 15 in Baldwin auditorium is making progress.

Mrs. Luth in Charge The students' major project at the moment seems to be digging up and sifting information concerning the controversial Palestinian problem, choice for discussion.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

PHOTOGRAPHICALLY speaking, I'm sure there isn't a camera owner who doesn't yearn to make truly great pictures—snapshots that sparkle, command attention, and stand head and shoulders above the work of everybody else. Naturally we all want to do the best work we can, but from the letters I've been receiving lately many people seem to think that it's more important for them to master the truly technical aspects of photography than anything else.

Sound technique, of course, is important. Seeing to it that your films are properly exposed, developed, and printed will always help make better pictures. But when you get right down to the essentials of photography, it isn't the exposure or the development of your pictures that determines their ultimate value. It's your point of view. And that means you should study viewpoint.



An unusual point of view helped make this picture a better-than-average snap.

concentrates all attention on the subjects and the activities of the young people it does so because the photographer selected a point of view from which his subjects were 'framed' by a big tree in the foreground, and the cameraman hadn't taken this picture from where he did—if he'd been standing at the edge of the water, for example—much of the dramatic force and emphasis of this shot would have been lost. It would have been a very ordinary snap instead of a picture which is truly outstanding.

So don't worry too much about how very last detail of technique when it comes to picture making. Always make sure your camera is in focus, and be certain your lens opening and shutter speed are set for the correct exposure, but first look up the most fascinating and dramatic subject from the sides and the back until you find the most interesting point of view. Then you can apply your technical knowledge and be sure you are making pictures which stand a good chance of being far better than average.

John van Gelder

What Your School Board Is Doing...

Regular meeting of the Board of Education April 16, 1946 at 8:00 P. M. Resignation of John Brozman, Margaret Hall, Marjorie Tate, and Genevieve DuCout accepted.

Appointment of Cecilia Veltek, Elida Levin, George Wurster, and Jillian Gavie approved.

Appointment of Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Coons, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Henson and Mrs. Grigg, census enumerators, approved.

Publication and posting on school buildings of annual registration approved.

Publication of "Notice of Redemption" of school bonds approved.

Purchase of Temille Window Shades for Quanton School approved.

Adoption of new textbook in American History and Economics approved.

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