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Local Play Development

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Birmingham, it is well known, has much vacant land upon which can be placed a variety of athletic projects.

Birmingham already has its Barnum school swimming pool, its Springdale Park with a nine-hole golf course...

Then there is that public-owned area along the River Rouge, which eventually will be developed for quiet walks and rest places.

This City is fortunate in having a Planning Commission, composed of local men and women who voluntarily give their time...

The chief barrier to the attainment of a fully developed recreation and athletic program here is the matter of money.

Most of the money will have to come from taxes; but a considerable amount of it can be obtained from private citizens and groups.

Birmingham is destined to become a much larger community than it now is; recreation and playgrounds are vital to community good health...

All that is needed to get such a program started is leadership—the type of leadership that will not let the people perish.

Politically Antic

The British House of Lords is a strange legislative institution, consisting of more than 800 Peers, with about 35 Socialist members.

A major clash between the two Houses is considered inevitable, but, in the meantime, despite demands that the House of Lords be abolished...

Changing Politicians

One of the best changes that can come about in the United States is that of a transfer of federal government leadership from the New Deal ideology to liberal Republicanism.

Yet many, many of them remained; an army of politicians, hungry with the lust for position and power, aided by countless thousands of bureaucrats, still seek to keep the U.S.A. under strict economic control...

That is why, folks, we witness the widespread strikes... strikes that not only fight management, but unite of government as well.

So, all in all, we believe that an era of Republican control in Congress is necessary for the good of the whole nation...

When you are driving the modern fast automobile, folks, you are actually astride what is comparable to a slow-moving weapon of potential destruction.

In a couple of years the old U.S.A. will become more stable, and folks may again be able to figure things ahead beyond a few weeks or months.

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Biting the Hand--



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO August 27, 1896

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a chicken pie social on Wednesday evening, Sept. 2.

"Say, gentle reader here's a kick. That great big peach that we gave F. F. Beckman credit for raising and which won the cigars from F. G. Parrish for its size was raised by Mr. Jno. Wilkinson of Southfield road, and the way he sat down on us for not being correct would make angels weep."

"17 sticks (latest style) stick candy for a nickel at Whitehead and Mitchell."

20 YEARS AGO August 26, 1926

"Grounds have been broken for the new \$10,000 Village Players' theater on Chestnut street between Palm and Elgin. Several men have been placed on the job by the city."

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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The church's six-acre plot fronting West Maple avenue, just west of Chestnutfield at the city limits...

People's Column

To the Editor: The preliminary hearing on the Oak street paving, it was noted that the street is on a quarter line and therefore likely to be subjected to extra traffic.

We consider that the existence of a quarter line does not constitute a barrier to the street being developed, and its limitations for traffic, due to width and other characteristics, were apparent.

On the other hand, Oak street existed before the residence property around the street was developed, and its limitations for traffic, due to width and other characteristics, were apparent.

EDWARD S. CLARK 692 Oak Street

To the Editor: Possibly the greatest attraction to prospective residents of Birmingham is its rustic beauty.

If there had been any "No Parking" signs on Oak street—which by the way always identifies a high-speed street—I would not have been interested at any price.

This contemplated proposal should have the serious consideration of the City Council, and would be very unfair to deny part of the residents of Oak street the privilege of parking for their guests and themselves.

On Monday night, August 19, 1946, at the Oak street hearing, Mr. John Parks said in effect: "This no parking proposal would destroy the character of Oak street and it thereby would have seen its best day."

A lot of pressure is being brought to bear—it is very obvious from where—on this little sector which is only five blocks long. Oak street will never be an artery—it will always remain a vein.

C. J. KELLEY 632 Oak Street

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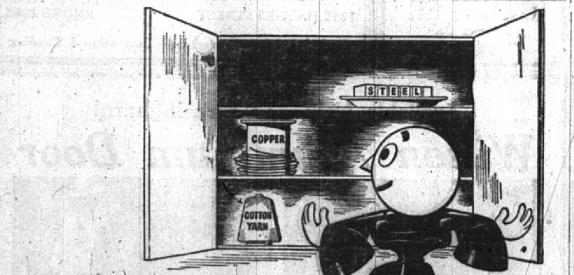
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Our cupboards might be bare, too!

EVERY family knows there are dozens of things it needs that would like to get right away, but under present conditions they are just not to be had.

Well, we're facing exactly the same situation in the telephone business.

To keep our telephone household going, and to expand our plant and facilities to meet the great demand for telephone service, we need large supplies of lead, copper, textiles, steel, rubber, lumber, brass and many other basic materials.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company OUR \$150,000,000 POST-WAR PROGRAM MEANS JOBS FOR THOUSANDS

The "frame" provided by the columns in the foreground gives a feeling of depth to this picture.

THE feeling of depth, as well as length and breadth, which are given from a well-composed photograph isn't a matter of luck. A few tricks of composition, skillfully handled, will give your snapshots "third dimensional" effects.

Perhaps the simplest method of getting that third dimension in your pictures is by "framing"—using a foreground object such as a tree to "frame" your scene.

This same feeling will result from a road that narrows away in the distance. Or a fence, stretching off across a field. Lengthy shadows cast by a fence or a tree serve a similar purpose.

Today's picture is a good example of how depth can be obtained since the photographer combined more than one trick to get a third dimension. The foreground columns "frame" the picture and contrast with the building in the background.

All these tricks are within reach of most camera users. They rely on your eye. Study the picture in your "finder." This holds good with any type of camera—box, folding, or miniature.

However, if you can adjust the lens aperture of your camera it will pay to remember that by using a small aperture with longer exposure you obtain greater depth of field.

John van Gulder