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'Let's Get Something Done!' W. C. C. Allen is to be commended on his last week's stand concerning the development of the City's Cummings Street Park.

"It'd like to see something really finished on the project," he stated emphatically. "We've got a good start on the project, so why can't it be completed in one operation?"

"That attitude on the part of any governmental official is a healthy sign. It shows that whoever the problem may be, he believes action is the only course that will solve it."

"Let's get something done!" is a slogan which all governmental agencies should adopt. Let's have it in Birmingham, else if the rest of the nation remains apathetic.

Big Job for The South Governor James M. McCorquodale, of Tennessee, urges the Southern States to put into effect vocational training programs in order to provide job opportunities for the farm laborers who will soon be displaced by perfection of the mechanical cotton picker and the sugar-cane harvester.

The Governor calls attention to an economic peril which looms for millions of farm workers in the Southern States. Obviously, if mechanization comes to the cotton fields and to sugar-cane fields, the displacement of human labor will precipitate an economic crisis.

WELL, WE SEE WHERE THE CHIEF SUBJECT FOR discussion at Birmingham's Eighth Annual Community Institute is going to be about the atomic bomb. That's a fine subject; we hope those in attendance will learn as much about it as they already know of Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Now THAT SOME OF THE SCIENTISTS HAVE FIGURED how to get to the moon, they are working on the problem of How to Get Back to Earth Again. Strange guys, aren't they?

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A Whale Of a Job Nobody knows how much hamburger can be made from a side of beef, but now that whale-burger steak has made its appearance the problem pales into insignificance beside the greater task of determining how much whale-burger can be made from a whale.

In London recently menus offered customers the opportunity to try whale-burger steaks, which were made from an experimental consignment of ten tons of whale meat, brought from the Antarctic. Newspaper reports, which we do not guarantee, said that those who ate it claimed that it tasted like chopped steak without any flavor of fish.

Our Fire Policy In refusing the Watts Electric & Mfg. Co., located on East Maple avenue, just outside the city limits, fire protection, Birmingham is merely carrying out a policy laid down years ago; the policy simply is this: Birmingham can service only Birmingham.

HERE'S A NEW YEAR'S WISH TO ED KIBBERT, recently engaged to direct the Y.M.C.A. activities in Birmingham: "May the results of your year be found in the enthusiastic and inspired hearts and minds of our youth who, following your program, will have found it worthwhile; in their bodies, as the recreational programs you plan for them may be to their liking. And, last but not least, may the adults who support the 'Y' program find it one of the best investments they can make."

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 24, 1896

"A board nailed on the sidewalk, and just thick enough to resemble over, accounts for the blueness of the air on the south side of Maple street west of the railroad."

"We are authorized to say that after the holidays Mr. A. H. Leet is to be subject to three or four evenings to the lecture platform. His lectures will consist of an autobiographical account of the plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln, the assassination, flight, pursuit, capture, death and burial of the assassin, John Wilkes Booth. He will also give a practical description of the battle of Gettysburg, narrating the claims of being an orator, the subjects Mr. Leet has chosen, one of them the most important, the other the most tragic of American history. He should be warranted a good patronage wherever he may hold forth."

"The happiest man in town last week was Will Benedict, the oil man, and he was so happy over his good luck that his customers all got over measure, pressed down and packed with oil. The cause of it? Oh, yes, a nice baby boy came all their joys."

"Chance removal of \$1,000 worth of rare flower bulbs to the basement of the barn adjacent to the greenhouses of H. P. Doying, 418 Merrill street, saved them from destruction by being burned Sunday, it was learned today. Actual damage by fire amounted to about \$50. Mr. Doying estimated."

"Joe Mantz, 29, laborer, 120 Weathers avenue, beat a year's probation today for selling beer to a policeman."

"The combat an unexpected influx of criminals from Detroit and Pontiac, Birmingham police today shifted their main shifts into the use of 8 A.M. All leave days were ordered suspended until after the holidays by Chief James Anderson."

"Merchants throughout the village have been asked to aid officers by leaving at least one light burning in their stores and a request has been broadcast by Chief Anderson to residents to co-operate with police by reporting at once anything of a suspicious nature."

"What is believed to be the first air raid drill held in Birmingham was staged Monday afternoon at the Barnum School. At the signal, the students marched to the lower corner of the south side of the school, lining up five abreast, with the teachers acting as wardens. The drill was a success, plus the fire alarm, was the signal."

"New bus service which will connect Birmingham with Toledo direct and through Detroit, it is a likelihood, it appeared last week following a hearing in which the City Council has given permission to inaugurate this service."

"Robert Fisher led his classmates in the study of graduating class with a perfect scholastic record and has been named valedictorian of the class. His name was next highest and has been given the honor of salutatorian."

"A letter arrived on the editor's desk from the War Department, Sixth Corps Area, and inside were the words, 'Not for Publication.' The editor read on hurriedly, expecting to learn something of a highly secret nature. Then the message unfolded: It was a Christmas greeting!"

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS J. L. Todd and LeRoy B. Doying, Jr. have been appointed by the City Commission to receive and receive all notices...

RESOLUTION No. 10000 Moved by Commissioner Martz, supported by Commissioner Martz, and seconded by Commissioner Martz...

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk. In addition to the usual festival decorations to be seen around Birmingham at Christmas time, this year this Wanderer—and undoubtedly all of you—are coming to a different—carols and Christmas music broadcast at the four corners to cheer every sharp-shooter...

Quite a number of members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce gathered around the Municipal tree Sunday night, getting in the holiday spirit with a little harmonious rendering of the old loved carols. According to resident Larry Nelson, Birminghamites began to gather about the happy carolers, blending their voices with the choir in the otherwise quiet night.

No Cut Rates Garage Owner—fourteen dollars? That's outrageous. Painter (traculently)—Listen, I'll do the job for any less, we'll picket the place!

STATE OF MICHIGAN, In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. ANTHONY JANKOWSKI, Plaintiff, vs. PAULINE JANKOWSKI, Defendant. CHIEF OF APPEALS, and APPELLATION.

What with all these "howl-games" that will take place New Year's Day in various parts of the nation, this Wanderer wonders where some enterprising group will come forth with a suggestion to hold a "Dust Bowl" game somewhere in the central west. Now that Detroit has been suggested as the site of potential "Motor Bowl" games, it seems if the trend continues every hamlet in the United States will have its own "howl," and the tendency of the Americans to overdo what was once an unusual original idea.

Heavily traveled intersections around Birmingham were kept limping free from accidents this week by the work of the DPW, which has been at our work spreading salt over the ice-glazed roads that resulted when our wonderful Michigan weather turned on us.

Five Chief Vets Griftish again warn Birminghamites of the need for care this Christmas season in...

People's Column December 17, 1946. To the Editor: Who is subject is fresh in my mind, I wish to register a protest at the Christmas postal service doted out by our local government representatives.