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Service Next to "efficiency," perhaps the most overworked word in our business vocabulary is "service"...

Service is all that and more. It is enthusiasm. It is spending long hours on duty when necessary; in short, it is "thinking"...

Barnum Was Wise While looking through an old file, we came across a "Success" formula written by P. T. Barnum...

JUST AS SURELY AS THE EARTH WILL CONTINUE to whirl on its axis, there will be another depression in the good U. S. A. Preceding it, of course, there will be good times...

There's a Great Day Coming!

We're looking forward to the time when we can say: "Use Long Distance as often as you like and talk as long as you want!"

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Speaking About Crime Just off-hand, and without great thought, we would say that one of the causes for the criminal record of the United States is the evident belief of most Americans that the laws of the land are made for the "other fellow"...

English As She Is Spoke! He was relating his experience of studying the English language. "When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast; that if I was tied, I was fast; if I spent too freely, I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast; I was discouraged..."

REPORTS FROM LONDON STATE THAT THE Church of England is considering plans to spend \$4,000,000 in a five-year program to convert England to Christianity. The object of the program is, undoubtedly, the most precious possession that can come to human beings...

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER DOESN'T ASK YOUR approval of its beauty; it is enough that it is beautiful. Should it not be the same with nice people?

THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THIS FACT: IT requires entirely too much of the working life of most men to get and pay for a home. Cheaper good homes is the No. 1 material need of the U.S.A.

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But here's good news: This year, 2,100,000 miles of Long Distance circuits will be added to the Bell System network. More switchboards will be installed and large quantities of other equipment, too. Michigan Bell's part in this big program is under way.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

GRANT STREET SEWER NOTICE: The Board of Public Works has adopted the Special Assessment Roll No. 242, heretofore made the basis for the payment of the cost of construction of a sewer on Grant Street from Central to the Fourteenth Mile Road, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Michigan Legislature...

'What Does It Profit a Man--?'



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1896 Old time Birmingham residents might be interested in this one: "The hearse carriage he's in with the new steam motor bicycle that Messrs. Hixson and Heiple of Warren are busy engaged upon with fair prospects of a howling success..."

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 12, 1926 "Charles A. Birmingham, former village commissioner, was elected chairman of Birmingham's new Planning Commission when it met for the first time Wednesday evening of last week..."

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner Careful use of the viewfinder helped tremendously in making this fine snapshot. You see, if you're not satisfied with the image of your subject that appears in the viewfinder, you'll never be satisfied with it when it appears in the print. So learn to analyze your picture before you take it by studying it critically through the viewfinder, and you'll thus be able to eliminate a lot of pictures which won't measure up to your best standards of accomplishment...

Birmingham May Be Given Proper Aerial Markings

Colonel Floyd E. Evans, director, state department of aeronautics, announced today that a short time aerial survey would be begun to determine the most advantageous town designation locations in Michigan. Birmingham may soon be added to the list of designated and marked cities, it is said.

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