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Market Limited By Cash

The modern age of electrical living in American homes will provide an annual business of \$4,500,000,000 during the next five years and jobs for more than 600,000 men and women...

It is interesting to note that he estimates the country will need more than 7,000,000 new housing units in the next ten years and that the annual demand for electrical appliances is set at 3,000,000 refrigerators, 300,000 ranges, 2,500,000 washing machines, 2,000,000 vacuum cleaners and 5,000,000 radios.

There is little reason to doubt the tremendous demand for electrical appliances. Nearly everybody wants them. The real problem is not whether there is a demand, but whether the potential customers will have the funds with which to buy what they will like to have.

Electricity has been a tremendous boon to housewives, as well as to business. At the same time, it should be noted that the boom does not exist for families which are so low that there is no money available for the purchase of appliances after the barest living standards have been met.

To Bomb Antarctica

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, noted flier, makes the interesting suggestion that atomic bombs be used in the vast uncharted areas of Antarctica, to increase knowledge about rich mineral deposits that are supposed to be in that region.

Pointing out that explorers reported the presence of gold, iron and copper, as well as coal and the possibility of oil, the aviator proposes that aircraft and atomic explosives might unlock the sea stores that withhold the potential riches of the Antarctic Continent.

AS WE LATHER IF THE SAFETY OF THE NATION is assured. The Air Corps boys say that a fleet of aircraft will do the job; the Navy says it requires a big fleet and the Army says it is universal military training.

MANY ADVERTISERS WILL BE SMART ENOUGH to keep their copy going, with the idea of building up good will for future years.

THERE ARE MANY AMERICANS WHO DO NOT understand the Russians but there are just as many Russians who do not understand us.

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE House of Representatives and for one-third of the Senators, which may explain much of what you hear.

THE BIG RUSH and THE BIG PUSH



THE BIG RUSH... Long Distance telephone calls are still at an extremely high level—urgent reconversion and business calls, personal calls, calls home from the thousands of overseas veterans debarking daily at our ports...

LISTEN to the "Song Spinners" on Michigan Bell's Radio Program, "Number Please," Mon., Wed., Fri., 6:15 P. M., W.V.Z.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 27, 1896

"What the matter with our town hall? Sidewalks not cleaned, steps all broken down. The people fairly have to climb to it."

"The members of the U. P. church have a bargain made with M. K. Tabor for two of his lots facing on Pierce street and as soon as Rev. A. H. Orr returns from his trip it will be decided. If they take the lots a beautiful new church will be promptly erected upon them. Verily we are becoming a city of churches."

"Ever since Linabury and Mitchell went into the skating rink business they on the start fell out with the weather clerk and never got a cold night. It told so on Mr. Linabury's serious contention that he has been somewhat ill and the weather clerk taking advantage of his private Strangers."

"The Oakland Railway company is running regular cars and giving very great satisfaction indeed. The cars are constantly loaded each way and their service gives universal satisfaction. Numbers of our people go to Royal Oak by means of Electric to Detroit. Round trip costs 80 cents. Those who start for Royal Oak at 1:07 can wait until 2:05 p. m. before continuing their trip."

"All those who love the old Negro melodies should go to Library hall Friday evening."

"The Red Cross will soon make its annual appeal to the people of the United States. This reverses the usual procedure. The people always call upon the Red Cross."

"LET'S MAKE IT OUR BUSINESS TO DO SOMETHING positive to increase the natural beauty of Birmingham. This is one activity that does not require a community committee."

SO FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED THE UNITED STATES took the Pacific Islands from Japan and should not hesitate to keep those necessary for defense; this does not mean, however, that it is not proper to act intelligently and cooperatively with other nations."

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5 YEARS AGO Feb. 27, 1941

"Have you \$100 now would like to donate for the new Pierce field lighting system? At the last school board meeting, John Harvey Rogo, who hasn't missed a football game in years, said he had \$100 which he would donate if 15 other men would do the same, making it unnecessary to borrow money to pay for it."

"Police are still looking for the thief who entered Barnum School last Saturday night and took a small amount of money, doing about \$30 in damage. Elaborate plans for a gala pre-opening show at the new Bloomfield Theater were being made this week by the Community House association, which will use the proceeds to further the program of the House."

"At the recent annual meeting of the Community House Association \$1,850 was reported remaining on the original mortgage of \$29,000."

"M. W. Rose, assistant manager of the Birmingham Theater, has announced that the picture 'The Sign of the Cross' will be shown here on Sunday—a contract for a \$200,000 combination theater and office building was let last Monday by the Brick Investment Co., of Detroit, and the John H. Kunsky Theatrical Enterprises have become lessees of a theater that is expected to open up to the public in September."

STATE OF MICHIGAN. — The Probate Court of said County, do hereby certify that at a session of said Court, held at the Court House in said County, on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1946, Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of E. J. R. Allen, Decedent. Administratrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying the time be presented for admission and said estate be admitted to receive same and adjust all claims against same, the same be admitted to receive same and adjust all claims against same, the same be admitted to receive same and adjust all claims against same. It is Further Ordered, That the said Petitioner do give notice of the said hearing, at said Probate Office, he and he is hereby notified that he may object and adjustment of all claims against said estate. ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. OLIVER H. KIRK, Clerk of Probate. Wabek Block, Birmingham, Mich. 46-47-49.

Hands Across the Sea



been appointed manager of the new Bloomfield Theatre, it was learned Wednesday. Rose has been in the business for 10 years."

"The Double Doodle, The Village Players' latest dramatic endeavor, scored a decided hit when it was performed last Friday and Saturday evenings in their playhouse, which, incidentally, has a new floor and other improvements."

"Final day for the purchase of dog licenses at the regular price is Friday, Feb. 28. Beginning March 1, the rates are doubled, according to City Clerk Irene Hanley."

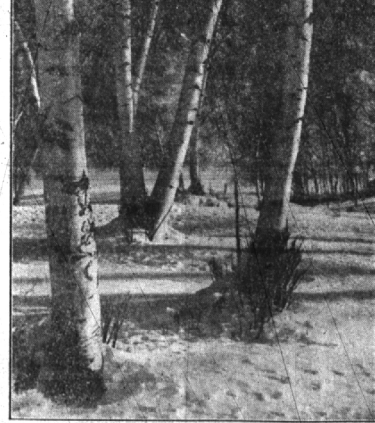
"One hundred and sixteen essays have been submitted to the judges in the 2nd annual patriotic essay contest sponsored in Birmingham by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the V.F.W. and The Birmingham Eccentric."

What Your School Board Is Doing . . .

Regular meeting of the Board of Education February 19, 1946, at 8:00 p. m. Action appointing John J. Ferdinand as teacher resigned. Appointment not accepted. Appointment of Lydia Habib Gibson as teacher in Birmingham Public Schools approved. Resignation of Geraldine Gibson resigned as Mrs. Gibson will comply with the requirements of the State Salary Schedule for the Instructional Staff of the Birmingham Public Schools approved. Transfer of \$70,000.00 from the Bond Retirement to the Bond Redemption to cover principal due October 1, 1946, approved. Transfer of \$124,672.88 confirmed from Bond Retirement to Bond Coupon to cover interest due October 1, 1946, approved. Purchase of three \$100,000.00 Government Bonds approved. Current bills and payrolls in the amount of \$124,672.88 confirmed. Accounts payable in the amount of \$7,246.81 approved. New purchases in the amount of \$92,439 authorized.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Strong side-lighting helps give this pleasant snow scene interest and vitality.



your pictures before test in the morning or after their return in the afternoon and texture in snow are at their best during those hours, because the long low rays of light stretch across the ground and accentuate every little depression and shadow in the landscape. But whether you work in the morning or afternoon, always use a filter to increase the contrast in your snow scenes. A medium or a deep yellow filter will give the most pleasing tones, but if you want very white snow and very dark skies a red filter is the one you should choose. Here's just one more tip for better snow scenes: look for subjects which are silhouette-like. Snow breaks in our illustration and you will produce snow scenes with greater eye appeal than if equipped with your back to the sun. John van Guilder

Bits of Birmingham

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The fact has escaped many hunters that the law now changes several years ago to allow issuance of gun permits that continue in effect so long as new hunting licenses are secured annually, and many applications are mailed to the department unnecessarily."

Now if any Birmingham husband wants to present his wife with a gift of a new washboard maybe he can secure the co-operation of his hardware retailer and make some purchases from a World War I surplus. The war department has \$43,000 of these new washboards for sale to dealers. The Army says the scrubbing surface of these boards, in case you are interested, is made of crimped glass. But this Wanderer really does not expect to see many of them being used as gifts to Birmingham housewives."

A letter from Perry A. Vaughan, Bloomfield township supervisor, who is spending some time in Florida, makes many of his friends wish to see the "old man" in the warm sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan have been gone about three weeks in their car and have had the trip by automobile and declare they have really been enjoying themselves. Quite a few Birmingham folks have been at southern resorts this winter and many have written home detailing their experiences. Quite a few write they will be seen later."

Evening goshawks have joined many owls in a winter invasion of this section of Michigan. Some flocks have been seen not far from Birmingham. These chunky, yellowish-colored birds with the extremely large white bills have been reported by a dozen different places in downstate counties, sometimes flying in flocks of 100 or more. The evening goshawk's usual range is in wooded regions of interior Canada and in winter it visits northern Michigan and the northwestern states but it is seldom seen in southern Michigan. The male is largely black with white wings, suggesting an overgrown goldfinch. It is nearly as large as the starling. Evening goshawks are seen later."

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