

A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press is Democracy's First Line of Defense

Weather Report: Warmer, With Thaws

Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) airport for local fliers going on an air trip out of Detroit.

Those old Christmas cards, which from year to year too often find their way into the paper trash...

TAKES WAR PLANES To keep men at work and production flowing, private industry has taken over about one billion dollars' worth of surplus war plants...

MODERN FIREPROOF CONSTRUCTION Local and Long Distance Moving STORAGE Birmingham 10240 GAUKLER Storage Co.

A New Soft Water Service We install our WATER SOFTENER and service it for only a few cents a day...

RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE So You'll Find Them Open When You Go to Your FAVORITE EATING PLACES

CORNING'S VEL. PATIO Woodward Ave. at Gadsden Highway... BROOKS COFFEE CLUB FOR MEMBERS ONLY... MINTS ICE CREAM CO.

GM and the CIO General Motors Corporation's refusal to allow a trial of size academic funds to determine how much it should pay its workers presents a fundamental problem to every American.

General Motors is owned by stockholders whose money built this great motor industry; these stockholders, under the regulation of constitutional laws, select officers and managers to operate the business...

After a time, either a compromise wage offer is accepted by labor, or else industry gives in to labor's demands, or labor gives in to industry's refusal to raise wages to the demanded maximum.

However, in the present case, labor, being strong politically, managed to have the President of the United States (who is supposed to act for the WHOLE people) including stockholders in big or little business, exert the tremendous influence of his office on behalf of labor.

If GM were to allow a government "fact-finding committee" to determine the exact wage that labor should be paid from an inspection of the company's books, then the pattern for every business that hires workers in this country would be set.

There is no halfway area between free, competitive enterprise and socialism.

We have no doubt but that some of the union leaders are sincere in their efforts to raise wages for the workers—even though these same leaders may not be able to see that their zeal to have government set the pattern would, if successful, finally eliminate labor's own freedom of action.

GM's present fight is the right to preserve the best of all the freedoms for which the United States was founded.

shackles to the outmoded notion of old-line capitalists who believed that had the divine right to exploit the people.

When you make labor responsible, as you do industry, you will have mutual respect between the two; you'll make it illegal for either side to be the aggressor.

Calling attention to the new construction needed in this country, to ease an acute housing shortage...

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Recently one road proposed such a service, offering to participate as far as its rails extend, but there has been no announcement that we have seen, of the installation of the service.

Russia still refuses to allow foreign correspondents to roam about her country; apparently, Russia doesn't want the world to know what she is doing; that is not the way to bring about international solidarity...

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

30 YEARS AGO January 2, 1896 "Melvin Ross was in town last week shaking his many friends."

"School has closed so boys and girls can whisper for two weeks to come."

"The Mormons have made a sufficient number of converts in Virginia to contemplate the erection of a church."

"The only really quiet marriage is that of two deaf mutes, but that will not prevent 'quiet' being used to describe other marriages."

"Some of our citizens talk about moving to Royal Oak, so they can find the way home after nine o'clock, by the light of a street lamp."

"The worst feature of the war shouting is unquestionably the poetry it has inspired; it—the poetry—ought to make a Quaker revival popular."

"Well, we couldn't all get brick houses for Christmas gifts; some of us had to content ourselves with little things like diamond rings and gold watches."

"It is perfectly safe for the government to have a half-billion dollar war with England, Cause why; there will be no such war."

"The Kalamazoo river went higher than at any time during the past 10 years. The accumulation of silt and the force of the current seriously threatened the bridges near Galesburg."

"The President has signed the Venezuela commission bill."

"The soft weather had a very disastrous effect on logging operations in Michigan's upper peninsula. The snow has nearly all disappeared, and many lumbermen are idle. Men are coming out of the woods to await snow and colder weather."

20 YEARS AGO January 1, 1926 "Skating enthusiasts of Birmingham vicinity, including both adults and children, will welcome the news of the formation of the Birmingham Skating Club, an organization open to all for the use of Quanton Lake."

"Birmingham's elevated steel water tank, with a capacity of 300,000 gallons, will soon begin its skyward flight on village property at the foot of Ridgeway avenue, adjacent to the Grand Trunk railroad tracks."

"The Eccentric office will be closed all day New Year's today. Practically all the local stores will be closed all day, although the drug stores will be open until noon."

"An exchange tells of a man who is such a hypocrite that he eats cloves to make his food think he has had a drink."

"Harvard and Bryn Mawr have had 'intelligence tests' on the grounds that they are unintelligent."

"One of the greatest things required in Birmingham today is a swimming pool. Not only the young people, but school boys of all ages as well need the form of recreation found in a swimming pool."

"An American negro couple once complained was not allowed to play in Moscow for fear it would cause a diplomatic incident."



THERE ISN'T ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE—

Ol' 'Leaping Lena' ain't what she used to be. One more bobby-soxer and Lena would give up with a well-earned wheeze and a sigh. Likewise, homes wired for yesterday's electrical needs are inadequate for today's electrical living.

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WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT BUILDS FOR YOUR FUTURE

People's Column To The Editor: The Editor: F. B. Lamb, 960 Arlington, sends us the enclosed newspaper clipping from the Monroe Independent, Monroe, Pa., with the idea that it may have a local application. We agree with him... BE FRIENDLY TO STRANGERS A few days ago the writer was talking of plans of going back to next year, when the motoring season opens up again.