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Detroit, Fourth City of the U.S.A., is celebrating fifty years of automobile production...

Within the space of a half century, Detroit has pioneered in the realm of mechanics, electricity, chemistry, and other sciences...

It is no little achievement! Perhaps never in the history of mankind has such a change come about in an important phase of living as the automobile development has made.

It proves that creative men and women, aided by average workers, can tap the natural resources of Mother Nature and come forth with desired objects that millions of people want and use...

Yes, from the days of Cadillac and LaSalle, of Chief Pontiac and Chief Tecumseh, much has happened to Detroit, to the United States, to the entire peoples of the earth.

However, due to the enterprise, the aggressive action, the brains and brawn of man, few areas of the whole earth have ever witnessed the transformation that has come to Detroit.

Detroit has proved itself to be the productive center of our earth; when it makes similar progress in the realm of good government, of that type of leadership that turns out citizens mindful of their duties in a self-governing society...

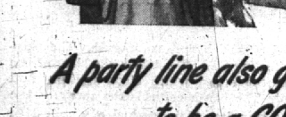
Go to it, Detroit! Show America how to perpetuate real democracy.

Labor Groups At War The ranks of labor seem to be somewhat divided with the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. apparently engaged in a bitter fight to organize workers in order to secure a preponderant position in the control of labor.

The evidence indicates that little love is lost between the leaders of the rival organizations. The C.I.O. seems to be somewhat more militant than the older A. F. of L., and its leaders are apparently making vigorous in their denunciation of their rival workers.

For example, Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O., recently referred to the A. F. of L. as "our rusty-bottomed friends" and referred to "Old Willie Green and Bushy-Brow" as joining with business organizations in the fight on some wage questions.

The two organizations are vigorously contesting the unionizing of some 1,200,000 textile workers in the South. The C.I.O. works through the Textile Workers Union of America, and the A. F. of L. has the United Textile Workers. Apparently, the contest will be waged with the full support of the parent organizations and may result in some labor tie-ups because of organizational differences.



A party line also gives you a chance to be a GOOD NEIGHBOR!

By treating others on the line as they themselves would like to be treated, good party line neighbors help to improve their own service and that of all the people who share it.

A good party line neighbor thinks of this way: "Someone else on my line may be waiting to make a call, so I won't talk any longer than I have to."

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In the recent Student Congress elections at Baldwin High School, 500 out of 650 students cast their votes to determine the student president of that organization. The recent city election showed that only 1,320 of 6,850 registered voters cast their ballots to elect City Commissioners.

Ten out of every 13 students voted in their elections, while less than one out of six voted in the city election. If high school graduates carried into public life the interest they evidence in high school elections, what a difference would be presented in city, state and national elections—an organized minority would not control the many governmental functions it now does. What causes this falling of interest once a high school student becomes an active member of his community? This public disinterest is the nation's loss, but the politician's gain.

We presume that in many individuals have wondered why a kind of obituary notices will appear in the newspapers upon the occasion of their death.

Louis E. Kaiser, of Baltimore, Md., knows what few men have the opportunity to discover. Nevertheless, he found out his death. Recently, his identity was confused with another man of the same name who passed away and the Baltimore newspapers printed obituaries of Mr. Kaiser.

The mistake did not worry him, nor did the confusion created at his place of business. Nevertheless, he feels that he was entitled to a better notice, saying, "I thought I was worth more than three paragraphs."

The fact that Mr. Kaiser was visiting in Florida at the time of the erroneous report explains, in part, the mistake. When he returned, he discovered that the report of his death precipitated many inquiries and initiated a wave of floral tributes.

WAR SPURNS MORE HUMAN TROUBLES THAN any other organized human activity. War comes about because of many little and big problems; war is DESTRUCTION—and when war takes over it leaves in its wake hatreds, suspicions, intolerances, greed, and a hundred other negatives. We live today in an age of ORGANIZED MISTRUST.

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Overflowing with enthusiasm and an earnest desire to make the first annual reunion of the Hill School a big event, the committee on details held a final meeting last Monday evening. The reunion, to take the best part of two days, will be held June 24 and 25. The banquet will take place in the dining hall of the Baldwin High School and according to the committee, will be a most enjoyable affair and the occasion for a general jollification.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO June 4, 1896

"A party of people were very loud and noisy in our cemetery last Sunday and seemed to be climbing on monuments and pulling up the mole traps quite the thing. We hope it will not be necessary for our authorities to inform them otherwise."

"Every man having a beard should keep it an even and natural color, and if it is not so already, use Buckingham's Dye and appear tidy."

"Mr. Thos. Langley ate green peas from his garden Sunday, May the 31st, and says the very earliest he ever raised peas here was result to June 10th—quite a start for 1896."

"Burglars paid Ed Parks a visit both Friday and Saturday night of last week at his residence. Ed is just aching to catch 'em at it as he is already loaded for them and is on the alert."

"Dandy Hoffman's Zoological Garden lost its hawk last Monday. It flew to the top of a telephone pole in front of the P. O. and then it took the combined forces of all the men from the hardware shops, the laundry and the meat market to recapture the bird, which was then performed, arched to Dandy's delight."

"Mr. and Mrs. Ira Groover have recently returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Northville and in the track of the great cry. The tales of woe and the incidents that happened during the long almost passes belief. Mr. G. brought home a limb of a tree with the bark blown off and that stood look like white skeletons of trees. Mr. Groover has other remnants of the disaster which he says that tongue or pen can never tell or write of the fearful loss of property as aside from the lives sacrificed."

20 YEARS AGO June 2, 1926 "Though still incomplete because the Boy Scout Council has not yet been reached in the canvass of the annual Community House Roll Call is \$2300 in cash, \$225 more in, and \$438 in pledges, making a total of \$3863. The cards, showing who have subscribed, who have not, and those who have moved to the community since the previous Roll Call are now filed, and with this information in hand the canvassers are starting the follow-up campaign which it is expected will substantially raise the fund above the \$5,000 quota."

"Literally glowing in a setting of purple and colors made by dozens of baskets of flowers, commingled with 5,000 people who were present at the ceremony of the first officers and employees of the First State Bank of Birmingham last Saturday afternoon. The history of local banking circles. It was the occasion of the first meeting of the directors, completely changed over quarters, and people not only from Birmingham but from all over the county and state entered the building and expressed their congratulations at the enterprise of the bank's directors in spending approximately \$100,000 to effect the great expansion."

"Radio fans and all those interested in scientific wonders who will be in Birmingham on Friday, June 4, are due for many surprises when Maurice Franell, known as America's radio wizard, operates a Chrysler automobile by radio without a driver."

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Must Be Nice to Be Irresistible



People's Column

In recent years a large area in the northern part of Southfield Township including the Village of Franklin has been taken into the Birmingham School District. Residents of this included area have, of course, assumed their proportionate share of the school district's debt along with all other obligations and advantages arising from inclusion in the Birmingham School district.

At present, there is no one living in this large area outside of the City of Birmingham who is a member of the Birmingham School Board, and while no criticism of the present Board is implied, it is our belief that it would be highly desirable to have a representative of this large and rapidly growing area on the board of the Birmingham School District both now and in the future.

A group of electors residing in Southfield Township has decided to support W. D. Crim of 19481 Beverly Road as a "Sticker" candidate for the School Board at the election on Monday, June 10, Mr. Crim has lived in the School District as now composed for 18 years. He is a graduate of Cornell University, a veteran of World War I, and the father of four children who are or have been pupils in the Birmingham Schools.

For the last 50 years the center of population in the United States has been placed at some point in Indiana.

NEWS COPY that is submitted early for publication each week is necessarily given preference over late items. The "early bird" gets the space.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

THESE spring week ends are just the time for early picnics. And early or late, picnics are just the thing you need for a day in the open. Take your camera along; you'll be surprised at the number of good pictures you'll bring back.

Go out with the idea that you're going to make all of your snapshots—not just occasional shots—tell the story of your picnic. Take pictures as your friends do things, such as lighting the fire, eating lunch, playing ball, or splashing the youngsters. In that way, you'll have lots more fun with your camera than if you just take one or two shots in which everybody is deliberately and obviously posing for a snapshot.

To make the best of picnic time courtship, here's what you should do. Get a couple of rolls of film—so you won't run short just when you're having the most fun with your camera—and also get yourself one of those handy ten or twenty-cent pocket exposure guides. Then slip a medium yellow filter over your lens—so you'll be able to take the fullest possible advantage of attractive outdoor effects—and you'll be all set.

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ELECTION NOTICE Primary Election TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1946 To the Qualified Electors of The City of Bloomfield Hills Notice is hereby given that a General Primary Election will be held in the Municipal Building, East Long Lake Road, City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1946, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices: United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator and Representative in the State Legislature; also for nominating candidates for County Offices as prescribed by Act 251, P. A. 1925, as amended. Proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Bloomfield Hills will also be voted upon at this election. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. NORVIL B. FARRELL City Clerk

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