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Telephone Ownership

Of all the modern inventions used by human beings in their daily lives, among the most important is that of the telephone. Without it business could not be transacted efficiently, economically, and speedily...

During the war the demands made upon the nation's telephone systems were increased tremendously; now in these post-war days the demands for more telephone service made upon the people, it is of great importance that the telephone remain in the hands of private enterprise.

We cannot emphasize this point enough... can you who read this. For, were the American telephone system in the hands of government, you could prepare to await the bungling, the inefficiency and incompetency of bureaucracy before you could expect to get required telephones or anything like improvement in what we now have.

American telephone companies, of course, are under a certain amount of governmental control; their rates, for example, are fixed by public officials, because telephone companies are given monopolistic control in their respective areas of operation. But the development and extension of the telephone service to people, (if it is to measure up to the human needs of a fast-moving world), will only be able to achieve this if kept within the control of the free enterprise system.

For proof of this look to those countries that have taken over their telephone systems; as the patron of an American telephone company, used to quick service, you would become exasperated over the delays you would encounter in those countries—delays even in getting "central."

Yes Sir! and Yes Ma'am... let's keep American telephone systems out of the control of governmental bureaucracy.

Forest Fires In Michigan

Carelessness takes its toll of life and property every day in the year. For example, carelessness in Michigan's woods during 1945 caused 362 fires, destroying 6,204 acres of timber land. Railroads caused 181 fires, with a loss of 1,495 acres of timber, while burning brush caused 168 fires with a loss of 8,309 acres.

In all, 959 fires resulted in the burning of 22,881 acres of timber land in Michigan in 1945, a total property loss of \$38,947. Not only did these fires destroy valuable timber, but they also destroyed much wild life.

Michigan's Conservation Department tries to maintain the State's natural possessions for the benefit of all the people; its men cannot accompany every hunter and fisherman and tourist when they enter the out-of-doors; it is up to each of us to help.

Let's try to remember this when we journey into Michigan's woods.

MODERN PARADOX: HOW CAN THE STRIKING HACKERS EXPECT TO INCREASE THEIR INCOMES WHEN THEY WON'T EVEN GET NEAR THE DOUGH?

We're working toward the day when you can say:

Long Distance service is better than ever!

The volume of Long Distance calls is even greater now than the average of the three war years—when calling reached record-breaking "peaks." Delays do occur, particularly along certain routes at certain hours. And you can help a lot by limiting your call to five minutes when the operator requests it.

Meanwhile, we shall continue to need your help and understanding. MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY X.YOUR RED CROSS MUST CARRY ON

Predatory Petrillo

James C. (Little Caesar) Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Music, is, despite his professional affiliations, an instrument of great discord on the American scene.

He obtained much publicity some years back when he banned the Interlochen musical concert of the radio; then he forbade any union musician from playing with that famous amateur summer camp; then he kicked Prof. Joseph Maddy, Interlochen leader and U. of M. faculty member, out of the union.

Petrillo's latest is the banning of foreign broadcasts from U. S. radio channels. He also managed to hijack royalties from phonograph records.

"Little Caesar" started out in Chicago, years ago, as a second-rate trumpet player, we are told. His aggressive and ruthless nature has given him his present leadership in the U. S. Congress, at present, is considering a bill to shackle the predatory Petrillo—and it is, about time!

There is, in our opinion, no greater enemy of honest unionism than this Petrillo labor boss; his type of predatory leadership is doing more to destroy public confidence in unionism than the forthright, but honest, efforts of others in that field to gain for labor its just rights.

Let us hope that Congress, in this case, has the determination to charge Petrillo's menacing black-snake whip back into a Jaton.

IT'S FINE AND VERY, VERY NECESSARY FOR ALL the peoples of the earth to get along well enough to avoid another war; the atomic bomb proves this. But let's not become so Pollyannaish about the subject as to make the U. S. A. into a sisay; for example, if Russia wants to get tough... well, we might as well call her bluff now, while we're still potentially strong. If that had been done by the Allies when Hitler first threatened world peace, maybe the recent war could have been prevented. Certainly love your neighbors... but don't let 'em take away your house.

Human nature is such that the more you do for an individual the more he will expect you to do and the quicker he will get mad if you deny a small request.

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Happenings of Long Ago

80 YEARS AGO March 5, 1866

"We understand that the good St. Patrick is about sending out invitations to his friends to meet him at Library hall Tuesday evening, March 17. Get your green ribbons ready."

"The ladies of the Baptist church of Pontiac will issue a women's edition of the Pontiac Post. Five thousand copies will be printed of 16 pages each, and in an artistic point of view. This paper will never be surpassed."

"Spring is fast approaching and although no boom is on, eight beautiful new houses will be erected in Birmingham this spring. None will cost less than \$2,000. We think Birmingham has a brilliant future ahead of her."

"If some men would organize a building and loan in this town there would be a big return for small investors. House renters would soon be house owners and the benefits derived to all stockholders would be great, say nothing about the new homes that would be built through the efforts of the association."

"Reading from 'Midsummer Night's Dream' will be given by Mrs. Raynald next Monday evening. Reading from 'Midsummer Night's Dream' will be given by Mrs. Raynald next Monday evening."

"Have you bought your tickets for the lecture next Tuesday evening at the E. J. Riney Building? Riney will give you an exceedingly interesting talk on 'A Trip Through Egypt' with slides and films. Under auspices of 'EgypT League'."

The minstrel show was a great success. The house was filled when the curtain rose on the blacked circle over men and for one hour came a sharp succession of jokes, choruses, dances, etc. The second part was just as good as the first. Although it was one of the most successful things ever given here, we do not regret the society about \$40 while the receipts for the second night were about \$15."

20 YEARS AGO March 5, 1926

"All day tomorrow and Monday a committee of women, members of the Woman's Civic League, will be at the Community House to instruct women in all processes of making of which they are not sure. This has been the custom of the League during several past elections and has met with great success."

"Because the County Inspiration League is holding its meetings today at the Pontiac High School there will be no school sessions throughout the city."

"Another club has been added to the already large number of clubs in Birmingham in the Phi-Kappa Club (meaning friendly)."

"A. B. Bingham, former village commissioner, at present chairman of Birmingham's Planning Commission. Tuesday school members of the Birmingham Exchange club that one of the most important local news organizations has met with great success."

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"It is interesting to note the progress made in the Baldwin Public Library in the last ten years in points of service and number of people served while comparative figures in all the other village activities are constantly coming to light with their amazing indications of growth."

5 YEARS AGO March 6, 1941

"The Birmingham Teachers' Club requested salary increases for all teachers in a letter submitted to the Board of Education Monday night, citing 'marked increases in living expenses' as the reason."

"Despite the new requirement of immunization, Birmingham dog licensing has kept pace with that of last year, Miss Irene Hanley, City Clerk, told the City Commission Monday night. She admitted that there had been complaints."

"Provision for a seventh grade at Quorton School was approved by the Board of Education in its meeting Tuesday night. In addition, procurement of specifications and bids for an enlargement of the building was ordered, although the Board has not committed itself to a building program."

"The largest group sent thus far by the Birmingham draft board district left this morning by train for the induction center in Detroit—26 in all."

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What'd Happen if I Went on Strike?



Bits of Birmingham

(Continued from Page 1, Part 1) by the Birmingham system of fines, certainly approve of the change."

Another step in the legal procedure necessary for the taking over by the city of the Greenwood Cemetery Association property was taken Monday night by the City Commission which adopted the ordinance needed to set up the machinery for handling of the cemetery business. The ordinance sets up a Greenwood Cemetery department in the city organization for handling the business. It is thought the entire deal will be closed by May 1 or soon thereafter."

Mayor Wilmer E. Moody told the City Commission Monday night that there were evidences in the monthly report of Building Inspector James B. Baynes."

"The new Bloomfield Theatre is one of the most beautiful small theatres in Michigan, according to workmen and supervisors who are engaged on the job Wednesday, as a force of 50 men hurried to complete the building in time for the pre-opening show next Tuesday evening."

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also quite a basketball fair, said Monday while in Birmingham for the Rotary club meeting, that the Big Beaver boys tied for second place in the Twin County Conference this year. They shared the honor with Log Cabin school, and lost three. Top honors went to Log Cabin Heights with six wins and two losses. We hope to see a good showing in the tournament this week end," Baker said.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett says there apparently are a lot of females."



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REGISTRATION NOTICE For City of Birmingham Election to Be Held MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1946

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

To vote at this election, all persons must be registered in the City by Tuesday, March 12th, 1946, at 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, or before Tuesday, March 12th, 1946, during business hours. The City Clerk's office will be open on Tuesday, March 12th, from 8 A.M. until 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

NOTE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO VOTED BY ABSENTEE BALLOT WHILE IN SERVICE—Michigan Statutes provided for the voting of NON-REGISTERED electors who were in the armed forces of the United States, the Merchant Marines, Nurses or Civilians on War Duty, if at least 21 years of age and otherwise qualified. (All persons who cast an absentee ballot under the provisions of the Federal War Ballot Act or Michigan State Statutes, and who have returned to civilian duties must register in order to vote.)

Any registered elector who has moved from one address in Birmingham to another address in Birmingham, since his last vote, may cause his registration to be transferred to his new address by sending to the clerk a signed request, stating his present address, the date he moved thereto, and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer at any time before Tuesday, March 12th.

TRENE E. HANLEY City Clerk Feb. 21, 1946.

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