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Disciplining Labor Just who wins in this nation-wide clash between labor and management remains for the historians to answer...

Strikes, of course, are legitimate weapons on the part of labor when all other efforts of settlement fail...

The real point we wish to make is that, although labor may be granted increases from time to time, it is not long before prices rise...

So the battle wages; some of the strikes are based upon fundamental needs for raises, others for lesser reasons...

Labor's real problem today is to gain competent leaders, instead of too many who use their powers to stage various forms of racketeering...

Climbs 185-Foot Column A British sailor has been fined \$8 by a London magistrate for climbing the 185-foot column supporting the statue of Lord Nelson on Trafalgar Square...

He explained to the court that he had a life ambition to shake hands with the famous Admiral. Nevertheless, the former sailor wanted to do it and he went ahead...

Just why any individual, in his right mind, would risk the perils involved in climbing up a column which goes up 185 feet, we do not know. Nevertheless, the former sailor wanted to do it and he went ahead...

American Paintings Are To Be Exhibited From June 4 to 30 The Encyclopaedia Britannica collection of contemporary American paintings will be exhibited for the first time in Michigan at the Detroit Institute of Arts from June 4 to June 30...

H.G. SALSINGER Dean of Sports Writers Read his 'UMPIRE' For factual, impartial reports on the country's leading sports events, follow H. G. Salsinger's 'Umpire' column daily in the sport pages of The Detroit News...

Military Service Necessary The opponents of compulsory military service in this country assert that it will begin the development of militarism and that the United States will develop along the same line seen in Germany...

The advocates of such service in time of peace insist that no nation can retain its rights and freedom without being able to defend itself and point to China as a land of vast resources, human and material, but hopelessly impotent in defense...

We have not hesitated to support the idea of compulsory military service in the United States, despite some small risk of developing a militaristic complex, voluntary, if possible, then compulsory, if necessary...

Neither is there reason to believe that, if a third war begins, the United States will have time to mobilize, train and equip its fighting men while other nations hold off the evil forces of a future day...

The situation seems to demand, in our opinion, that the United States must take the risks, insofar as they relate to the development of militarism. The good sense of our people, together with their sincere love of peace, will save us from its evils...

WE SEE THAT HENRY A. WALLACE, SECRETARY of Commerce, now wants the federal government to set up agencies in every community to "inform the small business man how to succeed in business." Henry is one of those ambitious dreamers who expects a poor example to result in good results...

A COMMON COMPLAINT AGAINST THE BIG CITY dailies is that they too often misinform through their headlines. We agree with this contention, too. Correct headline writing is more important in its impact upon the public than the story beneath it, because so many folks read only headlines...

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5 YEARS AGO May 15, 1941 The softball season for 1941 will get under way next Wednesday evening with a meeting at the Community House at 8 o'clock to adopt a schedule and decide on policies...

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 14, 1896 The village societies have been busy the past week repairing and putting in new crosswalks. A new road was laid out for ice cream soda is free all this week at the Central Drug Store...

"We call the attention of the parents of these school children who are in Miss Ennis' room to the following: These children are exempted at 1:30 p. m. and 2:45 p. m. They should go home immediately upon dismissal."

"The fire alarm last week was caused by a fire in the rear of A. Parks' store. The fire spread rapidly and their services were not required. No damage."

"Mrs. J. R. Nye and little daughter have returned from their trip to Chicago, spent Sunday at A. B. Parker's."

"Rev. Harper, of Detroit, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Jennie Dean, missionary to Persia for many years, is spending the week with Mrs. T. Langley."

"Great preparations are being made for the next class for the annual exhibition to be held on May 22."

20 YEARS AGO May 13, 1926 Beginning next Monday morning, May 17, a large truck will cover every street in Birmingham to take away from in front of the home rubbish that has accumulated during the winter."

"At the noon meeting of the Young Men's Service League today the members were accorded the privilege of hearing a splendid talk by G. Ernest Teneman, honorary Y.M.C.A. secretary in Nagoja, Japan. The cooperation of the Japanese Government in the war is proof, in Mr. Teneman's estimation, that the nation is not ungrateful to the United States because of its immigration law."

"Prepared to return with the cup which was last year in the triangle track meet, the Birmingham High School track team will go to Wyandotte Friday for the annual contest among Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Birmingham high schools. If the cup is won this year and next, it will become the possession of the local high school."

"Beginning next Monday, May 17, all village business except the police or fire departments, will be transacted in the new quarters, located at the corner of Pierce and Main streets."

"Michigan experts in various classifications of telephone workmanship will hold their Third Annual State-Wide Vocational Contest at the Arena Gardens, Detroit, Saturday evening, May 22. The contest was announced today by Robt. J. Coyle, Birmingham manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company."

"Mrs. Birmingham, better arranged to get her tickets from the village clerk before June 1. Then, after you obtain possession of them, please place them where Mr. Scott can get one for each time he calls—also your garbage pail may runeth over."

"State action on a traffic light at the Woodward and Lincoln avenue intersection, at the City Commission, it was revealed Monday night. It was revealed Monday night that the City Commission has ordered that that section of Woodward, City Manager Donald G. Ebert declared."

"Plans were revealed this week for the Detroit Horse Show to be held June 12, 13, and 14 at the Bloomfield Open Hut Club."

"High Twelve is planning a dinner dance to be held at the Community House on Wednesday evening, May 21. It was announced this week by Maynard Harder, leader in organizing a High 12 club in Birmingham."

"There was a small roof fire at the James Why home on East Lake road, Monday evening. Barnum Junior High de-

'I'm Gettin' Sorta Fed Up on This!'



April Gives Big Boost to Building Totals For Year

April, 1946, proved one of the biggest months in some time in the matter of building permits issued for new and remodeled Birmingham homes and business places, according to Scott A. HERSHEY, building inspector.

Mr. HERSHEY's report for the month disclosed permits issued for 15 new single family residences, all of which are expected to be completed this summer. The value of these homes is listed at \$100,300. Permits were issued for alterations on eight single family homes, with the cost set at \$1,869.

Two Business Buildings One permit was issued for alteration of a business building for \$1,000, while two permits went for new industrial buildings, to cost around \$60,000. There likely will soon be erected four new garages at private homes at a cost of \$1,610.

This gives a total of twenty-one new buildings and eight alterations. Two temporary permits were renewed and one permit was for moving a portion of a house.

The total for the year is 128 permits with a total cost placed at \$775,210. During the same four months of 1945 a total of 24 permits were issued, with costs listed at \$19,000.

feated Adams 94 to 63 in a track meet Monday. "Readers who come across interesting bits about town are welcome to phone or write us."

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Having all the subjects look toward the same point helped make this group snapshot tell a more interesting story.

WHEN it comes to group pictures, most amateur photographers have a standard formula. "Line up over there," the cameraman says. "Look at the camera. That's it. Now SMILE!" The result, of course, is just another snapshot—the same thing as about an indoor flash as thousands and thousands of times before. But what if you don't want to make that type of group snapshot? What do you do then?

Here's the answer: Make your pictures tell a story! It's the key to more interesting group pictures. For instance, let's say Uncle Henry and Aunt Jane have come to call. You want a snap of them with mother and dad so you'll have the best possible memento of their visit. What would be more logical than to shoot an indoor flash as they sit on a couch in the living room, perhaps looking over the fireplace in your album—or how about catching an interesting group outdoors as mother and dad welcome them to your home? You could produce the story-telling pictures in each case by arranging the folks pleasantly so you'll have an interesting composition and by telling them to concentrate on doing something... talking, for example, rather than staring at the camera.

Getting people to pay attention to what they're supposed to be doing is, of course, the basic of good informal group photography. Our illustration (this week tells a fine story because all the people are looking toward the same point—where, obviously, something interesting is happening. The only of this picture would have been spoiled if a single person—the girl in the car, for instance—had been staring straight at the lens. Here's what you should remember. Get all your eye sets to look at the same point, only to appear as if they're doing something, and you'll have a far better than average group picture. So forget that you ever were taught to line people up for group pictures. Concentrate on showing them in action—playing games, gathering around someone at work, relating in informal groups, talking, singing, working together—and you'll find you're making more interesting group pictures than you ever have before. And that you'll be adding some mighty professional touches to your snapshot album. John van Gulder

Chas. Rust Tells Rotary Club About Car Parking Plans

Charles Rust, of the Birmingham City Plan Board, explained that organization's proposed auto-off-street parking plan to the Rotarians at their noon luncheon meeting, Monday, at the Commodore Hotel.

Using charts and quoting figures compiled after considerable study of the Birmingham situation, Mr. Rust gave to the Rotarians a clear picture of what are considered immediate and future needs for Birmingham's autoists who come into the business area to do their shopping.

The Plan Board member pointed out how the city could secure parking areas through special assessment districts, condemnation of property and other means. The areas he pictured were those now before the City Commission for study and consideration, having been given to the Commission recently by Mr. Rust.



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