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Our Next
Governor

Election of Governor-Elect
Kim Sigler and his Republican ticket by a vast majority of Michigan voters
again proves that the people, when presented
with the facts, are able to make wise selections at the polic.

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tions at the polls.

For Sigher, with a great record of racket-busting in Michigan, with a personality that captured public faner, was too much for our own local Murray D. "Pat" Van Wagoner, the defeated Democratic opponent, Pat's program not only contained too many political promises that could not be kept after election, but he was also overshadowed by Sigler's ability to make every appearance and speech count for added votes.

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Another situation that hurt Van Wagoner was the fact that he publicly linked himself with the New Deal—proving that Pai's advisors knew little about the current thinking of the public.

Kim Sigler will go to Lansing January 1 without a single promise to anybody or any group, except his oft-repeated statement that he "will give Michigan clean and honest government."

government."

He and his administration will face un-precedented problems, ranging from finances to the changing of personnel on various com-missions and other public bodies, plus the merging of loosely scattered public bodies that ought to be centralized under one

director.

Our next Governor is a thinker, a man of more than ordinary mental stature. He is sincere when he says he wants to serve the whole people, "regardless of mere politics."

That he will give plenty of his time, his head and his heart to this task was proved during the primary and general election campaigns; for it is agreed by all who know that never did any gubernatorial candidate work so hard, cover so much territory, see so many people, as Kim Sigler did.

So here's wishing him success... not mere-

So here's wishing him success . . . not mere-ly for him and his administration, but also for the people of Michigan . . . and the effect that such results may have upon the entire United States!

Thanks,
Rotarians

The contribution of \$3,000 towards the construction of additional equipment for the Cummings Street Park by the Birmingham Rotary Club is, beyond question of doubt or controvers, a wonderful and practical idea. Doing things for the youth of any community is of inestimable value; a good playground and recreational project for youngsters is about as valuable towards making good citizens as the schools and churches, for playground activities develop good health and good sportsmanship, so necessary to the successful operation of democracy. We'll wager, too, that other Birmingham clubs and organizations will follow the Rotary Club's idea.

AGAIN BIRMINGHAM HAS PROVED THAT THE staging of a community controlled Halloween celebration program for our youth is of practical value. This program, over the years, has revealed that youth, given proper direction, can find a constructive outlet for its Halloween emotions, vigor, and, to use one of Kim Sigler's words, "apizzerinctum."

# Thursday, November 21, 1946 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

125 Years Of While 125 years is but a split-second in the history of our earth and the people who inhabit it, such a period can be long in the history of a community. Equally, it can be a long span in the history of a branch church, as may be found in the current observance of Methodism in Birmingham by local members of that denomination, who are this week closing commemorative exercises marking 125 years here.

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It is always to be noted, as communities grew up in America, that one of the first buildings always started was the place of worship of the pioneers who developed them. History tells us that the men and women who came to settle North America centuries ago sought, among other things, freedom of worship.

worship.

And so, when Birmingham, back in 1821, began to take on the atmosphere of an early settlement, it was natural that folks got together for worship; those who followed the Methodist doctrine of John Wesley met in homes, barns, or taverns, to conduct weekly worship; in 1839 the first Birmingham church, for the Methodists, was constructed; the present edifice was completed in 1873.

During all these 125 years Methodism in Birmingham has made its contribution to both the temporal and spiritual lives of those who attended it; no one can tell, in any detail, the value that this church, and other churches, has made upon the thoughts and lives of our people.

But this can be said: without places of worship, man would, indeed, be much less civilized than he now boasts.

So, along with others, The Eccentric congratulates Methodism in Birmingham; may it continue to flourish, with other churches . . . to the end that the Sons of God may flower into greater and closer resemblance to the Divine Creator of a wonderful and harmonious Universe.

BIRMINGHAM'S RECENT RECORD OF CASTING, 4,890 ballots in an off-presidential year proves that our citizens are measuring up to their civic responsibilities in better fashion. Regardless of how you voted, your attendance at the polls is one way of continuing the processes of self-government.

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## Happenings of Long Ago

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of its own, and be the pride of Oakland County."

20 YEARS ACO
WY 18, 1926

"The charter for the new Bloomfield Village in in the hands of Gov. Alex J. Grossbeck today bers of the charter commission at their meeting Monday night.

"After the charter meets with the governor's approval, a caucus which time names of candidates for officers in the village will be put up. They will be voted upon January 24.

"John B. Howarth was to confer today with Edward T. First accepted is similar in form to that of Birmingham."

"John B. Howarth was to confer today with Edward T. First plans for the dinner for Queen Marie of Rumania to be given at S. p. m. Friday at the Book-Cadilla Hotel.

with the queen, having met her in Aix-les-Bains in 1919. At that time she visited the YMCA camp where he was in charge. Her sister, her daughter, Maria, were also there."

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Nev. 18, 1941

"Readers have probably wondered why newspapers never advertise a keep and the season of the sea

### Pierce Students Send Letters to Selves Via Latin America

Children in room 23 at Pierce School had a lot of fun sending letters to themselves—by way of Labe lies according to an air-line sponsoring the event, was to have the public test the delivery speed of letters mailed to Latinarrana under the new foreign airmal sending the sponsorious counce.

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## Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Mallory? The Mallorys now live at 1731. Dorechester drive with their three children, ages 4, 2 and 1. Their former home was in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Mallory is with the P. R. Mallory company.

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No. D-18061
GLADYS L. CRAIG, Plaintiff, vs.

A True Copy LYNN D. ALLEN County Clerk RUTH E. WINDIATE, Deputy C. W. BLENMAN

### Well, We Got This Far, Anyway



## Navy Officer Given Second Distinguished Flying Cross Award

Lieutenant Commander Merk William Davenport, USNR, hus band of Mrs. Bobetta Wiley Davenport, 358 Haultion Blvd, has been awarded the Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Gross, by Decretary of the Navy James Poustle.

Mr. and Mrs. 2077.

baul, and on another shot down two of many Zeros attacking his formation while escorting bomber formation while escorting bomber. His citation reads: "For herois and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as a Division Leade in Fighting Squadron 17, operating gagainst enemy Japaness forces."

Forrestal with the award as a division leader in Fighting Squadron Oblo, to live at 735 Shirley drive?

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Creighton, who have moved from Cleveland, oblo, to live at 735 Shirley drive?

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Mar. 7, 1944.

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# Camera Corner



PICTURE OF THE WEEK. Thanksgiving time should offer good opportunities for interesting still life's such as this one. But note that he fruits and vegetables are not dumped in a heap. They are carefully ground. The background is plain cloth (from which the fold should have been eliminated) and the market basket (in lieu of a corruscopia) balances the composition. This subject, which would have made a good color shot, was taken on Anseo topan tilm.

In the fall (and winter) an im- bles, panchrom aganative photographer's fancy [found most satisfactory. Bightly turns to thoughts' of still sensitive to all colors, it will giftes. People, after all, get tire-truer rendering of multi-colors some and uncooperative. With still-olyects. And it is well suited lifes you're happily on your own, working under artificial light many. In the matter of lighting.

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