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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO April 29, 1897

Those who urge that trees along the roads make bad roads...

A recent one of village kids because the mill hill is not scaped by the village scraper...

If this town owned a portable stone crusher we might have fine streets in town, and could rent it to surrounding highway districts...

Howard King has signed with the Lansing baseball team and has reported for duty at that city...

Mr. Fred Irving, Detroit, who was banged about by our trolley car one evening of last week, is now able to attend to his duties...

An exchange says that a lawyer, in the course of a trial, may call a man a liar, a scoundrel, a thief...

40 YEARS AGO April 29, 1907

After practicing medicine for 47 years, Dr. J. L. Campbell, Birmingham's oldest physician...

There are NATIONAL REVENUES of a downward trend in the cost of things. This effect will be noticed in real estate...

PERRAHS NATURE PLACED SAND IN THE SPINACH in order to give some folks more grit.

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ONLY 45 ENGLISHMEN LAST YEAR EARNED more than \$42,000 after taxes. In 1939 there were 7,000 people who earned that much or more...

5 YEARS AGO April 30, 1942

More than 150 educators are busy today on the annual Community House Home Front Roll Call...

Rev. Charles C. Becker will return to the pulpit of the First Methodist Church next Sunday morning after an absence of three months caused by illness.

The fast stepping Maple Leaf team of the Y. M. C. A. will be in the first places out of twelve and sweeping all the points in four events...

Yanvil Tunes, by taking their first places out of twelve and sweeping all the points in four events...

John Byers, popular young Cranbrook juvenile actor, will say goodbye to the amateur stage on Friday night when he participates in a benefit performance of "Family Portrait"...

People's Column

To the Editor: When we hear of the frightful toll cancer is taking every year, I wonder if we realize to what extent its remorseless hand is felt right in our own community.

Authentic statistics reveal that this dread disease last year took more than 180,000 lives in our nation. This country was a tragic part of that picture...

Cancer has invaded, or will invade, every second home in the country. One out of eight Americans now living will die of cancer. UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

"Doing something about it" means raising and spending great masses of money for currying on a crusade.

You will be happy to know that the American Cancer Society is greatly expanding its program of work throughout Oakland County. One of its newest Southern Oakland County branches was recently opened at 707 1/2 in Washington, in Royal Oak. It is the present plan to open a similar one in the very near future in Pontiac to serve the central and northern parts of the county.

The Patients Aid Committee is supplying sick room equipment, bandages and drugs to cancer sufferers throughout Oakland County. Hundreds of women, representing many groups, are busily engaged in making these bandages and serving the patients free of charge.

April has been set aside as Cancer Control Month. We must help our neighbors, and our friends, as well as the other fellow, by donating generously to the American Cancer Society.

Get Ready, Maw, It's Cloudin' Up Again!



work towards putting value where value belongs, and employing a remunerative system of sound structure which is fair to all.

HAROLD PHILLIPS 998 Hazel St.

To the Editor: The other day I came across this anonymously written 'bit' of verse which I believe would express the attitude of much of our nation's youth if it would only speak out in any volume:

JUNIOR SAYS

"Mom used to say when she was young Her mother made such pies, The golden crust and filling Would fairly pop your eyes."

"I guess her Mom was different. 'Cause my Mom's never home; She has no time to bake at all. She sorta likes to roam."

"And Pop, well, Pop he always bragged About the way his Dad Would stay at home and kinda help With all the kids they had."

"I guess his Dad was different, too, 'Cause my Pop's always out. He likes night clubs and cocktail bars. Sometimes a wrestling bout."

"Us kids are left alone a lot, But now we're sorta used to it— We know just what to do."

"We've got our gangs, like Mom and Pop. We brag the streets at night. I guess we get in mischief, too. Which most folks say ain't right."

"Right now, I'm telling you that we (Right in this little poem) Would be much better girls and boys If Pop and Mom stayed home."

Why don't today's Moms and Pops stay home nights and raise their kids like parents of previous generations? MRS. N. S.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Just imagine how this snapshot would appear in color and you'll see why more and more photographers are bitten by the color "bug."

TRIED COLOR YET? On exposure and lighting. Most black-and-white films, as you probably know, have a wide latitude of exposure—a safety margin so that if, for example you use a lens aperture of f/11, you still get acceptable prints. The film, in short, compensates for the failure of the user to gauge exposure accurately.

But with color films exposure's more critical. The latitude of color films is far less than that of black-and-white. As a result, for satisfactory pictures you must hit the exposure almost on the nose. The color, of course, is not there.

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"What We Need to Know" The Rockefeller Foundation, which gave away \$19,481,576 in 1946, including nearly \$10,000,000 of its principal in the medical, natural and social sciences...

The Primary Job The American delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Herschel V. Johnson, declares that peace is conceded and security is organized, reduction of armaments will be politically feasible.

The dilemma of society, as intelligence increases and man apparently lacks necessary controls, leads the Foundation to point out: "We are in the midst of a revolution in our physical environment so vast and so rapid that our minds can scarcely keep up with it."

It is difficult to understand how any intelligent person can oppose the logic of the American delegate's opinion. Certainly, it would be dangerous for any country to reduce its armaments to the point of impotency unless there is a reasonable prospect of peace and some form of international security designed to protect those who are relatively unarmed.

Our political institutions, for example, are mainly rooted in the eighteenth century, but our swiftly evolving technology is largely a twentieth century phenomenon. We have one foot in a civilization that is dying and another foot in a civilization that is struggling to be born.

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