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IACP Survey In an effort to determine what should be done in the Birmingham police department...

Egbert now is in the process of contacting surrounding communities to see if they desire to cooperate in the IACP survey.

Such a survey should be of great value to Birmingham. The city is now at the point where, if predictions turn out to be correct, it will grow considerably in the next 15 to 20 years.

Of course, that many new residents will not ultimately wind up over here. But it is not unreasonable to expect a goodly proportion of them to do so, now that residential building restrictions have been discarded.

And with the influx of new families, the Birmingham police department will find itself with double or triple the amount of policing that the community presently requires.

The survey in which Egbert is interested would establish in the local department new methods of police administration that will enable the members of the force to keep their activities up to date.

Not to be overlooked in the IACP proposal is the departmental training program that would enable officers to be more systematic in their enforcement program.

Such a survey should be conducted and a training program instituted.

Birmingham residents last week were brought much closer to the activities of the United Nations assembly when a local resident, Mrs. Irene Murphy, left for Manila, P. I., to become one of four UN consultants on welfare problems.

A female expert declares that too many American women wear perfume at the wrong time; are they supposed to wear it only on moonlight nights...

Not for His Opinions! Douglas Chandler was recently convicted on a charge of treason and sentenced to life imprisonment for broadcasting Nazi propaganda from Berlin during the war.

The court allowed Chandler to read a statement before sentence was imposed. The defendant, among other things, said: "I stand here convicted of the crime of having tried to convey to my fellow citizens my honest beliefs and opinions."

The statement, of course, is incorrect. If Mr. Chandler had given expression to his opinion in the United States, before the war with Germany began, he would not have been guilty of a crime.

It is important for Americans to understand that the right of an individual to entertain beliefs and opinions and to express them in normal times does not cover a traitorous effort when the nation is at war.

Won't Use Atom Bombs General Jacob L. Devers, Commander of the Army Ground Forces, does not believe that the atom bomb will be used in future wars.

The General also expresses the opinion that the United States can avoid war if it has an army which can fly to fight and an Air Force which can fly it.

Let us hope that the General is correct in both of his conclusions.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO August 20, 1897 The baby show last week was a decided success. There were over 40 entries, everyone of them pretty. More than that, they were not only pretty, they were good, since scarcely a cry was heard the whole afternoon.

The annual picnic of St. James Episcopal church will be held Sept. 2 at Sylvan Lake. Three trolley cars will leave Birmingham at 9 a. m., returning here with the weary frolickers at 6 p. m.

Lieut. Edwin B. Winans has been detailed to a professorship at the Michigan Military Academy. He will assume his new duties Sept. 1.

Found: A lady's black cape and pair of silk mitts. Will she please come to this office, identify the articles, pay costs and remove her property?

The Detroit-Pontiac Electric is doing a mammoth business this time and on Sundays the crush is something unthought of. Cars run unanned full both ways all that day.

Local Veterans Warned Not to Transfer Bonds

Birmingham veterans this week were warned that they should not sell their terminal leave bonds or turn them over to someone as collateral and then apply to the Treasury Department at Washington for a duplicate bond.

The law just passed by the 80th Congress, authorizing the cashing of terminal leave bonds after September 1, 1947, stipulates that the veteran in whose name the bond is issued must present the bond in person to secure payment and thus any bond given to a third party as security or for any other reason will be valueless unless the veteran presents it himself for cash.

The Treasury Department has no jurisdiction over recovery of bonds held by other than veterans, so it will be necessary to contact local law enforcement authorities if it is desired to recover bonds committed to another person.

All veterans are accordingly urged to keep their bonds in their own possession and not let them get into the hands of "loan sharks" or other parties who will attempt to profit off them at the veterans' expense.

5 YEARS AGO August 20, 1942 City Employees Hardly Believed Their Eyes

City employees hardly believed their eyes this week when they saw a sign in the city's waste disposal plant. They "planted" the sign in the Quarton lake, leaving the remainder to escape into the river. It is thought that the sign was blown into the sewage lines during the recent high water.

Most offices in the municipal building will be closed Thursday afternoon for the annual picnic of the City employees. The event will be held at Wing Lake, with the City Commission invited to attend. The city employees' invitation reads "bring your own sugar."

Russell Chapman, the bowling magnate, was in to announce to the magazine of the new season on Saturday.

The Eastern Michigan Fundamental Baptist Fellowship will hold its August meeting here on Tuesday. The Rev. Robert T. Burgess and the Calvary Baptist Church will be the hosts.

Wants away from home are a favorite sport of Clarence and Dorcy, familiar scenes the other day he pedaled his bike Pontiac, where at 1:30 a. m. the police took him in tow until the family could come to claim him.

STATE OF MICHIGAN - In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1947.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week, in the Birmingham News, a newspaper published and circulated in said County.

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Over-Matched?



Driving Lessons To Be Given Here

A school for beginning drivers will be inaugurated in Birmingham starting this week, according to Harold L. Smith of Detroit, who will instruct the course.

A Bolton inventor has been awarded a patent on an improvement in the artificial night sky under which aviation students in Link trainers do their simulated flying.

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, August 25th, 1947, at 8:00 P.M. in the Commission Room at the Municipal Building.

Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worth while.

-Sir Wilford Grenfell

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Good grouping makes a charming and lifelike shot that tells a story of the morning's mail news and snapshots from home.

MORE THAN ONE

ONE of the pitfalls of picture-taking - yet one that can easily be avoided - is what we call a group shot. Several of my friends who are casual snapshooters frequently go astray here.

Others in the group are looking at him, listening. Today's picture offers a similar means of good grouping. None of the girls in the snapshot are watching the camera. Instead, the attention of all three is focused on the staphotea the one girl holds.

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