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To Save Time and Misunderstanding

Birmingham was given an opportunity at the July 28 meeting of the Birmingham City Commission to witness American democracy at its roots...

They were exercising their American right to question, if need be, the judgment of their elected representatives. And question that judgment they did.

It appears that both parties could have come to an agreement much earlier if both had taken steps to enlighten the situation.

On the other hand, the residents who were vitally concerned with this hearing might have taken time beforehand to stop at the particular city office to obtain first-hand details concerning the proposition.

Both procedures would have saved time and much misunderstanding.

American Cities Obsolete

"The average American city is as obsolete as a 1910 automobile," declares Luther Gulick, president of the Institute of Public Administration...

Birmingham has for many years been proud of its city fire department, and with just reason. For its size, no other community in the state can boast of the efficiency with which the Birmingham department has operated over the years.

Mothers of children who play at Hawthorn Memorial Park suggest that some sort of supervision should be provided to keep the young tots from playing under the sprinklers with their clothes on.

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO August 12, 1897

The Birmingham ball team won the game played Saturday against the Michigan Mutuals, 18 to 1.

Off the trolley! A motor car came up the hill, turned to the right, while pulling an empty coal car.

That electric storm last Sunday was something to look at. Chain lightning came so frequent.

The head engineer at the water works wants to warn the person, who are opening hydrants in the early morning hours.

Formal opening ceremonies for the new Baldwin Public Library will be held Thursday evening.

Police are redoubling their efforts to catch the thieves who have been robbing the stores during the past week.

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, pastor of St. James' Episcopal church, and L. A. Morgan are on a week's fishing trip in Canada.

Five new traffic lights for Birmingham are expected to be ordered by Village Manager James W. Barry.

Efforts on the part of the Birmingham Board of Education, headed by its president, Lee F. Dwyer, to obtain certain percentage of the 15-mill tax allocation for school purposes...

Familiar Hands



Former Resident Continues Scout Work in California

Colonel Lloyd L. Stanley, former Birmingham resident who served with the United States Army Corps of Engineers with the rank of colonel in March, 1945, and who now lives in San Luis Obispo, Calif., has been designated to represent his Local Boy Scout Council on the National Council in New York City.

Week End Children's Camp Is Inaugurated

Paul and Charles White, whom Birmingham parents may recall as having been connected with the Merrill-Palmer Camp for about 15 years, have started their own camp program, it was announced this week.

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Gets Salary In Jail

Here's one that will confirm the average citizen in his conviction that the law is a peculiar thing: The Mayor of Boston is serving a jail sentence and, in his absence, a "temporary Mayor" is carrying out the duties of the office.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

An informal close-up of this type nicely complements formal wedding pictures. You'll want to try such shots at friends' weddings.

WEDDING BELLS "I WAS cleaning today," my wife greeted me, "and look what I came across. The pictures still look of our wedding. I hope you're properly ashamed."

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