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Dalton Trusted a Friend

The resignation of Hugh Dalton, as Chancellor of the British Exchequer, represents something of a personal tragedy, but it could not be avoided except by violating the stern British tradition which binds those holding his position not to divulge any information as to the budget in advance of its presentation to the House of Commons.

It happened that the newspaper man dashed to the telephone, caught the presses of his evening newspaper, stopped and slumped in a small room at the bottom of the back building...

It is this sort of thing which tends generally to discredit newspapers in the minds of most public officials. If a newspaper reporter is told something in the strictest of confidence, it is his obligation not to reveal it until his news source gives him permission.

If the source chooses, then, to remain silent, it does not prevent the reporter from attempting to obtain the news story from other sources.

Public officials and the press should and can work together to keep the general public informed on governmental matters. Some things cannot, for various reasons, be revealed immediately.

We see where local clergymen are going to conduct a survey among school children to determine how many of them are regular church-goers. It should be remembered that children, particularly the younger they are, are noted for their truthfulness.

"All the gadgets a homeowner wants built into his home add tremendously to the final cost of the house," a Detroit architect told local Rotarians last week. "This is not to be confused with the purchaser of a new model automobile, who pays for his new car and gets many gadgets he doesn't want."



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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO December 3, 1897

Wonder when that dead cat on Middle street will be buried? It's been there a week and should be 'most time for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan are the proud parents of a great big baby boy born last week. The baby weighed 14 pounds and 13 ounces, with a chest measurement of 18 inches.

A local milk dealer, speaking of milk in the big city, says: "Well, cows are milked by machines, now, but the milk is still watered by hand!"

Special this week only! One gallon of homemade a p p l e butter, sealed in a crock, 25c.

A local lady has received a letter from a friend in France, Mme. Cleonau, who writes that she is now making her living by raising mice. She sells to doctors and physicians, as well as to museums, and small boys. She did not express any opinion as to what the letter say the mice for.

E. J. White stopped in to tell us to watch out for a very hard winter. Just in from one of his trap lines, he reports that the mice are building their homes high, and with exceptionally thick walls, and that they do not mean nice weather nor an early spring.

20 YEARS AGO December 1, 1927

Friday will be a big day to many local motorists as the new Ford goes on display. The new model, equipped with the same gear shift mechanism of higher priced cars, is one of the most talked of topics of the day, and local dealers are expecting big crowds to view the new model.

Temporary quarters for the Birmingham police station have been secured at Martin and Henrietta streets, it was announced Monday. The personnel and equipment will move into their new home shortly.

Roderick C. S. Baldwin High School junior, has been elected captain of the local football team for the coming season.

Children are urged to attend the lecture on traffic safety laws which will be given this week, and to pay careful attention to what it said. Local children and drivers are equally careless at street crossings, and something must be done to cut the accident rate here.

The R. H. Barker Co. of Pontiac has been awarded the contract for the hardware work in the new Quorton School.

The Michigan Bell Telephone company announces a reduction in its rates. This cut will affect local subscribers, beginning today.

5 YEARS AGO December 3, 1942

The Birmingham Michigan Bell Telephone company has been awarded the Minute Man flag for employee participation in the war bond program.

Miss Eleanor Stanton of Detroit has been named manager of the Bloomfield Theatre. She is the first woman to receive such an appointment.

Proving that the new blackout regulations do have teeth, Assa have today fined two residents \$5 each for violation, and gave suspended sentences to several others.

We take the censorship bit in our teeth and announce to the public, in spite of the fact that enemy agents may read this paper, that we had quite a snow fall last week. We also predict that there will be more snow before spring!

Cleverly designed coverages, made of war saving stamps are being sold locally for a suggestion of all as the ideal Christmas gift for the ladies in the family.

Two hundred pounds of old silk stockings have been shipped from Birmingham to take their place on front defenses. They are used for powder bags, both in the field of action and aboard our big battle wagons.

People's Column

Nov. 27, 1947

To the Editor: This comment is somewhat belated, but I feel that I want to express my appreciation for the grand civic party which was given for the children on Halloween.

Having lived in Birmingham years ago and returned to it within the last 18 months, it was something new to me and had my children expand for days in anticipation of the parade and food. So much so, in fact, that there was no thought of anything else I do to annoy my good neighbors.

NEWS COPY that is submitted early for publication each week is necessarily given preference

American Economy's Siamese Twins



Oakland County RED CROSS NEWS

Directors and volunteers attended the quarterly meeting of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, held at the Birmingham Community House recently.

With Marshall Smith, chapter chairman, presiding, reports were given by the secretary, Mrs. P. S. Johnson of Pleasant Ridge and the treasurer, Harold Euler of Pontiac. Besides the regular reports on blood donor service, Community Service to Camps and hospitals, disaster, volunteer service and home service, Mark Smith of Birmingham, chairman of water safety, gave a very interesting account of his service. In addition, there were two other feature speakers.

Mrs. Sarah Parker, Red Cross nutritionist from Oakdale Gardens, told of the very active program there. This program is under the direction of the chairman of nutrition for the county, Mrs. L. L. Northrup of Birmingham. Besides the home visiting and educational program at Oakdale Gardens, Mrs. Parker has conducted classes in elementary nutrition for children, hoping that the knowl-

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



A small boy, a warm smile, and a wilyly wrapped gift—together they make a fine snapshot for a photographic Christmas Card.

CHRISTMAS AHEAD

As a man who leaves his shopping to the last minute, I've always had a world of admiration for the type of Christmas shopper who picks up gifts the entire year around. You probably know the type. In May they use a present that's right for Uncle Bill, buy it on the spot, and carefully put it away. In June they pick up something for their mother as a present that's right for their shopping is done; all that's left is to wrap the gifts.

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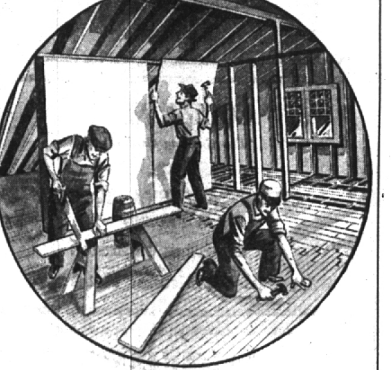
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