

Retailers Help While the average consumer nowadays is still confronted with the high cost of retail goods...

This is particularly true of those established retailers who over a period of years have developed a good trade from citizens in the community...

Two types of retailers may encourage higher prices, one through greed and the other because of inexperience...

The average, experienced retailer knows his customers' attitude concerning inflated prices...

In other instances, he has come right out and refused hard-to-get items because of the high price...

To cite an example, we know of a lumber dealer who within the past week got a long distance phone call from a mill in a Southern state...

This attitude on the part of most retailers—to refuse as much as possible to be a party to higher prices—will have a marked effect on the length of time which it will take to bring lower, more normal retail prices.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, WHO BOASTS OF HIS friendship with Stalin, has returned to the radio stars. Must be a sort of satisfaction to vanity...

OBTAINING THE SIGNATURE OF SOME CELEBRITY on a scrap of paper, or other surface, seems to be a curious notion of many people...

IN HIS CAMPAIGN, GOVERNOR KIM SICLER promised some changes in the State Liquor Control Commission. He's already started to make good on that one!

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Crime or Politics? Some weeks ago a representative of Soviet Russia in Mexico, decided to quit his country and to live in the United States...

The Soviet government thereupon requested of the United States to deliver the man, charging that he was a "criminal" and accusing him of embezzling money and property of the Soviet in Mexico.

This creates an interesting situation. If the man is guilty of crime he should, no doubt, be delivered to the Soviet authorities. If, on the other hand, the allegation of crime is used only for the purpose of securing his custody...

Congress Informed The Eightieth Congress is expected to find its labors far easier than was expected. Since the election in November, the Members of Congress have been advised by columnists, commentators, chambers of commerce and industrial associations...

IT IS REPORTED THAT SOON 5,000 TONS OF pepper will arrive in this country, from England. That will allow the State to keep its own Pepper (U. S. Senator, that is) where he belongs.

BIRMINGHAM'S CITY FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN are seeking an increase in wages averaging from \$25 to \$30 per month. Anybody who disagrees with the need for an advance for these folks can hardly be credited with awareness of today's cost of living.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 14, 1907 The milkmen who furnish milk to Mr. Frost are rejoicing over their prompt pay by Mr. Frost who settled all bills due for milk the second day of the present month.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 13, 1927 An increase of more than 33 per cent is shown in the business done by the Birmingham post office during 1926 over that of 1925, an annual report made up by James W. Cobb, postmaster.

5 YEARS AGO Dec. 15, 1942 Rural Route #5, Birmingham's new mail service in the west and southwest sections will start tomorrow, Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne announced Wednesday.

LIBERTY CLEANERS & HATTERS PHONE 1703 We Call and Deliver

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Okay, Harry, Let's Go!



People's Column To the Editor: Your editorial of January 9 praising the ability and enthusiasm of Dr. D. B. Ireland, Birmingham's Superintendent of Schools...

To the Editor: Do we really stop to think just what we have in our Birmingham that makes it such a delightful place in which to live? We notice from time to time plenty of petty kicks and complaints registered in this column by no doubt well meaning readers and wonder if they have given much thought to things about which they are complaining.

As you know, he accomplished the recent raid on our territory through a legal technicality. The litigation is being appealed, so he still has an opportunity to reconsider his whole position.

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