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Something in the way of modernization was offered in the prefabricated house, but it hasn't caught on as a general thing with the higher-cost home builders of with the higher-cost nome onliners of today. What we need is some method of mass producing all kinds of desirable walls, cellings or larger parts of the house. A month should be ample time to build a nice home—after the foundation has set.

But today we are still sending in a score or less of manual laborers who do score or less of manual moorers who do
it all the handmade-way and charge us
the hand-made price. Many unions of
builders are dead-set against any newfangled mass-production method. They
feel they will lose employment. But the
new method is sure to come, if not fin,
1947, then in 1957. If some of the big boys now trying to spend boom profits would look into this market, they would find it amazingly ripe. One who takes advantage of it and pioneers in this field may easily become another Henry Ford.

The cost of a home could be cut at least in half and probably even further. We don't know many people who would not build with mass produced parts, if they were just as attractive, if they sold they were just as attractive, it they soid at half price. Since houses today cost about twice as much, or more, as they're worth, such an industry might even things up again and the little man could oftce more build a decent house for a couple of thousand dollars.

e years ago Dr. John E. Martin, a quiet but energetic man, was pastor of the Bigmingham Methodist church. A present he holds a similar pastorate in nearby Berkley. Now it is revealed that nearby Berkley. Now it is revealed that Dr. Martin, years ago while in Detroit, conceived the idea that is now known as the Detroit Goodwill Industries, Our congratulations to Dr. Martin! His idea has crystallized into a very deserving project that juds the indigent and the handicapped.

You may take this as a fact: for every-You may take this as a fact: for every-thing that is wrong upon this earth, somebody, some time, some place, has spoken or written correct answers for solving these wrongs. The trouble is, of course, too few people have done any-thing shout if course, too fey thing about it.

277 PIERCE ST.

The press of the United States has made-controlled? progress toward better temper, more accuracy and greater freedom, but there are some who believe that the dissemination of news and ideas is gradually coming "under the control of fewer and fewer persons."

and fewer persons."

Recently, the Commission on the Freedom of the Press stressed this idea after a privately-financed research. The members of the group were largely college professors, under the chairmanship of Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins, of the University of Chicago. (We think, though, at least one newspaper man should have been on this Commission.)

The Commission, in its study, considered the fields of the newspaper, magazine and book publishing, the radio and the motion picture industry. They find

sine and book publishing, the radio and the motion picture industry. They find danger in the conclusion that "the owners and managers of the press determine which persons, which facts, which versions of facts and which ideas shall reach the public."

We think it is a good idea for the people of the nation to understand the situation that exists in these important fields surveyed by the commission. This does not mean that we necessarily agree with its conclusions. However, the substance of the report should become general knowledge.

Telephone service in Birmingham again is normal—and by that, Folks, we again is normal—and by that, Folks, we don't mean that you get too many wrong numbers, either. To those supervisory employees who maintained emergency service while the strike was on, we take off our editorial hat . . they did it in the true tradition of the vast public service organization which, under private enterprise, managed to carry on.

It has never yet been determined how much some parents try the patience of their children.

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20 YEARS AGO

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Did I say last week that the poorty inspired by this spring was, so far as I knew, of slight quantity? Then I have to regree my statement. Perhaps the malis had gan arriving in great armadeds, There is before me a verse on subjects ranging from the Spanish in distinction to the pavement of Woodward avenue. No have similarly the proposal income takes and reducing the state of quarter moons been neglected in the week's allotment. But I don't know. Sometimes. I prefer the sloppy snows of Jan. Loss. Treasury and from the parks own depositors at whole work of the safe was and reducing the safe with the safe was and reducing the safe was and red

uary.

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Anderson the truth about the matter has been verified by police
officers who have kept a careful
vigil since April.

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Rumiors that President Calvin
coollidge, known among his intinates as "Neisy Cal," will spend
is summer vacation in Birmingam were definitely denied today.

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ancy, of the Cheer Sisters Tat
ociety will be held at the village
statorium Sunday sometime.

5 YEARS AGO 1942

Hubert J. Quinn, Jr., 32075
Bingham road, is among the 185
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A DAY TO REMEMBER

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Several years ago, I happened to see a movie made at commencement exordese at a small telm late according to the occasion of the series of the control of the series of the series of still pictures which would over almost every a sect of a high school graduation.

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