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Many Potential Registrations

If you have not already done so, there are only five days left in which you may register for the April 7 city election.

Many others have moved from one voting precinct into another. Ex-servicemen have returned home steadily since the last election.

Facts About Farmers

The economists tell us that the farmer hit his peak prosperity in 1946 and that the outlook for 1947 involves lower prices.

Notably known, not even the farmer, what is in store for agriculture after 1948, when all Government guarantees may be withdrawn.

ARE YOU GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE VARIOUS LOCAL PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO BE YOUR TWO NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS, WHEN YOU VOTE APRIL 7?

This newspaper will provide you with some data on the subject.

Timely Proposal

The Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder intimates that his Department is studying a proposal to permit married couples in all States to report incomes jointly.

To End Life Terms for Judges

We call attention to the proposed constitutional amendment, suggested by Representative Lawrence H. Smith, of Alabama, which would provide that Federal judges hold office for ten years and then be subject to reappointment by the President and confirmation by the Senate.

The proposal will not be liked by those who have assumed that the life tenure of Federal judges, together with full salary upon retirement, is a guarantee that the judiciary will function properly.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT today is one relating to finances. Since the adoption of the Sales Tax Diversion amendment last November, approximately 75 per cent of all State revenue is earmarked for distribution by the Constitution.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO March 13, 1897 Frank Lewis has been having trouble with the course of his law career.

20 YEARS AGO March 13, 1927 Citizens today declare the "blue law" issue was responsible for the "great Monday" election.

The election action issued by the Birmingham Schools for the school board at their meeting Monday night.

5 YEARS AGO March 13, 1942 Tire and accessory thieves are making a killing during the past week, stealing four wheels from one car and two from another.

OF interest in the retail news this week was the announcement that Sifre Brothers, well-known Detroit and Birmingham grocers, had purchased the G. & R. McMillan Company's two stores in Detroit.

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Barnam Council Is Well Under Way on New Semester Work

The Barnam Junior High School Student Council is organized and well under way this semester.

Representatives from the ninth grade are Jane Mallory, Kinch Swartz, Stewart Peck, Eugene Hasse, Frank Colby, Anna Groves, Charles Betts, Sonya Bader, Janice Porter, Herbie Hopkins and Ellen Campbell.

Seventh grade representatives are Stewart Scheffely, Joanne Runkle, Pat Layland, David Morgan, Sally Hemming, Marc Joslyn, Howard Green, Joy DaVany, Bill Chapel, Mary Critton, Gwen Steele and Ken Wilson.

American women bought 8,000 miles of lipstick, 750,000 boxes of face powder and 400,000 round razor compact last year, manufacturers report.

The United States has 100,000 farms larger than 1,000 acres each, and the average farm of 134 acres in 1880 has expanded to 200 acres today.

It is said that Doctor Gibson is one of the best volleyball players in town. Hugh McLeese is no slouch either.

For sharp, fine detail—whether picturing flowers, people, or landscapes—you must avoid "camera shake" by holding your camera firmly, releasing shutter with a firm, smooth motion.

HELD PROPERLY, too, camera shake or movement is minimized. Be sure there are so many types of cameras, it isn't possible to give specific instructions on the manner in which any given camera should be held.

His story made me curious. I got in touch with a photographer, a man who in the course of his business looks at hundreds of snapshots made by amateur picture takers. I asked him what, in his opinion, was the greatest single cause of poor pictures. He told me camera movement.

Now these faults aren't unrelated. If a camera is held properly there is no danger of a stray finger blocking the lens. And if a camera is held properly, too, camera shake or movement is minimized.

John van Guilder

Strictly Fresh

THE Postoffice has asked for a raise in rates, and maybe it's just as well. Some of the mail we've been getting certainly isn't worth the present postage.

Britain and France have signed a 50-year mutual assistance treaty aimed at preventing recurrence of German aggression.

If Congress really wants to do something for the country, it should try strengthening family life. For instance, raising the single man's income tax and lowering the married man's so that few could live as cheaply as one.

Moscow's argument that lack of sleeping quarters made it necessary to limit the quota of American correspondents at the Big Four Conference didn't cut any ice with editors over here.

Australia is going to give England \$80,000,000 to help tide the Mother Country over financial rough spots. Mighty nice of the kid.

An aluminum floor paint has been perfected by manufacturers which, when applied over present roofing, is said to keep houses 15 degrees cooler in hot weather.

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