# Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eccentric Happenings

A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press is Democracy's First Line of Defense

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Wants Sewer
Even If It
Costs Double

Struction of several projects in various parts of the city, claiming that the bids submitted were too much higher than the estimated costs involved. One resident involved in the Forest Hills assessment district, then, suggested that, his area might be willing to stand even twice the estimated cost if the sewer could only be constructed in the next few months.

That homeowner's suggestion came as quite a surprise to the commissioners, since most of their hearings are attended by those persons who wish to see the commission adopt the most economical methods.

Taxes Pay for
Fire Protection
for fire protection to the Bloomfield Village School, turned down the proposal
with the argument that the City of Birmingham cannot afford to service areas
outside the city limits. It was suggested
that the only way this might be achieved
was for the Bloomfield area to be annexed to Birmingham.
It was not stated how many residents
of the Village would like this Birmingham service. Hawever, it must have been
a comparatively small number, since it
is the usual procedure to move into an
unincorporated district to avoid the correspondingly higher taxes in the cities.

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respondingly nigner taxes in the cities. Birmingham residents, who pay taxes for the support of the local fire department, certainly could be expected to raise the roof if their equipment was readily available to persons who did not share in that support.

We see where Chicagoan Ray Sullivan and his wife, Madeline, set out this past week end for Cuba via the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico. Maybe he's 'Paddlin' Madeline Home.'

Birmingham's police blotter for Haloween, 1947, shows comparatively little rouble caused by local youngsters who ordinarily might have indulged in the usual Halloween "pranks" associated with this time of year. Much of the redit, we know, can be attributed to the rity's annual Halloween party and parade, an annual event which Birmingham is believed to be the first Michigan community to sponsor.

Most of the criticism that human be-ngs direct toward human affairs is assed upon misinformation, rumor, in-olerance—seldom upon possession of all the facts. As you sit, quietly ponder-ng this thought, do you not agree?

It's a good thing we don't have to make

your telephone bigger every time we make it possible for you to call more people. You'd have to move out of the

house to make room for the telephone. Excep for the increasing size of your telephon) directory, you may not real-ize how the telephone system is being enlarged We're adding thousands of new telephones every month. Small Newspapers
Threatened
The shortage of newsprint will continue until 1950, declares Representative Clar-ence J. Brown, of Ohio, chairman of the House Committee on newsprint.

This continuing shortage of newsprint represents a threat to thousands of small county newspapers throughout the United States. The larger metropolitan newspapers have taken care of their needs by the purchase or construction of paper mills and, consequently, are not as seri-ously affected by the increase in price of newsprint.

of newsprint.

It is not unusual for a metropolitan newspaper to print, in a single Sunday issue, as many as 172 newspaper pages. With circulations that range well above the half-million mark it is obvious that these gigantic editions consume a lot of newsprint. In fact, the paper used on one such edition would provide ample newsprint for an average county weekly newspaper close to a century.

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One hears a good deal of talk, from those in public office and holding public positions, about the importance of a free press in the United States. This is all very interesting and somewhat encouraging, but the fact is that nearly 10,000 newspapers in this country find that their difficulties are increasing. The newsprint shortage is one of them and there are others well known to those engaged in the business of printing newspapers.

We cannot give a very fluvrage with the country find the printing newspapers.

We cannot give exact figures but if the threat continues and the large users of newsprint buy up the mills making the paper, it will not be long before the small, independent weekly and daily will find themselves-without the newsprint necessary to publish a newspaper. This will seriously affect the interests and development of thousands of small towns and cities throughout the United States. The situation requires considerable thought and, we believe, some action on the part of the Government.

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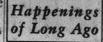
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able to reach until now.



50 YEARS AGO November 12, 1897

Long associated with "devils" the printers at the Eccentric are associating with a printer's "angel." In the form of Miss Ida Mc-Kinney, the new idea is working out very well.

Stanley Peabody has left and home to seek his for the wild west. We wish

Bill Robinson and Charlis Parks lelt death brush past them last seek while working on the U. P. hurch. They had spliced two 22 sot ladders together, when the olicing broke and let the top lad-er drop. Nether was hurt, but see the durch windows were shat-ther the building hadly burged.

Does it seem quite as silly to you as it does to the editor? We are teaching our children Greek, Latin and Sanskrit, and actually there are some of them who do not know how to endorse a check!

There are some good bargains this week at Nixon's sale. A few of them are woolen socks for men, 10c; felt boots, 50c; and all-rubber overshoes, 45c.

The weather has been very in-clement of late, and we are be-coming very tired of wallowing through mud to our shoe tops.

20 YEARS AGO November 17, 1927

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Among the mean highlights
here during this Prosperity Week
is the model Swiss Village. It drew
hundrieds of persons to see it on
the opening day, and continues to
have throngs of sightseers daily,
it is on display in the Birmingham
Savings Bank building.

Local churches are planning union services here Sunday as the final curtain on the glamorous Prosperity Week.

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John Somer lives in Royal Oak
and works in Birmingham and had
both places in a dither one day just
week when he was reported kidnapped. He had been missing 24
apped. He had been missing 24
countryside, he arrived home,
blandly explaining he had decided to
spend the night with his father one
Firm.

Entries to the Truax Furniture company's baby contest have been extended to Nov. 22, according to an official announcement. The prize winner will be that baby born nearest the time of the official opening of the new theatre.

The local five and police departments have received notice that they must vacate their present quarters on Jan. I, when the Briggs Manufacturing company will take over the building for commercial purposes. No new location has yet been selected for the departments.

5 YEARS AGO fovember 12, 1942

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The Lions dub has named Monday, Nov. 23, as the date for its annual party. The event, usually held in the Community House, will be held this year in the roller skating rink. Proceeds will go to the various charity organizations which the club helps maintain.

This Wanderer is acquainted with a big shot. The man knows a grocer who saves him a pound of coffee every week.

The city's newest club, the Hi12 Club, will receive its charter at a banquet scheduled for Frifounded this lew service club, the founded this lew service will be here from St. Louis to make the presentation.

Several complaints have been made to officials about the way old tree steel rails are left lying about the streets during the process of removing the car tracks. There have been quite a few cases of torn tires as well as personal

Two Rochekter youths were nabbed here Friday evening as they tried to enter Sternal's auto accessory store on South Woodward. They were released on \$100 bonds and will report Monday for

# Palestine Problem to Be Discussed by



All Set!

## **Moloney Supplies** Data on Okinawa for Recent Book

By Alice Morgan

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Commander Junes C. Molong, of Allustroid art we be was attained in Okinawa with the U. S. Navy Medical Corps, has furnished agreat deal of the material with the conditions that existed on Okinawa. tiny Pacific Island, during in which these people stood up under the hardships and terror which was theirs.

D. Molong critilan life is with his fellow worker, Comm. J. J. Gammias, attributes this, largely to the way the children are cared for inneed of the modern trend, in a command the command of the case Theatre Fridgy morning that the command of the case Theatre Fridgy morning that the case Theatre Fridgy morning that the case Theatre Fridgy morning that the case the case of the case the case of the cas

which brings a child into adulthood with as fine a balance as it is possible to achieve.

At present Dr. Molency is kept when the showing the documentary and the showing the documentary and the showing the show

# THE ECCENTRIC'S

# Camera Corner



Customary roll film and a simple box camera can yield appealing pic-tures like this one, taken in sunlight with an exposure of 1/80 at f/11-

### What About Film?

Kermit Roosevelt distinguished standson of President Theodore was deady as the vital Palestine problem during in a lecture at Detroit Town Hall Wedneday morning, Nov. 19, at 11 o'clock in the Pisher Theat and the word on the problem of the

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