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Wants Sewer Even If It Costs Double

City commission twice in the past few weeks has refused to let a sewer contract for the construction of several projects in various parts of the city, claiming that the bids submitted were too much higher than the estimated costs involved.

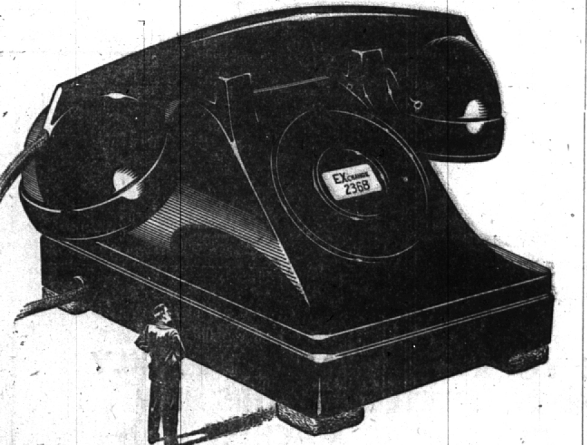
Taxes Pay for Fire Protection

City commissioners, who were approached recently for fire protection of 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.

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.

Birmingham's police blotter for Halloween, 1947, shows comparatively little trouble caused by local youngsters who ordinarily might have indulged in the usual Halloween "pranks" associated with this time of year.

Most of the criticism that human beings direct toward human affairs is based upon misinformation, rumor, intolerance—seldom upon possession of all the facts.



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Small Newspapers Threatened

The shortage of newsprint will continue until 1950, declares Representative Clarence J. Brown, of Ohio, chairman of the House Committee on 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.

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.

The business of 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.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO November 12, 1897 Long associated with "devil" printers at the Eccentric are...

Stanley Peabody has left mother and home to seek his fortunes in the wild west. We wish him every success.

Bill Robinson and Charlie Parks fell death traps past them last week while working on the U. F. Church. They had spliced two 22 foot ladders together...

Does it seem quite as ally 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, 12c; felt hats, 50c; and all-rubber overboots, 45c.

The weather has been very inclement of late, and we are becoming very tired of wallowing through mud to our shoe tops.

20 YEARS AGO November 17, 1927 Among the many highlights heralding this Prosperity Week is the model St. Village. It drew hundreds of persons to see it on the opening day...

Local churches are planning union services here Sunday as the first of the glamorous Prosperity Week.

John Sumers lives in Royal Oak and works in Birmingham and has both places in a dither one day last week when he was reported kidnapped. He had been missing 24 hours, on a trip to Flint, and while police scoured the surrounding territory he arrived at home blandly explaining he had decided to spend the night with his father near Flint.

Entries to the Trax Furniture company's baby contest have been extended to Nov. 22, according to an official announcement.

The local fire and police departments have received notice that they must vacate their present quarters on J. J. Street. The Briggs Manufacturing company will take over the building for commercial purposes.

5 YEARS AGO November 12, 1942 The Lions club has named Monday, Nov. 23, as the date for its annual party.

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 Hi-12 Club, will receive its charter at a banquet scheduled for Friday night. E. Jay Wolcott, who founded this new service club for Masons some 12 years ago, will be here from St. Louis to make the presentation.

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Moloney Supplies Data on Okinawa for Recent Book

By Alice Morgan Commander James C. Moloney of Arlington Drive, who was stationed in Okinawa with the U. S. Navy Medical Corps, has furnished a great deal of the material used in the recently published book, "The Lesson of Okinawa," written by Newton Dilaway.

Dr. Moloney (as he is known locally and in civilian life) with his fellow worker, Comm. J. J. Gammis, tributes this largely to the way the children are cared for during their early years.

At no time did any military doctor face roll film which "tires" him. There is, no doubt, never has been, any institution suitable for the care of the mentally unbalanced.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Customary roll film and a simple box camera can yield appealing pictures like this one taken in sunlight with an exposure of 1/50 at f/11.

What About Film? ONE of our readers—new to photography—wrote to ask what he should know about film. I realize that good pictures must start with good film, but the question is, what type of film?

The answer to that, of course, depends on what he intends to photograph, what kind of camera he will use, and what type of lighting he expects to use.

Let's start by saying that the average snapshot user uses a "chrome type" film—a roll film which gives excellent pictures on sunny days with a box camera.

However, there are faster films available—films which provide good negative in the half the exposure necessary with the more common types of film.

There also, of course, are color films—a whole subject in itself. But the best practice is to check the manual which you received when you purchased your camera and see what films it recommends for what types of subject.

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Author-Editor Is Next Speaker for Cass Town Hall

James I. Wick, economist, political analyst and editor, is the speaker for the Detroit Town Hall in the Cass Theatre Friday morning, Nov. 21 at 11 o'clock.

Wick is the co-author of two books, "National Defense" and "How Not to Run for President," and many magazine articles.

Palistine Problem to Be Discussed by Kermit Roosevelt

Kermit Roosevelt, distinguished grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, will tackle both sides of the vital Palistine problem during his lecture at Detroit Town Hall Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, at 11 o'clock in the Fisher Theatre.

Roosevelt spent most of last summer in the Middle East, acquainting himself with the latest issues involved in the blood-dripping contest between Arabs and Jews.

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