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

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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Menjou's Adolphe Menjou, whose film performances have delighted many patrons of the moving picture shows, was one of the the moving picture snows, was one of the witnesses who recently testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about Communism.

Mr. Menjou does not believe that the Communist Party should be driven under-

ground, declaring, "I'm not afraid of Communism in America if it is out in the

This sounds like good sense to us and we pass it on. The near-hysterics of some Americans about the presence of some thousands of Communists and near-Communists and near-Communists.

thousands of Communists and near-Communists is amazing.

The way to beat Communism and beat it to death is to make the American economic system function. By this, we mean make it work for the benefit of all the people of the country. Capital is entitled to a fair return on its investment, management should be paid for its directing ability and labor should receive wages in

agement should be paid for its directing ability and labor should receive wages in proportion to the cost of living. As an over-all objective, the American system includes the idea that capital, management and labor should work tomanagement and labor should work together to produce goods, services and
products in ample quantities for the
needs of the people of the nation. Under
the theory of competition, which is often
absent on account of illegal agreements
between business men, there need not be
much worry about prices.

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he attempts to buy what he needs, stems
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ne attempts to buy what he needs, stems from the scarcity of the war era. There is not yet the abundant production that was promised by business men when price controls were abolished. Neither is thete satisfactory evidence that competition is playing its necessary part in the development of our economic structure. structure.

As his "Home-Town Newspaper," we wish joy and success to former Governor Murray D. "Pat" Van Wagoner, when he takes over his new job of governing Bavarian Germany. "Pat," with his wife and daughter, begin the new task Nov. 15; what an opportunity to implant democracy lies ahead of him!

War ravaged Europe certainly does need the help of stronger nations, includ-ing the United States. But merely to send over food, clothing, and other necessitie over 100d, ciotining, and other necessities will not restore balance and stability to Europe. Those nations must develop leaders who will bring their people back to self-reliance, self-sufficiency; otherwise our gifts will be consumed, we shall be more impoverished, and Russia will step in to take over.

Minority-pressure is the surest way to kill off democracy and it is under way all the time in the United States. Reapportionment When the census of 1950 is sus of 1950 is completed, the population experts pre-dict that at least eighteen States will gain or lose representation in Congress. This means also that they will lose or gain votes in the Electoral College which names the President and Vice-President of the United States.

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The shift is partly explained by increases in population but it has been aggravated by the greatest inter-state migration in American history. Of course, some of this was due to the war, but, apparently, there is a continual shifting of population between the States.

California, with the greatest increase, is expected, on the basis of population estimates for 1947, to gain seven members in the House. Michigan will get two additional, and Oregon, Washington, Florida, Indiana and Maryland one each. The losers, according to the same preliminary statistics, are New York 3, Pennsylvania 2 and Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee one each.

From \$3.55
to \$8.19
A housewife in another State recently checked up on the cost of her Sunday dinner and discovered that what cost \$3.55 in 1940 now runs to a grand total of \$8.19.

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She compared present prices with the 1940 advertising of leading stores, eliminating high-priced shops and bargain sales. She found that virtually every item on her menu rose at least 100 per cent.

The comparison of prices is very interesting and while the situation is bad enough, there is no assurance that the upward movement of prices has come

Nearly everybody will speak the truth when it is profitable; not many will utter when they think it will cost money.

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Supervisor J. F. Runkle has just completed a check of his tax records, and announces that Birmingham has come through in fine shape. The town has an assessed valuation of \$1,529,791 and nearly all the taxes are paid.

We have secured a real live cor-respondent for Big Beaver and can now assure our readers com-plete news coverage for that area.

and venues steaks just the same. Hallowe's hought he usual number of pranks and acts of vandalism to Birmingham, but it remained for one youth to spoil the harmless hun of the others. He street a huge stone through the street have a huge stone through the street have been the street as but in the head. It was thought, at first, that the infant had been killed. The little child is recovering, but is little child is recovering, but is not street as the street had been street as the street when the street was the street when the street was the

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National Education Week will be marked here by all the schools of the Birmingham School System holding open house for parents of the control of t

Birmingham stores are cooperating in the national drive to re-claim old silk and nylon hosiery by acting as collection depots. The washed hose are used as powder bags by the armed forces.

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Cat covers here are asked to notice the stories concerning "Kit."

"An ear-tagged cat which game preserve men are checking carefully. Kitty has taken a toll of 14 and the countless other are supported by the countless other and countless other and young and countless other and young animals. Dog owners, for the most part, watch their pets; why not the cat owners?

After Riding the Poor Thing to Death



### People's Column

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#### Woman Industrialist to Lecture at Next Town Hall Meeting

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ident of a manufacturing plant in Connecticut.

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Notice is hereby given that Special

the cat owners?

A call has gone out for volunt teer blood donors in Birmingham. The Red Cross mobile unit will be here next week, and to meet the quota set four this vicinity, there is a need of 160 donors per day.



Enlarged from a 21/4 x 31/4 negative, a picture such as this increases in effectiveness as it increases in size.

Showmanship In Your Pictures